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Chancellor Donald R. McNeil congratulates PIRG State Coordinator John Melrose.

PIRG compromise reached

By Jan Hill

After a six-month, up-hill battle, the consumer advocate organization, PIRG, won the right to use the university as a collecting arm when the Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to act as a "fiscal agency" for non--university organizations.

Board member Dr. Lawrence Cutler cast the deciding vote as the eleven of fourteen board members attending the public meeting voted six to five in favor of the revised motion which allows students to check-off non-support for PIRG on their tuition bills.

John Melrose, state co-ordinator for Maine PIRG, commented on the board's decision Wednesday morning. "My feeling is that a compromise was worked out that was satisfactory to us." He said the negative check-off system "can be inadequate and can be unpredictable," but that the success of the system will depend on "the kind of people we have here."

The policy issue had been brought before the Board by the Maine Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). PIRG had proposed to include a mandatory $2.00 contribution to their organization in each student's semester bill. Provisions had been made for refunding the contribution if a student declared non-support for the organization.

PIRG contended that if the trustees did not approve their proposal, they would have to waste time, money and personnel "selling" their organization to potential contributors.

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Thurmond defends death penalty and spending cuts

South Carolina's veteran Sen. Strom Thurmond came to UMO Tuesday night and left his audience with a less than favorable impression of the 71-year old lawmaker's interpretation of current events.

Thurmond spoke for a half hour on current affairs, addressing popular

concerns such as crime, the legislative-executive showdown, military spending, and Soviet-American relations. He gathered little approval for his stands on these issues.

Addressing the executive versus legislative branch power struggle, Thurmond said he agreed with Pres. Nixon's "effort to restore fiscal sanity."

"Congress has spent more than it has taken in for the last 24 out of 30 years," the one-time States-Rights Presidential candidate charged. "But the government has borrowed money...People haven't realized how much we're going in debt," he added.

Arguing that the President wants to reduce expenditures, but Congress wants to keep on spending, Thurmond said he expects the courts will finally have to "delineate completely how far Congress can go in spending or where the president steps in."

Thurmond suggested that the legality of the President's impoundment of congressionally approved funds also would have to be decided by the judiciary.

On the question of defense funds, the veteran lawmaker said he disagrees with people urging defense cutbacks for the sake of domestic programs.

"I feel funds have already been re-allotted for domestic programs," Thurmond claimed.

Thurmond claimed that while "years ago" 50% of the budget was spent on military, only 30% of the current budget represents military spending.

The former South Carolina Governor followed his support for current military spending with his view that America must depend on a strong military for defense.

"If we are to remain a free nation, we must remain strong both militarily and economically," he charged.

Turning his attentions to crime in America, Thurmond said that because of the increasing crime-rate "we must take steps to bring about better law enforcement."

The South Carolina senator, a member of the upper house since 1954, suggests a central means of deterring crime is the reinstitution of capital punishment. He cited his eight years as a South Carolina judge, where he "sent several people to the electric chair," as qualification to give his views on the death penalty.

Thurmond also suggested legal "loopholes," which allow convicted criminals to go free on technicalities, should be closed.

In the question-answer period immediately following the senator's address, several of the topics he dealt with were discussed.

One UMO student from South Carolina told the senator that the public housing situation for the poor is not as successful as Thurmond had said earlier. The student said he had seen the housing conditions in Dorchester County, S.C., and knew that several of the projects were built on swamps.

Thurmond replied that he was not aware of any such situation. He added that the student should not "mislead" the people of Maine into believing that South Carolina is not meeting its social responsibilities to the poor.

Another member of the audience intended to address several questions and comments to the senator, but apparently gave up when Thurmond cut short his first two questions on international affairs.

A crowd of about 400 attended the DLS program in Memorial Gymnasium.

Prison-reform lobby present eight bills

A small group of ex-cons is attempting to squelch the notion that prison inmates are capable only of making license plates or jimmying windows.

SCAR, the Statewide Correctional Alliance for Reform, is now in its third month as a non-profit Maine organization designed to "bring about constructive change within the prison and judicial system," according to one of its founders Robbie Bothen, 22, a sophomore at New Hampshire's Franconia College.

Currently, the group is lobbying for prison reform in the form of eight bills before the 106th Maine ligislature.

The more important bills would:

—Eliminate an inmate's record once a sentence has been served to improve opportunities for good jobs.

—Amend the furlough system so inmates would receive two days of furlough time for each month in confinement.

—Increase the amount of "goodtime" from seven days per month to 12 ½. Good time is time accumulated for good behavior used for shortening sentences.

—Alter parole eligibility to automatic consideration after an inmate has served one-third of his minimum sentence instead of one-third the maximum sentence.

—Establish a Bill of Rights for Maine inmates ensuring humane treatment, proper medical treatment and common courtesy from officials.

At present, the only action to be taken on any of these bills was the legislature's tabling of the furlough bill.

Dr. Gene Mason (center) discusses prison reform problems with Fred Michaud, left, SCAR area co-ordinator, Alan Caron, president of SCAR and Robert Bothen, vice president of the prison reform group. (*Bangor Daily News* photo)

Mason claims laws favor rich

A New Hampshire college professor who has served time in Kentucky State Prison said Monday that American prisons are class institutions with the low-income earner bearing the brunt of injustice.

"Look in any prison in the U.S." said Dr. Gene Mason of Franconia College, "and you'll find very few lawyers, doctors or accountants."

Their scarcity, he added, has no bearing on their civic uprightness but, more likely, on their socio-economic status.

Dr. Mason was the featured speaker at a prison reform rap session sponsored by the Statewide Correctional Alliance for Reform (SCAR).

Citing "fear of crime" as the foremost emotional issue in the mind of the American voter, Mason debunked the popular conception of criminals are "different, dangerous and sick." The nature of crime and what is criminal has changed so much, he said, that it is a rare person who can claim not to be a felon of some sort.

Mason said "white-collar crime", those committed by the middle class, have never been subject to heavy punishment and are regarded as only "indiscreet, few and harmless." White-collar crimes include price fixing and crimes against anti-trust laws, he explained.

The reason behind the apparent inequity, Mason added, might lie in the socio-economic status of the lawmakers themselves—the state legislature. "Very few legislators," he said, "define their middle class 'indiscretions' as criminal ."

Prison reform has gone through several stages, according to Mason, from the forced solitude of the colonial era through forced labor to current forced therapy. Each "reform", he commented, falls short because of its basic assumption that it is the individual who is sick and not society, and that it is the individual who must be cured.

Mason harangued prison officials who allow inmates to be used as guinea pigs for pharmaceutical companies with untried drugs. He also objects to the current practice of psychosurgery—an operation similar to a lobotomy which reduces the aggressive and violent emotions of the inmate.

Prison reform, Mason concluded, must be taken out of the hands of the wardens and good-intentioned "pristine liberals" and into those of the inmates and "those who have been there."

"The name of the game is power," he said. "Some have it all, and some have none."

$25 insurance fee okayed at first open bidding

by Buzz Adams

Five insurance companies last Thursday submitted bids to the UMO business office for next year's student-insurance contract.

The lowest bidder was W.C. Ladd and Sons of Rockland, which services UMO's health insurance policies for the insurer, the Vermont Insurance Agency of Rutland, Vt. UMO Business Manager Alden Stuart expects to award a three-year contract to the Vermont agency today.

The bid was $25 per student per year; $5 lower than the Vermont Insurance Agency currently charges.

The W.C. Ladd and Sons outfit is owned in part by Edward R. Ladd, whose wife, Margaret, is the daughter of former University of Maine President Arthur A. Hauck. Hauck served as the university's top administrator from 1934 until 1958.

Last Thursday's bidding, Stuart said, was the first open competitive session the university has ever conducted for the insurance contract. Previously, he said, negotiations were held on a one-to-one basis.

The Vermont Insurance Agency has underwritten UMO health-insurance policies—collected premiums and paid claims—since 1964 on one-year contracts.

