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No set policy on payments

Graduate students irate over money

by Stephen Betts
Staff writer

Low stipends and a lack of uniform budgeting procedures from one department to the next are major complaints voiced by graduate assistants at UMO.

"They (the stipends) have fallen below subsistance level," Paul Roger Sweets, a grad assistant said. "They can't fix their cars and, honestly, people don't eat well."

Presently, graduate assistants receive a minimum of $3175 for an academic year. Sweets said this is among the lowest of any land grant college in New England. The Graduate Board, which represents the graduate assistants, has recommended the base salary be raised to $3800 for first year assistants and $3900 for students in their second year.

"Even with this raise we will be on the low end of the scale in comparison to other colleges," Sweet said.

Patricia Baron, assistant dean of the Graduate School said a decision on the stipend request is expected "in a week or two." Baron felt the request for a base salary of $3800 would be approved. "The Graduate Board justified their request on the basis of salaries for their counterparts in other colleges," she said.

The fate of the stipend request is in the hands of acting President Kenneth Allen and the deans of the colleges. Baron said they are still discussing the proposed increase.

Besides the low amount of pay, Sweets said the lack of uniformity between departments on matters concerning graduate assistants is another major problem.

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Sweets cited the English, history and speech departments as being the toughest for graduate assistants. "These assistants are the lowest pay," he said. "They carry a heavy load. Most teach two full courses."

Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Charles Tarr feels the graduate assistants are taking the wrong attitude. "The stipends are not to provide gracious living, but to provide some financial support," Tarr said.

Tarr said, though, the salaries for the assistants did make living difficult. He disagreed, however, on the matter of nonuniformity between departments. "It's difficult for someone outside a discipline to determine its workload," he said.

Sweets said the morale of the assistants varies from one department to the next. He believed fighting for a "reasonable" pay raise every two years was detrimental to their morale. "Every few years we have to band together for this increase," he said.

Sweets hoped some sort of mechanism should be put into this system to avoid the continual battle for stipends. He suggested a cost of living clause be implemented in any agreement or somehow tie the graduate assistants' salaries with the faculties' salaries. "We haven't had a pay raise in the two years I've been here and in the mean time prices have risen over 20 percent," he said.

Plans are being made by some graduate students to write letters to the governor and members of the legislature to present their greivances. Sweets noted that the UMO budget is decided by the state legislature.

A meeting held Monday night at Estabrooke Hall by graduate assistants to air their grievances and plan a strategy on how to win approval for their request. It was decided that the students would go to the administration to try and find who has the final say on who decides on the amount of the stipends.

"There has to be an established procedure," Rich Hansen, a graduate assistant, said. "We should demand a flow chart from them."

"No one seems to know who makes the final decision on our stipends," graduate assistant Roger Sweets said at a meeting in Estabrooke Hall Monday night concerning pay raises. [photo by Don Powers]

Presidential candidate interview process begins

by Brian Farley
Staff writer

Seven remaining candidates for the UMO presidency will be contacted this week for interviews with the Presidential Search Committee, said James F. Horan, committee director.

The committee agreed on the list of potential candidates at a meeting last Friday. Horan said he would not make the names public until he could inform each candidate he has been invited for an interview and ask him if he was still seriously considering the position.

If all seven candidates have been contacted by Friday, the committee expects to hold a press conference next week to announce the names of the candidates and the interview format to be used.

On Friday, the committee will meet to hear the results of Horan's discussions with the candidates and to decide on a "general interview process."

"We won't be deciding on the exact schedule," Horan said, "That will have to depend very much on the candidates' calendars as well as the committee's."

The seven applicants have been selected from a group of 90 candidates seeking the position vacated by Howard R. Neville, who accepted the presidency of Alfred University last spring.

Horan said once the names have been released, the committee plans to give the UMO community as much exposure to the candidates as is possible.

"There will be an opportunity for faculty, professionals, alumni, students, administrators and the general citizenry to meet the candidates," he said.

Although Horan said he doesn't know how long the interview process will take, he is hopeful the committee can recomment three to five finalists before the April meeting of the Board of Trustees. The final selection will then be made by Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy and the board.

Council discusses plan to eliminate course fees

by Stephen Olver
Staff writer

Additional fees, charged for some lab courses on campus, may soon be discontinued.

At a meeting of the Council of Colleges Monday afternoon, it was recommended students no longer be asked to pay extra costs besides tuition for certain classes.

In its report to the council, the Student Course Fee Committee said additional fees, which apply to 50 UMO courses, could be stopped if the budget of each department was compensated. Extra fees, found mostly in science or lab courses, range from $1 to $10.

"Although funds are always a problem, I'm opposed to such additional fees and am happy with the committee's report," acting President Kenneth W. Allen commented.

Any final decision on the recommendation will be made by acting President Allen.

