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House of Representatives, February 10, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sanborn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Certain Projects at Gorham State Teachers' College.

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

Gorham State Teachers' College; appropriation for certain projects. There is appropriated to the Department of Education the sum of \$732,028 from the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, for the following projects at Gorham State Teachers' College:

Physical Education Building .....	\$662,500
Water main to Gymnasium and Industrial Arts Building ....	9,030
Road to Gymnasium and Industrial Arts Building .....	13,398
Athletic Field development .....	47,100
	\$732,028

STATEMENT OF FACTS

(Physical Education Building) The proposed Physical Education Building is a masonry structure on 2 levels. The main floor contains a gymnasium 102' x 148' and is 24' high, with area for one basketball court, 50' x 94', having a seating capacity of 2,400 persons on folding bleachers. This floor will be used for inter-collegiate competition. This area may be divided by a folding door to provide 2 practice basketball courts, each 50' x 90', or 6 volleyball courts 30' x 60'.

There are 2 equipment storage rooms on this floor level, one at each end of the building so that equipment is available at either end when the gymnasium is divided by the folding partition.

Adjacent to the lobby is an office, a canteen and guest toilets for use at games.

The lower level contains locker rooms for men and for women, as well as a visiting team room. There are 2 small gymnasiums with apparatus for corrective exercise, 2 large classrooms, offices for personnel, and storage rooms for equipment and supplies.

It is necessary to understand the various areas of activity for which the gymnasium is used. These would include the required physical education program, intramural program, intercollegiate athletics, and school and community functions. At present the most pressing need is in the area of the required physical education program. All students, men and women, are required to take physical education for 2 years. However, because there is neither enough space nor adequate facilities available in our present gymnasium, the women have been forced either to substitute lectures for activity, or to conduct part of their program in the women's dormitory. The college needs a gymnasium with enough floor space so that the floor may be divided and both men and women's classes conducted at the same hour.

Regarding intramural activities, the lack of space has caused a reduced program and restricted participation on the part of the students because both men and women must utilize the same facilities. This conflict has made it necessary to eliminate portions of both programs in order to provide some activity for both men and women.

From the point of view of intercollegiate athletics, our gymnasium floor does not approach the minimum recommended standards, the lighting is inadequate, and dressing room facilities are almost totally absent.

It is our hope that Gorham may some day be able to offer a major in the area of physical education. The students graduating from Gorham will be teaching the future citizens of the State of Maine. We believe they should receive as much preparation in the area of physical education as possible.

(Water main to Gymnasium and Industrial Arts Building) This water main is planned to be part of future 8" loop water system. This portion will extend from the present water main near Russell Hall, a distance of 740'-0", to a point east of the Gymnasium and Industrial Arts Buildings, at the intersection of new road to gymnasium building and future proposed road to school street.

This water main is for water service and fire protection for the proposed gymnasium and industrial arts building and for future water service and fire protection for proposed future buildings. A loop line is the only practical service. In case of a break in any portion, service can be taken from the unbroken end of the loop. This system cancels long extended dead ends. Extension to this future loop need only to be built as future buildings to the group are constructed.

A saving of funds for future water service is a positive advantage of the loop system and will prevent long runs of smaller sized pipe running independently, not near roadways where access would be difficult during winter months.

(Road to Gymnasium and Industrial Arts Building) This road would start at a point near the north side of the new proposed Library Classroom parking area and extend to a point at east end of new proposed gymnasium and industrial arts buildings.

The road would average 24' -0" in width and would run a distance of 1020' -0". The area is proposed for a 12" gravel fill and a 3" hot top finished surface.

The road proposed is following the course of the future proposed road which will serve the future North Building Extension Area. This road will be required at the time of the building of the gymnasium or the industrial arts building. It will serve all parking for proposed men's and women's athletic field and for access to overflow parking for the institution at such times as the present limited parking spaces are overtaxed.

(Athletic Field Development) The athletic field is to be located on the former Carsons and Conners property to the west of Woodward Hall and to the north of the science wing.

This work involves:

1. Removing loam from entire area which is to be developed at this time.
2. Storing this topsoil for future use.
3. Filling low areas with materials removed from higher areas; also by hauling in fill. Some fill will be available from excavation of other projects on campus.
4. Leveling field.
5. Spreading topsoil over leveled field and seeding it down with grass seed.
6. Erecting a 10-foot high wire fence barrier on east side between field and Woodward Hall, on the south side between the field and the classroom library building, and a 6-foot high fence on the north and east sides.

The major part of this request is for purchase of materials. We plan to use reformatory labor and volunteer student labor whenever possible.

At present Gorham State Teachers' College has no athletic field. Intercollegiate baseball games are played at the high school field which is remote from the college and generally unsatisfactory. This field often is unavailable to us because of scheduled high school games, and is never available for our required physical education program or intramural events. An area on the campus is urgently needed. The high school field will not be available to us after this year.

It is expected that some preliminary work on the area can be accomplished before the funds requested for this project become available. A group of students on campus is soliciting funds for the development of a small portion of the area for immediate use. At least we should be enabled to strip a place large enough to allow dumping of fill material to be excavated from the ditch for the water line.

Later extensions to the area can be made by dumping fill at the north end on property now owned by Knight and Libby.