Other companies represented at the meeting in Alumni Hall last week were: Fred S. James of Boston, Richard J. Horan (servicing for the Dunlap Agency), Interstate National, and Mutual of Omaha. Their bids for a single student per semester per year were: $30, $34, $38.75 and $40.90. *(continued on page 4.)*

Priorities report termed 'too negative' at open hearing

by Don Smith

Approximately 50 faculty members and five non-faculty members of the university community attended a public meeting of the Council on Priorities last Tuesday night in Little Hall.

At the opening of the meeting, council chairman Peter Fitzgerald stated that the purpose of the meeting was to "gather feedback on the recent Mission and Goals Statement issued by the Council."

Fitzgerald first gave a brief history of the Council since its inception by President Libby in October of 1972. "President Libby asked us specifically to give our opinion on the place of graduate education, research, and public services in the future of UMO," Fitzgerald said. "He instructed us to plan on no future increases in available resources," he added.

"We sent out 2000 copies of the statement to all university employees, 4500 copies to residents of the university, and we gave copies to the student senate for distribution to off-campus students," Fitzgerald said. "So far the response to the statement has been disappointing. We've had response from some 54 faculty and staff members and 20 students."

When asked what the Council will be doing in the future, Fitzgerald said, "We're going to gather input and then come together as a committee. Hammer out our differences and then incorporate any useful input into the report, which will be submitted to President Libby sometime in the middle of April. The President will make comments on the report and then go to the various campus organizations for approval."

The comments on the council's statement were basically oriented towards graduate education and research in relation to undergraduate education.

Julian Haynes, an associate professor of zoology, claimed that any restrictions on graduate work and research at UMO would decrease the educational productivity of the institution. "I am in agreement with the statement in the area of undergraduate education," Haynes said, "but not in the areas of graduate education or research. Any restrictions on graduate education limit this (the zoology) department. We have produced very few students who now work in the state and, in this report, I see very few possibilities that this program could be geared in this direction."

Arts and Sciences Dean John Nolde expressed a different view. "I think that some of the graduate programs could be reduced in size, but quality maintained," Nolde said. "The resources we save could be channelled into undergraduate programs. This is what we really need."

Charles Hess, assistant professor of physics, said, "This (report) seems to generate a whole series of negative goals and negative missions. I sense a gloom or pessimism throughout the report. I don't understand why this is so negative."

Paul Camp, chairman of the physics department, said, "We should not focus on our limitations, but we should encourage examination of these limitations with respect to turning these debits into assets."

Bus schedule

Buses to UMO will be available to university students from BIA and the Greyhound bus terminal on Sunday, April 8, the final day of spring break.

Buses will meet the 10:42 a.m. and the 7:21 p.m. Boston to Bangor flight arrivals, and the 3:06 p.m. Philadelphia-to-Boston-to-Bangor flight at the BIA air terminal.

Buses returning to campus from BIA will pick up students waiting at the Greyhound bus terminal.

The regular $.40 fare will be charged.

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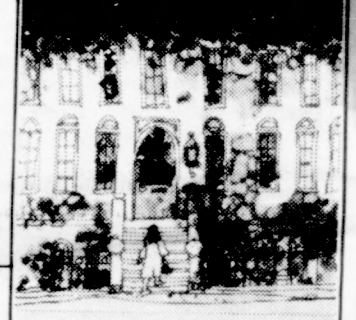

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Trustees to act as 'fiscal agency' for consumer group

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PIRG's proposal was voted down, six to four, but an alternate motion, incorporating a negative check-off system, was approved. The negative check-off system bills the student for his contribution unless he indicates non-support. The student then subtracts the contribution fron his total bill and pays the sub-total.

Tuesday's voluntary donation motion was based on the resolution made by the Administrative Council, March 7. The resolution stipulated a majority of students on each individual campus must express a willingness to support an organization in a voluntary manner.

The provisional two-year policy states that the contribution would be completely voluntary and that the university neither endorses the organization nor is it responsible for the activities of the organization.

The Board of Trustees said that any non-university organization must agree to defray the additional administrative cost to the university, and each request to use the university as a fiscal agent must be approved by the campus president.

A negative check-off system of collecting the contributions was added to the resolution by Carroll R. McGary, Commissioner of Education.

Mark Hopkins, a UMO junior, opposed the PIRG proposal. He compared PIRG to "those record and book clubs which rely on forgetfulness and apathy to sell their product."

He claimed that the refund table was "a long way around a check-off system," and PIRG's original proposal forced the student to "take action to indicate non-support."

Hopkins claimed he represented about 20 students" but said his group "decided not to politicalize our position," and had no formal indication of general student support.

"Basically I support PIRG. But I would much rather have a positive check-off system."

A positive check-off system permits a student to add his contribution to his bill, according to Barnett Shur, of the university's law firm, Berstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson of Portland.

But John Melrose, state coordinator for Maine PIRG, admitted that a check-off system was "inadequate and unpredictable" in his original proposal. But when it was voted down, he presented the negative check-off system as an alternative. "We feel although there is some doubt in our minds, we'd give it a try."

Trustee Robert Haskell, Bangor, argued the negative check-off charging it places the onus of disagreement upon the students.

However, the main opposition to permitting an organization's use of a mandatory refund system was on legal grounds. Attorney Shur cited a New York ruling in which the New York Board of Trustees were responsible for the use of mandatory fees. "The fact that the university collects these funds and disperses them," he explained, "divests in no way the responsibility for the use of these fees."

Voluntary contributions, Shur continued, are another matter, In a libel suit, "we could defend the position. I think we would be on fairly solid ground. I think we would lose completely on a mandatory system," the attorney suggested.

Shur also told Melrose, "If the board should rule in your favor, I would ask that no mention be made at all that you have any connection with the university."

The Board of Trustees approved the billing motion although Chancellor Donald R. McNeil's recommendation to them was against the use of the university's billing system by any non-university organization. "I don't think the university is in the business of acting as fiscal agents," he told the Board.

McNeil was also concerned about setting a precedent for other organizations, but admitted time would tell."

"I think this was a healthy discussion," McNeil said after the meeting, "It's good that the students won a victory."

All of the five dissenting votes seemed to be based on McNeil's reasoning. "I would interpret these 'no' voters as not approving the PIRG funding in any fashion," McGary commented after the meeting.

McGary, who voted in favor of the funding proposal said, "I would have gone a step further (and approved PIRG's original request), but I think this act gives those people a chance."

Stephen T. Hughes, a trustee from Auburn, explained his support of the motion. "I wanted to provide a mechanism which would at the same time protect the university while allowing well-intentioned and well-conceived efforts on the part of students to deliver community services and succeed."

About fifty people attended the hearing to support the PIRG proposal.

Agency has insured students since 1964

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The bidding came in the wake of a recently initiated in-patient infirmary charge on $25 per day. This is the first year that the insurance company handling student policies is paying overnight costs. Previously, according to Martin Pendergast, asst. director of the Student Health Center, the university had to pay the bill for in-patient care.

"We didn't find out until last year that most insurance companies would pay for in-patient care," Pendergast said last Friday. "But about 99 per cent of the companies will pay." He added that the university decided to charge the $25 feel last September because most students are covered by UMO's insurance plan or Maine Blue Cross hospitalization plan.

Last fiscal year alone, there were 2,250 in-patient days at the infirmary, Pendergast estimated. Multiplied by the current $25-a-day charge, which neither students nor the Vermont Insurance Agency were paying, in-patient care cost the university about $56,250 for the year.

Premium-and-claim figures for the Vermont Agency's last two years at UMO are: 1970-71—$172,171 premiums and $86,523 claims; 1971-72—$133,529 premiums and $86,261 claims.

No one seems to know how the agency will be able to foot the bill for infirmary costs plus other students' claims this year by charging less, or why Vermont even wants to keep the UMO contract. But Business Manager Alden Stewart said, "This guy (the Vermont Insurance Agency) works in strange ways."

