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[illegible] credit tests allow skipping of introductory courses

by Loretta Treworgy

Any UMO student can now complete up to 60 credit hours by passing exams on a pass-fail basis. The exams are designed to cover material in introductory courses.

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) has been extended to include all students at UMO and UMB according to Vice President for Academic Affairs James M. Clark.

Veterans, transfer students, early admittance freshman and anyone who feels he already knows the subject content of a course can take a CLEP exam.

For the $15 fee anybody can take the 90-minute exam for the credit hours of a course. Or he can take the six hour general exam for up to 30 hours credit.

The CLEP exams are national tests given through the Educational Testing Service of the College Entrance Examination Board. A passing mark is determined individually by every university.

According to Clark, a special freshman CLEP program has been set up for early admittance students during orientation sessions this summer.

Of the 1,000 freshmen expected to take the CLEP exams this summer, Clark estimated that 100 students could complete 30 credit hours and start as sophomores in the fall. There is a $5 fee for the CLEP exams taken during orientation.

Advanced placement courses for college credit which are offered in some high schools are not a part of the CLEP program, according to Clark.

"Anyone with a high school diploma can qualify for CLEP exams," he said.

Students coming from other colleges to UMO often have trouble transferring their credits. "Even some Harvard credits are not accepted by the University of Maine," said Clark.

The new system of CLEP tests will not change the system of credit-transfer directly, but at least now the knowledge gained in courses elsewhere will not be wasted. Transfer students can take the tests and theoretically receive all the credits (up to 60) they would have received otherwise - if they score high enough.

"It is possible for a student to complete the two year program at Augusta in only one semester of classes," said Clark. "Augusta's two year program allows up to 45 credit hours through CLEP exams."

The format of the CLEP exams is the same as the College Board Entrance Examinations.

"High scores on the college boards are apt to indicate high scores on the CLEP exams in the same area," Clark said.

"Three older adults took the CLEP exams this year," said Clark, "and one person passed 30 credit hours."

CLEP credits have been offered at UMO. They were used at first for gifted students from exceptional high schools, but now anyone knowledgable in a particular subject area, can take them.

Self-preparation through independent study in a special interest area is one means for a person to prepare himself for the CLEP exams, according to Clark.

It takes about a month from the time a person requests to take the CLEP exams and he receives his test date. The only test center in Maine now is in Augusta. There are plans to make this campus a test center in September.

There is a waiting period of one year between CLEP exams in case someone wants to repeat an exam he has failed.

George H. Crosby, UMO registrar, said that some departments on campus can make up their own exams in the absence of a CLEP exam. He said that because no CLEP exams exist on such technical subjects as pulp and paper technology, a department can make up an exam, determine a cutoff point for passing, and score the students accordingly.

In a bulletin issued by Clark to deans and department chairmen recently he recommended to extend the CLEP exams widely.

"Departments are encouraged to offer their own college-level examinations in those subject areas not presently covered by CLEP," he said.

Clark cited as reasons for the extension of the CLEP program: student demands resulting from last spring's moratorium; complaints from veterans about non-credit correspondent courses; requests for equivalency exams in required courses by the task force on academic reform; and requests from the faculty for CLEP.

[illegible] men, sandals, [illegible] bicycle mania '71

by Cathy Flynn

Bicycle mania has hit UMO. The cycling boom has inspired hundreds of students to abandon the auto and take up the bike.

We now have a campus bike rush hour and before long we may need help from the Bicycle Institute of America (BIA) to set up bike transportation systems and new and better bike parking facilities. Bicycle fever is difficult to curb.

Noting that "every available forecast indicates that the cycling boom has just begun," the BIA estimates that 75.3 million Americans participated in bicycling in 1970.

And on the basis of the first quarter sales figures, the BIA predicts that extensive public interest in bicycling will continue through 1971.

Commenting on the reasons for the new surge of cycling the Institute points out that teenager and post-teenagers are returning to taking up cycling in an age where they were formerly taking up sports cars.

According to local bike owners, the movement to bicycling is because of a genuine awaremenss of the bike's non-polluting qualities and its relative economy.

"Besides," says the owner of a newly acquired Raleigh 10-speed, "it's just great to ride."

The convenience and pleasures of bike-riding reach far beyond the estimated 800 students on campus who own a bicycle. The boom has lured the senior citizens as well. The interest is growing among the older folks who are confined to retirement communities or trailer homes and campsites. Bicycling has now brought them a new awareness of the convenience of short-distance transportation.

Many of the older people have simply gotten rid of their cars.

"I couldn't be bothered with a car," said one old codger who was seen riding around Orono, "and because I'm 71 years old the state won't let me drive one."

Bicycles are suitable for everyone's needs. Dozens of young and old cyclists have pedaled along the busy streets of Bangor and Orono and emphasize the need for bicycle trails.

"Bikes are just as important as cars," says a promotor of the Bikeway plan which sets up national roadmarks for bike trails.

With the new surge to exercise and improve basic health the bikes are a cure-all for everyday inertia. The primary moving part on a bicycle is the rider and though you might be worn out temporarily, you'll probably be better off for the exercise.

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Leon Woodbury, who owns Bikeland on Hancock Street in Bangor, and who has been teaching an Abenaki college course in bicycle repair says that almost as soon as he's assembled one of his new Raleigh or Vista bicycles they've gone out the door to a new customer.

Woodbury, who has been working on bikes of all sorts for the last seven or eight years, is probably the only qualified person in the Bangor area to repair the complicated derailleur systems (the chain-shifting gear).

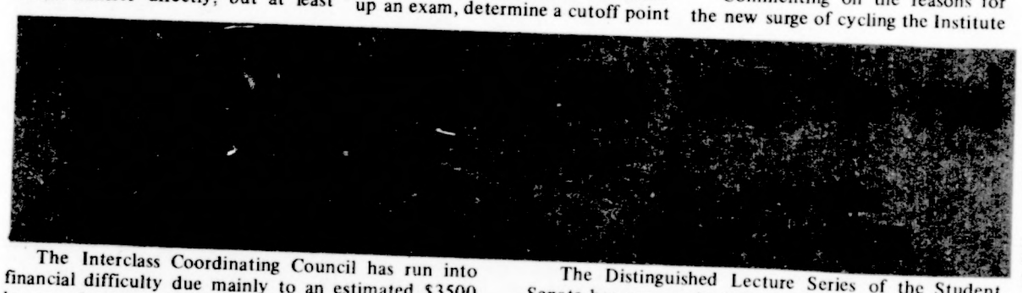
"The only reason I can fix 'em," he says, "is because I ride one of the foolish things."

