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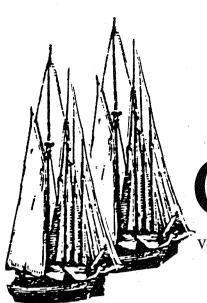
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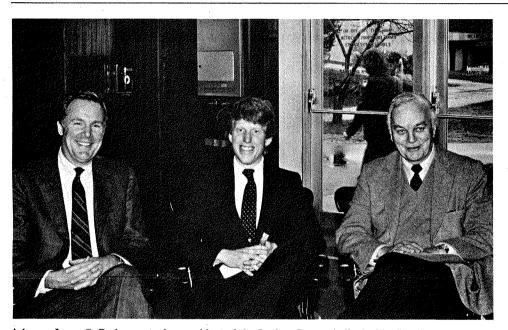
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Uncommon Talents and Simple Greatness



A happy James S. Parker, outgoing president of the Student Senate, is flanked by President Woodbury and Acting Chancellor Harlan A. Philippi at Recognition Day Ceremonies. Parker had just been named Presidential Fellow for 1986-87 and had won the Van Amburg Alumni Scholarship. (Greaves photo)

Calling it an occasion to "celebrate uncommon talent," Acting Chancellor Harlan A. Philippi opened Recognition Day ceremonies on a drizzly April afternoon in Gorham.

The weather did little to dampen the spirits of the 300 or so parents, friends, faculty and students who crowded into Hastings Lounge to join in the festivities as the year's top students received 50 different scholarships, awards and honors from President Woodbury.

"Outstanding"

Always a secret until announced at Recognition Day, the highlight of the ceremony is the naming of the Outstanding Senior Man and Outstanding Senior Woman along with the recipient of the George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award.

This year's Outstanding Senior Woman is a nursing major from Camden, Maine, whose tireless efforts as a student organizer within the School of Nursing have resulted in several significant changes. Amy T. McLellan turned the Student Nurses Association from a lackluster "ineffectual club" into an organization involved in

making positive change. She formed a mentor program which helps new students adjust to the rigors of the nursing program. In addition, McLellan founded the School Chapter of the National Student Nurses Association here.

Along with her work as a student organizer, McLellan served as a community volunteer for blood drives, fundraisers and as a nurse's aid. And, last March she testified before the Maine Legislature on the health care issues of Entry into Private Practice. In her spare time, this young woman breeds Labrador Retrievers.

Bruce A. Pooler, this year's Outstanding Senior Man, has devoted much time to student government activities, student advising and to fraternity life. The business administration major practices his belief in the value of volunteer work as a supplement to academic life.

Through his fraternity he worked to help organizations such as the Red Cross, Maine Kidney Foundation and the Special Olympics raise money for their programs. Pooler said that such activities have "helped me to be a better person and prepared me for graduation in ways that no textbook or course could." He tries to instill a similar attitude in his fraternity brothers.

For a complete text of Acting Chancellor Philippi's remarks, see p.3.

Pooler's contributions to student life at USM have included being coordinator of the Advising and Orientation Program, a member of the Student Senate, and also that group's business manager. In that capacity Pooler, who is from Oakland, Maine, earned a reputation for diligence, commitment and fairness.

Van Amburg Winner

The George Van Amburg Alumni Award for Outstanding Service is "reserved for extraordinary recognition" of students whose volunteer efforts have helped to make USM a better institution. The award is given only in years when someone fits the bill. There was such a person this year: James S. Parker, outgoing president of the Student Senate.

Parker, from Hingham, Massachusetts, began his voluntary service to the University as a resident assistant and continued as chair of the Student Activities Board, the organization charged with coordinating major extracurricular activities on both campuses. Then, turning his attention and energy to the Student Senate, the communications/political science major worked to make student government more responsive to the needs of its constituents. Off-campus, he has worked as a volunteer in a local political campaign and taught woodworking at a boys summer camp.

Although each of the recipients reflected that "uncommon talent" cited earlier by Philippi, they also reminded the audience of what he had called "the simple greatness of what each of us can become."

COE in Regional & National Network

John I. Goodlad wrote a book a few years ago entitled "A Place Called School." In it he cited shortcomings in, and addressed ways to improve the education of the nation's children.

