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Revised bond issue awaits decision

Rhonda Morin
Staff Writer

There is confusion regarding a proposed \$60 million bond issue for the University of Maine System, recently slashed in half, and a \$9.7 million supplemental budget that would include pay raises for UMaine employees.

Both pieces of legislation are currently before state legislators.

The UMaine System Board of Trustees has proposed a \$60 million bond issue for campus-by-campus improvements.

Attacks launched by lawmakers saying that the package is too large, triggered trustees to reduce their request to \$31.8 million, said Kent Price, assistant to Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury.

Meanwhile, a concurring proposal for a \$9.7 million supplemental budget request which includes a reclassification of jobs for 2,000 UMaine employees was labeled by the Maine Sunday Telegram as a "clash" between trustees and lawmakers.

However, Price says "negotiating problems" are the

reason any disputes have taken place during the current Legislation session.

"There is no disagreement in the intent of the trustees, the Appropriations Committee or the Legislature," Price said.

"The real concern with the trustees," said Rep. Stephen M. Bost, D-Orono, is that if they do not recommend the full amount of the supplemental budget (\$9.7 million), then one of the first casualties would be an Associated Colt (clerical, office, laboratory and technical) resolution request."

Bost is referring to a resolution

passed by BOT last November, amidst a contract dispute concerning pay raises between UMaine classified employees and the board.

Last November, a Revised Job Classification System evaluated UMaine jobs in order

to establish a suitable pay rate increase for classified employees, the majority of which are women, according to Mary Skaggs, chief negotiator of ACSUM.

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Board of Trustees' Request

Reclassification of 2,000 UMaine jobs: \$2.7 million
Telecommunications system and academics: \$7 million
Total: \$9.7 million

Governor's Request

Reclassification of 2,000 UMaine Jobs: \$1.8 million
Telecommunications system and academics: \$4.7 million
Total: \$6.5 million



Caribou herd 'expecting'

by Tammy Hartford
Staff Writer

The University of Maine's family will be growing again with the anticipated births of more caribou calves late this spring.

"We expect 15 to 20 calves to be born in late May or early

June. This will increase our herd to nearly 50 by early summer," said Mark McCollough, head of the Caribou Transplant Corporation project.

The project brought 27 woodland caribou from Newfoundland to UMaine in December, 1986 to establish a breeding herd and rebuild a

caribou population in Maine.

Sixteen calves were born at the university last spring.

Fifty to 80 percent of all caribou calves born in the wild die within the first year of life, McCollough said. Eleven of the 16 calves born at UMaine have survived.

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Policy to let minors into catered parties

by Cynthia Beckwith
Staff Writer

The University of Maine administration has designed a new policy which will allow all students, regardless of age, to intermingle at university parties.

Last November, John Halstead, vice president for Student Affairs, formed a task force to look at catered parties and to decide what could be done to make the parties more desirable to students.

The task force has made recommendations to the administration and the policy will be in effect April 1, Halstead said.

The former policy prohibited students under the legal drinking age of 21 from being in the area where alcohol was being served.

To gain access to the bar area, students were required to show proof of their age.

Under the new policy, students wishing to purchase alcohol would be required to show an I.D., but those underage would still be allowed to intermingle with students drinking.

Some method will be used to distinguish under-age students from legal students, but the administration has not made a final decision as to what method will be used, Halstead said.

He did say that some schools use different colored hospital-like bracelets, which must be broken to be removed, to distinguish between the two groups.

John O'Dea, vice president of Student Government, said he believes the new policy will work.

"It's good, really progressive, and well-defined," he said.

"It's an improvement over the last policy," said Mike Horgan, member of the University of Maine Fraternity Board and Kappa Sigma brother.

Tony Rosenberg, president of Sigma Nu, said he also thinks the policy might work. "It's much more conducive to the atmosphere."

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Asbestos: its types and their health hazards

by Rhonda Morin
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second part in a series of three articles about asbestos at UMaine.

There is a delusion with the word asbestos. Generally, people misunderstand that the term refers to several natural minerals mined worldwide, said Charles Guidotti, University of Maine geology professor.

"Asbestos is a gross industrial term of the fibrous mineral," said Guidotti.

Asbestos minerals fall into two major classes, serpentines and amphiboles. The serpentines, which comprised lizardite, antigorite and chrysotile, have a layered structure. In contrast, the amphiboles are silicates that hook together like chains, according to Walter C. McCrone's Asbestos Particle Atlas.

Six natural mineral forms constitute the amphibole asbestos, two being amosite and crocidolite, the most dangerous asbestos substances

because their small size allows them to easily penetrate the lung cavity, said Malcolm Ross in his report on the health hazards of asbestos.

Amosite varies in color from gray, yellow to dark brown. It has a coarse texture, a degree of pliability and is flexible, but it has a low rate of spinability and is often hard. It is mined in the Republic of South Africa and India, according to a sourcebook on asbestos diseases.