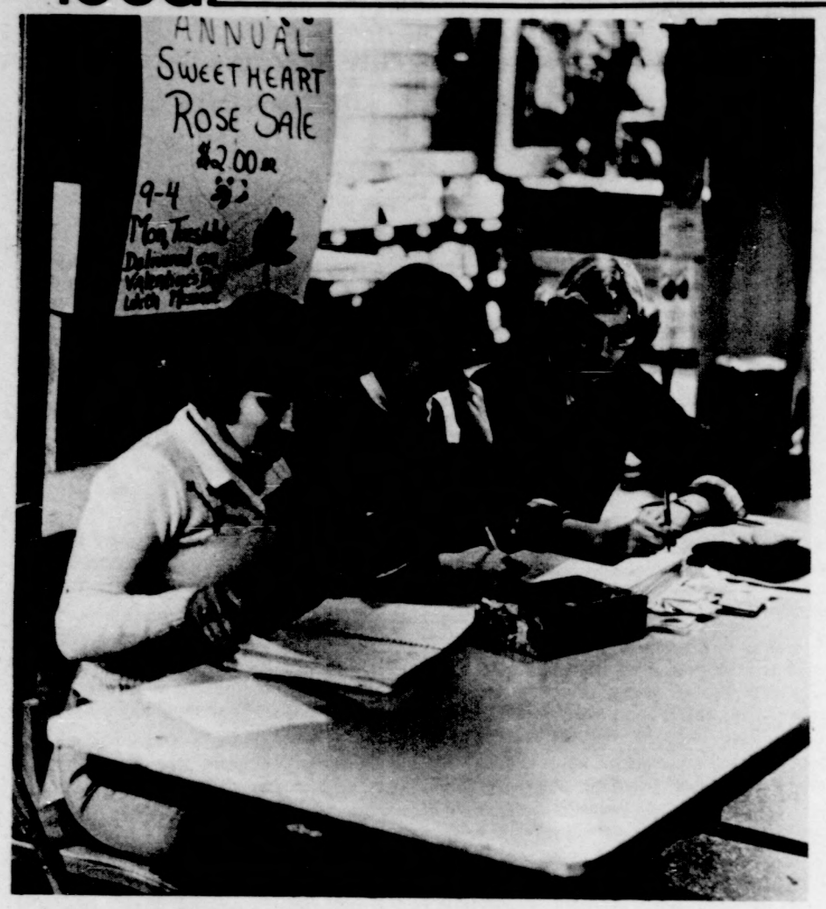
In other business, the council's Presidential Search Committee announced it will begin interviewing this week the remaining seven candidates for the permanent post of UMO president.

Acting President Allen also told the council that a final decision will be made next month on a proposal to shorten the Christmas break to three weeks. According to Vice President of Academic Affairs Henry Hooper, a cut to three weeks would mean significant energy savings for the university. Hooper declined to give specific figures. He said all campus buildings must be kept as 50 degrees during semester break, regardless of whether they're being used or not, and it would be much more profitable to hold school during this time.

Christmas break was recently shortened back to four weeks after an attempt at a five-week vacation during the 1978-1979 school year. If approved, students would return to UMO on Jan. 12 of next year and finish the semester one week early, on May 8.

Another proposed schedule revision would change October break from a Thursday and Friday to a Monday and Tuesday. Members of the Calendar Committee said this change would serve scheduling purposes better.

Finally, Mary Tyler was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council of Colleges. She will serve through 1980.



As the day belonging to lovers draws near, these three sisters of Alpha Omega i, Michele Violette, Susan Faucher, and Lynn Tompkins, take orders in the union for valentine roses to be delivered on campus. [photo by Don Powers]

Possible fuel shortage should not affect UMO

by Ernie Clark
Staff writer

Chances of an oil shortage affecting UMO's oil supply in the near future are slim, according to Bruce Probert of Sprague Oil Co., the university's oil supplier.

At a meeting of an energy committee made up of students and administrators, Probert said UMO is not dependent upon Middle East oil. Instead, the campus is heated with No. 6 residual oil from Venezuala, which is presently in abundant supply.

Number six oil is made from residue which is emitted during the refining process. This oil, which makes up roughly half of Venezuala's oil production, is designed primarily for large scale heating facilities.

Probert said he is optimistic about future oil prices.

"I don't look for prices to rise as much as they did last year," he said. "In the long run, prices will depend on both inflation and the world-wide economic situation."

Probert does not forsee difficulties in the event of an embargo. A stockpile of between 200,000 and 850,000 barrels would accommodate some of the burden, while other foreign suppliers would make up for the bulk of any possible shortage.

"We've even bought Russian oil before," Probert joked.

In the event of a war, he explained that the government would impound the oil, and issue it on a priority basis. Should this happen, he said schools would probably be forced to close.

Probert also discussed the comparative prices of oil and coal. Using the basic standard of one ton of coal equals four barrels of oil, Probert said coal would be 40 percent cheaper than oil, excluding transportation costs.

Director of Physical Plant Alan Lewis said by using coal instead of the estimated 70,000 barrels of oil used by the campus per year, the university could realize a $700,000 savings.

In other business, Lewis said that $469,655 of energy programs have been accepted for 50 percent funding by the State Office of Energy Resources. However, the funding has been tied up in Washington by problems concerning the order of program implementation.

One problem that has arisen is how the university is going to come up with 50

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Anti-draft teach-in hopes to gain community support

by Paul Fillmore
Staff writer

In a rubber stamp vote last night, CARD passed a motion brought up by the planning committee to hold a teach-in on the draft this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Damn Yankee.

