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Tuition to rise a minimum of $150

by Brian Farley
Staff writer

In a special informational meeting yesterday, the UMaine Board of Trustees discussed and debated questions on increased tuition and housing rates for next year's proposed budget.

Although final decisions concerning increases won't be made until the board's regular May meeting, yesterday's session was aimed at providing board members with specific information on the budget. As it now stands, the question isn't whether tuition and housing costs will increase, but how much.

Two separate proposals were submitted by the chancellor's office concerning increases. Between the two plans, tuition costs for in-state UMO undergraduates would increase by either $150 or $190 per year.

"No matter what we do, without severely cutting into educational services, the lowest raise in tuition would be $150," Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy told the trustees.

"There's only $40 per student that we can play financial gymnastics with," he said.

Room and board costs are projected to increase for UMO students by $338 per year, "to offset operating costs," McCarthy said.

According to Vice Chancellor William Sullivan, the primary reason for the increase is due to the cost of energy which accounts for $101 of the raise in the housing bill. Increases in food costs, maintenance, capital improvements and inflation were also figured into the bill.

Opposition to the tuition increases came from the university presidents and the student government presidents in the form of a proposed "per credit hour" billing system which would have both full and part-time students paying tuition according to the number of credits they carry each semester.

Under the present system, students are billed $30 per credit hour (the part-time billing rate) or the full-time fee whichever is less. Since the part-time rate has not increased in four years, as the full-time rate has, more students are being charged at the part-time rate.

The presidents say the results are a loss of revenue to the university.

Sullivan noted tuition increases may also result from a dwindling supply of federal funds for student aid next year, caused by government efforts to cut National Direct

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Senate postpones budget decisions

by Paul Fillmore
Staff writer

In a surprise move at last night's senate meeting, the GSS voted to postpone the debate on next year's budget until next week so senators will have time to discuss the budget proposals with their constituents.

Dawn Huston, (Androscoggin), sponsor of the motion, told the senate, "We haven't even had a chance to discuss this budget with the people we represent."

The budget has been traditionally been given to senators a week before being brought up at senate meetings. This year's budget was completed last Sunday and distributed to senators early this week.

Ludger Duplissie, (off-campus), also felt voting on the budget last night would be premature. "This is a $196,000 budget we're voting on and we haven't even had a chance to look at it," he said. Duplissie said he did not want to see the budget "railroaded through" without first taking a close look at it.

Off-Campus Board President Chris McEvoy also thought postponing the vote would be in the interest of students. "People should have time to think about it," he said.

The motion passed by a slim margin, angering some senators and members of the cabinet. Kevin Freeman, president of the GSS vowed to "attack the problem as best we can" at next week's meeting.

In other senate action, a Symposium Committee was approved. The main purpose of the committee would be "enriching the intellectual environment of the university community." Organizer of the committee, Peter Labbe, said the committee would work on getting more specialized speakers on to campus and on setting up symposiums like the arms control debate held here in March.

Labbe was also give final approval as the chairman of Student Legal Services for next year. Final approval was also give to Chris Moen as the chairman of Distinguished Lecturer Series.

It was also decided at the meeting student government would print up a handbook of their constitution and rules in a "Manual of Student Government."

A symposium committee was approved at last night's senate meeting with Peter Labbe, above, in charge. [photo by Gail Brooks]

Bob Knowlton of Alpha Tau Omega gives one of 414 pints of blood donated in yesterday's Greek blood drive. [photo by Gail Brooks]

Greek Blood Drive falls short of 425 pint record

by Leigh Ann Fehm
Staff writer

Over 700 students came through the doors of Memorial Gym yesterday, to participate in the Second Greek Blood-drive.

Of the 500 that qualified to register, 414 pints were collected, close to last year's New England record of 425.

"It ran quite smoothly," said Panhellenic organizer, Kim Downing, a senior. "I was really happy with the drive this year. People came in on a steady basis making things a lot easier. Just a few people got sick, no one passed out and there were only a few green faces."

Downing has been working with the UMFB 2nd Vice President Jeff Rand and the Bangor Red Cross since February on the drive. The Red Cross has been collecting blood from UMO since the fall of 1974.

Greek participation was to a point where volunteer workers had to be turned away.

"We had 300 workers sign up, far over the amount we needed," said Downing.

"The drive sort of opens the activities of Greek weekend," she said. Last year, kegs were awarded to Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Delta Pi for top participation.

This year, points for first, second and third places will be given to the top fraternities and sororities toward the Greek games. The Greek winners will be

Some students gave blood for the first time but some were old pros.

Hancock resident, Ed Colbert has been donating since 1977 and yesterday he gave for the fifth time.

"I'm going for a gallon," he said. "I actually enjoy it. It makes me feel good to give blood, to help someone out."

The volunteer workers at yesterday's drive had all participated at training classes held with the Red Cross, according to Downing.

"A lot of those working had been involved in other blood drives. Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Gam, and others have held their own blood drives," Downing said.