The first-ever bidding session had nothing to do with the institution of the overnight fee, which pays for x-rays, drugs, lab fees and room-and-board, Pendergast said.

But agents of some companies that took part in the bidding last week said that pressure from companies other than Ladd and Sons was instrumental in opening the contract to bidders. And one agent said, "The university has resisted efforts (to open the bidding) for years."

The W.C. Ladd and Sons outfit receives commission from the Vermont Insurance Agency for servicing policies and getting business in its locality.

COMBAT drive seeks UMO volunteers

Bangor COMBAT, an independent, non-profit, consumer organization serving northern Maine, begins a month-long recruiting drive in April.

John Supranovich, the executive director of Bangor COMBAT, claimed the recruiting drive is aimed at UMO so students may be directly involved in the issues affecting them.

"In the past eight months we've had over 400 cases come in," he said. "I'd say that between 15 and 25 percent of these are student-oriented."

During the first six months of the group's existence, there were a maximum of six case workers on the staff. "Presently there are three or four UMO students working with us," he said, "and two of these students are on the Board of Directors."

According to Supranovich, Bangor COMBAT is similar to PIRG in the basic issues involved, but this is where the similarity ends.

"PIRG will be involved with the broader, more basic issues," Supranovich said. "We, on the other hand, are an organization working on a one-to-one relationship with the consumer. We have no budget, as PIRG is fighting for. Every expense we incur comes out of our own pockets."

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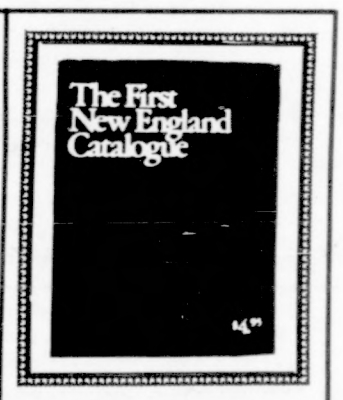

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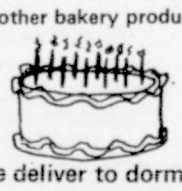
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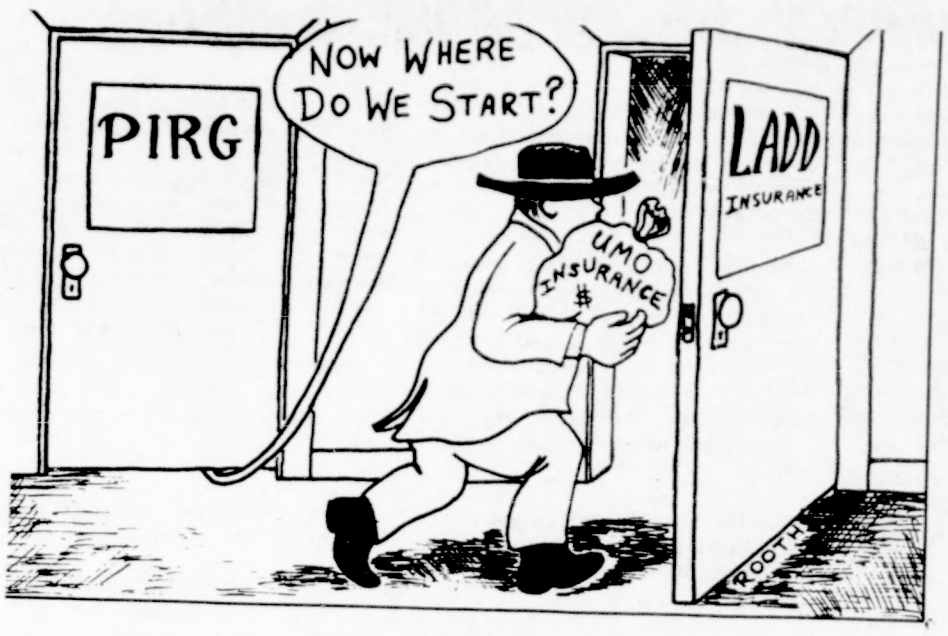

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Editorial:

Chancellor must change attitude

The Board of Trustees, in a close vote, finally granted approval to PIRG's funding proposal last Tuesday night — over the objections of Chancellor Donald R. McNeil.

Apparently McNeil has been biased against PIRG since its inception six months ago. His prejudice became evident during a meeting between PIRG chairman John Melrose and McNeil, February 21, when McNeil was obviously unprepared and notoriously noncommital concerning the issue.

How can this bias be justifiable when a similar funding method has been in existence for some time in connection with student insurance policies?

Student insurance has been on the university bills for a number of years. Here is a prime example of a case where the university is acting as a collecting agency for one of the most capitalistic, materialistic species of business in the U.S. today.

The agency handling the student insurance policies has done so for the past nine years, has never picked up the tab for in-patient care at the infirmary, and has never been the subject of as much unmitigated flak as PIRG has taken.

Why is it that a non-profit, student-oriented organization such as PIRG should bear the brunt of so much more abuse than a well-established, profiteering business which could care less about the students whose pockets it empties?

Could it be that Chancellor Donald R. McNeil has a basically distrustful attitude towards students and their organizations?

If so, then it's time Donald R. McNeil stepped down in favor of someone who can offer an unbiased mind and an attentive ear to the problems of the University of Maine student.

Letters:

McGovern equated with Hoffman

To the editor:

I have been reading "Maine-ly Right" with interest, trying to understand the conservative viewpoint. And I feel someone should examine his opinions with facts and a liberal viewpoint.

Hollingsworth says that he investigated the "leftist spectrum" for inconsistencies. But Hollingsworth and other conservatives have to learn that life is full of both apparent and real contradictions.

By grouping liberals with radicals, Hollingsworth has not served the interests of the truth. Surely, one can not make the gross mistake of claiming that George McGovern and Abbie Hoffman share the same political viewpoints.

Hollingsworth says (and it is true) that conservatives are accused of being paranoic and "seeing Communists under every bed." But he implies "radicals" are at least as paranoid because of their fear of "FBI agents on every campus, narcs in every dorm, and 'fascists' on every corner."

Here a little truth comes in handy. The fear of "FBI agents on every campus," etc., is justifiable. There may not be "fascists on every corner," but there is documented evidence as to the extremely wide range of espionage and "information" gathering done by the FBI, CIA, and the Army Intelligence Agency. Not without political overtones, this "surveillance" created extensive dossiers on such "dangerous" groups and people as Martin Luther King, the National Peace Action Coalition, and Ralph Nader. This is alarming to me.

Hollingsworth creates contradictions that do not exist. He states, "Every good radical says guns are evil and killing is wicked and immoral." I would draw, as one line between liberalism and radicalism, the fact that radicals may advocate armed action, while liberals do not. By totally ignoring such a distinction, Hollingsworth deceptively creates an illusion of contradiction.

Hollingsworth's column incorrectly grouped liberals and radicals as holding the same political views. Using this method he manufactured contradictions in a so-called "leftist" ideology that do not exist.

Steve Parker

Mother-pie and Applehood by Don Smith

Commons find more than one way to skin a cat

The crunch of meat prices has many people up in arms. The more resourceful housewives have come up with alternatives—as can the more resourceful UMO administrators. Here is one method that the UMO Food Service may be considering.

According to Orono Police Department records, there has been a dramatic increase in dog-napping, cat-napping, goat-napping, and moose-napping in the area over the past month and a half.

Prior to February, 1972, there was an average of three cases of dog-napping per month in Orono. No cases of cat-napping (except by the desk sargeant), goat-napping, or moose-napping had ever been reported.

The second week of February saw a dramatic reversal of this trend. Fifteen dogs, 12 cats, one goat, and three moose were abducted from citizens of Orono, Old Town, and Veazie.

"This is a startling turn of events," said Orono Police Chief Wesley Knight, "and the trend is increasing."

