

Ursus Major mascot

Maine's top Banana bears up under pressure

by Liz Hale
Staff writer

Most everyone has seen Bananas the Bear at some event...a football, basketball, or hockey game, or just bopping along a campus walkway.

But there's a man inside the UMO mascot, and we went to take a look at him. "I wouldn't trade this job for the world," said Geoffrey W. Miller. "Who wants the world?"

Miller, a senior theatre major, has been Bananas since fall of 1979.

Although he terms doing the games

"terrific," Miller prefers appearing at non-athletic events. "There is more of an interaction with people. At an athletic event, they expect you to keep them entertained."

Ocasionally, people looking for entertainment will hassle Bananas. "There are several ways to deal with wise-guys," said Miller. "Sometimes I turn it back onto the person by mimicing him. However, if he is bigger than I am, I mimic from a distance, or think of something else."

"Even though people are rowdy, they really don't mean any harm," said Miller. "I believe there is something special about

the bear. He's the mascot. Harass as much as they will, no one will ever harm him physically...I hope."

Miller said he finds the different reactions of the children fascinating. "Some will gently reach out a hand to touch me," he said, while others will run and hide behind their mothers. Others will come and pound on me, while still others want to be picked up and carried around a bit. When I had a heat stroke, the children were the most concerned. They drove everyone crazy asking if the bear was going to be o.k."

This year Miller plans to expand and

develop the bear's character. "I think people can look for a zanier bear this year," he said. "I'm going to be appearing in a lot more places at very strange times...so a note to the students 'watch out...you'll never know where the bear will be next.'"

Miller's first public job as Bananas came in the spring of 1979. He went to South Portland's Maine Mall with some cheerleaders who were to judge a competition.

"A little girl, barely walking, came up to me holding a balloon," Miller said. "I had to kneel, as she only reached my knees."

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Roberta Worrick, state coordinator for title I-A of the Higher Education act, may be facing the loss of her job due to federal cutbacks. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

Apathy and confusion clouds union election

by George W. Roche
Staff writer

"Thank God it's soon going to be over," and "it's been a real pain in the ass," seem to be the prevailing attitudes of the university clerks and lab technicians that will be voting over the weekend to decide which union will represent them at the bargaining table with the University of Maine.

Despite attempts by both the Maine Teachers' Association and the Teamster's Union to inform university clerks and employees of their respective labor stances, many of these workers are going to vote this weekend with little or no knowledge of either union.

Ballots will be mailed to the university system's Clerical Officers and Lab Tech-

nicians (COLT) bargaining unit today.

"I've just gotten off probation," confided one worker. My first vote and no one from each side has approached me."

"I don't know what's going on," said another. "I just don't care that much."

A large number of university employees contacted did not want to discuss the issue at all. Everyone interviewed who is involved in the vote requested anonymity because of fears of harassment and high pressure tactics.

As one worker said, "If word gets around how you feel, well, someone higher up may not like that."

Although the MTA finished first in last spring's runoff election, their absence from last Tuesday's debate caused one lab

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Lack of funding threatening jobs

by Paul Fillmore
Staff writer

The future of some federally funded jobs in the University of Maine system is up in the air, while awaiting word from Congress on the fate of the Higher Education Act.

"It's a very unclear situation," said Roberta Worrick, Maine state coordinator for title I-A of the Higher Education Act.

"Not only me, but everyone involved with the Higher Education Act is wondering what will happen after Oct. 1," Worrick said. The first of October marks the beginning of the government's fiscal year and no funds have been allocated for the program after Sept. 30.

A revision of the act was voted down in the Senate recently after being passed by the House and a joint conference committee of the House and Senate. The Higher Education Act covers such programs as the National Direct Student Loan program the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant programs as well as other federally financed continuing education programs.

Both of Maine's senators, Sen. William Cohen and Sen. George Mitchell voted against the revised version of the bill. The final vote was 43-45.

Worrick noted when Congress decided to balance the budget, they slashed educational funding first. "When congress was cutting back, they couldn't cut defense or social security," she said, "so they started with the small educational programs." Worrick's program was cut back more than \$50,000 during the last fiscal year.

Worrick is not the only person who is wondering how much federal money will be coming in during the next fiscal year.

Phillip DuFour, director of sponsored program division of the office of research and public service, said, "We won't know (how much money we will get) until the funding is passed."

There is a chance that, even if the current bill is killed and Congress adjourns, a continuing resolution will be passed to keep the programs running until the new session decides on its fate.

"I think they will do something so the programs in the Higher Education Act will continue," said Worrick, "but it is likely to continue in a slightly revised form."

According to Edward Hackett, director of the continuing education division of the office of research and public service,

programs running on federally funded money "might stay for two or three years then disappear. That's what happens with soft (federally funded) money that is not included in the university budget," he said. "Someday the funding can be discontinued."

Herpes poses health hazards

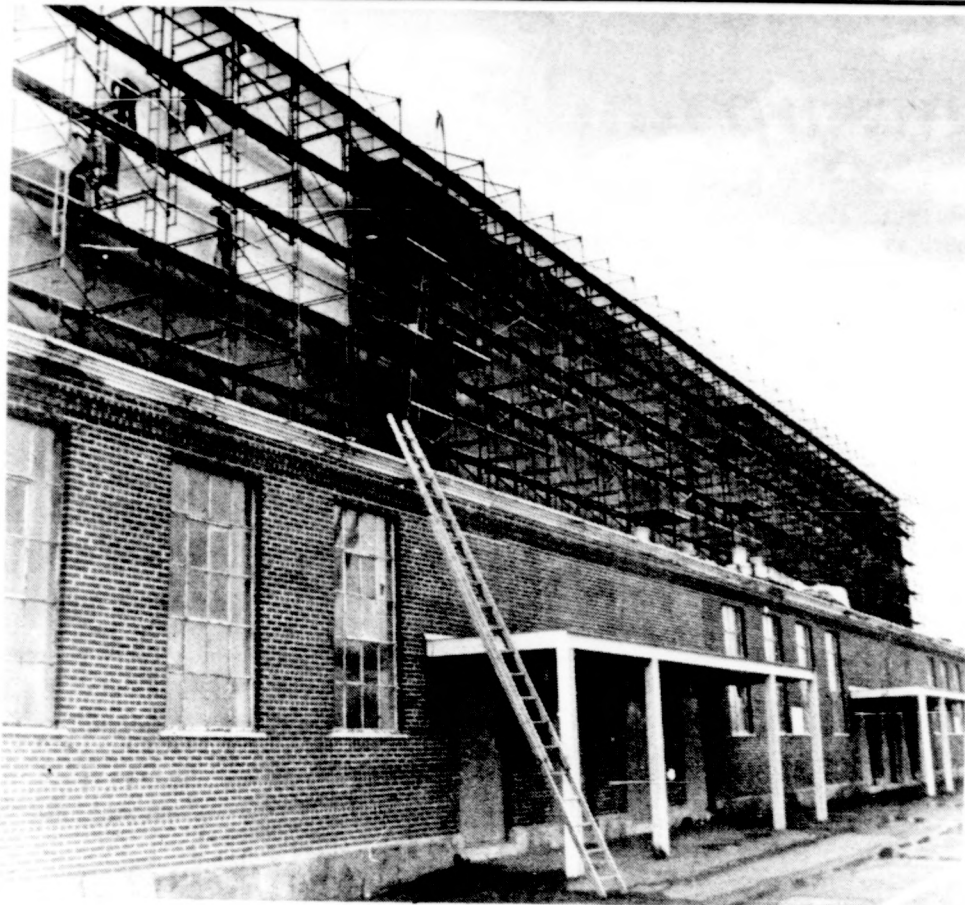
by Scott Milliken
Staff writer

Chances are very good that you have been, or will be, affected by the fastest spreading infection in the world-herpes.

Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 (HSV-1) is the medical term for a condition characterized by fever blisters and "cold sores", generally found above the waist. Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 (HSV-2) is a form of venereal disease which, amny officials believe, occurs as frequently as gonorrhea or syphilis. These two infections are the most common among five herpes viruses which are widespread throughout the world. (The others are called Varicella Zoster Virus, Cytomegalovirus, and Epstein-barr Virus). It has been estimated that up to 80 percent of the world's adult population has been affected by at least two of these viruses.

"Cold sores" and fever blisters, associated with HSV-1, are caused by a virus probably acquired during infancy. More than 75 percent of adults carry the virus in their skin cells, saliva, or other body secretions. In most cases this virus is "latent", living among body tissues with no sign of infection. It is believed that certain "stressful" situations, like sickness, sunburn,

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Workers are covering the old banks of windows on the sides of the fieldhouse in an effort to winterize the fieldhouse. (Photo by David Lloyd-Rees)

Field House insulation to be finished by winter

by Steve Peterson
Staff writer

With the advent of a cold winter showing its first signs this past week area residents have turned to the annual ritual of installing storm windows and doors.

The University of Maine has also involved itself in this energy saving task by winterizing the 10,000 square-foot wall of glass surrounding the Memorial Field House.

The project is part of a winterization and conservation effort and will result in substantial energy savings for the university. The glass in the fieldhouse along with two smaller walls, are being renovated with a minimum of inconvenience to the student body and athletes as well.

The Field House project, begun in 1978, with the installation of the south wall, is expected to be completed by mid-October and estimated energy savings at the facility could be as high as \$55-60,000 a year.

John J. McCormack, project engineer with UMO's department of engineering services, is overseeing the \$190,000 project, which is being funded by the

National Energy Conservation Policy Act. Half the funding is provided by the act and the other half has been split by the University of Maine system and UMO. The federal grant was obtained through a state program in the Department of Energy.

"Those savings are only an estimate," said McCormack. "They have been taken from an energy conservation computer print out that has been used for other campus buildings."

McCormack has stressed that the insulating work, both inside and out, is being done with a minimum of inconvenience to the universities athletic programs, which rely heavily on the Field House for practice and training sessions.

Layers of insulating are being applied to the outside of the glass while insulated curtains are being hung inside for aesthetic and acoustical reasons.

The added expense of lights in the Field House being on all day, "has already been figured into the savings figures," said McCormack. McCormack added, "The project has gone very smoothly. We have had no problems and expect to be finished before this winter."

Out-of-state students can vote on no-nuke question

by Stephen Betts
Staff writer

It's quick, it's simple and even out-of-state students can do it.

UMO students, including those from outside of Maine, will be able to register and cast their ballot in the Nuclear Power Shutdown Referendum set for Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Several residents of the Bangor Community College reported that information had been given to them on Tuesday and Wednesday stating that only those people who have resided in the state for a minimum of six months could vote in the election.

Anne Perkins, chairperson for the Bangor branch of the Nuclear Referendum Committee, an anti-nuclear organization, said that several students had been told incorrect information concerning voter registration. "My main concern is that people at BCC are getting the wrong information," Perkins said. "They should know that anyone who resides here can vote."

Teresa Brennan, head of the board of voter registration for Bangor, agreed with Perkins on the eligibility for participating in the Sept. 23 referendum. "Being a student doesn't make you eligible or ineligible to vote," Brennan said. "We make the determination when you come in."

Deputy Secretary of State, James Henderson, said that it is easy for students attending college in Maine to vote, even though they may be from a state other than Maine.

"All a student has to do is to go to the board of registration and decide that this will be their voting residence," Henderson said. "The only other requirement is that they must tell the registrar he or she plans on remaining at their present residence for an indefinite period of time."

The deputy secretary of state added that

it would be advisable for a student to bring some sort of identification with them to prove their residence. "Any ID should be sufficient, even a letter addressed to them at their present location," Henderson said.

Henderson reminded students that once a student designates his voting residence at one community they automatically give up their prior voting residence eligibility. Voting at more than one place in a single election is classified as a Class D crime and is punishable by a maximum of a year in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Newman Center, on College Avenue in Orono. For BCC students, the voting booths will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the BCC gymnasium. Off-campus students should check with their respective town halls for voting times and places.



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Both are against shut-down referendum**Professor, student work for Maine Yankee**by Stacy Viles
Staff writer

The Committee to Save Maine Yankee, which contends that the operation of the nuclear energy plant in Wiscasset is a lesser evil than the other energy options,

has extended its membership into the UMO community.

"I am convinced that the risks of continued operation (of the plant) are less than the risks of substitute energies," said Richard C. Hill, professor of mechanical engineering and an active member of the

committee.

"The thing that nobody talks about is that we're at the end of the fossil fuel era," he said. "No one talks about the implications of shutting it down."

Hill has done television commercials, written letters to the editor of the Bangor Daily News and has given talks through local civic groups for Maine Yankee since joining the committee early this summer.

"Petroleum should not be squandered," he said, going on to explain that there are other more important uses for it such as the feed stock for the petro-chemical industry, pharmaceutical products, fertilizer and fabrics. "As much as they have looked," Hill said, "there is no way to run a vehicle without petroleum. Anything else would run crummy."

"Oil is a costly and dangerous substitute," Hill said in a letter to Charles J. O'Leary, president of the Maine AFL-CIO. "Costly because we import or draw down our oil reserves at the rate of five barrels of six we consume. Dangerous because we keep two carrier task forces in the Arabian Sea to protect about one billion barrels of these imports. I could go through the other alternatives—everything from synthetic fuels to windmills—nothing looks very good. Nuclear is not that bad. The only thing that looks better is conservation."