"Of the people in Maine, there are 60 percent that are able to give blood. Only 3 percent of them actually do," said Red Cross representative, Don Dudley. "Half of those that do give are students."

Dudley said that he loves to have students donate for two reasons.

"First they give because they want to help, they aren't getting paid for it, and also because to become a blood donar you have to give for a first time. Students see how easy it is and come back."

"We have to build for the future now," Dudley said. "In the summer, there is a problem because school is not in session, blood supplies go down. We are freezing all of the type O blood we get here today. The state of Maine is still a blood importing area."

WMEB demands more university assistance

by Michael J. Finnegan
Staff writer

The WMEB protest: is it on or off?

At a meeting April 17, the station's staff took action to formally structure a platform for protest and made recommendations for future talks with the university.

The staff decided to cut programming, leaving room for "flexibility." WMEB will be on the air from 12a.m. to 6a.m. and from 12p.m. ot 6p.m. daily. At the meeting, the station set up a protest committee, consisting of five staff members and appointed John Dodge, co-sports director, as spokesman for WMEB.

The first recommendation made by WMEB calls for future open forums to be held between the station's executive staff and the administration. The reason is "WMEB would like to hear and discuss the present administration's policies toward the station."

The second recommendation concerns a restructuring of the present funding process. The recommendation points out that the station's programming is directed to the university and the surrounding communities, and the Federal Communication Commission standards prohibit WMEB from raising revenue through advertising. For these reasons, the university should be responsible for station funding.

"By law, we can't sell advertising which means we have to go to student government and administration for funding. Of course, if we were a commercial radio station we would be rolling in the dollars," Dodge said.

"We are not at odds with student government. We were dismayed with budget cuts because we would have to cut programming. But what we are trying to do is focus on the administration's responsibilities," Dodge added.

Administrative reaction to WMEB's proposals was favorable but disapproved of the irresponsible procedure the station had adopted to bring results. The administration would be "very glad to discuss policies" and agreed there should be changes made with the present funding structure, said Arthur O. Guesman, chairman of the department of journalism and broadcasting.

"Before this, we still have to sit down and prepare a budget rationally and responsibly that will provide the base to set forth and talk with the university," Guesman said. "I think WMEB should suspend the cut in programming and bring back the more responsible programming until things are settled."

"I'm not suggesting we drag this out all year. Student government has allotted WMEB funds to keep the station in balance," Guesman added.

"The station is ahead of the game. The board of trustees hasn't decided what the tuition is going to be," Guesman said. "We have to know what the budget is going to be to know what money is going to be available."

"We should use this time when the university is developing their budget package to sit down and develop a responsible budget," he added.

The third recommendation of WMEB is to seek "a greater degree of accountability of the administration on the station's behalf and cooperation to alleviate the station's problems."

"Obviously, if we screw up on the air, we are aware of it. But if someone comes up and questions our integrity, we would like to have the administration in our corner to defend what we are trying to do here as an alternative radio station."

Bill Rodgers, winner of Monday's Boston Marathon, takes a cup of refreshment during his run. Nine UMO runners were entered in the 26-mile marathon. [photo by Gail Brooks]

'Anthony! Wednesday is OCB spaghetti day!

by Stephen Olver
Staff writer

The Off-Campus Board will be holding their first spaghetti dinner of the semester Wednesday night in the Wells Commons cafeteria.

Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. dinner are $1.50 each and may be purchased at the OCB office on the second floor of the Memorial Union.

The dinner, which includes bread, salad and a special vegetarian sauce, will also feature live entertainment, with the group "Aberdeen" on hand.

OCB President Chris McEvoy said that holding the dinner at Wells Commons was relatively expensive.

"We've been low on money this spring and although we've been very busy, we haven't been able to sponsor any other dinners, this will be the only one," McEvoy said.

According to McEvoy, the dinner was largely set up before he took office. Former OCB presidents Randy Pickle and Christopher Grimes held three such spaghetti dinners over the last year.

He said he would plan several dinners for next fall when school reopens and also work on a project for next month.

McEvoy said the OCB is trying to set up a country picnic for sometime in the next few weeks. He said hopefully the picnic would be held the weekend after Bumstock and that bands were being set up for the occasion.

Lowdown

Wednesday, April 23

11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. World Hunger Film Series. North Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

Noon. Peanut Butter and Jam: Music. Memorial Union.

Noon. A Women's Point of View, "Women in Journalism." Coe Lounge, Memorial Union.

5 to 7 p.m. Preventive Medicine Program. Stodder Hall.

7 and 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie "⅓ STooges Follies" 130 Little Hall.

7 p.m. Firesides: Walter Abbott. Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union.

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★ Police blotter ★

by Julia Frey
Staff writer

★ Ray Johnson of 24 Stone St., Brewer, reported to police Monday that someone stole his Sanyo "FT 4-18" cassette FM/AM tape player and four cassettes from his Jeep that had been parked on the Long Road side of the Memorial Gym parking lot. Total value was estimated at $440.