Crocidolite is a blue silky or dull luster amphibole fiber that

has very high tensile strength and is an excellent resistor of acid. However, it rates low in terms of resistance to heat. It has good flexibility and fair spinability and may have a soft or harsh texture. Its major producer is Western Australia, although South Africa also supplies the asbestos fiber, the sourcebook said.

Although crocidolite and amosite are considered the most hazardous asbestos minerals because of their generally small size, the minerals are still widely

used for thermal insulation in leading ship building industries as Bath Ironworks, said Rutstein.

Chrysotile, a serpentine asbestos mineral shaped like a spirally wound tube, accounts for 95 percent of asbestos in the present market. It is primarily mined in Canada, the Soviet Union and to a lesser extent in northern Vermont and New Jersey, Ross said.

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Candidate to voice UMaine concerns

by Marcia Gouvin
Staff Writer

University of Maine Student Government vice president John O'Dea is setting his sights on Augusta and running for District 130 state representative.

O'Dea, a senior political science major, said a key to his decision to run for state legislature was his perception that the University of Maine wasn't being adequately represented in the legislature.

Rep. John Bott, R-Orono, who has represented district 130 for six years, will not be running for the position.

O'Dea said that, if elected, his state legislature term would minimally interfere with his current position as Student Government vice president, since his student government term will finish a month after the state term begins.

Student population constitutes approximately 60 percent of the district, which encompasses the the Forest Avenue and Bennoch Road sections of Orono, as well as the university side of the Stillwater River.

"I'm frustrated with the direction that this university is taking," O'Dea said. "We have a problem with people making changes when they don't understand the consequences of those changes."



Student Government president John O'Dea said if elected a state representative his priorities will be education and the environment.

O'Dea said that as a state representative he hopes to be a voice for both students and university employees, since university policy decisions are often influenced by the actions of the legislature.

"I think it's wrong to jerk around employees that have worked at this

school for 15 or 20 years for minimal money," O'Dea said. "I also think it's wrong that efforts to enhance student life at this school have done just the opposite."

O'Dea said that some of his priorities on the state level are insuring the availability of education and protecting the environment.

"I grew up in one of the poorest parts of the state. I think that one of the only ways to improve Maine's economic conditions is to improve education opportunities," O'Dea said.

"We have to take steps at the state level to insure that Maine isn't the dumping ground for other states, as well as undertaking tangible growth management initiatives to prevent exploitation from out of state interests," O'Dea said.

"What it really translates into is a quality of life issue," he said. "Can the quality of life in Maine be maintained if unrestricted and uncontrolled growth around or if other states are trucking in their toxic waste to be disposed of?"

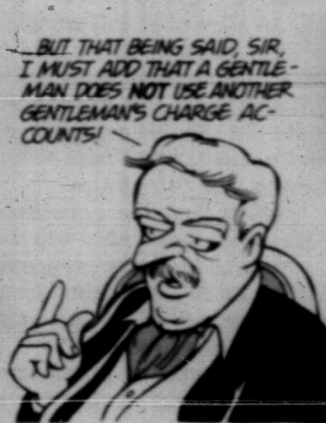
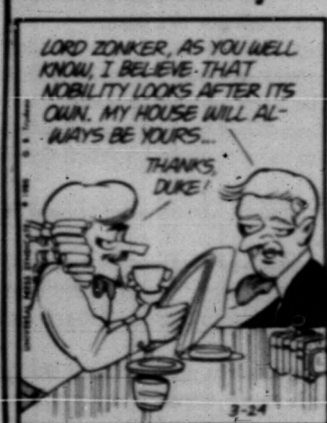
O'Dea was an 1987-1988 University of Maine student representative, and has been an active member of the University Community Relations Advisory Board and the Mandatory Life Fee Committee as well as a student advocate of the Student Legal Service's tenant/landlord forum.

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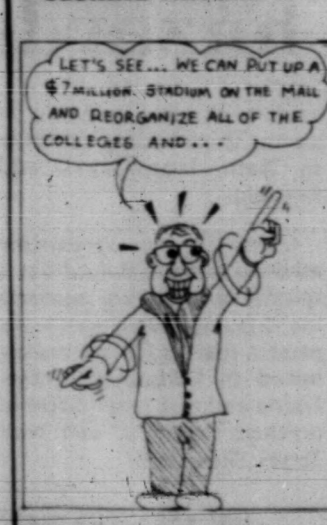
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Minimum wage increase hinges on Legislature

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. said Wednesday he would let become law a Labor Committee compromise designed to boost Maine's minimum wage if the Legislature enacts the plan.

Distancing himself from the election-year initiative, McKernan said he would not publicly advocate a statemandated 20-cent boost in Maine's \$3.65 hourly minimum and would not sign one.

But the governor, saying that in general he would "try not to impose my will on legislative issues that I don't feel very strongly about," added that he would allow such legislation to take effect without his signature.

The amended bill scales back a 40-cent increase over two years originally proposed by House Majority Leader John N. Diamond and heavily promoted among the Democratic rank-and-file.