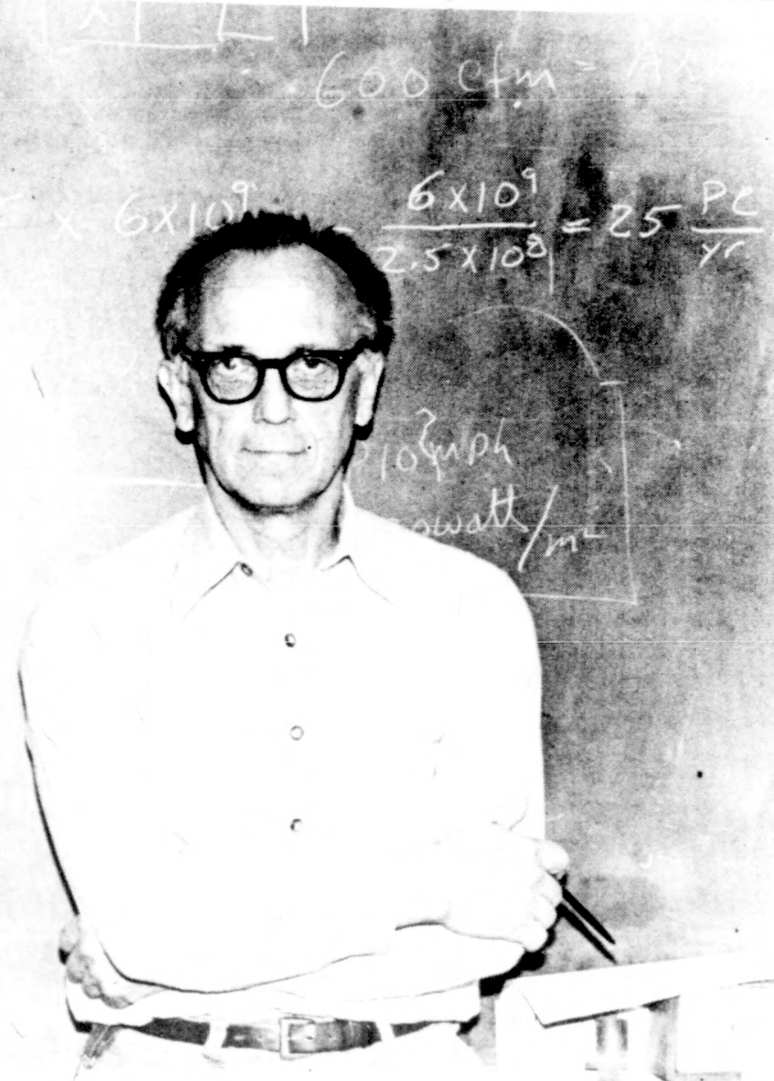
Another one of the committees 30,000 members is Frank Card, president of the Inter-dormitory Board.

According to Card, a senior physics major from Bowdoin, "the committee was formed for the education of the public."

Approximately 10 weeks ago, Card said he took a tour of Maine Yankee with the plant manager and John Menario, chairman of the Save Maine Yankee committee and former director of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce and former Port-

land city manager. Although certain federal regulations limit who can view the site, Card was given clearance, he said, "because of his major."

"I'm not strongly supporting nuclear power," Card said, "but I do not support the shutting down of Maine Yankee because it will allow further dependence on foreign oil supply."



Prof. Richard Hill is one professor who is strongly in favor of nuclear power. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

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technician to remark, "If they are so interested in representing us, then how come they wouldn't compare proposals at the debate in front of everyone?"

A department secretary explained why she was going to vote for the Teamsters. "The MTA represents the faculty and I don't think they can do both fairly."

The MTA is not without its supporters and one of the more vocal said, "From

what I've heard about the Teamsters, I would rather be represented by the MTA."

The outcome of the election is uncertain and the response from the workers is mixed. A key factor could be how many turn out to vote. Sixty percent of the COLT employees are expected to cast their ballots, which will be compiled in Augusta Sept. 29.

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Asbestos issue still alive

The approximately 11,000 students on this campus several things in common.

We all take classes, all look forward to Christmas break and all have the possibility of breathing in asbestos dust sometime during our stay here.

In recent years, the potential dangers associated with asbestos have caused alarm across the country. UMO is no exception.

Many of the over 60 buildings at UMO were built with varying amounts of asbestos, much of it in wall or ceiling plaster. This fact can not be changed. However, certain steps can be taken to insure that the asbestos implanted in these buildings many years ago does not come back to haunt students of the future.

Dormitories are probably the most used and lived-in buildings on campus. They are also where most of the asbestos in most of UMO's 21 dorms, and soon after, one of these dorms, Penobscot Hall, had 190 drums of asbestos-laden plaster removed.

Although the other dormitories have similar amounts of asbestos, no action seems to be planned for the near future.

An issue such as this deserves prompt action.

Director of the Physical Plant Alan Lewis recently said that the plaster in

UMO's dorms, which contains approximately five percent asbestos, is safe.

Although I respect his judgement, the almost casual attitude of the university toward this issue is disturbing. The carcinogenic properties in asbestos, when inhaled, do not show their affects for 10-20 years. The full affects of asbestos are uncertain at best. Studies continue to be done on how best to dispose of large amounts of asbestos.

Two of the most used remedies are painting over the area containing asbestos with a special sealant or removing the asbestos-laden material outright.

Both of these alternatives, however, take rather long periods of time to carry out. And with school in session, the time isn't available.

Therefore, UMO officials should have an easy enough time passing on a solution to some arbitrary date in the future. But soon enough, the problem will have to be addressed. As large amounts of plaster containing asbestos was taken out of Penobscot Hall, soon the same will have to be done in other halls.

Students should not let the issue of asbestos on campus die. They should ask questions and they should get answers and they should see it through to the end.

S. O.

A loss to UMO

The University of Maine at Orono will miss James Harmon.

Since his own graduation from this campus in 1940, through his 24 years as director of admissions, he has been a fixture at Orono.

As a result of a recent stroke, he will not be returning as director of admissions. But he will not be forgotten.

As head of the admissions office, he WAS UMO to thousands of incoming students each year. Through his efforts and ability, the quality of new students at

UMO increased significantly and is still on the rise.

During his many years at this university, James Harmon made countless contributions which in many ways, both big and small, changed the university.

Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Aceto called Harmon "a kind of institution here." That about says it all.

UMO will not forget James Harmon, and we wish him all the best.

Tom Kevorkian

Midnight madness

The Eastern media has done it again. They (T.V., radio, and newspaper) have manipulated an ignorant public into believing that if Reagan occupies the white House in '81, Veazie will be blown off the map. Je ne sais pas. Americans still seem to be searching for "the" dream candidate. Maybe Jim Lange should host the Presidential debates. I'd give my 2 nose hairs to anybody on this campus that could tell me who Pat Buchanan and George F. Will are. It is simply amazing how five minutes of network news brings out so many political experts. And to recollect on how Kennedy could campaign for months with but a scant mention of his highly controversial Criminal Code Reform Bill.

Still, this does not bother me as much as FCM-Fund For A Conservative Majority. A 1976 Supreme Court ruling stated that independent groups could spend a limited amount of money on political causes. This has sparked a cut-throat witch hunt in the same country that believes the Soviet Union is a communist country. The National Conservative Political Action

'This has sparked a cut-throat witch hunt in the same country that believes the Soviet Union is a communist country.'

Committee (one of several FCM divisions) has been collecting millions of dollars through direct mail in their quest to unseat 5 liberal senators seeking re-election this fall. Inflation, defense spending, gun control, and abortion issues have become the focus of NCPA's advertising strategy. However, the director, John Dolan, espouses (college word of the week) that images and not issues are important. For instance, Frank Church of Idaho was a target of 150 daily radio spots for 5 straight days within his own home state. George McGovern (remember amnesty, acid, and abortion in '72?) has also been under considerable attack, depicted as a political baby killer among other descriptions. By law, FCM's efforts cannot be directly related to the support of another candidate. This unethical situation condones the black-balling. In this instance, the Federal election laws are pathetic. Yet the American public is paying right into the hands of their biggest critics: the media and the federal government. And the band played on.

Fortunately, Tom Kevorkian is not a broadcasting major, but unfortunately, he is from Sudbury Mass.

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This moose may not care about the nuclear referendum, but it is concerned about the upcoming moose season. (Photo by Jon Simms)

Herpes Warning

To the Editor:

Cold sores, fever blisters, or Herpes occur frequently in the general population. These painful recurring sores are caused by the virus Herpes Simplex and can be infectious. Cutler Health Center has a safe, simple treatment for these sores.

If you or another student you

know are bothered by these recurring blisters, the Health Center can help. With this virus, the first day you suspect a cold sore is the best day to begin treatment.

