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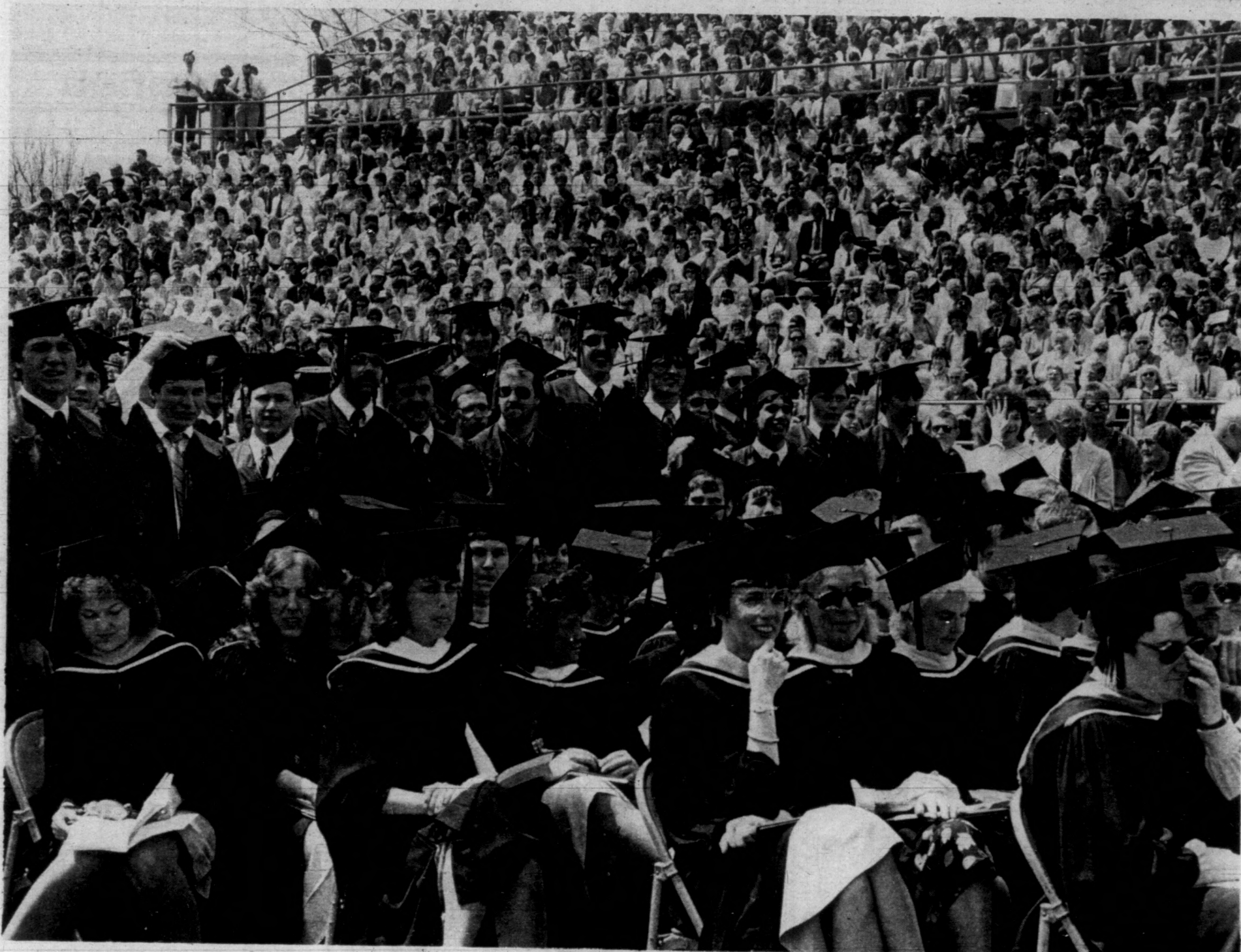
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Commencement 1986

by Ned Porter
Staff Writer

As the capstone of the college career for UMO's class of '86, commencement May 10 will feature a speech by Francis Keppel, a renowned educator and an author of the Visiting Committee Report.

This year for the first time, The University of Maine Outstanding Achievement Awards will be presented at commencement. The awards are given to students who demonstrated eminence in diverse areas during their college careers.