According to Knight, the total number of reported dog-nappings in February increased to 47, while 21 cat-nappings, 9 moose-nappings, and 4 goat-nappings occurred.

Knight said that a solution was imminent. "We're close to catching the perpetrator, thanks to an anonymous tip-off," he said.

Knight claimed that an unsigned letter from the culprit had arrived at the Orono Police Department on Monday, March 26. "The letter was a rather vocal, verbal vehicle," Knight stated. "The writer denounced the major meat-packing concerns for raising their prices by 35 per cent over the past three months. The writer claimed that the prices far exceeded her food budget and had forced her to look elsewhere for meat. Since she had a huge 'family' to feed, it was necessary to experiment with a different method of skinning the cat.

"She (the writer) made one big mistake," Knight said. "The letter was sent through the UMO Mail Service, which means that she has to be a member of the University community, probably the administration.

"We still haven't scrapped the theory that this crime wave is the effort of a gang," Knight said. "All of the evidence gathered thus far points to an astonishing conclusion—either this is the work of a group of demented individuals, or the UMO Food Service is desperately trying to save what's left of its budget.

"The police forces in the individual towns affected have put armed guards at each of the town animal shelters in the hopes of deterring any further nappings," Knight said. "We suggest that, until the crisis is over, all citizens owning pets should keep them muzzled and under lock and key."

YAF tactics were tactless

To the editor:

I read Hollingsworth's March 22 column with great interest, and incredulous laughter. Here, the YAF president who constantly complains about the lack of right-wing viewpoint on campus explained the lack of logic in left wing viewpoint. To top it off, he did it with a straight face.

Young Socialist Alliance came to campus last week and distributed leaflets stating what they stood for, where they'd be and when they'd be there, so interested people could come and talk with them.

To counter the appearance of a leftist group the YAF tacked up "fact sheets" everywhere they could find a YSA poster. That sounds childish since the YAF has an advocate in the *Maine Campus* and a bulletin board in the Union to disseminate literature. The Socialist Alliance was a newcomer to campus and had to tell people that it was here, but YAF couldn't take that laying down.

In its fact sheet, YAF tied the Socialists to mass-murder, stupidity, "force and violence" and used other-than-logical tactics to produce anti-socialist feeling. Not one statement on the sheet was substantiated. All were the baldest attempt at brainwashing. Four statements attempted to identify the socialists with criminality, but YAF didn't have the good faith or courage to factually substantiate its claims.

One can only conclude that YAF knows nothing of logical argument if it refuses to use it to deal with its political opposites. One could also conclude YAF either considers students too dumb to recognize illogical arguments, or has little respect for students to tell the truth.

Mark C. Sousa

Would the real Hollingsworth...

To the editor:

Mr. Hollingsworth should examine his own articles for "logic, consistency." We all know that the lack of logic and consistency leads to ambiguity which can be dangerous.

This point was brought home the other day when a five-year-old girl approached me on a tricycle and asked if I went to the university.

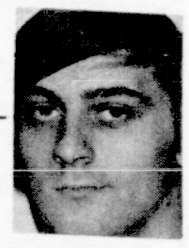
I answered in the affirmative, and she said, "Then could you tell me this — is Jeffrey Hollingsworth's column a satire or are we supposed to take it seriously?" Taken quite aback, not knowing how to answer, I went home to mull it over.

The conclusion I came to is that it's about time Hollingsworth divulges that he is really Art Buchwald in disguise...

J. Michael Hahn

Maine-ly Right

by Jeffrey Hollingsworth



Some trivial tidbits to tantalize your spring appetite

Rather than bore the few readers there may be of this column with grave and weighty matters, a selection of trivial tidbits seems in order as food for thought over spring break. For example:

Have you heard about the radic/lib chic marriage of the year? "Hanoi Jane" Fonda, late of such mindless bombs as "Barbarella" and frequent star of *Playboy* pictorials, underground nudie posters and assorted leftwing causes, hooked up with Tom ("Power to the People") Hayden, late of SDS and the campus violence scene. Jane's next picture is rumored to be "Naked Came the Traitor"...

Spotted in an obscure underground paper: "Position wanted by former government insider. Experienced, formerly with the Pentagon and Rand Corp. Available for photocopy work. Also secret documents for sale, cheap. Contact Daniel Ellsberg..."

Richard Nixon, watchdog over the health of the nation, and the man noted for trading away loyal ally Nationalist China for a couple of pandas and the dubious privilege of clinking champagne glasses with Chou En-Lai, has run up a budget deficit exceeding $50 billion going into his fourth year. Lyndon Johnson, architect of the Great Society bumble and leading conserver of electricity, was only able to manage $36.1 billion in five years. Anyone for the "Old Nixon?"

PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) seems to be running out of gas with its clever proposal to tax everybody in order to claim sole legal guardianship to the "public interest." None of the PIRG people are sure whether the trustees will accede to adding the outfit to the long list of items we already pay for. If it goes through, just remember that the sun never sets on the public trough...

Ted Kennedy, heir apparent to the Back Bay dynasty, has been meandering about from campus to cocktail party loudly expunging on the inherent "right" of the people to know every nasty scandal going on in government, and called for complete and open exposure of the Pentagon Papers. Teddy Bear was seen to walk off one stage on a certain campus when as innocently-inquiring student asked him why the Chappaquidick Report is still being withheld from the public after considerable taxpayer expense. Some things are better left unsaid, eh, Teddy?

Word comes from Chile, home of Salvador Allende the Marxist, of food riots, strikes and unemployment. Allende, besides being President of Chile also heads the semi-secret Fidel Castro Fan Club, accused American big business and Yankee imperialism (who else?) for his troubles, claiming corporations are strangling socialism. Allende blew his chances to back out gracefully when he failed to head up McGovern's "expose-big-business" campaign team. It might have been the first documented case of rats boarding a sinking ship.

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Application forms are available at the main desk of the College of Education and may be picked up and returned there any time that the building is open.

LET'S GET THOSE APPLICATIONS IN

Sorority proponents and critics agree: the Greek syst

by Bettina Boxall

Sisterhood — drop the word in the vicinity of a sorority girl and her eyes take on a blurry look and she starts talking about togetherness, sharing, life friendships and good times.

But every year brings fewer and fewer girls who are interested in the good times of the Greek sisterhood. The sorority system at UMO is not on its death bed — but it is struggling to carve a viable future out of the changing campus scene.

Five years ago there were 466 sorority girls at UMO, from a female undergraduate population of 2,657. Today, there are 303 sorority girls out of a female population of 2,977 — a decline of 7 percent.

Why?

"When I was a freshman the emphasis was on belonging; but now the emphasis is on the individual," explained senior Irene Currier, a former vice president of the Panhellenic Council, which acts as a coordinating group for UMO's sororities.

Panhellenic President Jan Coates attributed the dwindling interest to the changing character of college girls in general. "Girls are very different now; their ideas are different from what they were three years ago, and we have to adjust to them. They have more academic responsibility and they're taught to look at things in depth more than we were."

Coates: *Girls are different now.*

The intangible change in the social attitudes of college students also took its toll on sororities nationally. Despite the growing number of chapters and the increasing number of sorority girls, on many campuses the percentage of sorority girls has fallen, and at some universities, particularly urban ones, sororities are disappearing altogether.

Comparatively, the UMO sorority system has nothing to worry about. But UMO sororities still felt enough of a pinch to hold a spring rush for the first time this year, in addition to their traditional fall rush.

As one sorority girl put it, "There are a lot of sororities that are really hurting. The whole system is hurting. If one sorority leaves the campus the rest are going to fall like that."

A growing number of girls simply are not interested in activities and social situations traditionally associated with sororities.