Woodbury's family are all bicycle freaks. His son, an 18-year-old high-schooler, has ridden from Lincoln to Bangor non-stop, a total pedaling distance of over 50 miles.

Woodbury, 42, rides, repairs, sells and even gives away bicycles. On Sunday, May 23, there will be a drawing for a new 10-speed bike, sponsored for the Bangor Recreation Department. Woodbury has donated the bike from his Bikeland shop. The drawing will be held at the Kenduskeag Plaza in Bangor.

A bicycle decade that may end up being called "The Cycling Seventies" has just begun. A national trend and attitutde toward bikes is zooming all over the country.

Instead of roaring by in an air-conditioned, carbon-monoxide-spouting, V-8 engined Lincoln Continental, the bike rider glides by almost noiselessly, breathing fresh air, smelling the flowers and grass, and warding off an occasional German Shepherd who might tear off after him.



The Interclass Coordinating Council has run into financial difficulty due mainly to an estimated $3500 loss on the April 16 Bill Cosby concert. This estimate, however, may be revised upward to more than double that amount soon after all bills are received.

According to ICC treasurer Dale Gerry, the total revenue for the concert was about $14,000. He says the exact figure is unknown because the bank is still verifying the statements. The check covering the fee for Cosby and the supporting act was $17,500.

Bills are still coming in, though most expenses have been realized by now. These fees include $323.99 for 11 policemen, $359.61 for electricians, janitors and laborers (who worked a total of 71 hours); and $8 for the rental of a truck. One hundred and sixty dollars went to the Maine CAMPUS, $168 to WABI, and about $150 to WGUY for advertising.

When the bill for the Cosby concert came in, the ICC ran into economic problems. The senior class immediately loaned the ICC $2,000. Says Gerry, "They put in $2,000 to cover the original cost of the Cosby concert at $17,500. You see, we didn't make that and the check was going to bounce."

However, the senior class is supposed to be reimbursed. If it is, it will not be through ICC profits but, rather, through the other generosity of other classes. The senior class has agreed to donate $300 to the ICC to defray the overrun on the Cosby concert.

The other three classes have been asked to give $425 to the seniors in order to reimburse them for the $2,000 emergency "loan." In addition, the three lower classes have been asked to contribute $300 directly to the ICC.

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The Distinguished Lecture Series of the Student Senate has overrun its budget by $500. The extra funds will be taken from the Senate's surplus budget.

The Distinguished Lecture Series spent $14,000 this year bringing such personalities to UMO as Bill Baird, David Shoenbrun, Charles Goodell, and Leonard Weinglass.

The amount alloted to DLS by the senate at the beginning of the year was $10,500. Ron Beard, chairman of DLS, said after he had made out his budget for the year, he found it necessary to request $3,000 more.

The $13,500 figure was surpassed when Beard assumed a speaker named Ian McHarg, who spoke on architecture and ecology for the Art Department earlier in the year, would cost only $500. When the bill was received, it was for $1,000. No inquiry was made into the change.

The most expensive speaker of the year was Frank Reynolds, whose lecture cost $1700. Next in line was David Shoenbrun, for $1500. Weinglass was paid $1250.

Other expenses such as police, labor, room and board and posters raised the figures spent on speakers.

For instance, $145 was spent on posters for David Durk, Weinglass, and Schoenbrun. UMO police were given $30 for the Shoenbrun lecture in Hauck Auditorium for directing traffic and for the building security.

In some cases money from the classes is used in a joint-class project to get speakers such as Goddell to the campus.

Mark Ayotte was named the new DLS chairman for next year at the senate meeting tuesday evening.

UMO summer session may attract 4,200

The UMO summer session is expected to attract about 4,200 students this year, about the same number as last year, according to John R. Benoit, assistant director of the session.

Benoit said that 1,511 students had signed up by Monday, which is seven less than had registered by the same time last year.

Summer session rates for room and board are just a hair more expensive than rates throughout the school year. A double room costs $12 weekly and a single room $17. A seven-day meal ticket costs $20 weekly and a five-day ticket $17.50 per week.

But the cost for tuition is a different story. It costs $22 per credit hour to attend class during the summer, the cost for an in-state student taking 15 credit hours per semester averages out to be $15 per credit hour during the regular academic year.

According to Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., vice chancellor for financial and business affairs, this is because "the summer session has to be self-supporting." Fowle said that the state legislature "says that the C.E.D. program and the summer session are over and above the regular educational program and they have to pay for themselves."

The $22 cost per credit hour, he says, makes the program self-sustaining.

Kevin W. Hill, assistant to the co-ordinator of housing said Monday that five dorms will be used to house summer session students.

Androscoggin and Gannett will be open from July 11 - Aug. 21. Knox, Oxford, and Somerset will house students from June 21 - Sept. 10.

Benoit said that the registration closing date is one week before the session begins that the student wants to attend.

According to Benoit, the most popular courses during the summer "seem to be in psychology." He said that some courses like abnormal psychology and pscho-drama have attracted upwards of 25 students so far, "which is a good-sized class" during the summer. He said that 60 students signed up for Py 1 last summer but only 14 have done so thus far.

Benoit was referring to figures for the first three week session, which begins June 21. The summer session ends September 10.

Need a place to study?

The North Lown Room of the Memorial Union is available for study, May 24-June 1.

And for persons who have typewriters and need a place to type the 1912 Room in the Union will be available on the same dates.

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Senate defeats motion calling for election of senators twice a year

A resolution calling for two Student Senate membership elections a year was defeated by one vote at Tuesday's Senate meeting.

This was the referendum, adopted by Mark Ayotte and Bob Dennis, which was not included on the Senate election ballot a few weeks ago.

Mile Miles spoke out in favor of having two elections a year stating that it would "keep the senate honest."

The question was raised as to why it was decided to propose having two elections in place of lowering the percentage vote now needed to remove a senator.

Ayotte said that the two-thirds vote now needed to remove a senator makes it practically impossible to remove a senator on campus or off campus. With a percentage vote any less than this, he said, it would be too easy to remove a senator on campus, and still impossible off campus.

If two percent of the senators vote, Ayotte said, then this percentage could remove a senator.

"Most senators probably voted against the resolution because they were afraid they would not get elected," Ayotte said.