Keppel, a former commissioner of education during the Kennedy administration, later served as assistant secretary for education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Also a past dean of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, he has been a member of the Visiting Committee since its inception more than 18 months ago.

Keppel is a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in 1980 was appointed by

the Canadian government to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa.

The awards recognizing outstanding achievement will be given to 10 undergraduate and two graduate students.

These students contributed in one or more of the following areas: community service, student government, entrepreneurship, creativity in science, performing arts, visual arts, leadership, academics, and journalism and writing.

The Senior Council presented the idea for the awards to the Commencement Committee. Sorenson said the committee accepted it and then passed it to President Johnson who approved it.

In addition to the presentation of undergraduate and graduate degrees, honorary degrees will be awarded to George Carlisle, chairman of Prentiss and Carlisle Co., Bangor, and to best-selling author Jean Auel.

Carlisle, a 1935 UMO graduate who majored in forestry, will be presented a Doctor of Science degree. He is also a

former Bangor City Council member and was elected mayor in 1948. Carlisle is the current president of the class of 1935.

Auel will receive a Doctor of Humanities degree. Two of her novels, *The Clan of the Cave Bear* and *The Valley of Horses*, have sold more than a million copies each and earned her international acclaim for her study of prehistoric history *The Mammoth Hunters*, the third volume of the series, was released last winter.

This year's valedictorian is Katrina Ann Pratt, a December 1985 graduate from Essex Junction, Vt. The chemical engineering major is the recipient of a national Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society scholarship award.

The salutatorian is Susan Deborah Forscher of Bangor. A child development/family relations major, Forscher graduated from University College's Human Services Program in 1984 with highest distinction.

Joining the speakers and honorary degree candidates on stage will be such

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The year in review

by Ned Porter
Staff Writer

Two issues jolted the UMO community during the fall semester. The UMaine board of trustees' five-year plan and Maine Peace Action Committee's shantytown both united the campus in discourse and polarized it in opinion.

Shantytown occupied center stage for three weeks in October. The effort by MPAC and others to display their outrage at the UMaine Foundation's continued investments in companies that do business in South Africa and to force the Foundation to divest those holdings galvanized the campus.

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Commencement 1986

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dignitaries as the Rev. Robert Stevens, of Rochester, N.Y.; the Rev. Joseph Ford, chancellor, Diocese of Portland; UMO President Arthur Johnson; Henry Schmelzer, president, General Alumni Association; UMaine trustees and UMO deans, administrators and student government officers.

This year students with the highest

grade point average in each college were chosen as college representatives.

These students will go on stage to receive the symbolic degrees for all their classmates. Sorenson said in the past each representative has been chosen by popular vote.

