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Letter from David T. Sullivan to Greg Jordan of the Free Press

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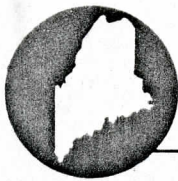
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February 1, 1974

Mr. Greg Jordan
Editor - Free Press
The University of Maine at Portland-Gorham

Dear Sir:

I refer to your editorial "The Fault, Dear Brutus Lies Not With The Registrar's Office But With Tardy Teachers," which appeared in your January 22 issue.

The material used in this piece was gathered by Mike Karatsanos in interviews with Registrar Bob Grant and me regarding grading in general, and the problems this office had in this area, particularly for the 1973 Fall semester. Information was supplied to Mr. Karatsanos with the understanding that either Bob Grant or I would have an opportunity to review any article written with information obtained in these interviews. For the record, I offer the following as clarification of the information given that reporter:

1. The quote attributed to Bob Grant "there are a minority (of faculty) who consistently turn their grades in late" was never made in the same interview in which the faculty names were provided. At no time did Mr. Grant or I refer to the provided list as "habitual" offenders.

2. The list of faculty members supplied by me to Mr. Karatsanos contained errors. Because of a clerical mistake in this office the faculty were listed as having turned in their grades late when in fact they are among the "habitual" and "consistent" segment of the faculty who meet deadlines and cooperate with this office fully. They are:

Rosalie Barden	Art
Gail Miner	Art
William Mackensen	Philosophy
James Roberts	Political Science
Oliver Woshinsky	Political Science
Charles Armentrout	Physics
Noel Paradise	Psychology
Madeline Giguere	Sociology
Thelma Baily	Social Welfare
Walter Baily	Social Welfare
Anne Ladley	Social Welfare
Albert Duclos	Theatre/Communication
William Whiting	Theatre/Communication

3. Had Mr. Karatsanos supplied this office with a proof of the article for review prior to its publication, the above error would have been discovered and corrected. Needless embarrassment for this office also could have been avoided had this simple courtesy been granted.

4. At no time did Mr. Grant or I state that the complete list of faculty turned in their grades after the fourth of January.

5. Faculty tardiness in the submission of grades was one of several reasons quoted to Mr. Karatsanos for the lateness of this office in producing the grade reports and the Academic Probation and Suspension report. There were two administrative holidays added to New Years and Christmas doubling the number of work days lost in the crucial two week period at the end of the semester. A new computer system in operation for the first time in the Fall semester added to our problems. The curtailed level of such university services as mail and telephones cut back on this office's ability to communicate with academic departments during the intercession period. In addition, instructors who teach part-time or have exclusively CED sections are more difficult to contact than the university's full-time instructors.

Sincerely,



David T. Sullivan
Associate Registrar