Greg Richards said that a lower percentage vote would promote less interest in the Senate. Richards is an off-campus senator, and said 25 people elected him to the Senate.

Another senator made the point that some people are elected to the senate merely because their name is well-known around the dorm. Two elections a year would only compound this, he said.

In other business, the Senate appropriated $750 for the Coffee House. This money is part of an attempt to keep the establishment financially solvent. In the past, the Coffee House has been supported through donations in cooperation with Maine Christian Association.

However, rising costs of upkeep and rent have severely strained the finances of the Coffee House. More money is still needed to keep it open in the fall.

Also, the Senate appropriated $750 to send the University Singers to a competitive concert in Atlanta, Georgia, in the spring of 1972.

Both appropriations will come from the senate surplus budget.

Leary indicted by grand jury

Former junior class president Malcom J. Leary has been indicted by the grand jury on three counts of embezzlement. No date has been set for Leary's appearance in court.

The May session of Penobscot County Superior Court began May 5.

Leary was arrested on campus Dec. 14 on a felony warrant for larceny. District Court Judge Ian MacInnes Dec. 19 found no probable cause and Leary was freed.

Leary was indicted by the grand jury Jan. 11 but the case was thrown our of court because of a technicality.

According to county court officials, alleged thefts can only occur against a person, a corporation or a partnership. There was a question as to what the junior class constituted.

The discrepancy now has apparently been resolved.

A routine audit of the junior class books last semester showed over $500 missing from the class treasury.

Immediately following his arrest last December, Leary was ordered held over in the Penobscot County Jail. Two persons, however, posted the $2,500 bail. The registrar's office said Leary is not registered this semester.

Buddhist peace monk to speak here

Thich Nhat Hanh, head of the Vietnamese Buddhist peace delegation to the Paris talks, will speak at the Memorial Union lounge, Friday at 8 p.m.

Currently on a one-month U.S. tour, the Paris-based exiled leader of the unified Buddhist congregations of Vietnam is calling on the American public to exert pressure on their government "immediately to stop the slaughter."

Hanh is in the U.S. at the invitation of Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), Vance Hartke (D-Ind), and George McGovern (D-S.D.).

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Wait for dorm space upsets coeds

by Paul Jilek

As the Spring temperatures rose last week so did the tempers of some coeds as they waited in lines at West Commons participating in that annual ritual known as "squatters rights."

Mrs. Erna D. Wentworth, manager of women's residence halls, said that 1,008 UMO coeds were processed from April 27 through last Friday when they signed up for their present dormitory rooms for the fall semester.

The coeds complained about long lines and difficulty in changing rooms.

They also aired a new complaint. Some women are planning to live off campus next semester but they don't want to pay their $25 room deposit when signing up for a room now if the prospect of an apartment falls through.

"I can't see the sense in standing in line just to be sure I'll get the same room next year when what I really want is to change rooms," grumbled one coed.

Mrs. Wentworth said that for coeds who want to change rooms or dorms, requests will be considered in the fall when housing officials know how many students will be living where.

"It is difficult," she said, "to plan ahead when so many students request a room and then cancel out."

"I plan to live off campus this fall anyway," commented one coed," but I signed up just in case my apartment off campus falls through."

Mrs. Wentworth replied that room deposits of $25 are refunded if the applicant withdraws his request before August 20, a requirement that accounts for many of the last-minute cancellations.

According to Mrs. Wentworth, the long lines attributed to three things.

Dormitory contract applications were mailed out April 28 giving students under 20 who had to have their parents sign them less time to turn then in. This created a last-minute log jam.

Furthermore, many students failed to fill out the applications correctly.

And finally, some students either forgot to bring in or lost their room deposit receipts which resulted in a lost time in processing applications.

About an equal number of women from each dorm are taking advantage of squatters rights, according to Mrs. Wentworth, although she said she could give no figures on a dorm-to-dorm basis.

Tabloid student magazine to appear with Bangor Daily News Saturday

Maine Magazine, an eight-page tabloid newspaper supplement prepared and edited by a UMO journalism class, will be published this weekend by the Bangor Daily News.

The journalism class is Jr 52, Publications Management, which set itself up as a corporation called Publication Management Co. two months ago.

Peter Bishop, a senior Business major from Presque Isle, is president of the company. Mark Leslie, a senior majoring in journalism, is vice president and editor of the magazine. Other members of the class, all officers of the company are: second vice-president and assistant editor David Siegel, Advertising manager Ernest Niles and secretary Linda Rand.

Directors of the magazine are Harlan Bean, John Boyne, Geoffrey Bray, James Chaplin, William Houlihan, Margaret Howard, Roy Krantz, George MacLeod, Pamela Murphy, and Brian Thayer.

The Magazine's cover story will be on Scott Nearing, the radical socialist, and his wife Helen, who have been organic farmers on Cape Rosier for some 15 years. Another article is an interview with Steve Muskie, editor of the Prism, on what it's like being the son of a prominent public figure. Muskie's father is Maine's junior U.S. senator.

Teacher of the Jr52 course is Assistant Professor James M. Halbe. Publications Management Co. will be "inherited" by future classes, who will decide whether to publish future issues of Maine Magazine, according to Halbe.

Goode compiling activities list

A list of Activities for the next school year is currently being prepared by Earsel E. Goode, Wingate Hall. Goode has requested that you furnish him with your organization's proposed activity calendar for that period (1971-72).

Proposed activities to be reported should include those of interest to a larger portion of the student body than to the membership of your organization only.

For instance, a meeting for members only need not be listed; a social function or program for wider participation should be.

This includes lectures, concerts, plays, debate tournaments, athletic contests, etc. If possible, could you list them in the following manner:

Sat. October 10 - Lecture, Prof. John P. Smith of Harvard Univeristy, "The Honors Program at Harvard," 8:30 p.m., Hauck Aud.

Also please indicate if there will be a charge of admission.

Need an apartment? Check housing files

UMO has a service in the housing office that many people might not know about. It's a file of available off-campus living units. Apartments trailers, houses, and individual rooms for sale or rent are listed with their respective prices per month, the number of rooms, and whether utilities are included.

The files are updated every month to keep track of spaces that are rented and how long they are rented for. Registration in the files is done on the initiative of local landlords. Enquiries of interest in listing are sent to landlords and they must return them if they wish to have their units listed.

