

# Oregon, Montana pave way for Maine law

(CPS) — Student influence in academic decision-making took a step forward recently as Maine students won a muted voice in collective bargaining.

Following the lead of students in Montana and Oregon, students at Maine's public universities successfully pressed for a state law that guarantees limited student

participation in academic collective bargaining between faculty and administration.

In states where there is no such legislation, students left outside the bargaining room door while the administration and faculty teams inside decide issues that directly affect tuition, class size and governance rights.

Under the new Maine law, the University Board of Trustees will appoint a three-person student team to represent student concerns in the state-wide bargaining negotiations.

Unlike the Oregon and Montana laws, however, the Maine bill bars students from the negotiating room. Granted only indirect power, the students can meet with both the faculty and administration bargaining teams before the negotiations begin, and confer with the administration in private sessions at "reasonable intervals" during negotiations.

Legislative scuffles turned into a showdown between students and workers, as organized labor killed any bill that included students as a third party in contract negotiations.

The students had originally lobbied for a bill that would have provided for at-the-table participa-

tion, modeled after the Oregon law, which makes students independent third-party observers. When labor helped defeat that bill, the students offered a second bill modeled after the Montana law, which provides for student membership on the public employer bargaining team.

When that bill was also killed, the students settled for the successful bill that took students out of the bargaining room.

"It wasn't everything we wanted," says Mike Seavey, a student leader at the University of Maine at Portland/Gorham, "but it's something we can build on."

The Maine students were eager to get students into the bargaining process somehow, since talks will begin for the first time in Maine this summer.

Although the watered-down bill passed the legislature by wide margins, it was vetoed by the gov-

ernor, who commented that it was unnecessary because "there's nothing under existing law which prohibits the university bargaining team from getting input from students or whomever they wish during the bargaining process."

Lobbyists for the Maine students countered that there was also nothing under existing laws that compelled the university to listen to students.

A few days later, however, the state legislature overrode the veto and the bill was enacted into law.

Students at the University of Maine seem optimistic that the new law will garner them more rights than they've enjoyed previously, and that it won't be reduced to student tokenism.

Yet the governor's office, for one, isn't impressed by the students' new-found power. "They really don't have any rights at all under this," commented an aide to the governor.

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## Prof studies space travelers

(CPS) — How do you deal with extraterrestrial travelers? Calmly, according to a Florida sociologist.

Dr. Richard Yinger has given students at Palm Beach Junior College this and other advice during the course he teaches in exosociology — the study of the social forms of life on other planets.

Remember not to panic, Yinger says, and the space beings may stick around to teach

us a thing or two. There's a lot to learn, since beings that could travel to earth are also likely to have moved beyond wars and violence, he says.

Space visitors would also be likely to have developed a high degree of technological expertise, the sociologist says, enabling them "to survive the tremendous energy systems they would need to move about in space."

Yinger isn't alone in explor-

ing how earthlings will relate to space travelers. A full credit course at Northwestern University offers students the chance to study how to identify strange discs in the sky, evaluate alleged human contact with space travelers, and sight space-craft in daylight.

The Northwestern course is taught by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor and former consultant to the Air Force's official UFO study.

## Shot fired outside Duffy's

Eugene police took a man and a woman into custody Tuesday night after a shot was fired outside Duffy's Tavern.

William Henry Kendricks was arrested and charged with reckless endangering and carrying a concealed weapon. The woman was charged with disorderly conduct.

Police termed the incident a "boyfriend-girlfriend dispute."

Witnesses said that a man, later identified as Kendricks, was drink-

ing in Duffy's when the woman came in and sat beside him. He followed her as she left and soon afterward the shot was fired.

Two University students were parking a car on 13th Avenue as police apprehended the man. Bea Ballard, 821 E. 15th Ave., and Cathy Schneider, 235 E. 17th Ave., said that a policeman jumped on the hood of their car and aimed a gun at Kendricks, ordering him to raise his hands.

They said that the woman became hysterical after the shot was fired. She was subdued and taken into custody.

"It was really scary," said Ballard. "He kept his hand in his pocket for a while. We didn't know if he had a gun or not."

Police impounded a blue and white Barracuda which they say belonged to Hendricks.



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