Instead, the compromise, which was unanimously endorsed by the Labor Committee, would boost the current minimum by 10 cents on Jan. 1, 1989. Another 10-cent increase would take effect one year later, unless that were to exceed the prevailing average among the New England states.

McKernan, who said his decision was conditional pending review of the specific language being proposed, maintained that he still regarded the proposed increase as "a mistake," and that the matter would be best left to Congress to undertake nationwide.

However, he added that "I do not believe that that 10-cent increase is going to have an adverse impact" on administration efforts to stimulate economic development in Maine.

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dennis L. Dutremble, the Labor Committee co-chairman from Biddeford, said he was pleased by the panel's unanimous recommendation and welcomed McKernan's comments.

"The only thing I care (about) is that those people are going to get an increase," Dutremble said.

Even as the apparent agreement between the Democrat-dominated committee and the Republican governor took shape, the administration began to sift through a variety of proposed amendments to McKernan's welfare reform package known as A.S.P.I.R.E.

McKernan has proposed a \$5.7million program in which welfare recipients would sign contracts agreeing to take part in educational and jobtraining programs; in exchange, the state would provide services like child care and transportation to enable participants to go to work.

Analysts say the program could generate 3,600 referrals annually.

The concept has won support in principle from welfare advocates and organized labor, but was subjected to a wide-ranging critique Wednesday at a Human Resources Committee hearing.

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Soviet Union to allow vanity press

MOSCOW (AP) — The shortage of good books in the Soviet Union is being assaulted in a two-front war, with 3,500 previously banned titles being published and a new law in the works that will allow a vanity press.

Soviets have complained for years that while state bookstores are overflowing with political reflections, moralistic fiction and the works of Communist Party officials, people are hard pressed to lay their hands on the best writing of Soviet, Russian, and foreign authors.

Two newspapers referred to the "book deficit" on Tuesday in announcing programs aimed at expanding the pool of quality literature available at bookshops or public libraries.

The Communist Party daily Pravda said authors willing to risk their own money will be able to publish their works, sharing in earnings from government sales or absorbing the loss if the material fails to draw a following.

Alla A. Kozdrev, a legal consultant at the State Publishing committee that will oversee the private project, told The Associated Press restrictions will be established on content and the size of press runs during meetings to be held later this month.

"But the decision to allow publishing by authors willing to pay has been made in principle," Kozdrev said.

The project is primarily aimed at luring free-lance writers into the public market and keeping them from turning to unsanctioned underground presses. Under existing regulations on use of printing facilities, only full-time, state-approved authors can get their prose and poetry produced legally.

The State Publishing Committee also is seeking new sources of revenue in these days of financial accountability, Pravda said. Under Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, government agencies have been

instructed to generate revenue to cover operating expenses.

Gorbachev's tenure has also seen a major rethinking of government policy on the arts and artistic freedoms, including the printing of books that were once banned.

In addition to the vanity press venture, state presses soon will be turning out new editions of highly popular works by Mikhail Bulgakov, author of "The Master and Margarita," and Boris Pasternak, who won the 1958 Nobel Literature Prize for his novel "Doctor Zhivago." It has not yet been published in book form in his homeland.

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Cuts

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Although the trustees initially set and continue to support the \$9.7 million supplemental budget request, said Price, the resolution was established stating that ACSUM employees would receive a cut in amount of pay increase established in their newly signed contract if the Legislature does not grant the university the full budget request.

Presently, the lawmakers are weighing the trustees \$2.7 million budget request for ACSUM pay raises, \$2.2 million telecommunications system and \$4.8 million academic programs that has been lumped together as a \$9.7 million budget request, said Bost, House chairman of the Education Committee.

The problem lies with the question of what happens if the university receives

less than the proposed request, Price said.

Everything depends on the Legislature and what the trustees choose to do with the money," he said.

Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. has proposed the request be cut to \$6.5 million, which would provide \$1.8 million for ACSUM pay raises.

"Anything under the \$9.7 million request would trigger a reprioritization of funds" and could lead to strong ACSUM staff opposition, Bost said.

If the full amount for the reclassification of jobs is not supported, Bost will propose a backup measure to the Legislature.

The bill would appropriate \$2.7 million to fulfill the classified employees," Bost said.

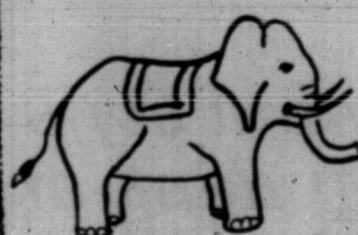
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•Party

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The administration decided to reassess the situation after hearing several complaints from students and fraternities.

Several fraternities were concerned because the former policy required that a university staff member serve the alcohol at the party. The new policy states that a fraternity member may assist in serving if he has gone through proper training.

"I like the idea of training (the brothers)," said Rosenberg. He added that the whole policy represented a change in parties at the university.

Horrigan said the change must come from within the Greek system. "Fraternities must restructure themselves not to revolve around alcohol," he said.

John O'Leary, president of Beta Theta Pi, said he feels the policy is a step in the right direction. But he doesn't like the fact that even though the university is selling and serving the alcohol, the fraternity is still liable if a situation gets out of control.