Listing in the university file is not a statement of the quality of the housing. The only agreement between the UMO and the landlord is one of compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 barring discrimination. No safety regulations or housing codes are checked by the university.

Information available from the files are such things as how far the housing is from the university, how many rooms, what utilities are provided and which the tenant must pay for, what type of tenant is acceptable - men, women, single, faculty, and so forth - and whether the rent includes furniture, refrigerator, or bath.

Kevin Hill, who works in the housing office, says about 90 percent of the students who find places off campus find them by word of mouth, without using the university file, but that there are sometimes a dozen students a day into the office looking for places.

At the present time there are still many housing units available. Most of those listed are in the Orono area. Hill says that while the situation isn't very tight now, most of the available spaces for the summer will be taken by June 1. He also said that those trying to find places for this fall will have a very difficult time if they don't have arrangements made by August.

Not included in the files are listings of university-run housing.

Included on the rental listing card is a space for "additional information." Most of those who used the space supplied information about the looks or location of the apartment. One lady wrote, "prefer a Christian girl, no smoking or drinking allowed."

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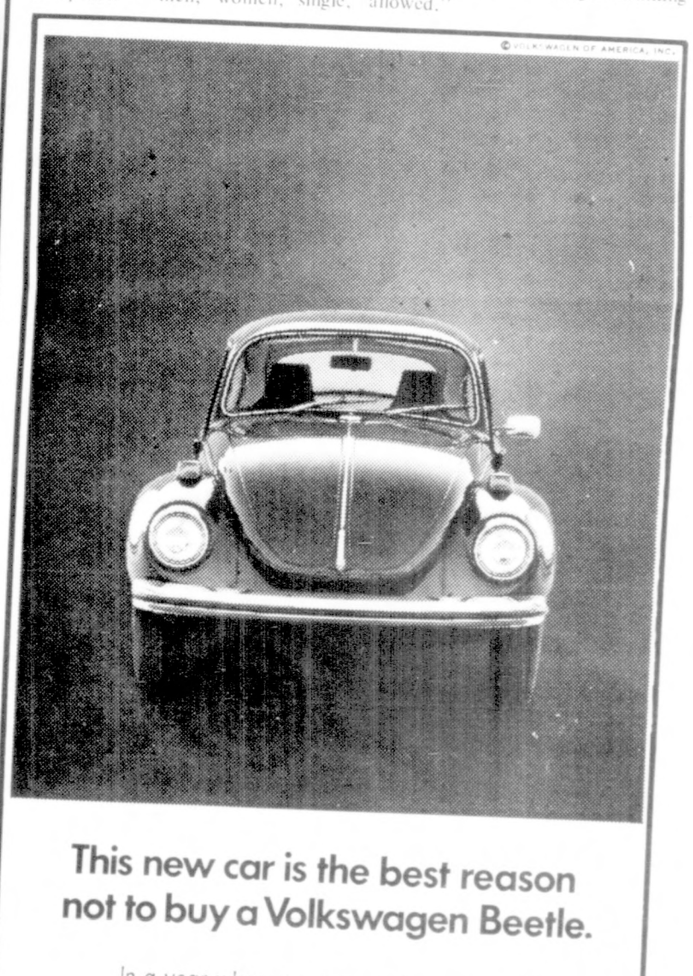
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Revise grading system

High on students' priorities at the beginning of the fall semester should be the revision of the university's grading system.

It would be impossible to change the system by next fall. The Council of Colleges would have to approve any changes and they have had their last meeting of the year.

According to James Clark, vice president for academic affairs, it is "theoretically" possible to change the grading policy by the spring semester of 1972.

Right now, all five colleges have similar policies concerning pass-fail. There are only minor variations between them, Clark says.

It is highly unlikely that the College of Technology, which is mainly a vocational college, could initiate a complete pass-fail system. But what about the student in Arts and Sciences and Education who wants to take a course in Technology of Life Sciences and Agriculture? Shouldn't he be able to take it pass-fail? This would not be administratively unworkable. Professors would just submit their grades to the registrar's office. The latter would then transform the letter grade into a pass or a fail.

A univeristy-wide reform measure should be seriously considered by all members of the campus community. The grading system now is not the most equitable. If no sweeping reforms are made, at least the present system should be revised.

The present grading system has been reviewed a number of times in the past, Clark said. A committee was appointed a few years ago, Clark said to study the feasibility of giving a student a 2.9 if he gets a 79 average, instead of a flat 2 or a 3.5 if he is in the middle B range. The Faculty Council, as it was called at the time, rejected the measure.

This proposal should again he reviewed.

Such a system would present a more accurate picture of how a student performs in a class. It would especially be helpful for students in the College of Technology.

With the intense competition for post-graduation jobs, employers would rather see a grade of B+ than a flat B. There is a 10-point difference between a plus-grade and minus-grade. It would be more equitable if a student received all of what he earned.

Good news from Clark

The announcement that students will be able to take placement exams in the fall and receive credit for introductory courses came as a surprise. But, in any event, it is good news---and probably the best news this year as far as academic reform is concerned.

In the past, students have been able to skip introductory courses by passing comprehensive examinations in certain subject matters. For example, Arts and Sciences students during freshman orientation the past few years have been able to be exempted from the language requirement by passing comprehensive exams. The same has been true for other courses but no credit was given.

Many students have been fighting a long time for the enaction of the new policy. Academic Affairs Vice President James Clark, and all others involved in this decision, are to be commended for their very progressive move.

Exceptional students entering in the fall will be able to receive up to 60 credit hours by taking these 90-minute exams.

An unfortunate defeat

It is unfortunate that the Student Senate by a one-vote margin Tuesday night defeated a motion calling for the election of senators twice a year.

Had this motion passed, senators would have felt more accountable to their constituents. They probably would have had to contribute more to the senate than they otherwise would, by keeping their constitutents informed of what was taking place in the Student Senate.

Worrying about re-election has always made politicians feel more aware of accountability to those to whom they owe their jobs: the public.

As it is now, however, some student senators will once again next year merely attend meetings, forget about their constituents and even forget about the Senate between meetings.

Were they to be elected twice a year, they would have had to make an attempt to help in the execution of Senate business, thus being able to go back to their constituents and say, "Look, see what I've done for you?"

It is doubtful that, as in the U.S. Government, senators would be spending too much time campaigning for re-election instead of helping to carry out Senate business.

Our readers write in...

Clean college kids?