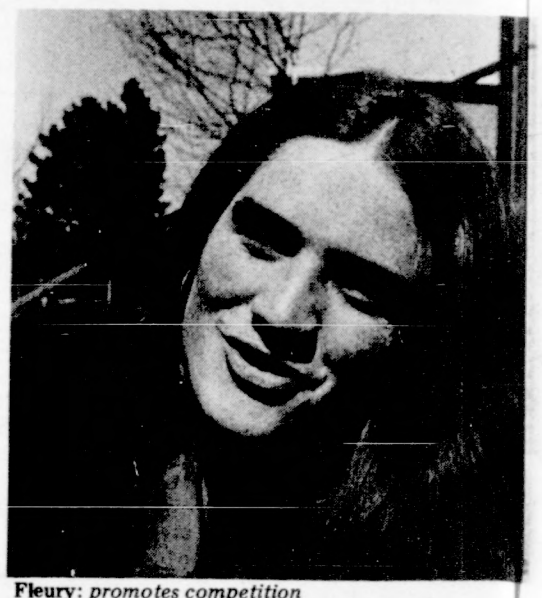
"I don't want to belong to a club with all females. I can't imagine anything more boring than a sorority; I'd feel stupid going to all those bowpinnings and other rituals they have," snapped one girl, explaining why she never joined a sorority.

Another student, who has friends in sororities, said, "I just don't like sororities; I think they tend to be cliquish and I think the girls tend to be catty...I think you tend to limit yourself by joining a sorority. Some of the things they do are also rather corny. I could spend my time doing other things."

Confronted with statements like these sorority women complain that they are being stereotyped, which they vehemently resent. Concerning the gap between Greeks and non-Greeks, senior Judi Hartman, a former president of the Panhellenic Council, said, "I don't feel it's the sorority girls' fault. I think it's the fault of the non-sorority girls. A stereotype of sorority women has been formed."

She denied that sororities promote cliques, although she did admit that they exist. "I've seen it happen (cliques form)...girls are girls, but I don't think it's prevalent."

Another sorority woman echoed Hartman: "Sororities can be cliquish. It depends on the dorm you live in. It tends to be that way in Hancock because the girls hang around together...but it's different up on the hill. And I haven't found sorority girls to be gossipy."



Fleury: *promotes competition*

A pledge who recently withdrew also agreed that cliques exist, but added, "There are cliques in any group of people."

As for sorority women fitting a specific pattern, Currier said, "I once thought that she was the party goer, the social type, the outgoing type; but there are a lot of different types in sororities."

Hartman refuted the claim that sorority girls are primarily interested in the social side of college life. "No, definitely not. I think sororities help promote academics as a first priority."

Sorority women do have a slightly higher semester average than non-sorority women — for the spring of '72 the sorority average was 2.86, compared with the non-sorority average of 2.78.

One woman who's seen both sides of the picture is senior Elizabeth Armstrong Fleury.

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Fleury was president of Phi Mu prior to leaving school in 1971. Now she is a vocal critic of the sorority system.

"I think sororities could be a positive force...the concept of sororities as a sisterhood is a very nice idea and the people who originally founded sororities had good ideas concerning women working together...But the way it stands now the sorority system helps to promote competition...it's a whole gut feeling I have and I think a lot of people have this same feeling.

"Girls are brought up to compete between each other for men and clothes and various other things, and sororities are keeping alive this whole myth of the necessity of competition," Fleury adds.

Fleury sees a potential for sororities as a unifying force among women. "Sororities would be the best place to get women together to help each other define their roles as women if they dropped all the garbage trappings. Women have got to start forming close relationships with other women. Sororities should be a place where we can start talking to each other and helping each other," she asserted.

Fleury would like to see rush eliminated and open admissions instituted. "Sororities should be open to anyone who wants them or needs them. Rush is a horrible experience; it's humiliating, it's unnecessary, it's contrived, it's not real." Fleury wants the sororities to break their national affiliations. "I think national is the cause of a lot of problems — you have to give them a lot of money and they don't really help you that much...and I think you can have a good sorority without national traditions."

The ties with national are considered important by most sorority girls, however. "We'd lose if we went local. We'd lose our traditions...we wouldn't be a sorority. And we'd lose a bond with 57,000) other girls," was one sorority woman's response to Fleury's suggestion.

The financial side of national affiliation brings up another common criticism of sororities — that the financial requirements of national membership inevitably make sororities an elitist group.

A sorority sister pays approximately $100 to $150 her first year and about $50 to $75 a year thereafter. Most sorority officers answer the elitist charge by saying that if a girl has a sincere desire to join she'll be able to find the necessary funds. They refer to scholarships which each national group awards. Sororities, they say, will defer initiation dues if a girl can not pay right away.

However none of the sororities offer grants or loans to members. And one pledge who recently left her sorority attributed financial reasons as the sole motive for her withdrawal.

Sorority girls tend to be defensive about criticisms made by Fleury and others. The Panhellenic Council refused to release statistics on membership and rush participation to the *Campus* for reasons of "self-protection," in the words of Jan Coates.

But sororities insist they are changing. According to Coates, "We're more concerned with the basic needs of the girls. We'd like to have a little more diversity and a little more freedom."

Joy Walker, vice president of Panhellenic Council added, "I think there's more of an emphasis on sororities helping each other and on strengthening the Greek system. Derby Day was disbanded because the sororities felt it involved too much competition and they wanted to stop that.

Fleury noted that "there isn't nearly as much stereotyping between groups. There seems to be a greater degree of cooperation between the sororities" (in comparison to two years ago).

The sorority that has made the most noticeable change in the past year is Delta Zeta. In September, ten members of the sorority moved in a wing of the Sigma Phi Epsilon frat.

Sigma Epsilon started shopping for a sorority to move in last spring because the frat was running out of money.

After a year of living in a coed frat house both sexes agree the experiment is successful.

"I really feel accepted by the brothers and I feel as if they are my brothers. People say you get the same thing in a coed dorm, but the situation there is a little more strained. We were rather reserved at first, but friendships just sprung up spontaneously," explained Corey Johnson.

Initially the ten seemed to be on their way to forming a "Sig Ep" clique within the sorority: "We noticed that at first there was a little clique. There was an adverse reaction (to the group) and we've been making a conscious effort to avoid this," said Judy Fenlason, another one of the ten.

The sorority declined requests by some of the Sigma Epsilon brothers for assistance during rush on the grounds their help would constitute an unfair advantage. Johnson said there wasn't any noticeable increase in the number of rushees this year.

SPREADING IT THICK — Monica George of Delta Zeta and Lynn McCabe of Sigma Phi Epsilon make the best of a sticky situation.

The Sigma Epsilon-Delta Zeta experiment is, perhaps, a clue to the future of the sorority system at UMO. It is a successful innovation, injecting a new element into the image of Greek life on campus.

Both proponents and critics of sororities agree that if this particular system is to survive, it must change, and change radically.

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Projects-in-learning offers innovative and creative study

by Sue Pratt

Dimmed lights...Count Basie's piano...tapping feet...occasional laughter. A Prohibition speakeasy? In fact it's 218 Lord Hall at the weekly jazz seminar conducted by UMO history professor Clark Reynolds.

This innovative jazz seminar is one of many seminars and independent studies conducted through the Projects-in-Learning Committee and coordinated by Asst. Dean of Arts and Sciences Elaine Gershman. The aim of the committee, says Gershman, is "to fulfill a need for courses on current issues and provide innovative creative study for the individual."

The Projects-in-Learning Committee was created five years ago. The committee sponsors the Special Seminar and Independent Study programs open to all undergraduates with a grade-point average of 2.0 and second semester-freshman standing.

Prior to the creation of the Special Seminars program, a proposed course was examined by a Council of Colleges committee and approved by a vote of the entire faculty. By the time a course was approved, timely issues often passed and student interest waned.

Currently, a Special Seminar may be offered for credit which is determined by the instructor and must have the sole approval of the Projects-in-Learning committee.

A student interested in initiating a course not offered in the regular curriculum must contact Dean Gershman. If the student can recruit other students interested in the course and can locate an instructor who is willing to teach it, Gershman will help coordinate the seminar and assist in setting course requirements.