The tentative speakers at the teach-in are:

Doug Allen, associate professor and head of the philosophy department, who will discuss the recent developments in the Middle East and why they are of "vital interest" to the United States; Steven Barkan, associate professor of sociology, who will talk about the mechanics of the draft; Frances Crowe, a Quaker activist who has a long history in the anti-draft movement and an as yet undecided speaker to give "a critique of patriotism."

One of the aims of the teach-in will be to get people from the surrounding community to attend. "We can be a lot more effective if we can spread this to the high schools and surrounding areas," said Cam Martin, a member of the planning committee.

"If we're going to be effective," said Peter Blum, an organizer of the first CARD meeting, "we have to deal with real people."

Another student, Dugald Sturges, said that it should be the group's goal to expose fraternity houses," he said.

The group also decided to circulate a petition opposing registration instead of bringing a resolution before the student senate to get a referendum on the upcoming ballot. "With a petition, we can

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Lowdown

Tuesday, Feb. 12

9-11 a.m. Topics: David Costill speaking on "Olympic Success." Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maine State Liquor Commission taking State Liquor ID pictures. Three forms of identification needed. South Lown Room, Memorial Union.

12:15 p.m. Dialogue on Rye. "A Scientific Approach to Distance Running." Coe Lounge, Memorial Union.

4 p.m. Maine Peace Action Commitee meeting. Virtue Room, the Maples.

5 to 7 p.m. Preventative Medicine Program. Hancock Hall.

6:30 p.m. Student Senate Meeting. 153 Barrows Hall.

7 p.m. Society of Women Engineers meeting. Panel discussion with four Maine women engineers on "Professionalism for Women." Refreshments. 152 Barrows Hall.

7 p.m. UMO Dance Festival. 101 English-Math

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and that discussions will be held on how to get the other 25 percent.

"All in all, we're pretty encouraged by the whole program," Lewis said.

Energy consumption decreased 15 percent over the first six months of fiscal year 1980, according to Lewis. Ten percent of the savings resulted from the unusually mild weather, and 5 percent came from conservation. Lewis said although he was pleased with the overall savings, he was not happy with the conservation savings.

"Electricity savings were not good," he said. Lewis asked students to conserve energy whenever possible, particularly at night.

Oil savings, partially due to the aborted 55 degree evening shutback program, provided a note of optimism. Based on oil consumption through the first six months and projections for the last six months of fiscal year 1980, the university will spend an estimated $1,493,000 on oil, significantly less than the $1.7 million figure projected last summer.

● CARD

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as many people as possible who are in favor of the draft to the ideals of the group as possible. "We have to go for the get a larger number of people," Blum said. "People are more willing to sign than vote," Blum said.

CARD also examined some of the arguments students in favor of the draft have presented. They reviewed the major points of these arguments that appeared in the *Maine Campus* last week and discussed the reasons why they disagreed with them.

One student at the meeting, Dan Simonds, a sophomore forestry major said the argument of using war as a way to "protect" people was totally wrong. "I don't see war as a protector of human rights," he said, "just as killer of people."

The CARD planning committee will meet again Thursday night to work out the logistics of the upcoming teach-in and to name the last speaker for the teach-in.

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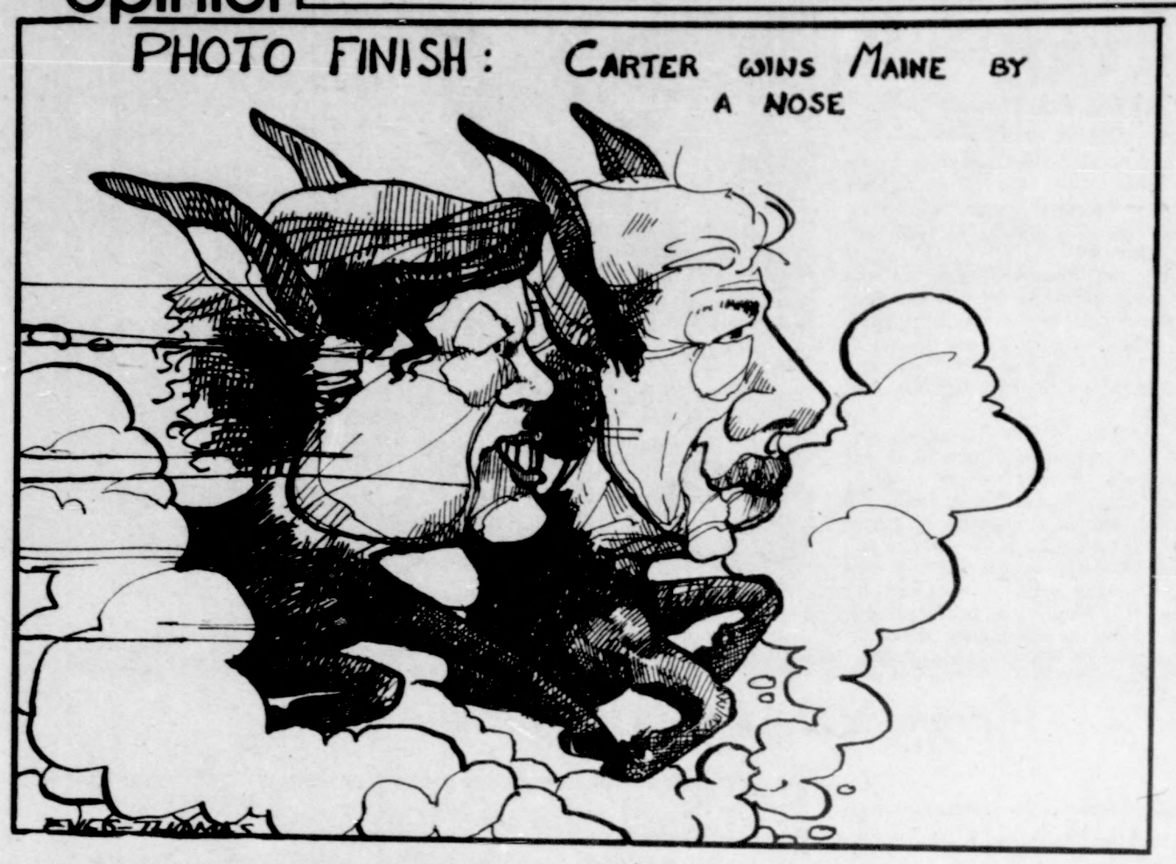