As part of his continuing research, he has established the National Network for Educational Renewal, funded by grants from Exxon, Danforth and several other private foundations.

The University of Southern Maine's College of Education has been selected as one of 12 universities in the U.S. to participate in this network and to aid in

the research by establishing a regional collaborative with local school systems. USM's participation in the five-year renewal project began last fall in cooperation with school superintendents from Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Raymond, Scarborough, York, SAD #71 (Kennebunk), SAD #72 (Fryeburg), and School Union #29 (Mechanic Falls).

The purpose of both the regional and national collaboratives is to simultaneously improve schools and

the "education of educators," and to provide a resource for sharing successful strategies.

In addition to USM, the 12 universities participating in the network include: University of Arizona; Brown University; University of Washington (home of the network); University of Massachusetts; University of Wyoming; Indiana University; Arkansas University; University of Virginia; Fordham University; Brigham Young University; and University of Hawaii.

Summer Currents

This is the final edition of Currents for academic year 1985-86. As always, the time passes quickly and summer arrives sooner than we expect, and that means a change to our monthly publication schedule. You will receive your next issue of Currents on June 16 and another on July 28. We will not publish in August.

We extend our best wishes for a summer filled with clear skies, sunshine and plenty of rest and recreation.

Bob Caswell and Karen Greaves



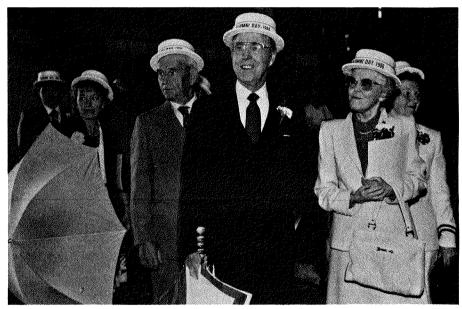
College of Education Dean Dorothy D. Moore adjusts the hood of Libby G. Cohen, associate professor of special education. President Woodbury named Cohen 1986-88 holder of the Russell Endowed Chair in Philosophy and Education.



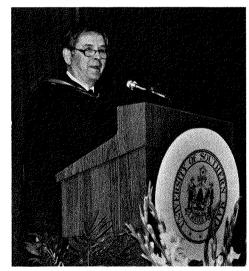
Last minute details are discussed in an empty Civic Center. Later it was filled with nearly 6000 parents, friends and families of graduates. From left to right: John F. Keysor, acting dean of Educational Services; Gordon S. Bigelow, who retired from that post last year and who was named emeritus during the ceremonies; Alyce S. O'Brien, executive director of University Relations and chair of the Commencement Committee; and Richard L. McKeil, professor of associate business and economics, and chief faculty marshall.



 \boldsymbol{A} jubilant graduate grasps the President's hand. She was one of the 1070 upon whom degrees were conferred.



A dapper alumnus from the Gorham Normal School Class of 1936 leads the Alumni Association contingent onto the floor at the start of the 106th Commencement.



Robert R. Masterton, Portland business and civic leader, told the 655 graduates who robed for the ceremonies that "this University has given you the preparation to be a productive and useful citizen within this economy."

Occasions such as this Recognition Day are strong, yet sensitive, reminders that among our common efforts to acknowledge the worth and dignity of all of us, is the companion obligation to celebrate uncommon talent whether that talent is expressed through intellectual pursuits, creative accomplishment, institutional leadership, or in simply reaching out to touch the hand of another in enduring friendship.

Days as today are days of celebration. I want to speak to this celebration by talking about what is real, taking issue with what is insistently presented as real in almost every medium of our times. For my text, I hope to refresh your memory of, or introduce you to, that marvelous work by Margery Williams, "The Velveteen Rabbit," subtitled "How Toys Become Real."

The Velveteen Rabbit lived in a nursery. He was naturally shy and was often snubbed by the more expensive toys, particularly the mechanical toys that looked down upon everyone else, were full of modern ideas and pretended they were real. The Velveteen Rabbit didn't know that real rabbits existed. He thought they were all stuffed with sawdust like himself, and sawdust was quite out-of-date and never to be mentioned in modern circles.

