

**YESTERDAY ...**

**10 years ago — Dec. 3, 2005**  
(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

ORONO — The University of Maine is seeking permission to conduct its most ambitious fundraising campaign ever — a six-year, \$150 million nationwide initiative that would support scholarships, professorships and facilities improvements, among other things.

The campaign, scheduled to be launched Jan. 1 could be one of the largest ever undertaken in the state. Its goal is to raise \$40 million for endowed undergraduate scholarships and graduate student fellowships, \$60 million for endowed chairs and professorships, \$40 million for capital improvements for facilities such as Fogler Library and the Maine Center for the Arts, as well as other buildings including the Memorial Gym and Field House, and \$10 million to promote and enhance specific programs throughout the university.

OLD TOWN — For more than 15 years Molly Berry has been involved in Special Olympics, both as an athlete and a Global Messenger, spreading the word about the program. But this Christmas, she's taking her message a little further.

In a nationwide contest, Berry was selected from approximately 50 entries in Maine to design a card for a Special Olympics holiday campaign. The holiday cards, available from card company VistaPrint in 10 designs, were created by seven Special Olympics athletes from across the country.

**25 years ago — Dec. 3, 1990**  
BANGOR — Maine people who hope that the Persian Gulf crisis does not blossom into another Vietnam War turned this weekend to the ammunition of a

generation ago — an old-fashioned sing-along and demonstration for peace.

Hundred of people packed the Hammond Street Congregational Church, a day after President George Bush, in the wake of increasing American debate on the crisis, announced his administration would begin dialogue with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

For those at the the two-hour rally, reports of the coming talks were good news as were recent congressional hearings which also uncovered a sentiment of wariness of war.

At times the protesters sang the songs that echoed throughout the anti-Vietnam rallies many of them attended as youths. A chorus of "Study War No More" and "Blow-in" in the Wind bounced off the cavernous walls of the church as demonstrators, some of them now graying and garbed in tweeds, clapped and sang along.

EAST HOLDEN — Machine and hand knitters can take advantage of a free pattern offer for children's clothing — sweater, hat, scarf and baby blanket — all to benefit needy children, according to Carlene Sage, owner of Ewe Knit of Maine at Sherman Plaza, Route 1A, East Holden.

The pattern offer is sponsored by the year-old Knitting Machine Council of America in a program called Knit for Kids, and organized by the council to support the good work of the nationally recognized Cap for Kids program, established in 1984.

**50 years ago — Dec. 3, 1965**  
HAMPDEN -- The Hampden bypass, relocated Route 1A, opens today at 3:30 p.m. The road runs between Route 295 — the Bangor Industrial Spur — and Route 9 in Hampden.

David Stevens, chairman of the Highway Commission said that planners are



**PICTURE FROM THE PAST**

BANGOR DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO BY SPIKE WEBB

**Bangor firemen, assisted by members of Headquarters Battery, Maine National Guard, delivered more than 1,500 toys and games in December 1953 to the homes of 579 underprivileged children. The toys, donated by citizens, were repaired by firemen for the Christmas distribution. Loading two of the dozen truck loads required for "Operation Distribution" at Central Fire Station were (from left) Master Sgt. Sam Wyman of Bangor, Fireman Lincoln Crawford, Sgt. Joe DeRoche of Bangor and Fireman Henry Warren.**

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still working on the plans for the continuation of the road to rejoin the old Route 1A, but that join-up point has not as yet been selected.

The four-lane highway crosses the Coldbrook Road, and access road to the Interstate Highway and this this crossing has been labeled a hazard. It has been a controversial issue for some time.

It is expected that a considerable amount of traffic now using old Route 1A will use the new road, especially the commuters from Hampden and the rapidly growing Newburgh area.

BANGOR — The big jam

on Main Street in Bangor was the opening of the eighth LaVerdiere super drug store in Maine.

Long before the store opened at 10 a.m. crowds were in the street to get into the new store which, besides a general drug store line, boasts a line of hardware and household goods in the downstairs area.

Peter Shorette, store manager, said that the store will give complete service including free delivery of prescriptions.

Due to the tremendous reception that the store received when on opening day, Shorette said that three trucks were kept

busy hauling supplies from Benton.

**100 years ago — Dec. 3, 1915**

BANGOR — Bangor A.A. will open its basketball season Dec. 4 when it meets the Cambridge (Mass.) Red Sox basketball team. This is without doubt the strongest basketball team that ever invaded the state of Maine coming as far east as Bangor. The Boston papers are giving the Red Sox team a great boost and will not admit that a Maine team had a chance to defeat this strong aggregation on their trip through the state.

The Red Sox will present such men in their lineup as Louie Mitchell and

Sonny Kennedy, two famous players of the old East Boston A.A. team. Also on the team are Leo McDonald, Billy Murphy and James Dailey.

Against these stars will be pitted Hillie Johnston (captain) of the local team, Heyward Jones, Johnnie Moran, Earl Harbach, Harry McKenney and Hiram Donahue.

In Hillie Johnston the Bangor team had not only one of the fastest men in the state but one of the fastest men in the country, having gained basketball experience in Bangor High School and Pratt Institute, which competes against all the large colleges. Johnston will play right forward on the local team.