As Maine goes...

This round, at least, is over.

The Democratic caucuses, held yesterday, managed to surprise just about everyone.

For one thing, it's been written that it was a victory for all three of the major candidates.

The real heroes of this caucus, however, are all those Democrats who made a special effort to get out and show their support to a particular candidate.

There were those, of course, that didn't seem to take it all very seriously.

Like the Brown supporter at the Orono caucus who told the *Campus* that he voted for Brown "just to be obnoxious."

We hope he was kidding. Being obnoxious is not a sound or sensible way to form a political leaning.

Nor is voting "uncommitted."

All in all, however, the State of Maine, Orono, and indeed, the Democrats of UMO have reason to be proud.

Not only did we manage to surprise both the media and ourselves by the huge turnout, but we let our shouts be known across the country. We showed involvement.

And at least in that respect, let's hope the old saying "As Maine goes, so goes the nation," holds true.

M.L.

Macaroni and cheese

Roger Sweets is still mad.

He and many other graduate assistants on this campus are still in the midst of their battle to get more money for their services.

Right now, grad assistants get a minimum of $3,175 an academic year, which, according to Sweets, is still among the lowest salaries of any land grant college in New England for grad assistants.

He adds that it's getting harder and harder for these students to get by financially. In fact, he says they honestly "don't eat well."

Welcome to the 1980s.

We hope they get that pay raise.

The work they do is invaluable for the university, and the salaries should be competitve not only with other colleges, but with the times as well.

Even $700 will help the grads out.

We just hope they realize it won't help all that much.

The price of gas, not to mention car upkeep, isn't getting any cheaper either.

By this time next year, many grad assistants will wonder where all that money went.

Going to college, especially graduate school, and staying alive at the same time is not always easy. In fact, sometimes it's hard.

But what makes the sacrifice worth it is the ideal that in a couple of years, it will pay off, with a good job and the so-sought-after bucks.

It would be good for the graduate assistants to remember, in the words of Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Charles Tarr, "The stipends are not to provide gracious living but to provide some financial support."

And it would also be good for the Graduate School administration to remember that not so long ago, they, too probably lived on a diet of macaroni and cheese.

M.L.

The Real World
Mike Lowry

To this very day, in my house we speak in hushed tones about that June afternoon.

My mother had been after my father for what seemed like years about cutting down that tree. For one thing, it blocked out her view of the lake from our camp's sun porch. Come to think of it, it also blocked out the sun from the sun porch.

But since the tree was getting pretty old anyway, we could use its wood for the fireplace, and since we all liked to watch sailboats capsize on the lake while eating lunch, Ma figured it was as good a time as any to get rid of the birch.

My father was, at the time, restoring an old farm truck, and didn't want to bothered with such a chore, but he reluctantly gave in to her pleas to get it done.

"It's a little windy, but it's in our favor," he said to me," and your mother wants that tree cut."

So Dad and the man next door, Russ, spent over two hours in preparation for the tree's destruction.

There was more to this than I had imagined. Dad and Russ debated over the perfect angle of cutting, painstakingly making allowances for the wind and the fact that the tree was surrounded on one side by a slope and the lake, and on the other side by the camp. This was crucial; the tree would fall one way or the other.

Finally, the time had come to do the work.

Dad, who suddenly took a great deal of pride, interest, and a strange determination in what was about to happen, gingerly pulled the starter cord. The engine started quickly.

It was at this point that my mother, a confirmed worrywart, said, "You'd better go in the house. I want you out of the tree's way."

Despite protest and grumbling to the effect I wasn't planning to step in front of the tree as it fell, I gave up, and slamming the screen door behind me, I went indoors. At least I could watch through the window.

Russ looked on with my mother, as Dad carefully sawed notches out of the tree trunk. He was really kind of enjoying this.

Finally, the moment of truth. A simple brush of the saw would push the tree over. Dad gestured to the slope and the lake, where the tree would go in a moment.

Unfortunately, it didn't turn out like that.