Technically the event could be closed down if police find under-age students drinking, said Halstead.

The administration believes that the new system must be a joint responsibility between the fraternities and the university.

"We are trying to build a partnership. Students are adults and they should assume responsibility for these events," said Halstead.

O'Leary said he is also concerned about the price of the alcohol. Cover charges which include the cost of alcohol are not allowed. Drinks must be paid for at the bar.

The policy states that prices will be adjusted according to the market price. Sixty-five cents per beer is the present estimated cost.

"People don't want to pay that much money at fraternity parties," O'Leary said.

The administration said they are not catering the parties in order to make a profit. The motivation for catering the parties is to provide a means of legally dispensing alcohol, Halstead said.

The fraternities and other groups using the university catered party service pay \$10.50 per party for an extension of the university's liquor license. All other

expenses, including the hiring of campus police officers, will be paid by the university.

If the party does not make a profit, the university bears the responsibility. If a

profit is made, the money will be divided up between the administration and the group, said Halstead.

The only other way the groups will make a profit is by charging a cover

charge at the door, said the administration.

William Lucy, associate dean of Student Activities, will be meeting with fraternity presidents to outline the new policy.

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"We learned a lot from the calving last spring," McCollough said. "We hope to increase the survival rate of those born this year."

Just how many calves will be born at the university this year is uncertain.

"It is very difficult to tell if a caribou is pregnant," McCollough said. "We won't know how many we have until they're born."

There are 20 does and two stags at UMaine's Caribou Research Facility. There are also four female and seven male yearlings.

Funding for the project comes from public donations. McCollough said \$157,000 has been raised since the project began.

He expects the project to cost a total of \$650,000 by the time it is completed five or six years from now.

Potential sites for the first release of approximately 25 caribou in the summer of 1989 will be studied this year.

None of the caribou brought from Newfoundland will be released in 1989, McCollough said.

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Editorial

A Democratic surprise?

Jesse Jackson presently trails Michael Dukakis by only a few delegates in the race for the Democratic nomination. He placed first or second in every Super Tuesday election. His message, or platform, is reaching people at about one tenth the cost of the other candidates.

Why then, is there great doubt that he can be our next president, or even the Democratic nominee?

News analysis in the days following a primary or caucus invariably comes down to this: "Jackson received a large portion of the black vote, but only a small part of the white vote."

Does this mean that black votes aren't as important as white votes? Certainly not, although after hearing such rhetoric long enough, one might be led to think so.

The analysis merely points out that Jackson can't win with strong black support and only mediocre white support.

Or can he? With apathy in this country rapidly becoming an epidemic, if it isn't one already, any candidate who can successfully motivate a large block of voters to go out on election day and cast their ballots for him, has got to be considered a viable candidate. Jesse Jackson seems to be the only person in the race at this time, on either side, who is capable of doing that.

What then, is the problem?

Exit polls show that many people, including some voting for Jackson, feel that America is not yet ready

to elect a black president. Whether or not they honestly believe this or are merely saying it to cover up the fact that they personally don't want a black president and fear they might sound like bigots for saying so, isn't as important as the effect such a statement might have on Jackson's campaign. Or any other candidate's campaign, for that matter.

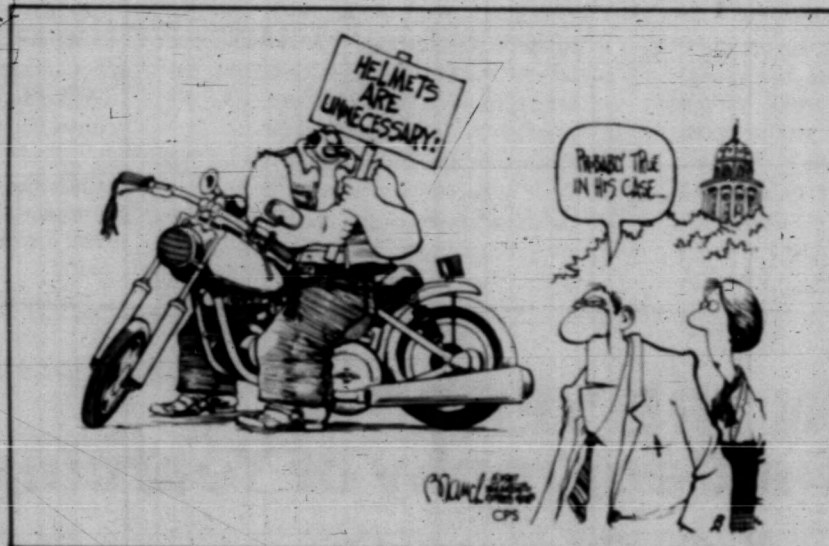
If people in states that haven't held primaries yet, hear often enough, that other people don't think a candidate can be elected president, it may effect the way they vote. After all, with getting out to vote being the chore it is these days, nobody wants to waste that effort on a loser.