BANGOR — An industry which appears to have good prospects for future development may be added to the list of Bangor manufacturing enterprises, the NEWS being advised that it is proposed by the Portable Band Saw Mill Co. of New York to manufacture portable mills in Bangor.

The NEWS is informed by the company that orders will be placed with the Union Iron Works in Bangor for mills, the Bangor plant being well fitted to turn out such a product. Moreover, practically all the changes made in the original mill, to adapt it to northern conditions for sawing, were made in this foundry.

As before stated in the NEWS, the portable band saw mill has been in practical operation at the Don A. Sargent mill in East Orrington, the site of operations for 83 years, from grandfather to the present operator.

The mill was the invention of a man from Texas and was used somewhat in the south, but Mr. Sargent made the first practical test for northern sawing.

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**support groups**

- BANGOR:
- Al-Anon meetings for relatives and friends affected by the excessive drinking of someone else, Bangor area and throughout Maine. Meeting times and locations, maineafg.org or 800-498-1944.
  - Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Groups, 7-9 p.m. second and last Thursdays, Westgate Center for Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care, 750 Union St. 942-7336 or kminner@nathealthcare.com.
  - Bangor Area Narcotics Anonymous meeting for families and loved ones of addicts. 6-7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Francis Center (old firehouse) across from St. Joseph emergency entrance, 368 Center St. Janice, 299-8802.
  - Bangor Area Parkinson's Group, 2-3:30 p.m. third Sundays, Acadia Hospital. Room reserved. Open to patients and caregivers.
  - Bereavement support for parents who have lost a child. 6-7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays, Brookings Smith Family Center, 163 Center St. Judy, 889-9025.
  - Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7 p.m. third Tuesdays except in December,

- St. Francis Center. 294 Center St.
- Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, or CHADD, 6-7 p.m. third Tuesday, office of Barry Rubin, Bangor Family Counseling, Suite 335, 96 Harlow St. Free. 990-1555.
  - Eastern Maine Crohn's and Colitis Support Group for IBD patients, caregivers and family members, 6-7:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Dr. Frank Chapman Conference Room, 2nd floor, St. Joseph Hospital. 974-9724.
  - Eastern Maine Medical Center Bereavement Support Group, 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays of each month, Cascade Room, Riverside Inn, 495 State St. Sandra Levesque, 973-6604.
  - Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex St. Free. Twelve Step recovery program for those suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating and bulimia. 781-321-9118 or 942-1738.
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Groups for anyone affected by mental illness, Acadia Hospital. Information and meeting

- schedule, Jean-Ann, 949-5658, or Betsy, btsygrs@yahoo.com.
- Maine Kids-Kin Greater Bangor Support Group for grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and other family members who are raising a relative's child, 6 p.m. first and third Tuesdays, Families and Children Together, 304 Hancock St. 941-2347 or 866-298-0896.
  - Nicotine anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, conference room, Maine Veterans Home. Provides help for those who have quit smoking and want to stay quit. Larry, 843-7563.
  - Ostomy Support Group ostomy patients, their families and caregivers, 3-5 p.m. second Tuesdays, Felician Conference Room, second floor, St. Joseph Hospital. Free. Rose Cyr, 907-1550 or rosanne.cyr@sjhhealth.com.
  - Overeaters Anonymous for those with eating disorders, 10 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays, Strauss meeting room St. Joseph Hospital, Center Street; and 10 a.m. Mondays and noon Thursdays, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 540 Essex St. Barbara, 990-2025.
  - Safe Place, for those who have lost someone to

- suicide, 6:30-8 p.m. first Wednesdays, St. Joseph's Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Peer led group with no fee. Associated with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. afsps.org.
- Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance support groups for women affected by partner abuse. Day and evening groups; child care activities. Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance, 800-863-9909.
  - St. Joseph Diabetes and Nutrition Center Diabetes Support Group, Willette Conference Center, Building 1, St. Joseph Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Meetings facilitated by certified diabetes educator. Group members share tips on diabetes

- management. Open to all. Free. 907-1187.
- Bangor TOPS 0311, (Take off Pounds Sensibly), 9-10:15 a.m. Fridays, Nason Manor community room, 140 Hancock St. Vicky, 852-9061.
- BREWERS:
- Bangor Area Recovery Network recovery education and support, 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, BARN Community Recovery Center, 142 Center St. Free. 561-9444 or bangorrecovery@gmail.com.
  - Central Maine Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, 4-5 p.m. third Mondays, conference room, Brewer Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Open to survivors and caregivers. Patty, 989-7300, ext. 134.

- BUCKSPORT:
- Cancer Support Center of Maine support group for cancer patients, 12:30 p.m. first Wednesdays, Bucksport Regional Health Center, 110 Broadway. Bring bag lunch or snack. 469-6383.
- HOLDEN:
- Vestibular Support Group for those experiencing dizziness, imbalance, vertigo or ringing in the ears, Brewer Physical Therapy and Spine Clinic, 51 Main Road. 989-4122.
- ORRINGTON:
- Al-Anon, 6-7 p.m. Fridays, East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Road. 284-1844 or questions@maineafg.org.

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