★ A female student from Balentine Hall woke up Monday morning to find a blond, heavy-built male wearing an army jacket standing at the end of her bed. When she sat up he said "Sorry, I must have the wrong room." He then left the room. Her roommate had reportedly left the door ajar when she left that morning, police said. The building was searched, but police found no one.

★ While police were taking a theft report Sunday, someone threw paint and what appeared to be a substance resembling hair conditioner all over the police cruiser. The vehicle also suffered multiple dents, causing about $100 damage. Police said the substances were thrown from the fourth floor of Hannibal Hamlin Hall.

★ Two and a half cases of Sprite were reported stolen Monday from a Coca-Cola delivery truch that had been parked outside of Wells Commons, police said. Two males were observed runnng toward Corbett Hall at the time the theft took place. The stolen soda was valued at $19.

★ Thomas Starnes of Old Town was given a summons Sunday for expired registration plates, police said.

★ Judd Esty-Kendall of Bangor reported an unknown person removed $50 in cash, one key and an unknown amount of change from an unlocked locker in the Memorial Gym Monday.

★ James Dewitt of Lewiston Hall, BCC, reported that on Monday, after having returned from taking a shower to his unlocked room, $10 was found to be missing from his wallet.

Christy Dougherty, left, and Arthur Pritzker, who ia also known as Beaver Wolf, man an Earth Day booth in Memorial Union yesterday. [photo by Gail Brooks]

● Trustees

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Student Loan (NDSL) funding to universities. As a result, it may be harder for students to get financial aid next year depending on how much funding the university receives. That amount won't be disclosed by the government until May 15.

Final decisions on the budget will be made at the May meeting of the board, but McCarthy has already stated the proposed "per credit hour" plan could not be implemented next September without "severe disruption to the life style system."

"These tuition increases are transitional changes," McCarthy said.

"We're trying our best to equalize prices and quality in programs at the university," he said.

"We have a gap between the money at hand and the needs of the campuses. It's not an extraordinary gap but it's one that has to be bridged," McCarthy said.

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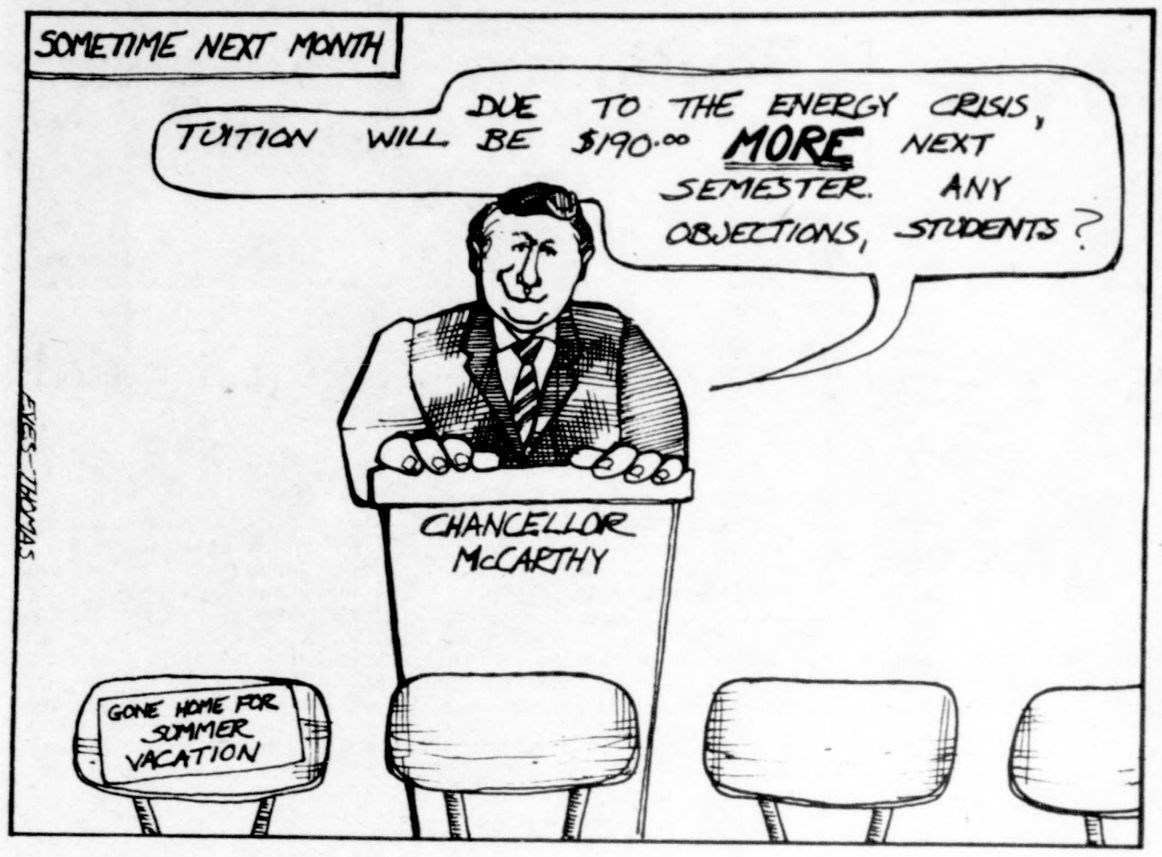

Best of all worlds

Is there no middle of the road?