There are many reasons not to vote for someone, but not doing so just because other voters don't think he or she can win is by far the stupidest. Getting paid not to vote for someone is a better reason not to do so, even though it's illegal.

Whom to vote for should be an individual decision, which is the reason we have secret ballots and we don't have voting booths built for two.

Voting booths are merely mechanical ways of asking who you want to vote for, not who everybody else voted for.

Keith Brann



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John Holyoke

Myths. We're introduced to them in high school, in the form of a "mythology" section of an English class.

But after memorizing all of those sound-alike Greek gods and goddesses, and the particular havoc that each wrought, we decide we've heard enough of myths, and are thankful that we won't ever have to deal with them again.

After a few more years spent grinding through high school and college life, however, we find out that we shouldn't have celebrated. Myths are everywhere, and they don't even have to deal with gods and goddesses with unpronounceable names.

There are a number of great myths surrounding any college, and all are just waiting for a "debunker" of sorts to come along and do his business, saving the masses from a particular mythical item.

UMaine is no exception, and for today, I would like to play the part of the Debunker of Mythical Drivel. For this week's debunkification, I have chosen that old favorite, "If Your Roommate Commits Suicide, You Get a 4.0 For The Semester."

For those of you who have never heard of this golden oldie, my calculations (based on a totally unscientific Maine Campus poll), show that only 12 percent of the campus population is in your shoes.

Thus, the first criterion for official debunkification proceedings has been met: The myth is widespread. As Debunker of Mythical Drivel, I must see that all myths comply with this regulation before debunking.

The next, and most important regulation, states that the myth must actually be a myth; debunkification of truth is strictly forbidden.

To see if the myth qualified, I called the office of Student Affairs, since the awarding of a gratis 4.0 would certainly be an affair students would be interested in.

I was told that as far as they knew, there was no standing policy regarding Good Grades Granted For Grief (GGGFG). I chuckled to myself as the next piece of the debunkification puzzle fell into place.

I told them that I estimated about 75 percent (this was before the unofficial media poll) of the student body had at least heard the myth, and that many believed it. They were shocked.

Now it's time for the final step, the one all Debunkers of Mythical Drivel look forward to, the one ultimate moment that makes all those hard minutes of labor worthwhile. I get to kill a myth.

Those of you who were working on a plan to murder your roommate and make it look like a suicide so you could get a job at General Dynamics after graduation, hold the rope.

Another Great Myth is hereby deemed dead.

Guess a class

To the editor:

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Guest column gets a clarification

To the editor:

I would like to respond to Michael Murphy's Guest Column that appeared in the March 1, *Daily Maine Campus*.

First, I want to clear up any misconceptions...the Job Classification Study and the problems with longevity are two VERY different issues. The charge of the Job Classification Study Committee was to revise and update the outdated Job Evaluation System now being used, not to make recommendations for changes in recognizing longevity.

In the beginning, the only way to get the University Administration to address the problems with the current

classification system was to make them aware of the "inequities", i.e.: female dominated jobs in relation to male dominated jobs. Since the majority of the female dominated jobs are clustered in wage bands 12 and below, and the majority of the male dominated jobs are in wage bands 18 and above, females are bound to move up under the new proposed system.

The goal of the study was to create a system that is fair and equitable for ALL, regardless of gender. Many jobs are moving to the top of the pay scale.

All classified jobs in the system were very carefully reviewed whether there were 100 incumbents or one. Every employee was given the opportunity to appear before the Committee to present additional information about their jobs.

There have been step increases in past contracts. This time, however, after tedious negotiating sessions with the university, the team decided to agree to across the board increases. With all the changes resulting from implementation of the new classification system, step increases would be impossible to administer.

I would welcome a call from Mr. Murphy to discuss his concerns. Specifically, the issue of longevity, as we do need to find a solution to that problem.

Mary C. Skaggs
Chief Negotiator ACSUM

Complaints? Gripes? Frustrations? Let us know about them! Maybe it'll make a difference. Write to the *Daily Maine Campus*, Suite 7a, Lord Hall



Democratic Town Committee to meet

To the editor:

The Orono Democratic Town Committee will meet Friday, March 25 at the Keith Anderson Community Center at 7 p.m. Candidates and all interested persons are invited to attend. For further information contact Robert J. Perkins, Acting Chair, 866-2852.

Robert Perkins
Orono

Scholarship applications for future industrialists

To the editor:

Applications are now available in the Student Aid Office, Wingate Hall, for the Maine Rural Rehabilitation Fund Scholarship.

This scholarship is targeted for those students who are involved in farming or forestry, or have parents involved in

those industries. The criteria for obtaining money from this fund are based on G.P.A., financial need and background.

Any student interested in more information should stop by the Student Aid Office for an application.

Student Aid Office



Student upset with university meals

To the editor:

I sit in the wake of yet another UMaine dining services special dinner.

Once again I have left just as hungry as when I entered. It seems that the University has forgotten that all of its students do not enjoy the sensation of dead animal flesh between their teeth.

Especially when it is deep fried.