An estimated 1,600 graduate and undergraduate degree candidates are ex-

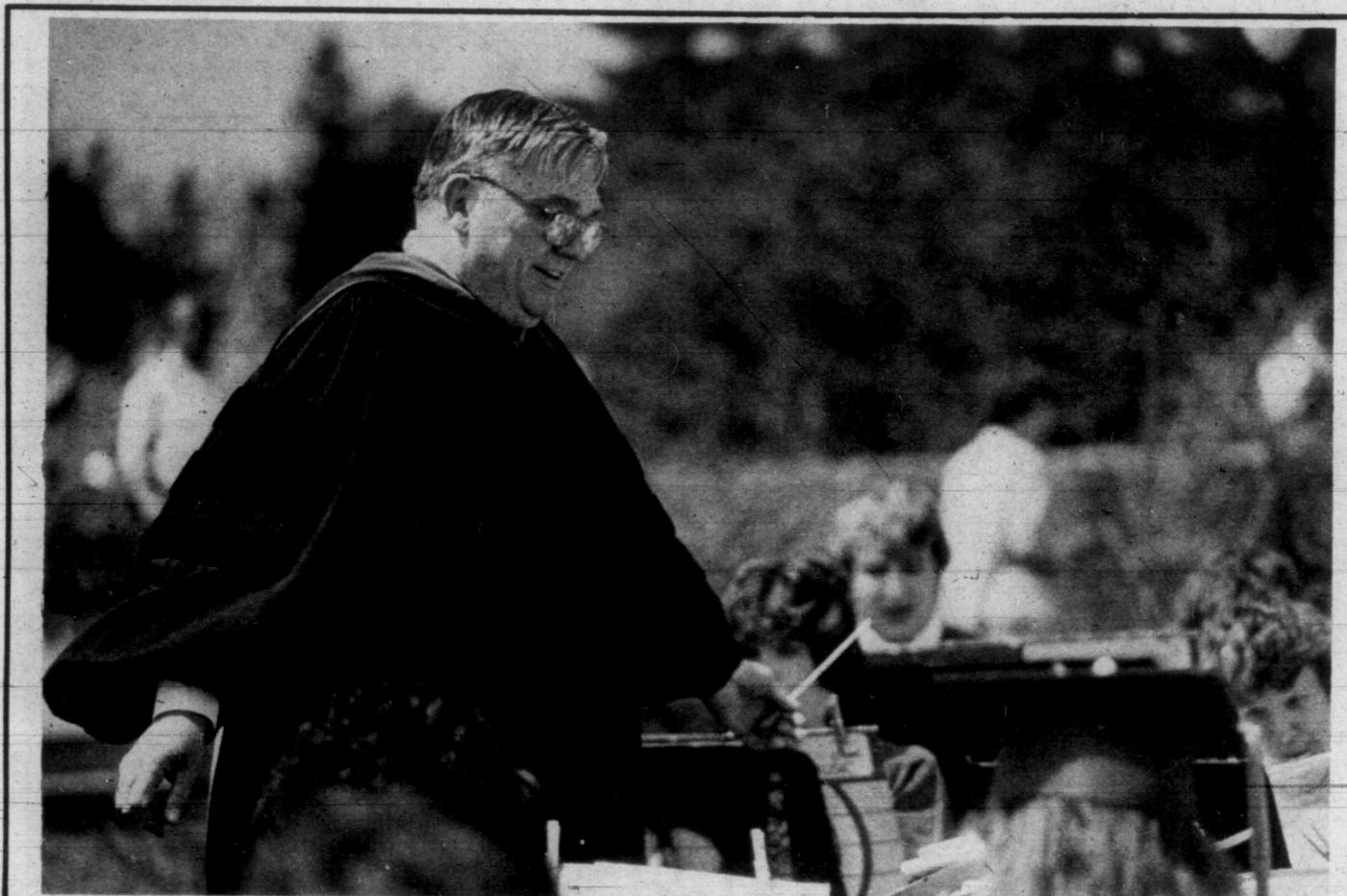
pected to participate in the commencement exercises, which will be witnessed by a crowd of about 10,000.

The ceremony begins with the 10:30 a.m. procession of candidates to the exercises on Alumni Field. The UMO Concert Band, conducted by Fred Heath, will play a variety of marches during the

procession accompanied by a ROTC color guard.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" will be sung by Catherine Ferris.

As the platform party leaves the stage the band will play "The Stein Song". They may also play "St. Louis Blues", as they have in the past. Heath said it's President Johnson's favorite song.



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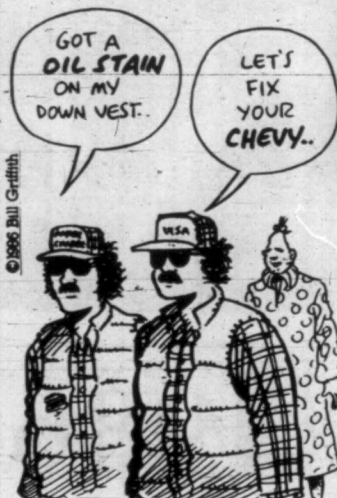
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The squatters were rewarded with violence for their efforts to effect change in the Foundation's investment policies. But, they also awakened many to the repugnance that is South African apartheid. In the end all that was left were silhouettes.

On a lighter note, a refurbished Bananas the mascot bear made his debut last fall. By all accounts, response to his new accoutrement was favorable. The crowds liked him in black.

The BOT's draft plan for the UMaine system garnered negative reviews. The plan called for \$14.2 million in supplemental funds, enlarging the graduate program at UMO, cutting undergraduate

enrollment by almost half and decentralizing the College of Education. The Legislature tabled debate on the draft in anticipation of the Governor's Visiting Committee Report, which was due in January.

Bangor Community College was reorganized over the summer and emerged last fall as University College, becoming a more integral part of UMO.