First, Chancellor McCarthy suggests a short calendar, which would give students only 11 weeks to learn what normally takes them 15.

Overwhelmingly, the students told him to take his calendar and bury it deep at sea.

Now the calendar committee comes up with a good idea; an idea that would shorten the academic year to 14 weeks instead of 15 and thereby save the university $118,000.

And what happens? The Council of Colleges goes too far to the other extreme, in the high interest of academic preservation, and rejects the idea.

"It would have lessened the impact of room and board increases by $20 to $25 per student," said John Coupe, acting vice president of Finance and Administration.

These are savings that Associate Professor of History Richard Blanke called "trivial."

Somehow, I don't think this university can afford to overlook $118,000 worth of savings. Money doesn't grow on trees, or so the old cliche goes.

At a time when the student government is preparing to have a referendum vote on a possible activity fee hike of $2.50 per semester because of the uncertainty that students will accept it, how can an increase of $20 to $25 be looked upon as paltry.

Sure, academics are the primary consideration and there was a serious doubt whether a quality education could be crammed to 11 weeks, but losing one week—come on.

The price tag on the savings is too great to be scared off some type of cut in the calendar. After all, this is an energy crisis with an emphasis on the last word. Something must be done and the students realize this. Just don't push too much at them at once.

If you study 24 hours a day, you'll have a nervous breakdown. If furnaces are left on too long, all the oil is burned up. Find the middle of the road, the best of all worlds and you'll please the most people.

My advice to the Council of Colleges is to listen to what any country doctor would tell you—everything in moderation.

S.M.

Anne Lucey

All I wanted

All I wanted was a lousy cup of coffee. I waited in a long line at the local McDonald's. When the line diminished to two people ahead of me, the we-do-it-all-for-you clerk displayed the closed sign on her electronic cash register.

I gritted my teeth and walked to the back of a long line beside me. I held my breath until I grasped the cool stainless steel counter with my two hands. I gasped a sigh of relief knowing my dose of caffeine would soon be on its way.

"Hi, may I help you?" the pimply-faced boy of 16 asked me.

"Cup of coffee, two creams."

There. I'd said it. The coffee would be mine in moments.

But the teen-aged boy, without batting an eye, asked me point-blank: "Would you like a McChicken sandwich to go with that coffee?"

I looked at him in disbelief; what the hell is a McChicken anyway?

Figuring it must be a variant of a normal, everyday chicken sandwich with McDonald ethnicity, I flatly told him no.

I did it. I resisted the hard-sell tactic of the golden arches.

Those arches are something to be revered by proponents of big business. The sign on the front of the fast-food chain brags about billions of burgers sold across the nation; this doesn't even include all the Big Macs and McChickens.

When you are that big and beautiful, you can afford to rest on your laurels: the service of McDonald's restaurants can be impersonal and not so quick.

Have you ever employed the services of the drive-thru? This is an experience no American should miss. The best time to use the drive-up window is when you look so disgusting not even a one-hundred dollar bill lying on the ground could make you get out of your car. We all have our bad days. Unfortunately, they seem to be the same days when you've burned dinner or just don't want to cook. This is no longer a nightmare with the handy-dandy drive-thru. Run from your house to your car so quickly the neighbors can't see how revolting you look today, and drive right up to the plastic billboard menu. Be prepared to yell out your order to the little box adjacent to it and then be prepared to wait for what seems forever. Of course, supposing it's one of your bad days, you won't be first in line—a couple of station wagons filled with teen-agers who have ordered enough greasy burgers and shakes to slow the process will be ahead of you. And if it happens to be one of your good days, you will be first in line, but you will have to wait five minutes to have your order filled.

Five minutes may seem like a drop in the bucket of time, but for a restaurant that boasts of speedy service, it can be an eternity. However, the one thing those drive-up window clerks are quick at is taking your money, so have your money counted out. The clerks may be great at grabbing your money, but when it comes to returning the change, they fumble with it until your nickels and dimes are on the ground. Money isn't the only thing to end up in the space between the window and your car: shakes, fries and cartons of milk find their destiny there.

The trick to avoiding the frustration of the drive-up window is simply avoiding the drive-up window. But to do this, you must never, ever have a bad day or be afraid to get out of your car.

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Clarifying some points

To the Editor:

I find myself compelled to respond to Thursday's articles concerning WMEB, not in angry denial, but hopefully in clarification of some cloudy points. Firstly, it was not my intent to convey the idea that we serve 4,000 people every single day, but we do have the potential to serve that many people and more. With our special, exclusive programming we do indeed draw audiences that broach the local commercial stations' levels. Our general programming draws a consistent 5 percent from the Bangor market alone, according to the Arbitron rating system and survey taken last year. This number would be 4,000 people in the Bangor metro market is assumed to be 80,000, as it is.

Next I must add that this was a collective decision on the part of the station as a whole, not an answer provided solely by Tom Kevorkian.