If only I had known what I was to encounter I would have opted for the Bear's Den. But since I had already used my meal (for lack of unlimited meal plan once known to students before Dale Lick).

I just want to say thanks to good old UMaine. Thanks for nothing.

Charles Estey
Somerset Hall

• Asbestos

(continued from page 1)

Since 2500 B.C. rocks throughout the world have been found to contain fibrous materials. These fibrous silicate minerals are naturally exposed in formations of rock when gas and boiling water converts and replaces the magnesium rich silicate minerals deep inside the earth, they crystallize and form narrow bundles of veins in the rock. McCrone says that any physical disturbance of these "compact bundles" breaks them down into individual fibers.

According to the sourcebook on asbestos diseases, chrysotile fibers may be green, gray, amber or white in color and generally appear to have a silky luster.

The fibers are characterized as having good spinability and high tensile strength but can begin to lose their flexibility above 300 degrees celcius and can transform into a non-fibrous material at about 580 degrees celcius. Chrysotile



photo by Chris Fortune

This deteriorating pipe insulation in Folger Library contains asbestos.

decomposes with sea water and its electrical insulation value drops rapidly when exposed to increasing humidity.

Contrary to public belief, not all fibrous materials are asbestos. Only through microscopic examination can the glass, talc, organic, quartz, cotton, linen, wool, clay and other fibers be distinguished from asbestiform minerals, said McCrone.

Applications for Asbestos

"More than 4.5 million tons of asbestos fibers have been produced annually since 1971 and are found in over 3,000 different products for commerce, industry and the home. In fact, almost everyone is exposed to asbestos in some form and to some degree every day," the sourcebook on asbestos diseases said.

According to McCrone, the largest single source of asbestos in the air people breathe is insulation because it is used in most of the buildings built for the past 50 years.

However, Department of Environmental Safety Director David Fielder says "There is little evidence of people exposed to asbestos in an office-type setting."

Those who are exposed and are at possible risk for cancer are the shipyard workers and the miners in the manufacturing process, he added.

Annual United States consumption of asbestos fibers is about 900,000 tons with 70 percent used in the construction field, according to an asbestos analysis resource.

Asbestos is an effective insulator against heat, fire, and cold, it can withstand weathering and wear by friction and is a nonconductor of electricity. It has no adhesive qualities, therefore



photo by Chris Fortune

An asbestos mineral shown here in its natural form.

it needs to be binded with another material to be an effective product.

For example, chrysotile, because of its reinforcing quality, is used chiefly in the asbestos-cement industry.

When binded with materials as lime, ground glass, talc, clay, quartz or mica, the textile can be used as a variety of insulates, floor tiles and filters, said McCrone.

The uses of asbestos depend on their properties such as size and characteristics like reinforcing qualities. Long fibers are normally used in textiles because they can be easily spun and woven into yarn, tape or cloth. These textiles include fire-proof clothing, packings, electrical and thermal insulation, said the asbestos analysis resource.

Medium fibers account for well over half of the use of asbestiform materials used as reinforcing fillers in asbestos cement products, friction materials such as brake linings, clutch facings and pipe covering, the analysis said.

Short fibers are used mostly as reinforcing fillers in plastics, and paint. "The uses and application of asbestos also depends on their characteristics."

"Amosite, because of its heat resistance, is used mainly in insulation and building products. Crocidolite, due to its excellent acid resistance, has been mainly in the manufacture of battery boxes and packings for acid pumps and as a friction material, disc brake pads, commercial vehicle brake linings and clutch facings contain more than 50 percent chrysotile, the analysis said."

Martin Rutstein, a University of New York Geologist, argues that if additional legislation requires the abatement of all asbestos in public buildings, millions and millions of dollars will be spent to remove the mineral that is secured underground or by cotton wraps that cover pipe.

"There is over 300,000 miles of asbestos cement pipe in the United States and people have proposed picking it up. What do we do, replace it with hollow logs?" he said during a regional meeting for the Geological Society of America earlier this month.

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Sports

Rugby club falls in tourney final

by Roger Brown
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's rugby club lost to the Navy A team 23-4 in the championship game and finished second in a tournament sponsored by the National Collegiate Sports Festival.

The round-robin tournament, held the first week of spring break, also in-

cluded teams from Temple University, Vatasio College, Indiana State University, Juniata College, the University of Kentucky at Lexington and the University of Missouri.

"We played real well," said rugby club president Phil Luedee. "I'd say it was the best rugby I've seen a Maine team play in awhile."

The rugby club arrived in Daytona on Saturday March 4, but they weren't scheduled to play until the following Tuesday.

"We were skeptical about how we would play after a long drive," said rugby club member, John Lamb. "Luckily we didn't have to play until Tuesday so we were well rested."

On Tuesday UMaine beat the Navy B team 20-10. In their next game on Wednesday, the Black Bears defeated Vatasio College 7-0, and later that day lost to the Navy A team 14-0.

In their final scheduled game UMaine defeated Juniata College 7-6, and their 3-1 record placed them in the championship game against the Navy A team.

According to Lamb there were two reasons for the team's success.