As Dad took that final swipe of the chainsaw blade, the mammoth tree started to sway ever-so-slightly in the expected direction.

But then a gust of wind from the lake literally grabbed the top of that tree and pushed it in the other direction. Toward the camp.

You will recall I am in the camp watching this. I yelled. Loudly. And I got out of the camp. Quickly.

I got back out to where Russ and Ma were standing in time to see the tree settle as its brances cupped over the camp. Luckily, no windows or roofing had been damaged. But we didn't know that.

My father, whose eyes at present could set the tree afire, calmly set down his chainsaw and looked at what had happened. Then he said, simply, quietly, but very effectively, "Your tree's down."

He never said another word. He didn't have to. Neither did my mother nor I. We didn't care. We silently spent the remainder of the afternoon carefully getting through the brush without damaging the camp.

And now, when a tree has to be cut down, it's my father's idea.

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Love it or leave it

To the Editor:

I believe that Brian Cyr definitely has some problems. His letter to the editor Feb. 7, clearly shows his absolute stupidity. This young man, excuse me, this coward, enjoys his freedoms and actually used one of them when he wrote his letter. Yet when it comes time to defend his country and his freedoms he backs down. Well Brian, if you don't like it here, there's always a boat leaving for Russia. They would be glad to have your kind.

And since Brian's letter had a proposal, let me make one of my own. I propose that the Charles Mercers and Dick Hewes bear arms and the Brian Cyrs be used as live targets. That way, Charlie and Dick can get in some real practice and at the same time we can dispose of the trash like Brian..

No one wants another Vietnam, but no one wants communist rule. Unless we stand up against the Russians, that's what we'll have.

Proud to be Americans, and willing to fight for it.

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Vote student perspective

To the Editor:

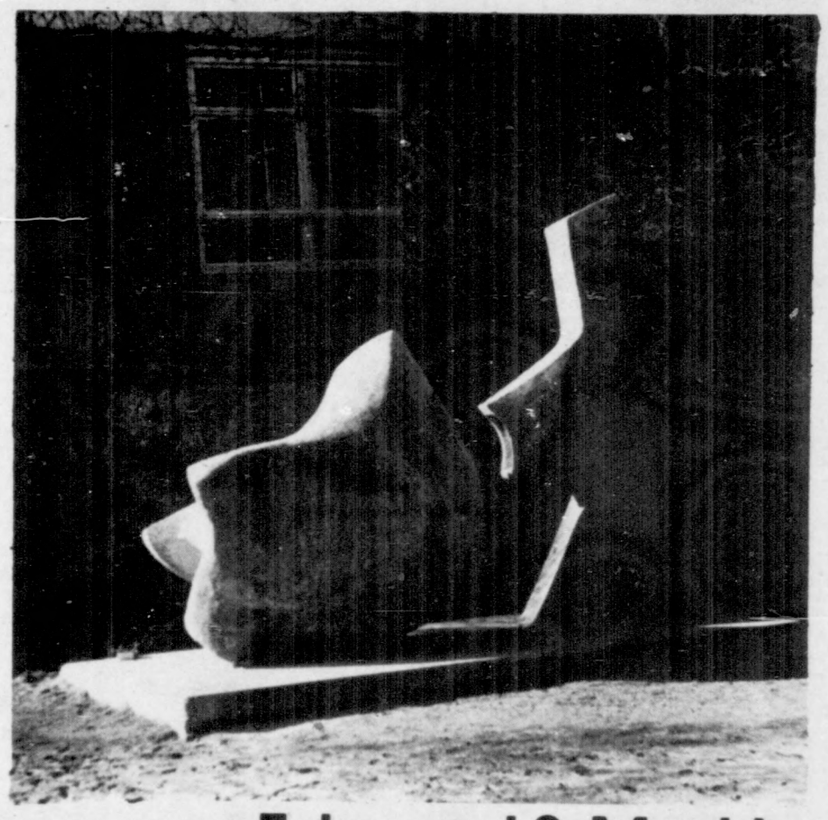
As candidates for president and vice president in the upcoming student government elections, we feel there is an issue of vital importance that the student body should know about. Residential Life, which affects most everyone on this campus, has virtually closed itself off from student input. We feel this institution, once conceived as a service, has now lost touch with its student constituency. The upper echelon of Residential Life has regularly take upon itself the job of creating policy without the consultation or advice of those students it is supposed to benefit.

The recent police patrolling of dorm halls serves as an interesting example. Residential Life has created a policy which solely reflects the beliefs of the administration without consultation with the students and their ideas. Just how effective will the new policy be in combatting the amount of damage in dorms? Or will student antagonism directed toward the UMO police outweigh any proposed advantages?

This trend, without student input into Residential Life, will continue, unknown to the student body. Residential Life is now considering a new blanket policy on the use of kegs in dorms. It is considering a number of angles but the most mild one runs as follows: Limiting keg usage to Friday and Saturday nights along with a limitation on the number of kegs which can be purchased.

Is this a wise decision? For some dorms, maybe. But we feel blanket decisions without the input of students is wrong. We favor the creation or revamping of a committee of students which will deal directly with top administrators in Residential Life. This will insure a direct student voice in Residential Life's decision making. We all have a stake in the living conditions on campus. A vote for Marsters and McKay is a vote for the student perspective.