Moving right along, in defense of my position that WMEB is not a social organization; we provide a dual service: as an educational facility, and as a community betterment organization. WMEB is a laboratory for broadcasting students, providing practical experience and posing theoretical problems. The station also is in a unique position that it is part of the community; exposed, somewhat vulnerable, and dedicated to the provision of alternative forms of broadcasting. Whether we are presenting music or sports or special events, we are presenting an alternative.

WMEB is different, we provide a format to the UMO community that no other student organization besides the *Maine Campus* can boast: daily, varied service appealing to a cross-section of our community. WMEB believes in equal representation, funding according to the needs and services provided by an organization and we categorically refuse to be treated as a second-rate group while we continue to provide first-rate programming.

Sincerely,
John Dodge
Co-sports Director

Petition's real purpose

To the Editor:

This is in response to a letter written by Roal Carlson in the April 15 issue of the *Campus*.

The letter was about the petition to put the Communist party on the ballot. The author stated that, "In effect, you do not have to believe in communism to sign the petition, just in democracy."

I'm afraid that somebody has misled the author and all the other people who signed that petition in the name of democracy. The petition was not to decide whether or not the communists have the right to be on the ballot. The purpose of the petition was to secure enough signatures for the communist candidates to be on the ballot, and there is a big difference. Kennedy, Carter, Bush, Reagan and all the other candidates had to do the same; their petitions were not to decide whether they had the right to be on the ballot, but to obtain enough signatures (as is required by law) to be on the ballot. I repeat, that was the purpose of the Communist petition—to gain enough signatures to be on the legal ballot. Did any of you signers think about that before you began to rant and rave about democracy? I think not.

For all those people who signed the petition in the name of democracy, I really believe that you did not know what you were doing. I didn't sign the petition, not because I believe the communists shouldn't be on the ballot. I didn't sign it for the same reason I did not sign Ronald Reagan's or Ted Kennedy's—because I do not support their views. The next time, think before you sign. It could save you a lot of trouble.

Sincerely,
Tony Mangione
316 Chadbourne Hall

Has potential

To the Editor:

I would like to call to the attention of the administrators their lack of thought in dealing with WMEB. Their cut in funding may reduce their "visible" costs, but it also reduces much potential income for them.

WMEB is, potentially, the best college radio station in New England. It has the backing of almost every major record company, the recognition of many publications and stations, an excellent record library and many unique and informative programs. It is my opinion that with the support of its own administration and the proper funding, WMEB could be the best college radio station in New England.

This recognition would attract many students interested in broadcasting. High school students interested in this field would definitely be much more interested in coming to UMO if it had the best radio station in New England. By investing more money in WMEB, more potential broadcasters would come to UMO and thus more tuitions would be collected.

So is it really to the financial advantage of the school to cut back WMEB? Perhaps the administration should reevaluate their economic policies or at least begin to look beyond immediate savings and at the total spectrum of things.

Sincerely yours,
Nikki Laventis
Stillwater Village

Morals, funding and Wilde-Stein

To the Editor:

If there was a club on campus whose activities included getting drunk and ransacking and stealing anything in sight, would they receive funding from the student government? Of course not. Why? Obviously, because it's wrong. But if the student government followed the Dunn Hall senator, Jim Pastorelli's logic that the student government is in no position to judge morals, then their reasons for refusing funding for such a group would be faulty.

If you don't think this is a realistic comparison, think again. There are plenty of people out there who think getting drunk or stealing is OK or at least justified at certain times. There are also a lot of people out there who think that homosexuality is OK. If the student government agrees to fund the Wilde-Stein Club on the grounds that they will not be a judge of morals, then they should agree to fund any group, regardless of that organization's beliefs or activities, because being drunk or stealing is no worse than homosexuality. They are all in opposition to God and the way we should be living our lives in a relationship with Him.

"Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God." This excerpt from I Corinthians 6 shows us that God has no scale of degree for those things that are wrong. They all come between man and God. But if the above situation arose in student government, they certainly would make a decision based on how morally wrong they thought one thing was compared to another.

As a Christian, I am opposed to the funding of the Wilde-Stein Club and any other club whose activities or beliefs are contrary to God's word. I would rather see my money being used to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, to see people realizing what God has to offer them, rather than having my money promote organizations whose activities and beliefs draw people away from God.

Thank-you,
Bill Mason
105 Aroostook

Apology

To the Editor:

I should like to apologize to the sociology department concerning a section of the letter I wrote discussing the impending loss of Professor Saundra Gardner.

I thought her course on sex roles was temporary; wrong. The design of that course, which Professor Gardner drew up, has been accepted by the department as a regular elective.

In addition, she is not the only professor within the department qualified to teach such a course. However, she *is* the only woman.

I apologize for any inconvenience to those concerned.

