

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 566

House of Representatives, January 25, 1961

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brewer of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for the Construction of Health and Physical Education Facilities at the State Teachers Colleges and Fort Kent State Normal School.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. State Board of Education authorized to construct health and physical education facilities at the State Teachers Colleges and Fort Kent State Normal School. The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to construct:

I. A swimming pool, toward completion of Wieden Hall at Aroostook State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$252,300;

II. A physical education and athletic field at Farmington State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$100,000;

III. Two tennis courts at Farmington State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$27,400;

IV. A conversion and expansion of the present gymnasium at Fort Kent State Normal School to a multi-purpose building at an estimated cost of \$357,000;

V. An athletic field at Gorham State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$52,000;

VI. An athletic field and tennis court at Washington State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$39,000; and

VII. A health and physical education building at Washington State Teachers College at an estimated cost of \$394,000.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Education the sum of \$1,221,700 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The swimming pool at Aroostook State Teachers College will (a) provide for students majoring in health and physical education to receive needed instruction in aquatics, (b) provide for training instructors of community recreation, and (c) improve the health, physical education, and recreation programs of all students enrolled in the college.

Farmington State Teachers College presently has no physical education and athletics field of its own to serve an enrollment now over 500 students and growing steadily. A community field is available to the college only when not needed by public school and community groups. The college has only one clay tennis court, and that is in poor condition and scheduled for elimination when additional dormitories are built.

At Fort Kent State Normal School the present gymnasium is small, overcrowded, and over-scheduled; it has to serve as both gymnasium, auditorium, and indoor recreation area. The proposed conversion would (a) adapt the present gymnasium to an assembly, music, and dramatics center, and (b) provide a new regulation gymnasium to serve inter-scholastic, physical education, intra-mural, and recreation needs.

Gorham State Teachers College, like Farmington, now has no athletics field to serve an enrollment of about 700, with substantial increases expected in the next few years.

Washington State Teachers College, has no developed outdoor health and physical education area; no tennis courts; and no baseball diamond.

The present gymnasium at this college does not even meet junior high school standards of size. Furthermore, it is used for health, physical education and recreation purposes for **both** college and campus (training) school, as well as for interscholastic athletics.

The facilities listed are sorely needed to balance the academic programs of the colleges with provisions for physical education, athletics and wholesome recreation. These aspects of the total college programs cannot be neglected if the colleges are to achieve and maintain accreditation.