Editors note: Following is a letter from John M. Good, superintendent of Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor to UMO President Winthrop C. Libby. Libby received the letter last Friday.

Dear President Libby:

Maine Day brought the usual flood of your students to Acadia yesterday. I hope they had as good a time as they seemed to. Our gang says your gang is great for a number of reasons.

Maine Day comes before we have many of our maintenance crews on duty, so there may not always be trash cans in sufficient numbers, and all the rest rooms may not be open, and all the water may not be turned on. All this means our visitors must make some extra effort or the park looks pretty ratty the morning after.

This morning Acadia looks great, and U of M students deserve the credit. I hope you will pass our thanks down through the powers and dominions to the people who came, enjoyed themselves, and contributed to the enjoyment of today's family from New York state.

Sincerely,

John M. Good
Superintendent

Following is Libby's reply to Good.

Dear John:

What a thoroughly pleasant letter concerning students from this campus who "Maine Dayed" at Acadia. I am not used to complementary letters about students or much else for that matter. It is a nice day.

Incidentally, I am not surprised by their thoughtfulness. I contend that students as a group, when compared to others of the same age, are more concerned, more responsible and just as human.

Thanks for your letter.

Has the ice gone out of Frenchman's Bay?

Winthrop C. Libby
President

More flack on the finger

A recent article in The Maine CAMPUS described a so-called Finger Award to Professor Robert Dunlap. Such tantrums of juvenile journalism can only degrade the status of the newspaper and leads one to seriously question the maturity of some present-day students.

I wish to challenge the validity of the reported 'facts' (about 5 C's and about 16 D's) on first-semester grades. It can easily be verified, for example, that no student dropped the course during the semester. Furthermore, this writer is willing to wager that over the past ten years, the total grades in physical chemistry follow a normal distribution.

It has been my pleasure to be associated with Professor Dunlap as a student, co-worker and friend for over 12 years. I know that his teaching ability and techniques are above reproach. He demands quality performance from himself and rightfully expects no less from his students. Those who fail or receive poor grades in his courses do so because they are unwilling to work or do not have ability.

The not-to-subtle implication that all students are entitled to a degree(as a result of the grades, some students had to drop out of UMO...) is disturbing. During this period of strong competition for jobs, the last thing graduates of UMO can afford is a lowering of standards. Things are tough enough as it is.

It seems to me that the Finger Award should be reserved for those sadistic souls who feel it is necessary to write and print such trash as well as for faculty and administrators who consider this practice useful, constructive and/or amusing.

Terrance B. Tripp
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
University of Maine at Presque Isle

Against abortion

I didn't write this and don't know who did, but I think it sums up the subject pretty well:

DIARY OF AN UNBORN BABY

"Oct 5 - Today my life began. My parents don't know it yet. Nearly everything is settled, even though I am tiny, tiny. I will be a girl. I will have blonde hair and blue eyes. I will love flowers.

"Oct. 19 - My mother does almost everything for me, but she still does not know she is carrying me under her heart.

"Oct. 23 - My mouth is just now beginning to take shape. My first word will be 'Mama.'

"Nov. 2 - I am growing bigger. But it will still be more than eight months until my mother can hold me in her arms.

"Nov. 12 - My fingers are so tiny. One day I'll stroke Mother's hair with them.

"Nov. 20 - Today the doctor told my mother. How happy she must be.

"Dec. 12 - When my mother brings me into the world, I will see flowers and sunshine. But more than anything I want to see her.

"Dec. 24 - I wonder if my mother hears the delicate beat of my heart.

"Dec. 28 - Today my mother killed me."

How can people be so cruel?

Against Abortion

Need spouse policy

I find it distressing to note that John Carey's and Edward LaFreniere's article on PICS, in the May 6 CAMPUS pointedly names the spouses of three women employees of PICS, but does not give this information about any of the men discussed in the same article.

The quality of these three particular marriages cannot merit this distinctive treatment since your story on the Discipline Code, in the same issue, does not mention that Professor Robert Thomson is the husband of Mrs. Arline Thomson of PICS.

Indeed, I recall no notice in your coverage of Professor Walter Renaud's participation in the Patriots Day Marathon that he is married to Mrs. Helen Renaud of PICS, nor in your coverage of the Arts and Science Educational Policy Committee, that Professor Brooks Hamilton is married to Mrs. Marion Hamilton of PICS.

May I suggest that, in future, the CAMPUS pursue a consistent policy one way or the other.

Jane H. Pease
Assistant Professor of History

'I'm "cool"'

I'm a freshman at the U. of M.
My hair is black and long
I strum the gi-tar now and then
And sing a soft, Rock song.

On days when I'm commuting
I drive my Volks to school
And, arriving on the campus
All the co-eds think I'm "cool."

I have a lot of studies
And take a course in art
I'll never graduate cum laude
I knew that from the start.

I'm partial to the mini-skirts
So students please take note
If "hot pants" should become the style
They'll surely get my vote.

Anon.

Pecuniary priorities

In this time of economic disaster throughout the country, the University of Maine has seemed to lose its sense of priorities. The athletic department seems to think that if we don't finish its building project that we will have suffered a great loss. I beg to disagree.

I'm not anti-jock, after all they do try hard. But also, Maine is not known as a big draw for potential professionals and there is no reason to try to make the facilities any better to lure them. What we have now is adequate for small-college and intramural play.

The monies that have been used and are slated to be used for further physical expansion should be going to the library and for the dormitory system. We stand to lose accreditation unless our library is improved.

This is most serious. Our domitories present another problem. As an RA I saw the frustration the incoming freshmen had in being tripled up. Now that problem will be "solved" by tripling upperclassmen and freezing enrollment.

When the next Bond Issue comes up for vote, unless there are extensive provisions for library improvements and dormitory expansion, I for one will do everything in my power to discourage the passage of the bill.

Gregory S. Dana

LETTERS

Letters must be less than 300 words, typed, double-spaced, and in our hands by 5 p.m. Monday.

Letters must bear valid signatures and addresses. Names will be withheld upon request.

AWARD

Five dollars will be paid to the person writing the best story of the week, in the opinion of the editorial staff. All students are eligible, with the exception of CAMPUS editorial staff members. The deadline for all stories is Tuesday noon.

Last week's award went to Cathy Flynn, a junior journalism major, for her story on abortions.

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THE FINGER AWARD -- A fellangious facsimile of fecal fulmination to be presented weekly to the individual or group most deserving (in the humble estimation of this paper) of some negative notoriety.