Cynthia Barnes

Common Market calls for action against Iran

LUXEMBOURG—America's European allies are taking action against Iran. The Common Market foreign ministers are ordering an immediate reduction in their diplomatic missions in Iran, according to officials at the ministers' conference in Luxembourg. They said the allies are also imposing an arms embargo against Iran and will send their ambassadors back to Tehran to urge the Iranian government to free the American hostages. And, if the hostages are no released by mid-May, the Common Market countries are threatening to impose economic sanctions against Iran.

Iraq officials execute Shiite Moslem leader

TEHRAN—Ayatollah Khomeini said Iran has confirmed that Iraq officials have executed Ayatollah Mohammed Baqer-Sadr, leader of Iraq's Shiite Moslem community. Most Iranians are also Shiites. And reports of Baqer-Sadr's death have touched off bloody clashes in Beirut between pro-Iraq and pro-Iran Shiite factions. Tehran radio said Khomeini has proclaimed a three day official mourning period in Iran for Baqer-Sadr.

Mobil Oil stops flow of new credit cards

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Mobil Oil said it wants to help President Carter fight inflation. So the nation's sixth-largest gasoline marketer has stopped issuing new credit cards. And it is going to make it tougher on the six million people who already hold them. Other major gasoline companies, including Exxon, Shell, Texaco and Gulf, said they might just follow suit.

Snow drought shows itself in water levels

AUGUSTA—The water that powers Maine's hydro-electric dams is lower than usual this spring.

A survey indicates that one third less water than usual is flowing through dams on the West Branch of Penobscot River.

Water tables in coastal Maine are three to four feet lower than usual and at higher elevations they are down even further.

The low levels are attributed to last winter's "snow drought" and will get lower unless the state receives substantial rain.

In at least one case, the low level means higher energy costs. Great Northern Paper Co. is having to burn more oil for power, because of reduced hydro-power from its six Penobscot River dams.

And the problem could be seen this summer in dry wells and low lake water levels.

Iran wants expulsion of American journalists

TEHRAN—Iran's Foreign Press Chief Abolghassem Sadegh accuses American journalists of distorting the news. And he's calling for the expulsion of U.S. reporters from his country. If he has his way, it will be the second time this year American journalists are sent out. It's presumed the decision is up to the foreign ministry and the ruling revolutionary council.

Iran strengthens ties with Eastern Europe

IRAN—Western sources said Iran has been courting Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union as potentially more active trading partners in case Western economic sanctions are put into effect. The Pars News Agency reported this week that the Soviet Union has given Iran permission to use Russian roads if they're needed to get around a U.S. sea blockade.

Two towns in Georgia find radium in water

ALAMO, Ga.—Many water problems are manmade. But not all.

The towns of Alamo and Mount Vernon, in Southern Georgia, found high-level radioactive pollution in their drinking water recently. And it wasn't because of any nuclear power plant or other nuclear activity. Mayor Emory Peacock of Alamo said naturally occurring radium was the trouble with the well involved. The two towns have set out to find new sources of water. And they recommend that pregnant women and babies drink bottled water in the meantime.

Mount Vernon Mayor J.M. Fountain refused to get excited about the situation. He said "I'm 56 years old and I've been drinking this water all my life. It's the best water in the country, in my opinion."

Environment becomes concern of new decade

AUGUSTA—Tuesday marked the tenth anniversary of Earth Day in Maine and elsewhere, a time for reflections on the environment.

The head of Maine's largest environmental group said the quality of Maine's air and the health and size of its wildlife population will come under considerable pressure in the new decade.

Robert Gardiner, director of the Natural Resources Council, said air quality will be the most persistent environmental challenge to Maine between now and 1990.

He said he expects the problem of "acid rain" to get worse. Acid rain is a pollution caused by emissions from power plants as far away as the Midwest.

Gardiner said he expects at least one major power generating plant will be built in Maine in the current decade but did not say where.

Central Maine Power Co. wants to build a large coal burning plant on Sears Island off Searsport in Penobscot Bay. The Public Utilities Commission, having rejected the original application, is considering CMP's reapplication to build the plant.

Iran threatens to bar oil exports to our allies

TEHRAN—Officials said they'll bar oil exports forever to countries that join the U.S. sanctions against Iran. The oil threat comes as European Common Market foreign ministers meet for a second day in Luxembourg to consider joining the U.S. boycott.

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World Tour on Ice lights up Alfond Arena

by Nancy Storey

The Harold A. Alfond Arena was clothed in pagentry Saturday night with its third annual ice show, entitled "World Tour on Ice," directed by Nancy Yarborough and Peggy Peter and sanctioned by the Portland Skating Club.

Over 100 members of the Alfond Arena's skating club participated in this show along with ten feature skaters from the skating club in Edmunston, N.B.

"World Tour on Ice" took a look at different country's customs and music. Skaters varying in age from pre-schoolers to middle-aged skated and performed to the music.

A large crowd was on hand to witness such excellent skating as was performed by Josee Cayoutte and Paul March, ages nine and ten, who were two fine young skaters from the Edmunston club. Donald Pellitier and Debbie Long, also of Edmunston, captured the hearts of the audience with the dance on ice that they performed with ease, grace and confidence.