"I would attribute it (success) to our overall desire to win and our intensity when we played," Lamb said.

Lamb also said that the team was pleased with the first year players that made the trip.

"We had seven rookies who all played beyond their expected abilities. Their good play should give them a positive attitude for the upcoming season and we now know that when they are called upon we will be able to depend on them," Lamb said.

Current rugby club member Bob Arsenault said the team was surprised with their second place finish.

"We weren't expected to do much and we were surprised by our record, we played well because of our effort, everyone gave 100 percent."

Both Lamb and Luedee were extremely pleased with the team's performance.

"We got all the butterflies out and now we're ready for the spring season," Luedee said. "There's no stopping us if we play like we did in Florida."



The UMaine rugby club finished second in the National Sports Festival in Daytona Beach, Florida. photo by Andrew Vecchio

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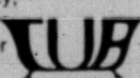
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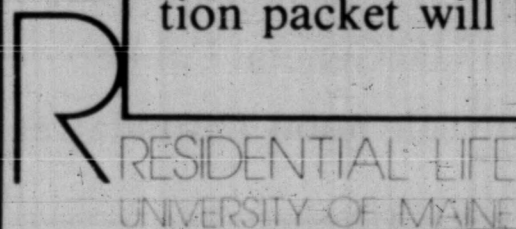


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Non-Alcohol Come Early

UMaine drops wrestling

(AP) — The University of Maine announced Wednesday it has discontinued intercollegiate wrestling, a program that was introduced at the Orono campus nearly two decades ago.

Athletic director Kevin White said there had been no institutional commitment to make the program competitive on a regional basis and the cost to do so would be excessive in light of the resources now available.

"I also felt that the students participating in this sport were having a

negative experience and felt that discontinuing the program would be in the best interests of all concerned," White added.

Wrestling was instituted as a collegiate sport at Maine in the 1969-70 season. Over the years, the Black Bears have compiled a dual meet record of 121 wins and 106 losses, ending the 1987 season at 4-11 with an eighth-place finish in the New England.

At the close of the last season, there were 10 members on the team.

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BGSU, UMaine vie for Final Four slot



by Tim Tazler
Staff Writer

The stage is set.

For the second consecutive year the Maine Black Bears will be appearing in the NCAA Hockey Tournament, but this year there is one factor that is very appealing. The Black Bears will face their opponent, Bowling Green State University, at the intimidating Alford Arena.

"Even after our disappointing loss to Michigan State last year, we've been talking about getting home ice for the NCAA's," head coach Shawn Walsh said. "Now we have it and we have to take advantage of it."

This weekend's quarterfinal series against the Falcons, with both games slated for 7:30 p.m. starts, promises to be one of the most competitive showdowns in the country as two of the hottest teams in college hockey go head to head to determine who will advance to the NCAA Final Four in Lake Placid, N.Y.

PICS photo

UMaine's Jim Burke (6) and Mario Thyer (28) battle for the puck against Lowell. The Bears take on Bowling Green this weekend.

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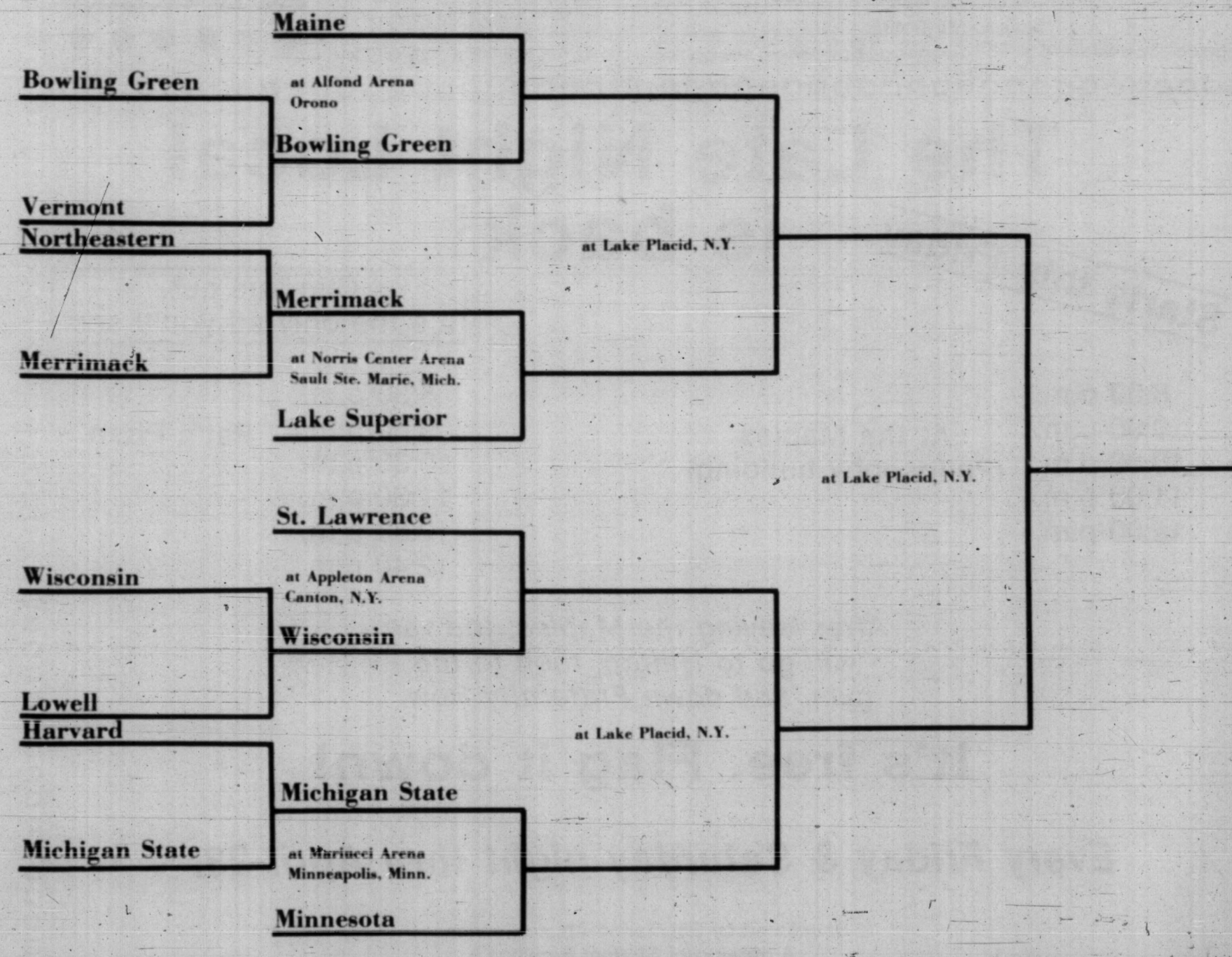
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•Preview