The only one who was kind to the Velveteen Rabbit was the Skin Horse. He had lived in the nursery longer than had any of the others. He was bald in

patches and showed seams underneath.

The Skin Horse had seen a long succession of the superior mechanical toys arrive to boast and swagger and break—and pass away. And he knew they were only toys and would never be real.

The Velveteen Rabbit asked the Skin Horse: "What is real? Does being real happen all at once? Does it hurt?"

"Real isn't how you are made," answered the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or who have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept...once you are real, you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand."

In our contemporary sophistication, the idea that if you are real you cannot be ugly, is a strange idea, not to be mentioned in modern circles, quite outof-date, really. If we judge by what we see on television talk shows, view on prime time programming, read in popular books and periodical literature, or come to know through the reporter's eye, what is truly real, we are led to believe, are all those things that are truly ugly — the harsh, the strident, the vulgar, the dishonest, the violent abuse of others, the idiotic and irresponsible adult, the bizarre and distasteful advertised as creative, the degradation of another claimed to be as much a right as to love another.

And contrary to the counsel of the Skin Horse, we are led to believe that only those individuals who DO break easily — the egocentric adult whose values hold no critical conscience; the emotionally isolated who turn love back on itself and for whom others have no existence except as they are for or against him; the misinformed, befuddled, supposedly endearing slob who stumbles and whimpers his way through one inane experience after another — only these are truly real. To believe otherwise, we fear, is to be thought of as terribly naive or foolish.

I believe otherwise and days as today confirm that belief. We have distorted what is real.

Death is no more real than is life. Hate is no more powerful than is

Despondence is no more compelling than is hope.

Abuse of others is no more human than is caring for others.

Telling lies is no more characteristic of us than is telling the truth.

Physical hurt is no more our nature than is the gentle touch of another.

The tears of a child are no more compelling than a child's delight.

What makes a day like today so important is the public acknowledgement that what is real is intellectual achievement, artistic accomplishment, individual leadership.

What is real is courage, fidelity, honor, friendship, hard work.

What is real is that tissue by tissue we represent a human spirit that has lived for over hundreds of thousands of years and that is born again and again with the birth cry of every child.

What is real is that all generations yet to be born will be affected by decisions made by those of us already alive.

This view of what is real makes the popular view of reality puny and empty in my judgment. Within ourselves each of us knows this to be true — some of you here know it through the sting of your youth; some as myself know it from the autumn or the winter of our lives.

But each of us knows that we are celebrating an abiding faith in the simple greatness of what each of us can become. What is so wonderful about having such faith is that it can be upheld in our lives whether we are preparing for a career or merely training for a job; whether we are a teacher, a businessman, a student, a farmer, a secretary, a lawyer, a wife or a husband, a chemist, a fisherman. And that faith reminds us that it is of importance not only what we do but also what manner of people we are in doing what we do. Courtesy, civility, fidelity, a promise kept, are not out-of-fashion; are not old values and unreal in our world. They are, rather, the bonding among people who care about each

If you can uphold this kind of faith then, in the worlds of the magic fairy in "The Velveteen Rabbit," "You shall be real to everyone" — and especially real to yourself. That is the true reality in our lives and is what is most real about today's celebration.

USM to Host Women's Conference

A conference on "Women and Power" will be held on the Gorham Campus of the University of Southern Maine June 5 to 8.

The conference will celebrate the accomplishments of the last 20 years of the women's movement, examine the beliefs and values that have shaped those activities, and explore directions for the future.

Speakers will include: Johnnella Butler, chair of Afro-American Studies, Smith College; Janet Gallaghdirector of Civil Liberties and Public Policy at Hampshire College, and board member of Catholics for a Free Choice; Gloria Anzaldua, editor of "This Bridge Called My Back: Writing by Radical Women of Color;' Chrystos, Native American poet; Barbara MacDonald, author of "Look Me in the Eye: Old Women, Aging, and Ageism;" Lois Reckitt, vice president of the National Organization for Women; Carter Heyward, author of "Our Passion for Justice," Episcopal priest and professor at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

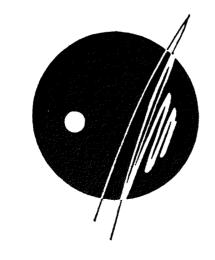
The workshops range from spiritual exploration to case studies of social change, including rituals and values, oppression and the quality of life, images for a spiritual journey, case studies of alternative health care, creativity and power in the visual arts, models of successful change.