All the different groups of the Alfond Arena's skating club acted out customs of different countries with the pre-schoolers, beginning in Japanese costume.

Skaters from the novice group skated in full costume to music from such countries as China, India and Scotland. The adult skating class even took part in the show, dancing an Australian waltz on skates, while dressed in tuxedos and formal dresses.

The advanced skating group drew cheering from the audience as they danced to music from countries such as Brazil and the United States.

Featured skaters were the main attraction and it was these athletes who held the audience with their ability, poise and grace. The audience endured the little acts of the different countries, looking forward to the skillful skating of the more seasoned performers.

Featured skaters from UMO included Anita Dunham on "Russia," Sue Everett on "China," Sue Raymond on "Saudi Arabia," Jani Swett on "England," Karin Netland on "Netherlands," Kim Khoury on "Brazil," and Pam Forbes on "Mexico."

The UMO ice skating physical education class skated the "France" and "Mexico" numbers.

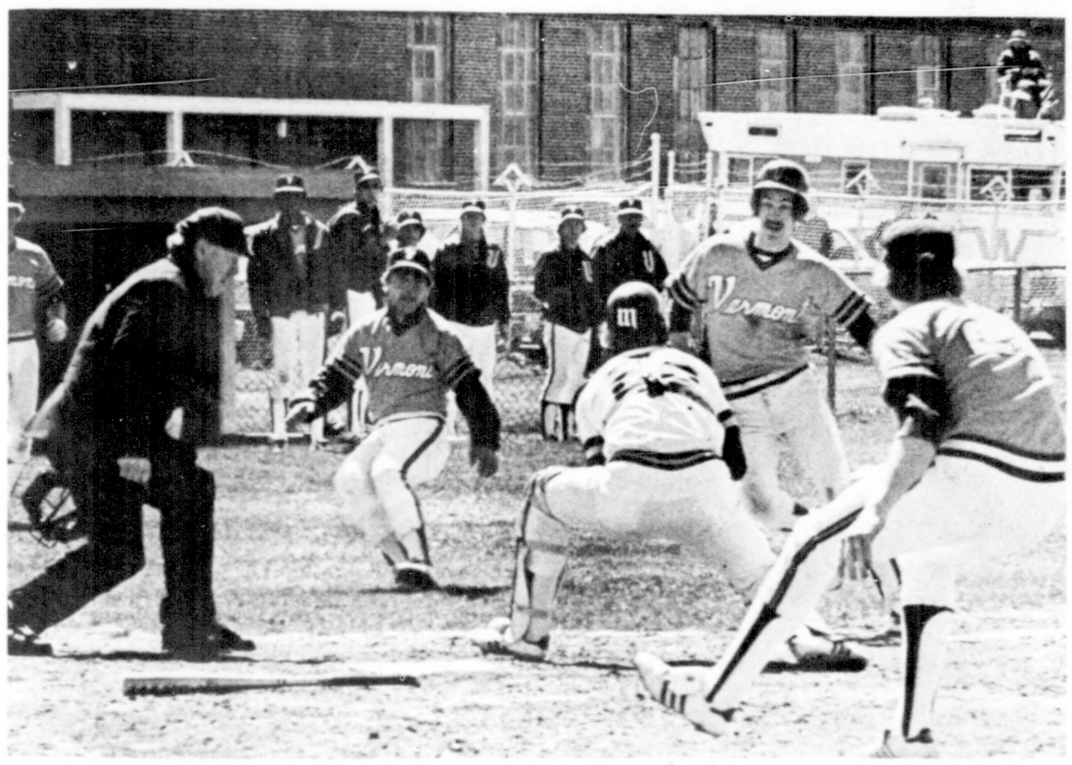
Even Bananas the Bear and Merwin the Magician had parts in the show, acting out the countries of Scandanavia and South Africa, respectively.

Along with the two couples mentioned previously, Lynn Cyr, from Edmunston club, John Hatcher from Portland's skating club, Mary Reed, a twelve-year-old star from Woolwich, Maine and many others performed solos or duets which were the high points of the show.

Donald Pellitier, who skated in a duet and a solo, was probably the most loved among the crowd as he did aerials, camel splints, 2½ flying twists, axels and many more amazing moves.

The show's director, Nancy Yarborough, was also a crowd pleaser as she skated to Neil Diamond's *September Morn*. Her smooth skating coupled with her graceful hand motion, jumps and turns were appreciated by the crowd which in turn pleased her by throwing many carnations onto the ice.

Although some of the group acts were a little amaturish and could have used considerable more practice, overall the ice show would have to be deemed a shining success.



Vermont baserunner is a dead duck at the plate as Maine catcher Ed Pickett readies to apply the tag in action in game one of Saturday's twinbill. Looking on from left to right are UVM coach Jack Legget, umpire, and on-deck batter. [photo by Don Powers]

Women's winner puzzles B.A.A.