Search committees for a chancellor, a president of UMO and a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences began their work in earnest last fall.

Headcheese, a publication funded by the Off Campus Board and ruled by Pete Nielsen, premiered in the fall. Publishing

its own brand of humor it soon became a hit with campus literati from both ends of the political spectrum.

Ronald McDonald made mysterious photographic visits around campus in the last week of September, which were featured in *Headcheese*. He was rumored to have requested asylum. The perpetrators of his shuffle down College Avenue have yet to be found.

Student Government President Paul Conway rang out the old year in his own inimitable brand, of patriotism. The Conway-initiated use of \$600 in student funds for American flags to show a Soviet hockey team created a stir that simmered on campus into the New Year.

The new semester opened with the report by the Visiting Committee, which has been a hot topic on campus for over three months. The effects of its proposals adopted and funded by the Legislature will be felt for years. UMO will soon be the University of Maine. The \$8.5 million in supplemental appropriations for the university is intended to bring UMO to prominence in the field of higher education.

Students and faculty selected a new flag for the university. It features the school colors and emblem.

The OCB called David Webster, interim president, to the carpet for his pur- (see REVIEW page 5)

Senior Challenge sets new donation record

561 graduates take the challenge

by Becky Pilkington
Staff Writer

The class of '86 is expected to donate \$70,125 to UMO over the next five years, setting a record for the most money collected through Senior Challenge, according to the program's coordinator.

Andy Graff said "that (amount) was the highest so far. It's going to be tough to beat next year."

Five hundred sixty-one students accepted the challenge, Graff said.

Last year 475 students pledged money. Alumni can "support the university financially and verbally," he said. "What better way to support UMO than by donating?"

Michael Crowley, assistant director of the annual alumni fund, said approximately 35 percent of the senior class made donations.

"I think it's outstanding," said Matthew Stiker, president of Senior Skulls. "The class slogan, 'We've made our mark,' is very appropriate."

Donations may be designated to a any academic department, athletics, the library or wherever the giver wants them to be used.

If not otherwise specified, funds are applied to areas with the greatest need and the least funding, Crowley said.

"The unrestricted gift provides us with lateral movement and helps provide ser-

vices to the university," said Crowley, who praised the Senior Challenge program. "Senior Challenge accomplishes these goals — it provides continuing communication with (alumni) — a way of focusing in on a group of people who proclaimed strong support of the university above and beyond."

Stiker said "(alumni) should be active in giving to the university. Not only that, but keeping contact with classmates and the Alumni Association."

Just keep in touch with the school and know it's still here and what's going on."

Senior Challenge has also helped increase student access to computers at

UMO, Crowley said. Programs such as this are essential if UMO wants to keep up the pace with other schools.

The 1987 Senior Challenge program is already getting started, he said.

Stiker said the '86 class gift will be a flagpole which will be placed in front of the Fogler Library.

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chase of a new computer during his tenure. They did not need it and banished him forever from their offices.

The student government slate of David Mitchell and Christopher Boothby were swept into office on a tide of student support during February elections.

Students also voted for the mandatory recreational-sports fee in that election. Full-time students will have an extra \$7.50 tacked on to next semester's bill, whether they use the facilities or not.

The late night local, a bus service for those beyond driving, made its first appearance in January. Its popularity and that of alcohol should ensure its continued success.

The administration installed a campuswide (no)smoking policy at the start of the semester. Smokers soon adjusted to the limitations put on their habit and are now confined to puffing in hallways and doorways.

President Johnson, as is his right, changed the academic calendar to give students a day off for Maine Day. After

sweeping and raking for three hours students feasted on chicken, then spent the evening being entertained by Ray Boston and his sun lamps.

A new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was selected by President Johnson and approved by the BOT. Michael Gemignani will start work as dean and computer science professor September 1986.

Through it all, events beyond our shores have rippled the calm waters of UMO. The Challenger disaster, the U.S. excursion to Libya and most recently the meltdown at Chernobyl have all been the focus of extensive media coverage. They serve to remind that life in its glory and its terror goes on. It is not put on hold while students sate their desires or cram their minds at the last minute to pass that last test.

Yet college life serves as a bridge between parent's hearth and home, and the realities of modern life. As such, it has a distinct nature, which brings out the animal in some but should nurture the mind and body of those who go through it.



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