The proposed course must be submitted to the Projects-in-Learning committee for approval. If accepted, the course may be offered the following semester.

Seminars are being offered in a wide range of fields, from jazz and foraging to biblical Hebrew, on a pass-fail basis.

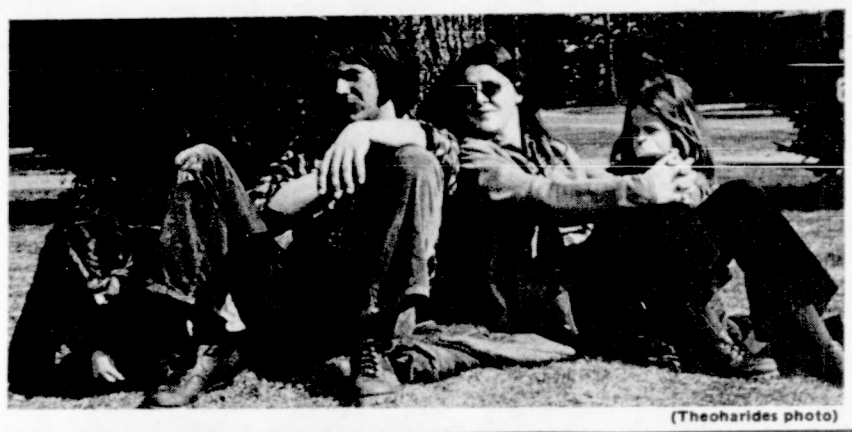
Gershman thinks the Special Seminar project has been successful. "We try not to duplicate existing courses. Many of the courses we started with are now in the curriculum. For example, Primitive Art and Filmmaking."

Gershman also coordinates the Independent Studies program. This program is administrated by the Projects-in-Learning Committee. The Independent Studies are offered pass-fail for one, two, or three credits (the student decides.)

The Independent Study program features a one-professor-one-student relationship in which either the student or the professor may initiate a study. Judith Hakola and Sociology Professor Stephen Cohn have offered to teach an independent studies next semester in Charles Dickens and Political Sociology respectively.

A student can contact Gershman for assistance in recruiting a professor and designing an independent study project. The study must be approved by the Projects-in-Learning committee before pre-registration.

Gershman urges students to take advantage of these programs, "The subject can be anything. I'll try to help all I can."



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Other medication plus the Pill may cause side effects

Medical capsules
by Dr. Robert A. Graves

Two letters this week concerned late reactions to birth control pills. One woman said she had been on birth control pills for nine months with no difficulty and then experienced some nausea and a great increase in headaches. Another has been on the pill two years symptom-free, but for the past two months she has had breakthrough bleeding.

One of our gynecological consultants, Dr. Kenneth Doil, has given me help with these questions. 99 percent of the side effects of birth control pills are seen in the first month of use. The same patient using the same pill should have the same reaction indefinitely. The exception is melasma, or chloasma-changes in the color of the skin in patches, which shows up three to six months after starting the pill.

Certain other medications, especially psychotropic drugs such as tranquilizers, have an estrogenic action, and, in effect, change the medication so that the reaction may change.

In other words, any other medication a woman is on may induce side effects to birth control pills that were not experienced at first. So the nausea and headaches in the first case are unrelated to the birth control pills unless other medication was begun at about the time the symptoms began.

In the breakthrough bleeding problem, these same considerations are involved, plus others.

Is any other medicine being taken besides that for birth control? If the answer is no, then we have to look for other causes, usually local factors in the cervix of the uterus. These may be (1) infection with ulceration, (2) a polyp, which is a new growth, usually non-cancerous, (3) other vaginal or cervical diseases.

A woman experiencing breakthrough bleeding after being on the pill for some time without this symptom, really should have an internal examination to look for these other causes.

We may find no reason for the bleeding. With all the other causes mentioned above ruled out and a negative Pap smear, we have no solid explanation for what is happening. The birth control pills in almost universal use now are combinations of estrogen and progesterone, female sex hormones. Sequential pills are another method of birth control in which the estrogen is given for the first fifteen days, then progesterone for the next five or six. This more nearly mimics the pattern of estrogen-progesterone production in women not on birth control pills, but it is less effective in preventing ovulation and thus pregnancy.

However, it has been found that changing a woman who has begun bleeding between periods to sequential pills for one cycle usually solves the problem and she can then go back to her previous pill without difficulty. Some women get frightened by the bleeding and switch to other methods of contraception, but this should not be necessary.

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The reference to Quaalude as the "love drug", and the flat statement it is known to induce uninhibited sexual behavior, were not in the manuscript I submitted to the *Campus* for last week's column.

Let me try to put those statements in a context that reflects my own information and experience.

First, most downers, including Quaalude, depress sexual performance. Those that do not depress as much as alcohol and heroin are almost always originally promoted on the street as a love drug, so I never pay much attention to that appellation.

Second, most downers, including Quaalude, suppress inhibitions including sexual inhibitions. The statement last week is not exactly inaccurate, but it infers that sexual desires are stimlated, which is only true to the extent that inhibitions are suppressed.

Campus readers who wish to address a question to Dr. Graves may call or write him at the Student Health Center. Names are kept confidential. —Ed.

Campus Chatter

by Vicki Sullivan
Rachel Dutch

Sigma Kappa initiated five women March 13. They are Merrie Lee Butters, Pam DeGarmo, Harriet Merrill, Suzanne Richardson and Donna Upham. The sisters also elected new officers - president, Marsha Traub; first vice president, Ellen Howe; second vice president, Jeanne Kimball; secretary, Lorraine Caron; treasurer, Pamela DeGarmo; and registrar, Merrie Lee Butters.

Alpha Delta Pi recently held their initiation banquet at the Red Lion. New sisters are Meri Dionne, Terry Kenyon, Colleen Lahey, Jo Ann Marshall, Sheryl Morrison, Judy Nadeau, Karen Pierce and Diane Pikelis.

Beta Theta Pi has 11 new brothers - Judson Crook, Bruce Fernald, Daniel Foote, Frank Haines, Norman Hill, Daniel Quirion, Pete Salvas, Dave Saunders, Frank Thibeault, Norman Twaddel and Al Wilson.

Phi Mu Delta sent its two delegates, Sandy Richmonds and Sue Sargent, to the Dance Marathon at UMass. Ray Ciampa and Harry Saul went along, too.

Sigma Nu is proud to announce the engagement of their housemother, Barbara Baldwin to John Dowd of Sigma Nu. They also send word of Chris "Kissy" Murdock's engagement to Joyce "Juice" Sylvester of Kennebec Hall.

Alpha Omicron Pi has elected new officers. They are Susie Pierce, president; Patty Buck, vice-president; Barb Koeritz, treasurer; corresponding secretary, Linda Buck; and recording secretary, Linda McKeone.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Beta Chapter, held its Founders Day Banquet, March 24 to celebrate their 60th Anniversary here at Maine.

APO, National Service Fraternity, is having a contest for the best ideas for a service project for then to do involving the campus or community. First prize is $30, second prize is $20 and third prize is $10. Send ideas no later than April 28 to APO, Fogler Library. Contact Greg Stanley for further info.

This past weekend was a big party one for the fraternities Alpha Gamma Rho held their Woodchopper's Brawl, SAE had their Wild West party, Delta Tau Delta had an open house Friday night, and ATO, Phi Mu Delta and Phi Eta Kappa had house parties.

New pinmates at Delta Tau Delta: Judy Cullenberg (Androscoggin) to Graydon Stevens, Joy Deering (Stodder) to Al Pulkinnen.

Engagements: Peter Dingley (Phi Kappa Sigma) to Lorraine Hill, Barbara Coombs to Dan Machel (Chadbourne), Kathy Hessler to Ed Quasnitchka (Chadbourne), Sue Korn to John Kiley (Chadbourne).