Mary M. Dietrich, M.D.
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Elm recommendations

To the Editor:

I commend Campana, Swasey, and Dufor on their maintenance of the elms, and mention that the rewards might last longer through the application of fertilizer and systemic pesticide (anti-bark beetle) in the form of self-contained capsule injections.

While damage to the growth and form of the seedlings is indeed obvious, it certainly need not be permanent. The unequal growth patterns can be rectified by judicious

pruning at this time. Long range planning of each tree, its leaders and major laterals can be initiated now, while still a ground operation, obviating high-cost, aerial, corrective pruning during maturity. A program of granular feeding and development pruning should prepare the ashes for their future status, while sparing the elms for our aesthetic appreciation.

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commentary

Anderson and Longley

Stephen Betts

The public opinion polls show him a distant third in a three man race. The "professional" politicians call him a spoiler with no chance of winning, a man without a party and no political base on which to build.

Despite this, James Longley took the oath of office for governor in January, 1975. Now, six years later another maverick is attempting to turn the political process upside down.

This man is Congressman John B. Anderson.

The similarities between Anderson and Longley are more numerous than the differences. Longley came to power at a time when voter dissatisfaction was at its height, following the traumatic Watergate years. Six years later polls show apathy at all time highs.

In '74 the two party candidates for governor tore at each others like wild dogs after a piece of raw meat. In 1980 Carter and Reagan are trading verbal barbs at every opportunity.

And just like the Maine gubernatorial contest of 1974 the independent is being virtually ignored by the major party candidates. Anderson, like Longley is being counted lightly.

Underestimating Anderson is a dangerous strategy. The independent candidate has served in the House of Representatives for a congressional district in Illinois that is considered one of the most conservative in the country. Yet Anderson has been

able to gain reelection again and again, even though his stands and voting records have turned progressively more liberal.

This has been a volatile election year. Candidates popularities have fluctuated more than the Dow Jones Index. Last fall, Senator Kennedy looked like a shoe-in for the Democratic nomination, but just several months later his fortunes soured and Carter held the upper hand. The same is true with the Republican race. After his surprising victory in the Iowa caucuses, George Bush was designated as the Republican frontrunner. Now Bush is playing second banana to his arch rival Ronald Reagan.

Admittedly Anderson is a long shot candidate. No third party candidate has come close to winning the American presidency. Theodore Roosevelt gave it a valiant try in 1912 and George Wallace was able to capture the electoral votes of several southern states. Yet in this year of mediocre candidates, Anderson stands above them all.

Anderson will have no special interests to serve. He will not have the worries of giving out porkbarrel legislation for members of his own party. He has only the people to answer to. Though a long shot it can be done. It's as simple as placing a check in the box named Anderson on November 4.

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UMO offers its own brand of this art in the form of classes taught by Bruce Barker, a fourth degree black belt. Barker teaches two classes each semester, one for beginners and one for more advanced students.

"The beginners concentrate on stretching and flexibility exercises," said Barker.

eight, or one to ten, depending on the system," said Barker. "Six through ten are usually honorary degrees."

Karate is an art practiced by both men and women, although males make up the greatest proportion of students in Barker's classes.

"I think this is caused by the way society is structured," said Barker. "Karate is considered masculine because it is often viewed as a sport of breaking boards or fighting. This is not considered feminine activity."

"It's the opposite of dance, and I see a gradual integration between the two," he added. "We may see a balance of



Instructor Bruce Baker demonstrates his muscle control by a practice kick just missing the head of Mike Shottafer. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

"They learn the basic karate techniques of punching, blocking, and kicking."

"The advanced class ranges in people and experience," added Barker. "Students go from beginners to advanced after they take one full semester of the beginner's classes and pass a white belt test. In the white belt test they demonstrate to me what they have learned, and are passed to the appropriate level."

The levels in karate are designated by belts. In the system followed by Barker, the eight lower ranks are white, yellow, orange, blue, green, purple, red, and brown. After these ranks are achieved, the student moves into degrees of black belts.

"Black belts range in degree from one to

participation between the martial arts and dance."

Barker sees no reason why females should not participate in karate.

"They are just as capable," he said. "Generally men have the advantage in strength while women have the advantage in their fluid movements and speed."

Classes at UMO are attended by men and women for a variety of reasons.

"I need an outlet for my frustrations," said Donna Park, a junior music major. "It helps me to relax and forget everything that has gone on all day. It clears your mind."

"My first interest in karate was in high school," she said. "I took lessons in



High kicks are just part of the sport of karate, knowing how to fall and block blows are other aspects of it. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

Connecticut, and the teacher was not very good. Barker is very good, he's not just out to make money. He really likes what he's doing."

Another student, Stephen Chelsey, a junior from Enfield, Maine, has always been interested in karate.

"I live in Aroostook Hall, and the lessons are so close I decided to take advantage of them," he said. "I like Bruce's teaching. He's been around for a long time. Karate is not just a sport, it's an art."

David Lloyd-Rees, a sophomore, became interested in karate because his cousin is a black belt. He has achieved a high blue belt which is two degrees below a black belt.

"I'm studying Tae-Kwon-Do, which is a form of military karate," he said. "I started studying in Manchester, Conn. three years ago because I'd seen what shape my cousin was in and I wanted that kind of control over my body."

Not all the students attending classes were returnees. The beginners class has 60 students, but Barker doesn't expect all of them to stay.

"It's an excellent size for a starting group," Barker said. "We usually have 50-60 percent of original group at the end of the semester."

Tony Seymour, a junior, is attending his first karate classes.

"It's something I always wanted to do," he said. "Some of my friends and I decided to do it together. We made a commitment."

"I like the class. It's a lot of stretching and a great deal of concentration," Seymour said. "There's so much to learn."

Besides semester classes at UMO, Barker teaches in Bangor during the summer.

"I like Maine because it's less crowded and has natural settings," Barker said. "Besides karate, my main interest is nature. The money is better out of state, but I like it here."

Registrations for Barker's karate classes will be accepted until Tuesday. The course fee is \$50, and the classes are held Tuesday and Thursday nights in Lengyel Gym. Beginner classes are at 6:00 and advanced at 7:30.

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Wheelchair festival to boost elevator fund

by Tim McCloskey
Staff writer

Two UMO students are organizing a festival, which will be held Oct. 25 in the Stewart Commons parking lot, to benefit the Memorial Union elevator fund.

Dennis Daigle and Judy Roberts are organizing the First Annual Pine Tree State Wheelchair Festival. The event will include competition for wheelchair-bound people as well as competition for able-bodied people willing to compete in wheelchairs.

Daigle, a broadcasting major, said there will be several different races and several different classes to compete in, with trophies going to the winners of each event.

The festival will begin with a 100 yard dash in the Stewart Commons parking lot and will be followed by a race over an obstacle course, Daigle said. In the next event, people will compete in a contest for the longest distance traveled in a wheelchair while doing a wheelie. "To top it off, the final event will be a mile and a half cross country race," Daigle said.

The cross country race will start at the parking lot and will go three quarters of a mile to the farm road and then turn around and come back to the finish line.

"We'll take able-bodied volunteers for the event of their choice—basically it's an open challenge," he added.

In addition, there will be an arm wrestling contest for any interested

persons, Daigle said.

Two trophies will be awarded for the 100 yard dash as well as the cross country race. For each race one will go to the motorized wheelchair winner and one will go to the manual wheelchair winner.