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The Black Bears, who are averaging 6.05 goals per game, have won their last 16 of 19 games while the Falcons, averaging 5.9 goals per game, have won 18 of their last 20. Maine and Bowling Green are two of the five teams to have compiled 30 Division One victories this season.

Seeded number four in the West, the Falcons breezed their way to an eight goal victory at home in the first round of the playoffs with a pair 5-1 victories over the University of Vermont advancing them to the Alford.

"Reflecting on the season, it's remarkable to think we were hoping to get the fourth slot back in December when we were 8-8-1," head coach Jerry York said. "If we got going we thought we might be able to clinch home ice, but now we've won our 30th game

of the season. We dreamed about it, but to be realistic, we were just aiming to get home ice for the first round."

After the disappointing 4-3 loss to Northeastern University in the Hockey East championship game, the Black Bears have used their idle period to prepare for the big and physical Falcons.

"We've used our time off well and we've been able to focus in on Bowling Green more. We've brought up the intensity levels in our practices and the last two have been as physical as any all year. It has to be that way so we don't lose our game sharpness," Walsh said.

According to senior Hobey Baker finalist Mike Golden, "We've been working real hard this past week and our practices have been longer than usual.

It's important for us that we come out and play a good first period because if you're going to feel the effects of a break, it's going to be then."

Leading the Falcons into the two-game, total-goals series is sophomore sensation Nelson Emerson. A Hobey Baker finalist, Emerson has put in 33 goals and assisted on 48 for a team high 81 points this season. Joining Emerson in the scoring ranks is junior center Greg Park (30-44-74) and senior right wing Andy Ribble (30-28-58).

Scott Paluch leads the extremely talented defensive corps with 14 goals and 46 assists for 60 points. Paluch played an instrumental role in the victories over Vermont with two goals and three assists. Sophomore Paul Connell, from Cranston, R.I., will be in net for the Falcons. Connell brings a 27-8-2 record into Friday night's contest with a 3.99 goals against average and a .852 save percentage.

York has praised the play of Connell and attributes his success to the success of the overall team defense.

"Paul was fighting the puck for most of the first half of the season. Now he's developed a lot of confidence in his ability and that's helped our team feel more confident with Paul. Paul's play has improved and along with it has come the improvement of our team defense," York said.

Being from Cranston, Connell has two foes on the Black Bear squad, (in Dave and Jack Capuano), that know a lot about him.

"We know a lot about Connell. He's a real good goaltender and he's been playing real well lately. He's not that

great a skater so if we can make him move and get quality shots off, we should have some success," team scoring leader David Capuano said.

All in all, everyone is expecting a rough, physical high scoring weekend.

"This is going to be the toughest weekend we've faced all year. We've got to be ready for 60 minutes of hard work both nights and hopefully the aggressive style of play will get everyone into the game," co-captain Dave Nonis said.

"I expect the Maine series to be much more wide open than our series with Vermont and expect a lot of offense from both teams," York said.

After the earlier 6-5 loss to Bowling Green in the Dexter Shoe Hockey Classic, Walsh is hoping the Alford will play a big role in the team's second meeting with the Falcons.

"We've worked all season to get home ice and I hope the fans play a great role this weekend," Walsh said.

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