Although the conference has drawn

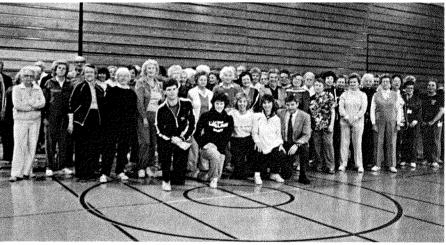
on leaders from many parts of the country, Maine is significantly represented. Among Maine women who will speak at the conference are: Libby Mitchell, Beverly Bustin, Kay Gardner, Dale McCormick, Dr. Lynn Bolles, Betsy Sweet, Vendean Vafiades and Judy Guay.

The conference is sponsored by the Feminist Spiritual Community of Portland, Displaced Homemakers Network of Maine, the Women's Forum of the University of Southern Maine, and the USM Gay-Lesbian Alliance. It is supported in part by a major grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

For further information, call 773-2294.



Jordan Receives Award for Elder Fitness -



A few years back, Len Jordan (kneeling at far right) of the University of Southern Maine Lifeline program was listening to a speaker tell an attentive conference audience to be especially gentle when exercising senior citizens so as not to "break them."

But the speaker's words came back to haunt him just minutes later as members of Jordan's senior fitness class charged into the room, took a few brisk laps around the 250 or so conference participants, and capped off their demonstration with five minutes of strenuous aerobics. "Boy, didn't we shake up the exercise world," said Jordan.

Jordan has become a prime mover and shaker in that world, so much so that he has been named a 1986 recipient of a national Project Health Award. Jordan was in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 1, to receive the award, given in recognition of exemplary service on behalf of older Americans. The Bureau of Maine's Elderly nominated Jordan for the award.

"I want to extend our congratulations and best wishes for continued success in your efforts to help older Americans in maintaining their health and independence," said Carol Fraser Fisk, acting commissioner on aging, in a letter to Jordan. The award is sponsored by the Administration on Aging, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The May 1 ceremony was scheduled as part of the kickoff for Older American Month.

Specifically, the national award recognizes Jordan's work in coordinating the Senior Lifeline Exercise Project, a program that encompasses senior fitness classes for the well elderly; Heartline for seniors who have suffered cardiac problems; and pulmonary rehabilitation classes for seniors who suffer from chronic pulmonary diseases. More than 1300 have gone through these programs.

"The award simply drives home what we've known all along," said Jordan. "Programs that help keep people independent and well ought to be encouraged."

"While many exercise programs are designed for the young and healthy," said Robert E. Folsom, director of Lifeline, "Len has promoted the new beginning approach for older persons. His attitude is that exercise is good for all ages and that it's never too late to begin."

(Kuntz photo)

KATE AHMADI, associate professor of nursing, had an abstract selected for a poster presentation at the International Nursing Research Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada,

E. MICHAEL BRADY, associate professor of adult education, had an article entitled "Using a Facts Quiz as a First Class Exercise" published in April, 1986 edition of Lifelong Learning: An Omnibus of Practice and Research.

DAVID BRIGGS, assistant professor of computer science, co-authored an article appearing in the May, 1986 issue of IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering. The article, "Privilege Transfer and Revocation in a Port-Based System," derives from work he did with others in the area of distributed systems.

JOHN P. BROIDA, assistant professor of psychology, attended the Eastern Psychological Association Convention in New York City in April. He presented a paper on "Walking Mood and the Menstrual Cycle: Cyclic Changes in Mood are Reflected by the Way Women Walk."

LOREN COLEMAN, project director, Human Services Development Institute, presented "Suicide Research and Teen Runaways," and "Halley's Comet, Teen Suicides and Cycles," at the 19th Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology in Atlanta. Media interest in the latter presentation generated national stories. He also appeared on the Michael Bacon Show on WMPG discussing "Jungian Archetypes and the Human Psyche.