Sincerely,
Lori Marsters and
Bruce McKay
candidates for president and vice president of student government



Never assume

To the Editor

Once again, I see that you have taken your liberty to print too far. I write in reference to your Police Blotter of Monday, Feb. 11.

First of all, it was not my car that was stopped. I have never gotten a driver's license in my life, thus I could have never gotten a registered vehicle. Right?

You would have been right if you had just reported the facts. But no, that was too easy.

There's an old adage that applies to journalistic endeavors. It goes like this: You never assume, because when you do, you make an ass out of you and me (ass/u/me).

I made a foolish move the other night. I should have never attempted to drive the car. I realize the seriousness now, and I may have to pay dearly for it.

However, that does not give you the license to manufacture facts to suit your Police Blotter.

Come on now, aren't you professionals?

Seriously,
Crilly Ritz

commentary — Edmund S. Muskie

Defense to spark budget debate

The proper level of spending for defense spending which now makes up one-fourth of the federal budget, will be one of the most controversial portions of this year's budget debate. As chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, I will be spending a great deal of time in this session examining this question.

The budget President Carter submitted to the Congress last week would provide an average 5 percent annual real growth in spending-after inflation-for defense for at least the next five years.

This is a substantial commitment.The impact of a 5 percent level of real growth would cause defense spending to increase from $140 billion in fiscal year 1985.The increase would be even higher if the level of inflation assumed in the president's budget, roughly 7 percent per year through 1985, proved to be optimistic.

The defense budget will pay for improvements in our nuclear arsenal, for nuclear weapons based in Europe, and for improvements in NATO forces. It will finance a 550-ship navy throught the 1990s. And it will finance development of "rapid deployment forces" designed to move as many as 100,000 men quickly to a trouble spot anywhere on the globe.

The Congress will almost certainly approve these defense programs. They are necessary. They are also a sign that the United States has both the resources and the will to respond to Soviet adventurism.

We have to ask, how much is enough? To answer that question, we will need detailed justification for military spending proposal. We will need a better understanding of how our military power fits in with our foreign policy objectives. We must distinguish between real needs and fervent hopes. We must balance military spending against our needs here at home, especially our need to balance the budget and control inflation. And, we must not let global unrest stampede us into costly spending decisions which might take several years to reverse.

The Soviet Union will not disappear if we ignore it. It will not yield to threats, any more than we would. It must be dealt with in the international arena as any other nation must be. We must and we will continue to negotiate with the Soviets. We must make it clear that force will be met with force. But we must make it equally clear that conciliation is possible. In the nuclear age, no other sane course is open to us.

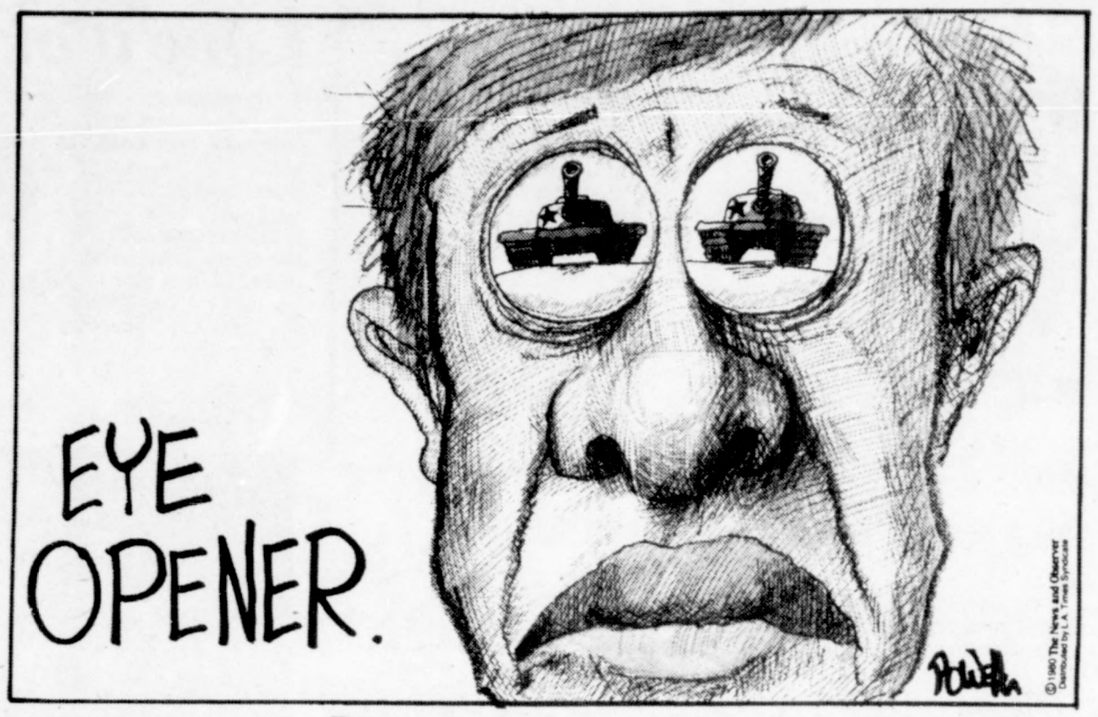
Students give Powell anti-draft petition

LEWISTON—A victory in the Maine caucus isn't the only thing that President Carter's staff will be taking back to the White House.