This week the despondent digit goes to the housing office. Though the fault of the office in question came through no malice, the finger feels that a stern reminder is in order for the person responsible for sending the Housing contracts out so late.

To stand in line with a hundred people is little fun if you are a misanthropic minor (needing parents' signature) but still less if you are a procrastinating pointer. Please *dorma parenti*, do better next time.

Review section

The three species of human louse

Earth Abides
by George R. Stewart
317 pp. Greenwich, Conn.
Faucett Pub. Inc. $.95

by Don Perry

No person has the privilege of deciding whether he wants to be born. Other people make that decision for him.

No person, after he is born, can attempt to take his own life (in this country) without being called sick, or thrown into captivity.

Doesn't it seem rather ironic, or harsh, or silly, or maybe even inhuman to force life into this world and then make every effort to insure that that life stays alive, whether that life wants to stay alive or not?

But we needn't feel alone. Other animals do it too. And because all other animals are not true kings of the beasts, like man, and cannot afford the luxury of morals, they die when they want to, or when they have to.

Nature takes care of its delicate cycle, even though man does his utmost to upset its balance. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume that someday "if a killing type virus stain should suddenly arise by mutation that because the species of man has become so outrageously prolific on the face of this planet, this virus could. . . cause the deaths of millions of people, and damn near annihilate the entire human race.

George R. Stewart has used this premise in Earth Abides-to present the reader with an evitability that is all too possible, and all too frightening. Stewart has even had the audacity to sprinkle Part One of his book with examples of this having happened many times before in the animal kingdom.

Earth Abides is not at all comforting. Yet it is not altogether disspiriting, either.

Mankind is foolish. Past writers, such as Johnathan Swift, took especial delight in pointing this out to us. And so does Stewart.

A lonely survivor driving through a deserted New York City ponders whether life might exist in all the "cave-like holes that men call rooms."

Stewart goes on to say how in 100 years, Central Park will grow into a forest that will overgrow New York completely. As man departs, so too will his monuments.

Mankind is egotistical. And here Stewart really gets his digs in.

He says: "At the funeral of Homo sapiens there will be few mourners. Canis familiaris as an individual will perhaps send up a few howls, but as a species, remembering all the kicks and curses, he will soon be comforted and run off to join his wild fellows. Homo sapiens, however, may take comfort from the thought that at his funeral there will be three wholly sincere mourners."

The three mourners Stewart mentions are the species of the human louse.

Stewart is relentless in his attack. And as he continues to bear down, mankind finds itself pitifully on the defensive.

He tells us: Destroy the culture-pattern in which people live, and often the shock is too great for the individuals, to describe a wave of "Second Kill" that swept over the land, after the virus. Which is indeed ironic when you consider how Western Civilization in the 20th century is doing the very same thing in primitive areas of the world.

But though we prosper now and continue to multiply unchecked: "When any creature reaches such climactic numbers and attains such high concentration, a nemesis is likely to fall upon it."

And then even the brave words of the Bible, "Render unto Ceasar. . ." might prove a strangely unprofitable text when there is no more Caesar, and not even a Collector of Internal Revenue, says Stewart.

So we learn that mankind is expendable. Earth can get along quite well without him. Perhaps this is the greatest truth and tragedy Stewart wants us to know and realize.

Stewart does not have mankind totally defeated at the end of his book. Man is too insignificant in importance for that. "For men come and go, but earth abides."

Romantic possibilities of a California library

The Abortion: An Historical Romance 1966
by Richard Brautigan
226 pp. New York
Simon & Schuster, Inc. $1.95

by Jim Smith

It is very tempting to believe that in a college community today anyone who reads would have read at least one of Richard Brautigan's books a long time ago and probably would have been waiting on the doorstep for his new book since about March.

But this is the University of Maine and I learned a long time ago that the University of Maine is generally about ten steps behind any other university, any kind of intellectual/educational progress, and the eight ball.

Anyway, Brautigan's new book is out. It's called *The ABORTION: An Historical Romance 1966* and right there on the cover of the book it says, "This novel is about the romantic possibilities of a public library in California." Which it is.

It's about a library, unique to say the very least, but definitely public. It is romantic, but so are most of Brautigan's books. It takes place in California. It takes place in 1966. And it's about an abortion in somewhat the same fashion that *Trout Fishing in America* is about trout fishing.

Mostly, though, I guess it's about Richard Brautigan. That's just about the same thing as saying it's about hedonism, because Brautigan writes about having fun.

He and his books have been called "gentle." I think that's the wrong word. "Human" is a much better one. If his books are gentle it's because of some of the things he writes about, like fishing and watermelons and making love and even abortions. Not ugly. Not bloody. Gentle. But mostly his books are fast, kind of funny, pretty much unpretentious, and happy.

That's the way it is with *The ABORTION*. We have a guy running an impossible library, his overendowed girl friend, and their schizo-drunk friend who drives a van. They make good times for themselves and I suspect Brautigan had a good time making them.

It's smooth and mellow and should go down like ice cream, but it will probably drive a lot of people up a wall. For a couple of years now Richard Brautigan has been dissected, lionized, categorized and put down. . .all for some pretty strange reasons. There is an I-don't-know-what-to-do-with-Brautigan element amongst the intellectual elite. I'd suggest that henceforth he be read for pleasure. That's the only good reason for reading him.

I'd almost like to think of him as an anachronism. But I guess if that's what he is it's because he's 36 years old and he's still writing about people having good times and he's having a good time doing it. Maybe trite, but I think there's something to be said for a 36-year old guy who can make money writing about kids and fishing and watermelons and port wine and love.

At any rate, his new book is out. It's published by Simon and Schuster in hardbound and paperback. I recommend it, but I'm partial to all those things, too.

'Bathroom' is a no-no

by Sue Gagne

When you were in kindergarten, what did you say to the teacher when you had to go to the bathroom? Did you ask to "go to the basement?" Or did you just say, "I have to go!"? In our times, any mention of the bathroom is a no-no. Yet, it's a subject that will inevitably arise.

To solve this problem of speaking about the unmentionable, modern-day man has substituted the unmentionables with mentionables. One hundred percent of those using a toilet switched to the "john." The johns in the bathrooms are now rarely used; those in the "restrooms" are more popular. And "outhouses," "powder rooms," "heads," and "lavatories" are thriving.