"I've managed to raise \$150 from the area merchants," Daigle said. "We're still looking for donations to pay for the trophies" and of course for the elevator fund, Daigle added.

Roberts, a social welfare major, noted that the goal for the festival is to raise \$1,200 to reach the required amount of money in order to build the elevator in the Union.

"We want to get a whole bunch of people together and have a really good time," Roberts said. Her phone number is 866-4659.

Each competition will have separate races for motorized wheelchairs and the participants in each event will receive a T-shirt with the "First Annual Pine Tree State Wheelchair Festival" printed on the front and "Luna Base 1" printed on the back.

Luna Base 1 has agreed to donate a keg of beer for the wheelchair-bound people at a celebration following the festival. The celebration will feature One Last Swing and will take place from five to eight p.m.

Extra wheelchairs will be on hand for the able-bodied persons wishing to compete in the events.

There will be a one dollar admission charge to the Stewart Commons lot and the proceeds will go to the elevator fund. The festival will begin at noon and continue until four p.m.



Terry Millett, a child development major, is one handicapped student who will be able to participate in the state Wheelchair Festival. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

Bert and I spins Maine tales to receptive audience

by Steve Peterson
Staff writer

The sprawling Texan bragging to the Mainer said, "Down in Texas it takes me five days to drive my car all the way around my spread." The Mainer calmly stood, thought for a moment and said deliberately, "I have a car like that too."

So started Marshall Dodge's travels in Maine as he talked to a group of attentive listeners at a packed Hauck Auditorium Thursday night.

Dodge seemed quite calm and at ease, the way a true Maine native should, throughout the night as he told stories of him and fishing mate Berts experiences on the Bluebird one (it became the Bluebird 7 by one of his later stories).

Dodge introduced another friend, Willie, and some of their antics as well. It seems that on one of their latest fishing trips the two ended up in a thick patch of fog (it had to happen inevitably) and had to find a much needed map to plot their course homeward. The fog was accompanied by quite a stiff breeze and when looking at the map the breeze lifted it up over the side of

the ship. At this, one looked at the other and said, "What are we to do now Willie," to which Willie replied, "I don't know about you but I think we should wait and sail into this next page and then find out where we're going."

Dodge told many favorites that were well received by an appreciative crowd who came to hear the storyteller sponsored by S.E.A. (Student Entertainment and Activities). Among the more fabled Dodge collections is the story of his mother-in-law, who was "working up in tonnage." On a fishing trip she commenced to get sick and was knocked over the side by a wave. Two weeks later she had not been found and of course he and Burt found her "draped over one of my lobster traps with upwards of over twelve dozen lobsters on her." Dodge looked to Burt and asked, "What am I to do with her?" to which Burt thoughtfully replied, "Well seeing as the fishing is so mighty poor I think we ought to set her again and throw her back."

Marshall Dodge is truly a master storyteller, pausing at that precise moment, while the audience has time to appreciate the full effect of downeast humor.

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Lucey tells Carter to repeat or retract

President Carter's refusal to take part in a Sept. 21 debate with Ronald Reagan and John Anderson keeps being mentioned in political campaigns. Independent Presidential Candidate Anderson's running-mate, Patrick Lucey, challenged Carter to repeat in a public debate his charge that Anderson's candidacy is a media creation. Lucey said in St. Paul that, otherwise, Carter should retract the charge.

Muskie appealed to Soviets on Poland

Washington officials say Secretary of State Muskie appealed directly to a Soviet diplomat last week for Kremlin restraint in the Polish situation. State Department Spokesman John Trattner refused to confirm that Muskie made the appeal to the Soviet Charge D'Affaires in Washington. But Trattner did say discussions were held in Washington and Moscow in which the Kremlin was made aware of a U.S. view that restraint was necessary. Muskie's reported contact with the Charge D'Affaires was said to have occurred after strikers in Polish seaports returned to work.

Bear kill is too high; season will be cut

(AUGUSTA) It seems that too many bears are being killed in Maine this season.

Because of the high bear kill, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has decided to shorten the bear season. Normally it runs from May through November, but this year it ends on Tuesday, September 23.

Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Glenn Manuel said more than 920 bears had been killed between May and August 30th. Wildlife biologists believe that the state's bear population should be reduced by no more than 1200 a year.

Group members say Brennan has a duty

(PORTLAND) Three members of a group called the "Fusion Energy Foundation" said today that Governor Joseph Brennan and Maine's political leaders have a duty to campaign for defeat of the nuclear referendum.

At a news conference in Portland, the three charged that the core of the anti-nuclear movement is collaborating with international terrorism. They also

accused the news media of distorting what happened during the accident at the Three Mile Island Plant.

One of the three, Jon Gilbertson, said nuclear power is safe and the most economical form of energy.

The three said the New York City-based Fusion Energy Foundation was the concept of Lyndon Larouche, a former Marxist who now calls himself a Conservative. Larouch ran for the Democratic nomination for president this year.

D'Estaing requested to delay Poland trip

(PARIS) Stanislaw Kania, the new head of Poland's Communist Party, has asked French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to postpone plans to visit Poland later this month. The announcement came in a joint French-Polish communique.

Giscard d'Estaing announced the visit at a recent news conference, but had made arrangements with Edward Gierek, Kania's predecessor.

The communique reaffirmed intentions of both nations to develop friendly relations.

Brown says army units combat-ready

Defense Secretary Brown said today that you cannot train soldiers--and keep the units that are training them fully combat-ready. He told a Washington news conference that that is why six of ten domestic army combat

divisions were found unready for battle. He emphasized that all six U.S. units overseas--five in Europe and One in South Korea--were found ready.

Brown said that if a division were needed overseas, units that were understrength could be built up as those already at full-strength were being shipped out. He said the criteria by which divisions are evaluated are very strict--that if a division has only 75 percent of the requisite non-commissioned officers, for instance, it's considered completely unready.

The readiness levels of units range from completely ready to ready but with major deficiencies.

U.N. panel to vote on hostage proposal

A U.N. sub-commission is meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. It's due to vote Friday on an American-initiated proposal to urge Iran to release the 52 U.S. hostages. An Iranian spokesman told the commission the captives are in good health. He said they're not experiencing conditions comparable to those of Palestinian Prisoners who some maintain are mistreated by Israeli authorities.

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Bears brace for Engineer invasion

by Ernie Clark
Staff writer

Orono, Maine has not been a friendly place for the Lehigh Engineers.

In 1978, the last time Lehigh visited the friendly confines of Alumni Field, a John Tursky to Rich Caimire 34-yard touchdown pass with 17 seconds left in the game capped a tremendous UMO comeback and threw the Engineers out of a bowl berth. Final score: UMO 21-Lehigh 18.

Tomorrow, Lehigh has no apparent bowl at stake as they return to Alumni Field for the Black Bears' home opener, but a loss for the national Division I-AA runnerups would dampen any 1980 bowl hopes severely.

The Black Bears have played the Engineers tough over the past few seasons, including a tight 12-6 loss at Lehigh last year. Do the Black Bears have a hex over the Engineers? UMO head coach Jack Bicknell doesn't necessarily think so.

"We have just played a good, high caliber brand of football against them over the past couple of years," said Bicknell. "They are probably concerned about us."

Lehigh brings a veteran team with a winning tradition to Orono. The Engineers, led by last season's Division I-AA Coach of the Year, John Whitehead, have a string of seven consecutive winning seasons, including a 10-3 mark last year.