RICHARD A. COSTELLO, director of athletics, was the guest speaker at the annual athletic banquet of the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

CAROL LYNN DAVIS and CHERIE M. FOSTER, assistant professors, College of Education, presented a paper entitled "Adolescent Myths and the Need for Special Programs' at the 5th Annual New England League of Middle Schools Conference in Hyannis, Mass. Foster also presented a talk on "Madeline Hunter's Motivation Theory."

CRAIG DIETRICH, associate professor of history and author of "People's China," was recently interviewed on TV Channel Two by JOHN G. HANNA, emeritus professor of English. The topic was "China, Technology, and

BETH GLEASON, conference specialist, Department of Conferences, recently took the Certified Meeting Professional examination in New York City. The exam is given by the Convention Liaison Council of America and is the only professional certification available in the meetings industry.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, has been selected to participate in the Summer Program on Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control at the Harvard University Center for Science and International Affairs, and the Massachusetts Institute of **Technology Defense and Arms Control Studies** Program, to be held in June. Hamilton was recently appointed New England Regional Coordinator of the Section on Natural Resources and Environmental Administration at the national conference of the American Society for Public Administration in Anaheim, Calif.

ROBERT J. HATALA, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, chaired an accreditation visiting committee for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He presented the report on Southern Connecticut State University to the Commission on Higher Education of

H. DRAPER HUNT III, professor of history, was the featured speaker for the annual initiation ceremony of Phi Kappa Phi, honor society. Hunt spoke on "Living with Lincoln."

PHILIP JAGOLINZER, associate professor of accounting, is coauthor of an article titled "Marital Status and the Taxes We Pay," published in the March, 1986 issue of the Journal of Accountancy.

STEPHEN LEHANE, director, Child Care Services, made a presentation at the annual conference of the National Coalition of Campus Child Care in Boston. His talk was entitled "Baby Boom Child Care" and dealt with the infant-toddler program as developed here at

USM. He was assisted in his presentation by FAITH MCMULLEN, coordinating manager of the day care center, and LISA LAPERLE, head infant-toddler teacher at the Portland campus

ALICE A. LIEBERMAN, assistant professor of social welfare, has had an article called "Health Care Practices and Needs of Chronically Mentally Ill Persons in Community Treatment" cepted for publication in Health and Social Work. She is the coauthor of the article.

KATHLEEN I. MACPHERSON, associate dean for graduate affairs, School of Nursing, will present a paper entitled "Feminist Nursing Research" at the Nursing and Feminism: Implications for Health Care Conference, to be held in June at Yale University School of Nurs-

RICHARD J. MAIMAN, professor of political science, recently chaired a panel and presented a paper, "Meese and Brennan: Centuries Apart?" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He has also coauthored an article "In Search of Legitimacy: Toward an Empirical Analysis" which will appear this summer in Law and Policy.

WILLIAM T. MCCULLOUGH, assistant proof therapeutic recreation, and GABE WILLIAMSON, exercise instructor, Lifeline, recently conducted a workshop entitled "Essentials of Game Leadership: The Value of Play for Adolescents and Children" for the Maine Child Care Consortium's Spring Conference.

JULIE MURPHY, assistant professor of philosophy, delivered a paper entitled AIDS Epidemic: A Phenomenological Analysis of the Infectious Body," at the Conference for AIDS and the Medical Humanities sponsored by the Society for Philosophy and Values, University of California, San Francisco. She also delivered a paper entitled "Women with AIDS: Ethical Considerations," at the Colby College Women's Studies Conference in Waterville.

JO ANNE PRESTON, assistant professor of sociology, presented a paper on the feminization of schoolteaching in New England at the International Conference on Women's History held in Amsterdam. She also gave a second presentation on the development and present status of Women's Studies Programs in the United States on a 17-nation panel.



Summer Eatery Hours

Gorham

May 12-June 20: 7:30-1 p.m. (snack bar)

June 23-August 15: 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

La Carte will be in Bailey daily from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cookouts will be each Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Woodward Hall Green.

Portland

May 12-August 15: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cookouts will be each Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the green near the Campus Center beginning May 20.

LAWRENCE RAKOVAN, associate professor of art, has had three recent works accepted for exhibition in the N.P.V.A.G. National Juried Exhibit in Scotts Bluff, Neb. The show will be held May 4-30 at the Nebraska Arts Center.