Rosie Ruiz, the woman suspected of faking her record-setting victory in Monday's Boston Marathon, also is under suspicion for her performance in last year's New York City Marathon. The President of the New York Roadrunners Club, Fred Lebow, said yesterday the club is reviewing its video tape, movies and slides of last year's race to determine if Ruiz actually finished in two hours, 26 minutes, 29 seconds. Lebow says in light of what happened in Boston, her finish in New York last year is questionable.

According to Lebow, when Ruiz handed in her application for the New York race, she said she figured on finishing in about four hours and ten minutes. There were no questions when she did much better than that, he said, because she placed only 23rd among women. Lebow says he talked with five top women finishers in Boston, at least a dozen men who finished in her time frame, radio reporters and others at the various checkpoints...and none of them saw her at any point yesterday. Others, however, have jumped to the defense of the 26-year-old Ruiz. Some Boston-area radio and TV stations have been getting calls from people who say they saw Ruiz along the 26 mile route. One woman says she stared Ruiz straight in the eye as she gave her a sip of water.

Black Bear baseball notes

by Scott Cole
Staff writer

Yesterday's baseball doubleheader between UMO and the University of Southern Maine turned out to be a real "snow job."

The spitting snow mixed with rain halted plans for a 1p.m. twinbill on Mahaney Diamond. The Black Bears and Huskies will make up the contests on May 10th, the Saturday after the last day of classes. Those ballgames will put the wraps on Maine's regular season and will finish off a busy stretch of baseball for the Bears. On May 8th they will be in Worcester playing Holy Cross, on the 9th, they'll be in Boston taking on Boston College.

Between the snow flakes, John Winkin got some good news from the weekly New England coaches' poll. Winkin's N.E. coaching peers voted the Black Bears into the number two spot out of seven teams. Maine received one first place vote while poll leader Massachusetts picked up the rest. Winkin said he was not surprised at his team's escalation to the top of the poll commenting, "We are the only team on a streak right now."

UMass rose to the top said Winkin because they won the Eastern Eight tourney.

Times they are a changin' department...Just two weeks ago after Maine's meltdown in Storrs at the hands of the do-no-wrong UConn Huskies, the Bears did not even make the top seven in the coaches' poll and were reeling. Meanwhile UConn was riding high on the top. This Week? Well you now know where the Bears and their 16-8-1 record are at. But UConn? Try sixth place with an 8-15 record on for size.

Winkin says he wouldn't mind going into the post-season tourney ranked number two because the pressure is less and the motivation is strong to slay number one.

The Bears swing back into action Saturday at high noon hosting New Hampshire in a doubleheader. Look for Skip Clark and Tom Mahan to be on the hill for the Black Bears.

The Maine Campus talked to NBA coaches, scouts, and personnel directors about Rufus Harris' chances in the upcoming draft.

Read the pros' evaluation of Harris in Friday's Campus.

Would you deny 62 American workers their legal right to cast a secret ballot for what they believe in?

As a student preparing for spring commencement, you face the usual task of ordering a cap and gown for the occasion. This spring, however, the selection you make could have a most unusual effect on the fate of the workers of America's oldest and most distinguished vestment company.

The company is Cotrell and Leonard, an as yet un-unionized garment house based in Albany, N.Y. Cotrell and Leonard has traditionally supplied the most prestigious colleges in the east with commencement robes. As you may already know, this company is in the throes of a heated labor dispute. This dispute was initiated by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) 8 months ago.

Today, thirty Cotrell and Leonard employees are out on strike against what they claim are "unfair labor practices." These workers, half of whom averaged less than a year with the company when they sided with the ILGWU, are picketing under the direction of Local 163.

Sixty-two Cotrell and Leonard employees, many of them with 10-15 or more years service, are not striking. They believe their working conditions are fine and have signed petitions and counter-picketed to express this belief.

A mass boycott of Cotrell and Leonard graduation caps and gowns could have that effect.

The management of Cotrell and Leonard believes that the real motivation for the strike is not "unfair labor practices," but is a bid for recognition by the ILGWU Local 163.

Federal law provides for a simple and equitable solution to any strike for union recognition. It is a secret ballot election among all of the workers, striking and non-striking, to determine if a majority are for or against a union. The management of Cotrell and Leonard has offered from the start to abide by the wishes of its workers as expressed in a legal secret ballot conducted by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The union, however, has chosen to complicate matters. They have employed every delay tactic they can think of to deter an election they perhaps know they can't win. Now they are trying to win in another way by asking you to be part of their pressure tactics.

Recently members of the ILGWU have been touring eastern campuses in an effort to institute a mass student boycott of Cotrell and Leonard graduation robes. Because graduation rentals constitute the bulk of the company's sales, this boycott could literally put the company out of business and put its employees out of work.

Thus, Cotrell and Leonard, and its sixty-two working employees appeal to you to do business with them as usual. Let them serve the academic community as they have for the past 80 years. Let due process take its moral and legal course to determine the outcome of this dispute.

Do not join in dubious battle over the choice of a cap or a gown. An idealistic boycott is simply not in line with the facts in this case. By keeping Cotrell and Leonard thriving, you will allow its workers to voice their opinions, loudly and clearly, in a secret ballot election they sincerely want.