Bathrooms -- (excuse me) -- Restrooms aren't the only unmentionables. Think of all the kids you used to know that squinted when they heard this bad word: "pregnant." Haven't you heard? Women are never "pregnant" in the minds of the young: but they do "expect babies!"

Another interesting phenomenon of twentieth-century conversation is that no one has been recorded to die; but billions of people have been known to "pass away." And many of those, in passing, made the news when they broke the record of the Highway Accident Poll during Labor Day weekend.

Just think; now people can live to make the news when they die. Does this fact make you feel like throwing up, or does it make you feel "sick to your stomach?" You've got five minutes to run to the nearest powder room before we move on to brighter topics. . .

Next on our agenda of unmentionables are five pairs of appendages: our toes. They don't even have a mentionable substitute, because no one ever speaks about this part of their body--it could scandalize a prostitute!

One of the most interesting facts about the human race is that in the past ten years no one has ever been fired by his employer. The employer has found a more mentionable method: he asks the employee to resign. And if the employee does not want to be known he can always say that he has been "laid off." Yup, before we know it, unemployment will be non-existent!

And why is it that people who are brave or daring are considered to "have guts?" Mice are known to have guts; so is Agnew for that matter!

How about the independent individual who can "stand on his own two feet?" If it were only the independent who could stand on his own two feet, what would happen to man's theory of evolution?

The food we eat is also given substitute names in order to give it class. The chocolate cake no longer exists; in its place is the Mysterious Mocha Surprise.

Hamburgers have come a long way – now they are Fiestaburgers and Big Macs.

But the evolution of the egg surpasses all others, for it has reached the time of Westerns, Easterns, Country Scrambles, and Adam-and-Eve-on-A-Raft.

Folk ensemble to perform

Mandala, a 24-member folkdance ensemble from Cambridge, Mass. will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. They will present a program of Israeli, Greek, Russian, and Balkan dances in costumes they have made themselves.

The program will be followed by a workshop-demonstration in the Main Lounge. The group performs as a hobby and is comprised of people with occupations such as engineers, housewives, social workers, and students. Admission will be 50 cents.

Had a tape stolen?

The Orono Police Dept. requests that anyone who has had stereo tape catridges stolen from his car, especially while parked in the North Main Street, Pond Street, Mill Street area get in contact with the Department.

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ICC loses money on Cosby concert

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This would mean that from the seniors' "loan," the ICC has extracted $725 which the seniors will never get back. However, because it is the other three classes, not the ICC, that is paying back the so-called loan, the ICC nets the entire $2,000.

Also each lower class has been asked to contribute $300 to the ICC, meaning that, if each class complies, the ICC will have garnered an extra $2,900. Not each class will comply, however, as the junior class already has decided to withhold the funds requested.

Beyond the revenue each concert brings in from ticket sales, the ICC is budgeted through a yearly donation of $2,025 from each of the four classes. Going into the Cosby concert, there was a surplus on hand of between $5,600 and $6,000, according to Gerry. If ticket receipts indeed totalled some $14,000, this would give the ICC approximately $20,000 to pay off the Cosby bills. Yet an additional $2,000 was needed on an emergency basis to prevent the $17,500 check from bouncing and an additional $900 is still in the offing from the classes that have, as yet, not made contributions beyond their original $2025.

Fraternities have scheduled parties, outings for this weekend

Following is a list of fraternity activities for this weekend.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Formal Friday night at the Penobscot Country Club; Saturday, an all-day outing at Northeast Harbor, to include a beach party.

Delta Tau Delta: Saturday, a party and outing at the Black Woods at Bar Harbor, and then to Sand Beach if the weather holds.

Phi Kappa Sigma: May 15-16, will be spent at Lynn Johnston's camp following a party at the house Friday night.

Alpha Gamma Rho: May 15-16, will spend the weekend on their rented island near Bar Harbor.

Beta Theta Pi: May 15-16, started by a house party Friday night, followed by a weekend on the coast.

Alpha Tau Omega: Spring weekend party Friday and Saturday at Bar Harbor if the weather holds.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: Annual spring outing party (this weekend) at an island off the coast in Stonington.

Tau Epsilon Phi: May 14-15, outing at Eddington at Bob Garland's camp.

Kappa Sigma: The last weekend or finals week, a day on the beach at Green Lake, and retreating away from it all at a place as yet unset.

Orono police, firemen criticized at hearing

Tenants of an Orono apartment house who were burned out by an early morning fire March 6 criticized the handling of the blaze by local police and firemen at a meeting of the Orono Town Council Monday.

Robert Dennis, a UMO junior majoring in education who had lived in the building at 110-112 North Main Street, opened comments at the meeting by saying that the hearing might prove futile because two months have elapsed since the fire.

Dennis said that when he tried to call the firemen's attention to flames at the rear of the building at the time of the blaze, he was threatened with arrest for "interfering" with them.

Another person at the meeting, who claimed to have been a resident of the building at the time of the fire, said he was not allowed by police to move his car when he felt it was threatened by the flames.

A third person who claimed to have been a tenant at the time of the blaze said that while he was trying to rescue some of his belongings from his apartment a police officer allegedly accused him of trying to remove some marijuana from his mattress.

There was also disagreement on the cause of the fire.

Most of the tenants blamed the heating system. But Wesley Knight, Orono Public safety director, suggested that misuse of electrical wiring by the tenants caused the fire to start. The state Attorney General's office has been investigating the fire but has not issued a report yet.

The students in the audience, however, praised the fire department for responding quickly after the blaze was reported.

Knight said the firemen deliberately allowed the building to continue to burn without attempting to extinguish the flames until after they had determined whether any occupants remained inside.

He said, "Life hazards come before structures."

When asked if he believed that extinguishing fires constituted a hazard to occupants of burning buildings, Knight refused to respond. "I don't care what you guys print," he said, "That's the way I see it."

Dennis cited the poor housing situation in Orono as partly due to what he claimed is a poor student-police relationship in town. Because of the high demand for off-campus housing, he said that students are forced to rent unsafe dwellings.

Police blotter: t.v., vacuum cleaner stolen

A color t.v. was stolen from a lounge in Gannett Hall last week and a vacuum cleaner was stolen from Corbett Hall. Neither has been recovered.

Investigator Clement Thibodeau of the security police said "a lot of kids live off campus, and when they need things what cheaper, easier way is there to get them than to steal them from the dorms?"

Since April 1, 24 bike thefts have been reported. Thibodeau said he doesn't consider it that big a problem despite the large number because most of them are recovered.