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'Sahm' and 'Bang' discs are panned as an absurd waste of plastic

Doug Sahm and Band
Atlantic (SD 7254)

by John T. Collins

Money-making is the name of the music game, and they who know where the money is are pointing their guitars toward the country-western field.

The music which not too long ago was exclusively for the redneck and pick-up truck fraction of the listening audience has somehow found its way into the "American Top Forty."

Like any field in music, there are genuinely good performers and those who are not-so-good, but promoted to the hilt. It has been shown time and again that the American public will buy anything to which they have been exposed, and the best way to get the public to remember a product is to use a certain gimmick.

The music business has its own built-in gimmicks in the form of known performers, and does not hesitate to throw one on a mediocre album to make it sell. Doug Sahm and Band have just made a mediocre album, and it's selling because of the presence of Bob Dylan. But this is by no means a Bob Dylan record, for he's well hidden somehwere in the rhythm section and his face hardly shows in the group photograph. Perhaps he's embarrassed.

The music of Doug Sahm and Band is mostly old country-western — done without finesse. Tunes like *San Antone*, *Faded Love*, *Poison Love*, and Bob Dylan's only noticeable contribution, *Wallflower*, don't really need the cast of 19 that appears on this album. One listens to this atrocity trying to find just one reason for its existence, but to no avail. Atlantic may think *Doug Sahm and Band* is great, and "Billboard" may call the album — "the ultimate in mellow country contemporary," but this reviewer thinks it's a waste of plastic.

"Bang"
(Capitol SJAS 11110)

In the December 30, 1972 issue of *Billboard* can be found the following quote by Fred Gershon: "Success is 10 percent show and 90 percent business. Artists literally become money-making machines, and they know it." Bang's latest album proves Mr. Gershon's somewhat arbitrary breakdown.

The album is musically primitive with bottom-of-the-barrel lyrics, but is wrapped in the best the advertising industry has to offer. For instance, the sides of the record are not numbered, but are cutely named "Mother" and "Bow to the King". The cover flaunts this artistic innovation (being the only significant offering of the album) so that each side looks like a different album. The liner notes sport and irrelevant quote by an unidentified "Donna" and dedication to Tony D'Iorio, who had the good sense to leave the band before they recorded too much.

Bang itself consists of the basic lead, rhythm, bass and drums, although the cover pictures three people and lists the names of six. Their music is somewhat typified by their single, *No Sugar Tonight*, which unfortunately is the second best the record offers. The best is *Feel the Hurt*, which is something like what Led Zepplin might have done on an off day. The remaining six tunes descend in quality until *Mother*. Bang's rendition of this number would win no honors at a seventh grade battle-of-the-bands, but it does make a nice name to put on half the cover.

The advertising business deserves credit for this fine sham; many thousands of copies of this record have been sold. Consider this warning: beware of artistically done record jackets, and especially beware of *Bang*.

SALLY OF THE SAWDUST—W.C. Fields stars in this classic silent comedy as the carnival charlatan Eustace McGargle. Remade into the sound film *Poppy*. Friday on MPBN television.

Film 'Jeremiah Johnson' even worse than crappy

by Bill Gordon

In the August, 1972 issue of *After Dark* magazine, film critic Norma McLain Stoop interviewed actor Robert Redford about his new film:

Redford: *Jeremiah Johnson* is about a man who lived alone in the wilderness about one hundred years ago....

Stoop: Sounds like *Man in the Wilderness* (A 1971 film starring Richard Harris).

Redford: No, that was crappy. The outer trappings might seem alike, but *Jeremiah* is really about man's inability to control his own destiny.

You could have fooled me, Mr. Redford, because even the adjective "crappy" would compliment the disasterous movie that you so heartily defended. *Jeremiah Johnson*, with rare exception of some acceptably amusing scenes, is as dull and boring as the many rides on horseback through forests which slow the action every 15 minutes.

Very loosely based upon the novel "Mountain Man" by Vardis Fischer, the plot is an endless series of events which made all those Grade B westerns churned out by Hollywood, with the required pretentious patronization to the Indians ever-present in the "New Western."

Even *Jeremiah Johnson*'s attempts at tough realism, replete with frozen humans and horses in the snowy mountain wilds of Utah, are as phony as the beard on actor Will Geer's face. One can almost see the camera crew 20 feet away. Excitement and adventure that would bore even the Bonanza family.

There's even a cheap imitation of the much under-rated *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* with a smattering of irrelevant pop songs on the soundtrack. Director Sidney Pollack, who made *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* should have shot a few holes into the obtrusive musical score that tries to turn the proceedings into a great existential message.

When Johnson asks a fellow mountain man, "Where you goin?" the guy answers, "Same place you are, Jeremiah. Hell!"

Have you ever wondered where soporific movies like *Jeremiah Johnson* go to in the end?

Casting hurts 'Fantasticks'

Rarely have I seen a theatrical audience more receptive to a performance than the one which the production of *The Fantasticks* last Sunday evening in Hauck Auditorium.

The show's director, J. Norman Wilkinson, has fashioned a lively 95 minutes of theatre, despite the hurdles of his own self-made obstacles. Wilkinson seems to have developed an acute notoriety at severely mis-casting certain parts in all his shows. While his actors are good actors in the right roles, he puts them in the wrong roles for indecipherable reasons.

Brent Porter, who proved his comic gifts in last year's Masque production of *The Rivals*, was entrapped in the role of the youthful love-stricken Matt while neither resembling him physically or by acting.

Then Tom Baltzer, one of the Masque's most promising new actors, portrayed the boy's father, but he resembled the boy himself. Daniel Allard was El Gallo, which has always been the show's most difficult character to act, and he was often extremely mis-directed so his improbable romance with the young Luisa was both improbable and ludicrous.

Jane MacLaughlin (Luisa) is that rarity--an actress who has a glorious singing voice and captivating stage presense. From her white dress with red ribbons to her irresistable smile, Miss MacLaughlin was perfection.

Andrew Periale and Luke McDonough capered about the stage with merriment and warm humor as the aging thespians, while Harriet Merril worked well with a part originally intended for a male, and Terri Cole displayed ingenuity in the thankless part of The Mime.

The catchy tunes by Jones and Schmidt do their best to cover what is a (probably intentional) very trite plot, but still Act II leaves one wondering why the show didn't stop after the first hour.

This production was enchanting and buoyant throughout and the audience utterly loved it. Perhaps if Wilkinson can ever develop the important talent of selecting the right cast, his future theatrical productions will be worthwhile theatre, not merely acceptable staging of guaranteed hits.

---Randy Stevens

Bears have climbed out of 'Basketball's Basement'

"Basketball's Basement" is a new concept in sports feature material and is a refreshing change from the run-of-the-mill sports copy. Basically, it is an assessment of the worst college basketball teams in the nation along with some amusing comments on certain follies. Last year, the Maine Bears were ranked seventh in this dubious distinction, but this year they managed to claw their way out of the whole thing altogether.

The Frankies have fallen; the 'Basement' has been painted red—Big Red. After six weeks as the nation's anchor, St. Francis (Pa.) startled even themselves by handling Detroit with ease, 84-70. That win opened the door for Cornell. Ranked No. 4 pre-season, The Ivy Leaguers won two of their first three games, dropped to 18th and appeared to be climbing out of their 'Basement' flat. A sharp U-turn (16 straight losses) allowed the Big Red to pass everyone in sight and claim season-ending No. 1 honors.

In mid-December Cornell's chances seemed highly remote. Appalachian State, second at season's end, had opened substantial daylight between themselves and then No. 2 Vermont following an opening 77-point loss to North Carolina State and a 99-58 whipping by Virginia Tech. In late November few realized just how good the Wolfpack was and even fewer expected the Gobblers to go 18-5 and accept an NIT bid. Mid-season Mountaineer improvement dropped Appalachian to fourth and opened up the race for Rock Bottom. St. Francis winds up third, just ahead of VMI, a loser to Morris Harvey. Finishing fifth was TCU, which won at a 16% clip.