About 200 Bates College students protesting draft registration Sunday in Lewiston presented White House Press Secretary Jody Powell with an anti-draft petition containing 500 signatures.

Powell, who was representing Carter at yesterday's caucus at Lewiston High School, said the petition would be given to Carter.

The student group, which calls itself "War Is Not The Answer," was greeted outside the caucus by Democratic presidential hopeful Gov. Jerry Brown and Joseph P. Kennedy, son of the late Robert Kennedy. Both Brown and Sen. Edward Kennedy say they oppose draft registration.



T.M.I. leak stops

HARRISBURG—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said a leak inside the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power plant has been stopped. Authorities said radioactive water had been leaking for nearly two hours Monday, but they say it now appears no radioactive material got outside the facility.

The leak occured inside an auxiliary building attached to the building housing the reactor damaged in last year's accident. A spokesman for General Public Utilities, which owns the plant, said there apparently were higher-than-normal levels of radioactivity inside the auxiliary building. It was evacuated, but there's no word on anyone being exposed to radioactivity.

And, the NRC said no radioactivity has been detected outside the plant.

Reagan's campaigners seek N.H. victory

CONCORD—Strategies in Ronald Reagan's campaign say a victory in the New Hampshire primary would put him back in front of the race for the GOP presidential nomination. Reagan lost to former CIA Director George Bush in the Iowa Caucuses last month.

The strategists say they don't expect Reagan to lose New Hampshire. But they say that even if he does, he'd remain the odds-on favorite in the race because he's strong in the South and West.

Reagan Press Secretary Jim Lake said a loss in New Hampshire means Reagan's staff will "have to work harder" in other parts of the country.

Reagan wants very much to take New Hampshire in the Feb. 26 primary. He's added five days of campaigning in the state to his schedule.

Brennan asks for oil price information

AUGUSTA—Gov. Joseph Brennan is asking the federal government for an analysis of recent wholesale price increases for home heating oil.

Brennan said he has written a letter to federal Energy Secretary Charles Duncan.

The letter asks Duncan about increased prices on home heating oil that had been stockpiled as part of the Carter administration's winter inventory program.

Brennan said 240 barrels of oil have been stockpiled.

He believes there is no justification for raising the price of oil that was stockpiled last fall before the major OPEC price increase.

In fact, Brennan said there should be a decrease in the price. He said conservation has caused a surplus of oil reserves.

Tax credit for wood stoves still possible

WASHINGTON—A spokesman for the Treasury Department is optimistic that a wood stove tax credit still will be put into effect, either by the president or by Congress.

George Ross, in Washington, said Monday there is sympathy in the Carter administration for such a credit, and the Treasury Department recommended it last year.

A House-Senate committee killed the credit idea last week after it was proposed as part of the windfall profits tax.

Ross said the administration would wait until the committee finishes its work before taking any possible action on the credit proposal, possibly independent of Congress.

New Hampshire Congressmen John Durkin and Norman D'Amours favor the credit and Sen. Howard Baker, campaigning in the state Monday also said he favors the proposal.

Snowe scheduled to announce candidacy

AUGUSTA—Second District Congresswoman Olympia Snowe is scheduled to announce her candidacy for re-election this week.

The Republican legislator said she will hold a series of news conferences throughout the state.

Snowe plans stops in Bangor, Portland, Presque Isle and Auburn to announce her bid for a second term.

The congresswoman is one of 16 women in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Snowe serves on the Committee on Small Business, the Committee on Government Operations, and the Select Committee on Aging.

Brennan declares "crime prevention week"

AUGUSTA—Gov. Joseph Brennan has declared this "Crime Prevention Week" in Maine.

In making the declaration, Brennan said, "Crime and its consequences continue to be a problem in Maine."

The governor said the criminal justice system cannot hope to stop the rise in crime without citizen support.

He said citizen groups such as the Exchange Club in Lewiston are important for the educational work they do with neighborhood organizations.

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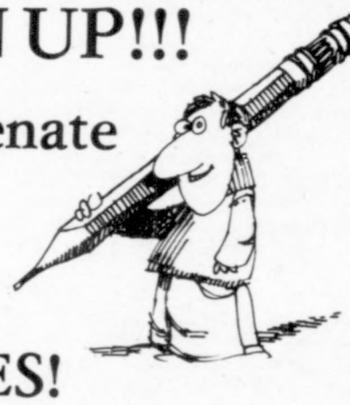

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Track ends season, 7-0

by Ed Crockett

For the second consecutive season, the men's track team has gone undefeated in regular season competition. Coach Ed Styrna's Black Bears crushed the University of Massachusetts Saturday to finish with a perfect 7-0 mark.

UMO had command from the beginning by outscoring UMass 35-18 in the field events. John Rumph led a sweep in the triple jump with a leap of 44'1/8'', with Rick VanDoren and Ernie Hewitt finishing second and third, respectively. Pete Cumbstone, Brian Donovan, and John Andrews all cleared 6' in sweeping the high jump. Mark Poirier and Stan Eames were other Maine winners in the field events, as Poirer took honors in the long jump with a distance of 21'3½'', and Eames heaved the 35 lb. weight 45'83/4'' to win that event.

