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The war again is the number one issue

by Bob Haskell

An increasingly large number of UMO citizens participated in picket lines, memorial services, and peace marches and rallies during the last week in reaction to President Richard Nixon's announcement last Thursday that U. S. troops were being sent into Cambodia and to the deaths of four Kent State University students on Monday.

Approximately 70 UMO students picketed in front of the Federal Building in Bangor last Friday in opposition to President Nixon's decision to send troops into Cambodia to clean out North Vietnamese command and supply posts. The students spent the afternoon in front of the Harlow Street building carrying signs opposing the expansion of American's war activities into the neutral country.

After a relatively quiet weekend on this campus, contrary to calls for student strikes and anti-war demonstrations that were spreading through many of the country's other college campuses, the many UMO students again hit the up-tight point with the announcement of the four student deaths in Ohio.

At a meeting in the Memorial Union's main lounge on Monday night, 25 students consented to try to lower the flag behind Fernald Hall to half mast Tuesday morning with or without the UMO administration's permission. A delegation of four students attempted to contact President Winthrop Libby later that evening about the matter, but Libby was not at home.

At 8:30 Tuesday morning, Libby consented to have the flag lowered to half mast following the news that the same thing had been done on the UMP campus Monday afternoon, and the rumored reports that Chancellor Donald R. McNeil was upset by the action. Although McNeil was in Boston Tuesday morning, William Robersen, his public relations man, denied the rumor and said that the chancellor was only upset about the Kent State shooting incident. McNeil later stated that the shooting was "a tragedy of major proportions," without elaborating any further.

At ten o'clock, two to three hundred students marched from the Fogler Library steps to the flag pole where Rev. John Pickering, Maine Christian Association director, conducted a brief memorial service. Libby, Vice President for Student Affairs Arthur Kaplan and other UMO administrators joined the group for the ceremony.

Before asking for the flag to be lowered, Rev. Pickering said, "I don't know what you feel about a god or no god. We are together because something has happened that has affected all of you. We are together to say, My God, what has happened, My God why?"

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New England joins the Nation in protest

by David Bright

"If there is still a campus in the country which has not yet struck against these crimes of the Nixon administration, we call on them to join us immediately." These words of Carol Lipman, national executive secretary of the Student Mobe Committee to End the War in Vietnam, echoed across the nation. And while New England action was basicly non-violent, barely a college in the six state region was quiet Monday or Tuesday.

Much of the activity was concerned with the killing of four students caught in the midst of an anti-ROTC demonstration on the campus of Kent State University in Ohio. The rage of students across the country increased when it was learned two of the students were not involved in the demonstrations at the time of their death.

At the University of New Hampshire in Durham Tuesday night, students gathered in defience of both court and college restrictions to hear Chicago 7 defendents Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Dave Dellinger. UNH trustees had ordered the speeches to run only from 2 to 5 p.m. Student leaders took the matter to court and had the deadline extended to 6:30 p.m.

But the three did not begin speaking until 7:30. Prefaced by student remarks that "there is no such thing as half free speech," Dellinger opened his remarks by adding, "If you can have free speech at 3:30, you can have it at 7:30." The day before, 1500 UNH students had marched in the streets of Durham to protest Nixon's Cambodian policies.

Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. called off a week of classes to spend the time in conferences called the Constitutional Crisis in National Affairs.

Burlington, Vermont saw the second largest rally in northern New England. An estimated 800 to 1,000 students took time out from exams to silently march on the city's business district. The march came as a result of a "Day of Mourning" being proclaimed in response to the four Ohio deaths.

At other Vermont schools, members of the 1,650 student body of Middlebury College held a memorial service and cancelled one day of classes. In Plainville, Vermont, 30 students and faculty from Goddard College were arrested after they staged a sit-in on U.S. route 2 and stopped traffic. Stopped drivers were given leaflets explaining the feeling of the Goddard group about the War and the situation in America.

In Maine, two colleges shut their doors as a result of the Cambodian invasion and the deaths in Ohio. A strike termed "very wide spread" by college officials was called Tuesday by 400 Colby College students Tuesday. The Colby students held a "March Against Death" later Tuesday, marching into downtown Waterville.

At Bowdoin College in Brunswick, 300 of the schools 950 students participated in a referendum to strike for one day on Monday to protest the Cambodian situation. On Tuesday a meeting open only to persons showing a Bowdoin ID card was called to discuss "American foreign policy and its impact on the campus." At the meeting it was voted to suspend classes indefinitely as a result of the present situation in America. The vote was 686 to 167 among students, 46 to 31 among faculty and 15 to 4 by the administration.

Bates College voted Tuesday to conduct a three day strike.

At the University of Maine in Portland, a group of students conducted an all night vigil around a flag being flown at half mast. The students there voted to cancell Maine Day festivities and hold a day of mourning instead.

At Gorham, officials said a group of students gathered "in protest over the Kent State incident."

In Southern New England things were not as peaceful. Connecticut students marked Tuesday with, according to the Associated Press, demonstrations of sadness, anger and frustration. Students called for strikes on several campuses, including Yale. In tense New Haven, where Black Panther Bobby Seale is on trial for his life, students broke windows in the Yale ROTC building and pulled an American flag down.

In Storrs, the Arts faculty of the University of Connecticut voted to suspend academic programs for the rest of the semester, a move which must now be approved by the Faculty Senate. As early as Monday night more than 1000 students had massed outside the student union calling for participation in the nationwide student strike.