There is now one bike at the security office recovered several weeks ago which hasn't been claimed.

The police also have a couple they've had unclaimed for two years. Thibodeau urged that anyone missing a bike or anything else should report it.

In addition to the unclaimed bicycles, the security office is holding two pairs of prescription glasses, a watch, a wallet, and several key rings that no one has claimed.

"We notified the owner of the wallet," Thibodeau said, "but I guess he doesn't want it."

Drivers should be cognizant of the designation of the drive in front of the main entrance to Hauck Auditorium as a tow away zone. Since the closing of the mall to traffic, the drive has been used as a stop for the South Campus bus.

Thibodeau said "We will tow away cars parked there without authorization."

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Tracksters a close second in meet; Warner sets new 3-mile-run record

Three new records were set Saturday as the Colby Mules fought off UMO, Bates and Bowdoin to capture the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association title at Waterville.

The Mules accumulated 64 points and won six events while Maine, which also won six events, gathered 62 points. Bates scored 37 points and Bowdoin 35.

Dana Fitts of Colby won the pole-vault with a record-shattering jump of 14 feet, 7 inches to beat the old record of 13 feet 6 inches.

Carl Warner of Maine set a new mark in the three mile run with a time of 15:12.7, bettering the old record of 15:26.1, and the Bowdoin relay team came up with a new mark of 3:24 in the mile relay.

The Frederick Tootel Memorial Trophy, given for the best individual effort in the meet, was awarded to Dana Fitts for his effort in the pole vault.

John Fonville of Bowdoin was awarded the Alan Hillman Memorial Trophy as the outstanding athlete in the track events. He won the 100-yard dash and placed second in the 220.

Double winners were Jim Peterson of Colby who won the javelin and shotput, and Maurice Glinton of Maine who took the long jump and the triple jump.

The Main Bears had a chance to take the meet going into the last event - the mile relay - but lost out when Bowdoin surprised everyone by taking the event, thus giving Maine third place and not enough points to overtake the Mules.

Woodsmen second, third at N.Y.

The UMO woodsmen's teams placed second and third in the annual Spring Woodsmen's Weekend at Paul Smiths College, in Paul Smith, N. Y. last weekend.

Six colleges competed for the title. They were: Paul Smiths College, UMO, Dartmouth, Vermont, Colby, and Wanakena.

Coach Anthony Filauro said the Bears played very well as they placed second in overall competition and the Maine "B" team placed third.

Winner of the competition was the host team, Paul Smiths' "A" team. They accumulated 1,520.4 points while the Maine 'A' team picked up 1,393.3 points. The Maine 'B' team scored 1,328.2 points.

The UMO team won the title last year at the Orono Campus.

Captain of the "A" team is John Carter of Orono. Other members are Phil Cyaford of Steubenville, Ohio, John Belding of Bellerose, N. Y., Ken Van Hazinga of Fitchburg, Mass., Lew Stevens of Springvale, Maine, and Joel Swanton of Redding Ridge, Conn.

Captain of the "B" team is Alan Kumball of Higganum, Conn. Other members are Richard Benner of Orono, Paul Miller of Bangor, and Jim Turner of Piscataway, N. J.

Sports Calendar

May 13

Varsity tennis, Maine at Bowdoin, 1:30.
Freshmen tennis at Bowdoin, 1:30.

May 14

Varsity baseball, Connecticut, 2:30.
Freshmen baseball, Bangor High School, 3 p.m.

May 15

Yankee Conference Track Championships at UMass, 9:30 a.m.
Varsity baseball, Connecticut, 11 a.m.
Freshmen tennis, MCI, 1 p.m.
Freshmen baseball, Brighton Academy, noon.

May 17

Varsity tennis at Bates, 1:30
Freshmen golf, MCI, 3:30.

May 18

Varsity baseball, Bates, 2:30
Varsity tennis, at Colby, 3 p.m.
Freshmen track, Bangor High School, 3 p.m.
Freshmen golf, Bangor, 3 p.m.

May 19

Varsity baseball at Colby, 3 p.m.
Freshmen baseball, Fryeburg, 3 p.m.

Baseball team splits with Rhody

UMaine and University of Rhode Island split a doubleheader here Saturday. Maine won the first game 8-1 with Rhody taking the nightcap 14-8.

Maine defeated the Rams Friday 4-2, but the loss on Saturday just about eliminated them from the Yankee conference championship.

In Saturday's action there were five home runs, two of them by Maine's Dana Corey, a former standout at Brewer high school.

Maine's Mike Jones sparkled in the opener as he went 8 2/3 innings, allowing only four hits, one run, and striking out 11.

But things were different in the second game. Rhody picked up four runs in the fifth and six in the top of the sixth to ice the game. Maine used four hurlers who gave up a total of 15 hits to the Rams.

The Bears will be in action again tomorrow when they face Connecticut at Orono.

Golfers lead going into finals

The UMO varsity golf team held a 9½ point lead over Bowdoin, Bates, and Colby Tuesday in the third of four matches.

Bob Hamilton posted low score for the Bears as he had a 72 and Don Morse, Captain, scored a 73 on the Penobscot Valley Country Club course in Orono.

Going into the final matches Wednesday, the Bears enjoyed a 59 to 49½ lead over closest competitor, Bowdoin to 35 for Bates and 18½ for Colby.

The UMO team has a 13-3-1 record in dual matches and Tuesday the Bears sent three of their linksmen to Augusta to compete for individual honors: Bill McPhee, Don Morse, and Bob Hamilton.

The Team is coached by Tom (Skip) Chappelle.

Freshmen baseball team still undefeated

The UMO Freshmen nine remained undefeated by downing Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in both games of a double header here Saturday, by scores of 11-0 and 7-4.

Len Gentile and Gerry Tracey were outstanding in the first game as Gentile pitched his way to a brilliant one-hitter and Tracey drove in some runs with three of the teams 13 hits.

In the second game NMVTI took an early lead by scoring two runs in the second inning. Thelead however, was short-lived as Maine got two runs in the third to tie the game, only to have NMVTI get two more in the fourth to go out ahead 4-2.

A five-run barrage by Maine in the sixth sealed the victory for the Bear Cubs with Doug Lentz belting a three-run homer to round out the scoring at 7-4.

The UMO Freshmen will be in action again tomorrow at Orono against Bangor High in a 3 p.m. tilt.

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