A major pre-season question mark for the Engineers has been to find a replacement for graduated quarterback Rich Andres. After pre-season competition among five candidates,

Whithead finally selected junior Larry Michalski, a 5-11, 192 pounder from Pittsburgh, Pa. Michalski has served as a junior varsity quarterback for the past two years.

Expected to start behind Michalski is last year's leading rusher, Joe Rabuck. Rabuck rushed for 601 yards last season in an offense which saw five different runners gain more than 200 yards on the ground. At halfback with Rabuck in the Engineers' Wing-T offense will be returning veteran Steve Plucinsky, who rushed for 359 yards last season. Senior Bob Romeo, who stepped in during mid-season last year and contributed 327 rushing yards, will occupy the fullback slot.

Other returning starters on offense include last year's leading receiver, senior split end Mark Yeager. Yeager, who made 22 catches last season, will team up with senior tight end Paul Anasasio, to provide Michalski with deep receiving threats. Lehigh also returns three offense linemen for their season opener with UMO, center Mark Sitar, guard Larry Mikiewicz and tackle Joe Scheuer.

Defensively, the Engineers return seven lettermen, led by last year's second leading tackler, middle linebacker Bruce Rarig. Also returning will be an experienced secondary, probably the strongest part of the team, according to preseason forecasts. Heading up the secondary is strong safety Keith Conley. Conley had 62 tackles last season, along with two fumble recoveries and two interceptions in establishing himself as one of the premier safeties in Division I-AA. Joining Conley in the defensive backfield are returning lettermen Lou

D'Annibale and Charley Marck. According to Bicknell the Black Bears are expecting a lot of man-to-man coverage from the Engineers' secondary.

For the Black Bears, who are trying to put together a two game winning streak for the first time since 1976 leadership will be generated by senior quarterback John Tursky. Tursky completed 11 of 19 passes last week the opening game win over the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and will test the Engineers' secondary with the likes of receivers Pat Madden, Tom Torrisi, and Pete Oullette.

Can Lorenzo Bouier come up with an adequate encore for last week's 205 yard rushing performance against the Mariners? The answer is yet to be determined, but the sophomore star will again head up the Black Bear ground game. Joining Bouier in the backfield will be fullbacks Steve McCue and Matt Bennett. Both fullbacks performed admirably last week, with McCue coming up with four pass receptions and Bennett providing great blocking for Bouier's second half explosion.

Defensively, the Black Bears will benefit from the probable return of all-conference choice Matt Slane. The junior monsterback suffered an apparent hip pointer early during the King's Point game and was questionable for tomorrow, but according to Bicknell, Slane looked good in practice Wednesday and will start unless a relapse occurs between now and gametime.

"It was more of a bruise just above the hip than an actual hip pointer," Bicknell said. "I don't know if he'll be

100 percent or not, but he looked good in practice yesterday."

Lehigh's potent running game should test the UMO defense, which turned in a solid performance in coming within three minutes of a shutout last week. Leading the defense are end Phil Ferrari, who turned in a strong game last week including a fumble recovery, tackle Pete Thiboutot, and linebacker Waterman.

An added advantage the Black Bears might hold over the Engineers is that the Bears have already been tested in actual game competition, while Lehigh is opening their season Saturday. Bicknell thinks this advantage will show up during the game.

"We know more about ourselves as a team with a game under our belt than they know about themselves," Bicknell said. "They've had a chance to scout us, but we learned a few things about ourselves in the first game."

Bicknell expects the Black Bear offense to be more diversified than it was last week when the rushing of Bouier provided the bulk of the offense. He also expects the offense to use checkoffs at the line of scrimmage, that is, quarterback Tursky will adjust formations at the line of scrimmage depending on the Lehigh defensive alignment.

A win Saturday would certainly give Bicknell's team momentum heading into the tough Yankee Conference schedule, while a loss might take some of the luster off the preseason optimism which has carried through the Kings Point game. Regardless, the game is important for both teams, and a large crowd is expected for Maine's 1980 home opener.

Experienced spikers hoping to repeat in 1980

by Nancy Storey
Staff writer

Graduating only four players from her state championship team of a year ago, Coach Janet Anderson is optimistic about the chances for the success of this year's women's volleyball team.

"The girls seem to be very interested and highly motivated. They all come from good high school teams which used a variety of different offenses," commented Anderson on her newly-picked squad which consists of 12 players.

After only a week of try-outs, Anderson picked her team, which consists of six returning members from last year's squad. However, many of the other players on the team have had prior experience either at UMO or at some other college.

Wendy Farrington, the 6'3" center who starred on last year's basketball team, will use up her final year of eligibility on the volleyball court. Farrington, a senior from Dryden, has played for two seasons at UMF and one at UMO, during which time she played on the Black Bear squad which qualified for regional competition.

Sophomore Lisa DeBruyckere, of Andover, Mass., Carole Wise, a senior from Lewiston, juniors Kamma Christensen and Linda Scibilia, from Waterville and Fayetteville, N.Y., respectively will comprise a starting nucleus. Joining this talented bunch is veteran M.J. Ryan who is competing for her fourth year under Anderson.

Janet Brightman (Middleton, R.I.) and Linda Kaczor are both sophomores who are being counted on to contribute to the 1980 Black Bear Spikers. Kaczor, of East Syracuse, N.Y., is another returning veteran of last year's squad.

Transfer Beth Nitschke, a junior who played last year at Paul Smith College in New York is another hopeful. Nitschke is from Albany,

N.Y.

Three freshman will bolster the battle-tested crew of upperclassmen. Gail Brightman (Janet's sister), Pam DesRoches of Germany, and Kellyann Linn, from Avon, Conn., have all had previous high school experience.

The Black Bears are starting their games earlier than ever before and with a tougher schedule. This weekend, the team will travel to its first match, and invitational tournament hosted by New Hampshire at which Rhode Island, Keene State, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Bates, and Providence College will also play. UMO is

scheduled to play URI, Keene State, and UNH. The winners will then pair off and play a championship round.

"Many of the teams have been playing year-round and we're starting right out with the hard teams," commented Anderson, "but I'm looking forward to the tournament this weekend. We'll do our very best."

The pre-season conditioning has been somewhat limited, due to the short amount of time the players have been in school. "We have to get the girls thinking of volleyball and getting their legs and even fingers to toughen them up," says Anderson.

After the UNH tournament, the Bears will play more in-state games before heading into a tough stretch of road matches.

The team, which ranges in height from 4'11" to 6'3" with an average height of 5'7", hopes to make this the eighth year since 1971 that UMO has the state title in volleyball.

Opening up at home on Sept. 19, UMO will host Vermont, which should be quite a challenge. The game will be held in Lengyel Gym at 4 P.M.

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Scott Cole

The day the "Ruf" fell in

The Thursday morning newscast on WLBZ radio was flowing in one ear and out the other as I dressed for classes.

"Governor Joseph Brennan feels President Carter is making a mistake by not appearing in a Presidential debate with Ronald Reagan and John Anderson later this month...Former UMO basketball star Rufus Harris..."

The mention of Rufus Harris yanked me out of my daydreams and into rapt attention. Had he been cut? Had he survived the cut? What?

The news to follow was much more important than his survival in the hunt for a spot on the Celtics.

"...has been arrested twice in the past week on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime and larceny of items valued at more than 100 dollars at an apartment in Framingham, Mass., and for trespassing on the campus of Framingham State College."

The impact of it all hit like the proverbial "ton of bricks."