In the 60 yd. hurdles, Ben Reed set a meet record in a blistering 7.6 sec. and Kevin Tarr remained unbeaten in the 60 yd. dash, tying the meet record of 6.4 sec.

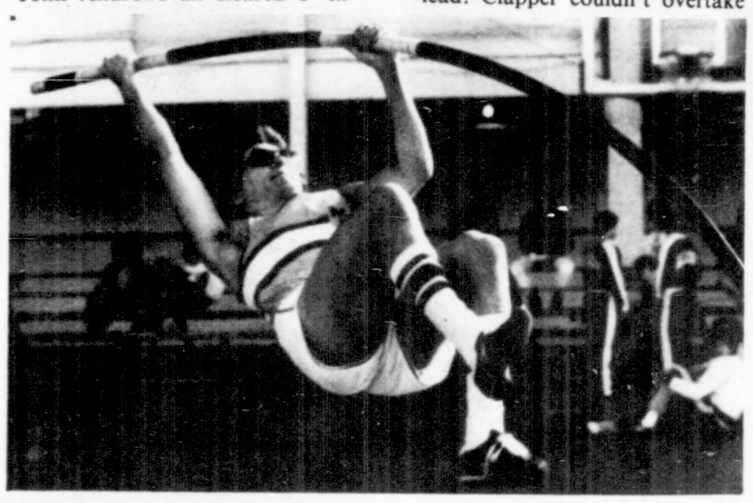
Myron Whipkey pulled away from the field early in the 880 yd. run to establish a new meet record in a sparkling 1:53. Brad Brown made the 1000 yd. run look as easy as Whipkey's win by blitzing the field, then cruising to a time of 2:15.8.

Kevin Dyer and Cameron Bonsey were also winners. Dyer captured the 440 yard run in 50.1 seconds and Bonsey held off a furious challenge by Pearson of UMass to win the 600 yard run in 1:13.6.

An impressive performance was turned in by freshman Gerry Clapper in the two-mile run. With a mile to go, Clapper broke from the middle of the pack and began to pick off one UMass runner after another until he found himself challenging for the lead. Clapper couldn't overtake the leader but finished a very respectable, yet unexpected second. Assistant Coach Jim Ballinger thought Clapper's time of 9:09.7 was the best ever by a UMO freshman.

Maine won the mile relay handily, with Tim Sawtelle, Bonsey, Tarr and Dyer rocketing to victory. The foursome of Jeff Celia, Charlie Wade, Brown and Whipkey took the two-mile relay in 8:11.1.

The Black Bears next meet is February 23rd, when they take their 7-0 record to Kingston, Rhode Island to compete in the Yankee Conference Championships.



Double swim weekend ends in victories; fifth Yan Con title possible

by Scott Winslow
Staff writer

The men's swim team took two giant steps toward a Yankee Conference title this weekend, beating the University of Rhode Island Friday, and Boston University Saturday, both in foreign waters. The two victories set the stage for this Saturday's home contest against UMass, where a win would now guarantee Coach Switzer's Black bears a fifth straight Yankee Conference title.

As expected, Maine overwhelmed U.R.I. on Friday. The final score read 92-30, with the Black Bears taking first place in every event except the 1650 yard freestyle. The real test, however, was to come against a strong B.U. team only 14 hours later, when a somewhat tired UMO squad rolled into Boston.

The Black Bears were up for the challenge though; when they left the final score read 78-35 and the BU officials were busy reorganizing the "pool record's" board. Pete Farragher, Rich Wells, Kendall McCarthy, and Bob Marshall combined for 335.93 in the 400 yard Medley Relay to capture one of those pool records. Others who nailed down pool records were Rob Grealy with a 10:16.6 in the 1000-yard freestyle, Bob Marshall with 22.06 in the 50 yard freestyle, Chuck Martin with a 4:49.74 in the 500 yard freestyle, and Pete Farragher with a 1:59.32 in the 200 yard backstroke. That adds up to a 6 record-breaking times and that doesn't even include Farragher's 1:47.35 in the 200 yard freestyle, which tied a pool record. Steve Ferenezy was the other winner for Maine in the 100 yard freestyle with 49.2 seconds.

Bears net win in 77-76 squeeze play

Maine squeezed by North Carolina A & T 77-76 last night. Maine was down 76-75 with only six seconds before the buzzer when Jim Mercer scored for two foul shots to put Maine over the top. Maine found itself double-teamed and triple-teamed in a very wild ending. Rufus Harris was back on top with 30 points, including 10 rebounds. Rick Carlisle followed with 13 points and Mercer went for 10. Maine is now 12-11. Full game coverage in Wednesday's paper by Scott Cole.

Gymnastic win

Maine's gymnasts raised their record to 6-0, by scoring 109.05 to down Salem State (102.65) and University of Maine-Farmington at Farmington Saturday.

Coach Lisa Burger said of the meet, "It was an excellent performance. I was very pleased. The girls really looked sharp. I'm very encouraged and looking forward to the Tri-States (March 1-2)."

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