Not appearing on the final 'Basement' list, but deserving special recognition are schools whose records qualify them, but are not recognized as major colleges. Among them are Morningside (Ia.) and Southwest Minnesota. The two went winless, combining for an 0-50 record.

The '72-'73 season saw the NCAA attendence mark shattered, a record number of games stopped early and such antics as dousing the home team's coach with beer take place. A more common fan pastime is breaking the concentration of visitors at the foul line. With boos and whistles losing their originality, duck calls came into widespread use. Yet, not even the best-timed duck call can compete with the Ragin' Cajun Bellow, perfected by a Southwestern Louisiana fan. Just as the shooter sets, deep from the heart of Bayou Country a reverberating, rhythmic chant reminiscent of a Coyote in pain fills the air. Few teams have fared well from the line at Lafeyette and none have come away with victory.

'You're never a loser, unless you don't play.' — That's the attitude of Northwestern Captain Mark Sibley. Each of his three varsity seasons has ended in a last-place Big Ten finish. Earlier this season the Wildcats (4-20) were in the 'Basement', once as close to the lower echelon as 14th. Sibley's final game was against powerful Minnesota. The Gophers needed a victory to repeat as conference champions and come to Evanston planning on a cakewalk. AS expected it wasn't close. Sibley hit a career-high 36 points, the Wildcats jumped to a 20-6 lead on their way to a 79-74 upset win and Minnesota was denied a trip to the NCAA tournament.

Northwestern Coach Brad Snyder is a sure bet to mention the undoing of Minnesota on the recruiting trail. It's there that coaches will win and lose for the next few months.

FINAL WORST TEN

Team	Record	Wors Loss
1. Cornell	4-22	58-98
2. Appalachian State	6-20	53-130
3. St. Francis (Pa.)	5-21	79-116
4. VMI	7-19	49-86
5. TCU	4-21	65-106
6. Dartmouth	6-20	86-128
7. Vermonth	9-15	46-88
8. Rice	7-19	40-71
9. New Hampshire	8-16	60-78
10. Washington State	6-20	57-98

11. Columbia 12. Xavier (O.) 13. Northern Arizona 14. Gonzaga 15. Idaho 16. Auburn 17. Richmond 18. The Citadel 19. Yale 20. Kansas

SPECIAL CITATION: The anonymous AP pollster who included St. Francis (Pa.) along with UCLA and North Carolina State among the nation's top ten teams.

'BASEMENT' COACH OF THE YEAR: Georgetown (D.C.) Coach John Thompson, who brought last season's dungeon-dweller to an 11-14 record in his first year as the Hoya headman.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Indiana Coack Bob Knight on a quiet home crowd which sat in on a 57-55 win over Wisconsin: "I think it is a shame that 15,000 people can sit there on their dead ends and a coach has to get somebody to cheer."

'73-'74 track captain picked

Bill Hamlin of Merrimack, Mass., a long jumper and shot putter, has been elected captain of the 1973-74 UMO varsity indoor track team.

Hamlin, one of the leading point winners for the Black Bears indoor track team this season, accumulated 19 points in the two events in which he competed during the season.

Hamlin, a junior, is also a member of the 1973 outdoor track team which opens its season April 14 with a meet at home against Colby. The Bears are defending their MIAA outdoor track championship this season. Coach Ed Styrna predicts his tracksters have a good chance at repeating the MIAA crown.

Their five-game schedule includes: April 14, Colby; April 28, Vermont at home; May 5, MIAA at Lewiston; May 12, UConn at Storrs; and May 19, Rhode Island at Providence.

Phi Eta shoots for third straight trophy

Phi Eta Kappa, UMO's "super-jock" local fraternity, is shooting for its third straight all-points trophy and its fourth out of the last five years.

The trophy, which is given to the fraternity which piles up the most points in intramural sports competition, is highly regarded by all fraternities on campus. Phi Eta is currently sporting a total of 610 points, far ahead of second-place Sigma Chi and ATO, which both have 481.

The 1968-69 season was the only one in recent years in which Phi Eta has not taken the trophy, as Kappa Sigma beat them out. Following are the standings as of March 28: Phi Eta-610, Sigma Chi + ATO-481, Delta Tau-426½, Alpha Gam-409, SAE-408½, Phi Mu-337, Phi Kap-325½, TKE-321½, Sig Ep-312½, DU-264, Kappa Sig-253½, Sigma Nu-198, Lambda Chi-171, Theta Chi-165, Beta-159½, Fiji-157½, TEP-52½.

Spring grid to start April 13

Friday, April 13, opens the first day of spring football practice for UMO's 1973 football team.

Coach Walter Abbott said he expects close to 100 candidates to report for the spring practice.

"I think it's a great day to start. It may be my lucky day," Abbott said of the Black Friday.

Sessions will continue until Wednesday, May 2, when they will culminate with the annual Blue and White game at Alumni Field.

The traditional intra-squad game will be part of the festivities for the Library Fund Day scheduled for that date.

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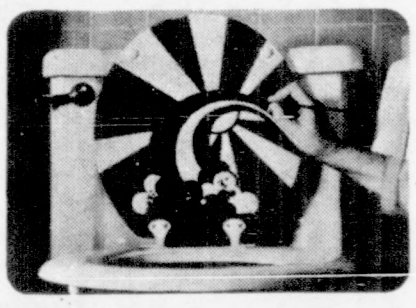
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Gottlieb says foriegn policy is changing

Sanford Gottlieb, executive director of the committee for sane nuclear politics (SANE), said Monday night the present U.S. foreign policy is misdirected.

Speaking at the fourth in a series of Abenaki get-togethers on the topic "Beyond Vietnam: Isolationism or Internationalism," Gottlieb attributed continuing adherence to the Truman Doctrine as the basis of current U.S. foreign policy.

Gottlieb has been executive director of SANE, a peace group against nuclear weapons, since 1967. An active member of the group since 1960, Gottlieb joined SANE three years after its inception in 1957.

Claiming that the rigid anti-communist stance and the world policeman concept of the Truman Doctrine has heavily influenced U.S. foreign policy since the late forties, Gottlieb said these views are now changing.

"In this world, there are good guys and bad guys." The current American attitude he said, is "We, the United States, need to play the role of the police. To play police, we need a big stick. The bigger the stick, the better it will be for the free world."

"Pres. Nixon is helping to change these views, although in the 1940's and '50's he helped to create them. Nixon has undermined the Cold War psychology through his visit to China. Our relations with Russia are also reasonably good...after all, we are feeding them with our wheat," said Gottlieb.

Despite our improved relations with the Soviet Union, Gottlieb charges there has been an upward spiral on military spending in the United States. He says the only change made in the U.S. world police role is that now the U.S. is not sending any more ground troops to foreign countries. Unless cut soon, $81 billion will be spent on the military this year, according to Gottlieb.

"Continued military spending is due to the fact that already $1 trillion 300 billion has been invested in the military since the early fifties. It's difficult to turn off this type of machine once it's been generated and fed," Gottlieb said.

Gottlieb suggests the money spent on the military could be easily redirected into education, medicine, and other public welfare programs.

"The people of this country have been so conditioned that they believe only the military can provide employment," he said.

But the people are getting tired of military spending, Gottlieb claimed. A recent Harris poll showed that 58 percent of the people are in favor of cutting the military budget, he added.

(Theoharides photo)

Senate meets today

Three grants totalling $1200 will be considered tonight by the Student Senate during its regular bi-weekly session at 6:30 in 316 Aubert Hall.

New business before the Senate includes proposals to grant $200 to the Concert Committee to aid in spring programming, $250 to cover initial organizing costs incurred by PIRG, and $750 to cover travel and publicity expenses incurred by DLS.

Also scheduled are reports on the results of faculty questionnaires concerning course evaluations, the Council on Priorities, and a progress report on the Presidential Search Committee.

Senate meetings are open to the public.

The Maine Campus will not be published next week. Publication will resume April 12.