Maybe you could say I was using a newsman's instincts in immediately wondering when this story broke and whether our competition beat us to it. I'm sure the *Bangor Daily News* does not see us as a competitor, but that's exactly what we see them as at the *Maine Campus*.

As I raced downstairs to the main lobby in my dorm to check out the *BDN*, I was thinking who I felt worse for--Harris for not having the sense to keep his nose clean in one of the most important periods of his basketball career, or for this university and the resulting adverse publicity it will receive for having its greatest performer ever arrested twice within a week.

When I opened to the sports page of *The News*, it didn't take me long to decide. I felt the most sorry for *The Maine Campus*. We had been scooped. Bob Haskell, the sharp-as-a-tack-sportswriter, had the full story on Harris' arrest complete with quotes from the Framingham police, the Celtics, and Maine basketball coach Skip Chappelle. To top it all off he had a note in his column about the sadness and disappointment felt by everyone connected with the university over the bad news from Framingham.

Scoop. It's a four letter word in journalism. When you've been scooped you've been beaten, whipped, hosed, and generally been made to look downright foolish.

I drowned in a sea of the above adjectives as I read Haskell's story and knew full well that within a few hours, the Thursday edition of *The Maine Campus* would roll off the presses with nary a word about Rufus Harris on the sports page. As far as we knew, "Ruf" was alive and well and living in the suburbs.

It was just not that we'd been scooped but why we'd been scooped that left me feeling like Hubert Humphrey on Presidential election day in '68. Bob Haskell had found out about "L'Affaire Rufus" by reading a little blurb in the Wednesday *Boston Herald American* telling of Harris' arrest. A paper like the *Bangor Daily News* receives papers from all around New England into their office every day. Here at *The Campus* the only papers we see are ours and the *BDN* and *The Boston Globe* if one of the staff writers has picked them up at the newscounter at the Union.

Realistically the only time someone in the office would purchase a *Herald American* and bring it in would be if the unfortunate soul stepped in some dog mess on the mall and needed to clean his shoes.

If the *Herald American* had found its way into our office Wednesday, we could have gotten right on the story the way the *Bangor Daily News* did. Because it didn't, I spent Wednesday night here placing several million unsuccessful calls to Roger Lapham's house in Wakefield, Mass., trying to find out what he's been doing since the Buffalo Bills cut him. Meanwhile Bob Haskell was working on the biggest story involving the University of Maine to come out of this still-young school year.

The whole frustrating experience makes me think of a quote from that champion log-splitter Abraham Lincoln: "I'm too old to cry but it hurts too much to laugh."

Booters prepare to cage Terriers

by Dale McGarrigle
Staff writer

The booting Black Bears face a stern test Saturday, as they take on the Boston University Terriers at 10:00 on Alumni Field.

Last year, BU downed UMO 3-0 at Nickerson Field in Boston as part of a 15-3-3 season. But even though his Terriers are rated third in a recent New England soccer poll, BU Coach Ron Cervasio must replace some key players lost through graduation.

The biggest loss has to be goalie Howie Friedman, who had a sparkling .71 goals-against average and 11 shutouts in 1979. Frosh Manny Olivares from Benfleet, Essex, England, will get the start against

Senior co-captain Dave Hill of Webster, N.Y., and senior John LaVoie of Franklin, Mass. (four goals, two assists), head up the defense. Others to see action against UMO should be junior Paul Meincke of Needham, junior John Stather of Foxboro, Mass., and senior Bill Mephram of Rochester, N.Y.

The Terriers are 1-1 following the Freedom Trail Classic last weekend, beating St. John's and losing to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

"I felt Maine was a good team last year," said Cervasio. "They played well, but just weren't lucky."

The situation isn't rosy on the home front, either. Senior forward John Hardy is doubtful, since he is suffering



Soccer team readies for BU (Photo by Bill Mason)

Maine.

Cervasio also lost his leading two scorers, Mike Pilger and Tim Lausin, but they only scored nine goals between them. Senior co-captain Paul Fisher of Braintree, Mass., sophomore Casey Toner of Duxbury, Mass., and freshman Brian Ganley of Benfleet, England, will be the starting forwards for Saturday's game. Fisher scored five goals in '79, with Toner chipping in two more.

At midfield for the Terriers will be senior John Primiano of Braintree, Mass. (four goals, five assists last year), junior Greg Devereux of St. Louis, Mo. (three goals), and freshman Panue Itkonen from Finland, backed up by junior Carl Tarabelli of Needham, Mass.

from a nagging groin pull and an infection. Seniorsweeper Dan Spedden is also doubtful, due to a knee injury which kept him out of the UNB game last Saturday. Midfielder Billy Meader is questionable with a hip pointer, as is midfielder John Quigley with a pulled leg muscle.

"We can beat them if we play our best," said UMO Coach Doug Biggs. But Biggs added that the team needed to support itself better than it did against UNB, which caused turnovers.

Biggs said he'll go with basically the same lineup as in the UNB game, but explained that other, less-used players looked good in a "B" game against UMF, and could see more action.

There is another "B" game scheduled today at 3:00.

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Dot Johnston**Steady in the goal**by Gina Ferazzi
Staff writer

"I'll stack her up against the best of them," boasts field hockey coach Deb Davis. Dot Johnston, a junior, will be starting in her third year as varsity goalie for UMO.

Dot Johnston began her field hockey career as a sophomore in high school. She first played on the forward line, but finished out her sophomore season as a goalie. Dot Johnston "loves the challenge" of being a goalie, and would not trade for any other position. Pressure on the goalie is tough, but Johnston feels that "everyone has the pressure, not just the goalie."

Johnston, a native of Fort Fairfield, Me., lives with her parents on a potato farm. Her father, an insurance salesman, is currently running for state senator in his district. She has three brothers and one sister, and is a physical education major with child development as a minor.

During the summer, Johnston works for her town recreation department helping to organize activities for all ages. In the future, Johnston plans to teach and coach on the elementary level. She enjoys kids and feels that "they need the experience and the involvement in physical activity at that early age. Johnston believes that "competition should not be stressed at a young age, but more emphasis should be placed on organization, not on winning and losing."

Playing field hockey, or any sport for that matter, in college is a big jump from that of high school competition. The pressure, the skill level, and the dedication is at a much higher degree than that of high school. "The experienced and expert coaches concentrate more on specifics and team play at the college level," expresses Johnston.

Johnston's first season at UMO was described as "miserable and difficult" by coach Davis. Not only had Dot Johnston made the varsity squad as a freshman, but she was the only goalie on the varsity. Johnston had to play hurt, and lacked college experience.

The following year Johnston worked even harder. "She gained the needed experience and confidence; she no longer was making costly mistakes," expressed coach Davis. "Mental toughness and concentration" was the name of the game for Johnston.

Johnston was put under

the "ultimate pressure" during the 1979 State Championships. After a 10 minute overtime, and still no score, a "stroke off" was declared. (Each team is allowed 5 penalty strokes in order for a winner to be determined). The tournament, it seemed, rested on Johnston's shoulders, but she prepared herself for such a "do or die" situation.

UMO scored on their second stroke, leaving the defense up to Dot Johnston. With an intimidating expression and unrattling nerves, Johnston got the job done. "She knew what she had to do," recalled coach Davis.

With much dedication and persistence over the past two years, Johnston "matured tremendously in her position." "She's ready to work even harder and take the challenge of adding to the things she can do," declared Davis.