ROBERT J. SANTRY, assistant manager, Bookstore, has had an article, "Avoiding the Moving Day 'Blues'," published in the April/May edition of the College Store Journal, published by the National Association of College

RICHARD STEBBINS, associate professor of chemistry, presented a paper "Malathion chemistry, presented a paper "Malathion Metabolism in Fish" at the ninth annual New England Analytical Chemistry conference at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He also was coauthor of the paper "The Analysis of Malathion and Its Metabolic Products in Freshwater Systems" presented by chemistry major Therese Roy at the 40th Annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference, in Pittsburgh, last

RICHARD H. STURGEON, director, Advising and Academic Information, and KATHIE L BENTON, assistant dean, College of Arts and Sciences, presented the program "Developing an Effective Academic Advising System with the Computer as a Silent Partner" at the American College Personnel Association National Convention in New Orleans.

JOHN M. SUTTON JR., associate professor of human resource development, and ROBERT S. SOUTHWORTH, professor of educational psychology, presented a paper entitled "The Impact of Isolation and Ruralness on Guidance Counselors" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Counseling and Development in Los Angeles, Calif.

JILL C. TIFFANY, assistant professor, School of Nursing, and JANET Z. BURSON, associate professor, School of Nursing, coauthored a paper entitled "Baccalaureate Nursing Education at Extension Sites: A Survey" published in the March 1986 issue of Journal of Nursing Education.

DAVID M.W. TRAVERS, part-time instructor in philosophy, read a paper entitled "The Mystic, Freedom, and the Self," at Colby College for the Maine Philosophical Institute

ROBERT L. WOODBURY, president, was the featured speaker at the recent Honors Academy Banquet at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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Asbestos Information Meeting Held

The federal government estimates that more than 700,000 public buildings in this country contain asbestos, the fibrous material that when inhaled can cause serious lung diseases, including cancer.

Because some USM buildings are among those 700,000, a meeting was held late last month to provide information on asbestos and what's being done to control it here on campus.

Diana White of the Maine Labor Group — a coalition of organizations with an interest in the asbestos issues - told the audience of nearly 40 faculty and staff that prior to 1974 asbestos was commonly used in pipe installation; wallboards; ceiling and floor tiles; and in decorative, textured paints.

Asbestos is not harmful, she said, as long as the tiles, insulation, etc. are undamaged. But once these materials are damaged, microscopic particles (one million of them side by side would measure one inch) are released into the air. And if inhaled and lodged in the lung, they pose a serious health risk.

USM began to identify asbestoscontaining building materials about six years ago, said Samuel G. Andrews, executive director for financial resources. Since then, work has been done to correct any problems. Recent asbestos encapsulation or removal projects have taken place in Upton Hastings Hall, Gorham, the basement of Payson Smith Hall, Portland, and Andrews Hall, Gorham.

In addition, Peck Labs, an independent firm involved in asbestos monitoring and removal, has tested all boiler/mechanical rooms. Department of Facilities Management personnel have been through a special training program and are checking building specifications for asbestos-containing materials.

Much of the discussion, however, centered on the asbestos projects in the Center for Research and Advanced Study/School of Law, site of the informational meeting.

Last fall, workers repairing the lower roof of the building dislodged asbestos-bearing textured cement on the inside ceilings and upper walls in three areas. Although the asbestos in those areas has been encapsulated, subsequent tests have detected building materials containing asbestos in other areas of the building.

To correct any potential problems, two floors at a time will be shut down in CRAS/SOL this summer, allowing off-campus contractors to seal the asbestos in a special paint. Air monitoring will take place to make sure that the asbestos is not released. In response to questions concerning the frequency of this monitoring, Maurice Nadeau of the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards suggested that testing take place during the encapsulation process, not just before and after.

Nadeau also told the group that the encapsulation process affords the same protection as removal of the asbestosbearing materials from the building. But he cautioned that any future renovation projects will have to be planned so as not to disturb the wall or ceiling areas that contain asbestos.

Andrews said that members of the campus community will be informed of ongoing steps as plans are finalized. Anyone who has any questions about asbestos and projects at USM to control it should call Daniel Boisclair, USM's asbestos program coordinator, in DFM at 780-4160.