Johnston is the defensive leader when it comes to circle play. Coach Davis confides that "it is her circle and her goal; she controls what goes on in there. A confident goalie yields a confident team. This leads to more aggressive play in a situation of gaining instead of catching up."

Dot Johnston's love for the sport of field hockey will continue to prove certain through her physical endurance and mental strength.



Dot Johnston (Photo by Bill Mason)

Rick Boucher**Je m'appelle Rick**by Dale McGarrigle
Staff writer

Former UMO defensive guard Rick Boucher has signed a one-year contract with Sporting Club Moderne of Le Mans, France.

The 6-3 leaper from Ledyard, Conn., was the ninth-round draft pick of the Portland Trailblazers in June, and was released following the Blazers' rookie mini-camp.

Boucher's older brother Pete, said Rick had signed the temporary, one-year contract with Sporting Club Moderne, which, Pete added gave Rick "a sizable amount of money," along with expense money covering food, housing, French lessons, and a car. "Rick could play for ten years over there," said the elder Boucher.

Pete said Rick had been considering French basketball since December, and had been contacted by Sporting Club Moderne in late February.

"Rick is filing for French citizenship," stated the elder Boucher, "which makes him more valuable, because French clubs will pay top dollar for naturalized Americans."

Pete commented that French basketball is about on the level of a "decent Division I school in the U.S., with a season running Sept.-April. Marty Blake, a pro consultant in Atlanta, called French basketball "pseudo-amateur" and said, "Rick will easily be the best player on the team."

Sporting Club Moderne has won the French championship eight of the last ten years. Its coach is Bob Berkheiser, an American who played ten years at Le Mans before retiring to coach the club.

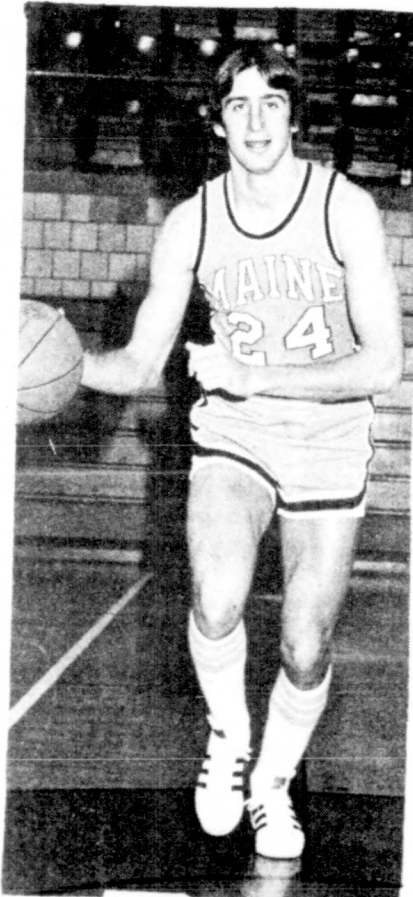
Rick's mother, Mrs. Robert Boucher, explained that the club is beginning to use a passing patterned offense similar to the American college game. "They (Le Mans) didn't have a point

guard," she said, "Rick's now the only one who handles the ball."

Injuries at UMO never allowed Boucher to develop his true potential. In his sophomore year, Boucher suffered a nagging neck injury, followed by mononucleosis and a back injury his junior year, and, to cap it all off, a broken left foot his senior year.

When he was healthy, Boucher could put the ball in the hole, as shown by his field goal accuracy of 54.2 percent his junior year and 63 percent his senior year.

Pete Boucher concluded, "Rick is really excited about the cultural and educational aspects of France." Finally getting to play as much as he'd like should be enjoyable, too, for Rick Boucher.



Rick Boucher (Photo by Bill Mason)

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● Bananas

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She handed me her balloon, gave me a hug, and disappeared into the crowd. I almost melted."

Miller's first appearance at UMO was at a football game. It was also the bear's tenth birthday. "It was fantastic, but very hot," he said.

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"I overdid it," he said, "and collapsed with a heat stroke. That afternoon at the health center, we decided to build a safer suit. The doctor said I could have died."

Miller and a brother of APO Fraternity planned and built the suit being used now.



Jeff Miller, better known as Bananas, bears all to the sports fans of UMO. (Photo by Andrea Magoon)

Miller said he learned quickly not to over-do. "At my second football game, I made my mistake. It was 70 degrees, and I was wearing the old suit, which was made out of a spun plastic fiber (like wrapping yourself in a plastic bag) and the fiberglass head. The head alone weighed several

Instead of fiberglass, the head is made of celastic, a chemically treated cloth, which only weighs a few ounces. For a mold, Miller found and used a head from a very early Bananas. The body of the suit is made of a synthetic cloth, rather than fake fur, and is lined with terrycloth.

Even with the new suit, which weighs over 20 pounds, Miller said he still has to be careful.

"I don't think people realize how hard it is to make the bear move," he said. "For example, to make the head move, I must move my entire upper body. Many don't realize that the guy inside the suit is practically doing calisthenics just to stand up."

Miller uses a special way of breathing inside the suit (as heat and carbon dioxide get caught in the head). He also has to watch where he moves, as he can only see straight ahead. He must be careful not to expend too much energy and risk being overcome by heat exhaustion.

But Miller isn't complaining. "It gets to be a matter of instinct and habit," he said, "you learn to pace yourself pretty well." "I couldn't even estimate the hours I put in during a semester," Miller said. There are cheering practices, (which average 6-8 hours a week), all the games to attend, and special non-athletic appearances throughout the year.

Miller said, "I also spend a lot of unseen hours: fixing my costume, working out new gimmicks and routines, working on my skating, or analyzing performances. It's well over 40 hours a week...or to put it another way, it's enough to severely compromise my grade-point average."

Miller, a member of the APO fraternity was asked to take over the bear role by another brother. He went to rehearsals and games to "live the off-stage life of the bear for a while" before deciding to do it.

● Herpes

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"Cold sores" and fever blisters, associated with HSV-1, are caused by a virus probably acquired during infancy. More than 75 percent of adults carry the virus in their skin cells, saliva, or other body secretions. In most cases this virus is "latent", living among body tissues with no sign of infection. It is believed that certain "stressful" situations, like sickness, sunburn, stomach upset, menstruation, family problems, or public speaking may produce a "crop" of herpes blisters on the lip or elsewhere on the skin. The first sign of infection is a painful, slight, red area. Within 24 hours tiny blisters break and crust over, leaving a painful scab that lasts several days. Some patients have only one such lesion while others may have several in varying stages of development or healing. Usually these occur at the lip line, under or around the nose. Occasionally a small ulcer or "canker sore" will be found inside the mouth.

HSV-2 causes itching, and painful, distressing sores on or around the sex organs. HSV-2 is considered a venereal disease because it is spread through sexual relations.

From 2 to 20 days after exposure to HSV-2 minor rashes and itching may appear in the genital area. Painful, blisterlike, fluid filled lesions commonly develop, often accompanied by swollen (lymph) glands, fever, aching muscles, and a general "sickly" feeling. Usually the sores dry up and disappear within a week to a month. This, however, does not indicate a "cure". The virus remains alive, inside the body. Like HSV-1, HSV-2 may remain latent for months, years or forever, but remain for life. Many "new" cases are actually recurrences in patients who have had the infection before. There is no apparent pattern of recurrent infection. The frequency and duration of recurrences vary with individuals and may be triggered by either physical or emotional stress.

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