In Hartford, Conn. students from the UConn School of Social Work marched on the Capitol and held a memorial service for the victims of the Kent State Massacre. After the service, a third of the 300 went inside to Connecticut Governor Dempsey's office, but found him not in. They made appointments to see him and left.

The University of Hartford voted to allow students to stay away from classes if they wished. University of Bridgeport students overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling for Nixon's impeachment.

In Rhode Island, Brown University in Providence and the University of Rhode Island in Kingston voted to suspend classes or strike for the remainder of the year. Both actions came about after votes by the college communities. URI will keep doors open for those wishing to finish the year, however.

Nixon was burned in effigy at Bryant College in Providence.

Reactions and results were varied in Massachusetts. The flag in front of the state house in Boston was lowered to half mast after students gathered in front of the building for a rally and chanted "lower that flag."

Boston University came to the closest to erupting into violence. Fires were set in the area and windows broken and the administration building suffered damage from a firebomb. BU officials moved quickly and cancelled both final exams and the May 17 commencement activities, at which Senator Edward M. Kennedy was to give the keynote address.

In explaining their action, BU officials said, "The University Council views with grave concern the fact that in our society an institution must be forced to consider the interuption of the academic process. Nevertheless, the massive expression of student concern over Cambodia, Kent State and New Haven has created an atmosphere on this campus in which the tradition educational process cannot effectively continue without endangering the personal security of students."

900 of Harvard's 1,500 students voted to strike for the remainder of the academic year. The Harvard Business school refused to join the strike by a vote of 700 to 685. Massachusetts Institute of Technology voted to close down the week of May 4 but asked professors to meet informally with students. Tufts College in Medford, Mass. will fly its flags at half mast until Memorial day in recognition of "continuing deaths due to war throughout the world," according to Tufts President Burton Hallowell.

8,000 students demonstrated Tuesday at the Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts in opposition to government policies.

And at last reports, David and Julie Eisenhower, two college students caught in the middle of it all, remained at home in their Northhampton, Mass., apartment as both Amherst and Smith, where they attend school, voted to strike.

McNeil fears anti-Super U feelings

by Mark Leslie

University of Maine Chancellor Donald R. McNeil met with UMO faculty and newsmen from the CAMPUS and Orono area May 1 to discuss several Super-U matters, including the development of a new graduate center at UMP-Gorham and the June 15 bond issue.

The major topic discussed was the June 15 bond issue, the outcome of which will affect the whole University of Maine development. McNeil said the passage of the upcoming bond issue is crucial to the university system in the State of Maine and if it is not passed we will be in a terrible position.

"I'm not threatening; I'm stating the facts," he added. We cannot hold 1200 to 1500 additional students per year without additional facilities."

McNeil emphasized that the increased costs of education, increased enrollments and the resulting benefits to the state must be stressed to the people of Maine if the bond issue is to be passed.

McNeil feels one other major obstacle for supporters of the bond issue to overcome is the widespread anti-Super-University feeling in the state. He stated the fact that any time you merge nine universities, you have to have another layer of bureaucracy, but, he explained, "Every state in the Union has a coordinating unit of some kind-- if not a chancellor, the legislature or somebody."

On the positive side of the bond issue, McNeil said he felt a different mood in the state this year than when the 7.5 million dollar bond issue was defeated last year. He said that in talks with people throughout the state, he found that most people want better higher education in Maine.

McNeil also cited a degree of dissent among Maine voters towards the new physical plant at Orono. But he argued that there is another side to recreation. "We can't be all academic and all intellectual. We have to take care of the atheletic needs of the students," he said, adding that the gymnasium was built in 1932 for a student body of 2500.

Graduate Center

Several months ago McNeil assigned a task force to study, among other things, graduate center development. From the knowledge of this task force and the knowledge that the Chancellor has decided to institute a new graduate center at the UMP-Gorham campus of the Super-U, came questions concerning the possible duplication of graduate studies at the new center and the source of finances for this and the Orono centers.

McNeil replied that he wants to emphasize graduate studies in the total system. "There will be two graduate centers, but I don't know when the second will come," he said.

Concerning the possibility that finances might be taken from Orono to build up the UMP-Gorham complex, McNeil said that such action would positively not be taken.

He said, "There will be additional moneys for further graduate development at Orono and Portland-Gorham will be dependent on the availability of additional moneys" other than those which would normally be used for Orono.

There will be no duplication of programs except in those areas where there is a different demand. He cited the possibility of a new graduate program in the field of social welfare and specified the agricultural and oceanography graduate programs as ones that would definitely not be moved from Orono to UMP-Gorham.

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Chalmers signs Nixon impeachment petition

The impeachment of President Nixon has been called for by the National Student Association (NSA) in a petition now being circulated nation-wide. This action comes as a reaction to the President's decision to increase military involvement in Cambodia.

"The petition," according to newly-elected UMO Senate President Chic Chalmers, "epitomizes the feeling of people who have been petitioning, marching, and demonstrating against the war in Vietnam for five years."

In its 200 year history the U.S. has brought impeachment proceedings against only one of its Presidents, Andrew Johnson. The attempt failed.

Chalmers, contacted by Charles Palmer, President of NSA, consented to have his name placed on the petition. The Senate President noted this action as a personal one, in no way speaking for the campus student body as a whole. Over 300 student body presidents have signed the petition.

The Senate head believes this action will not bring short-run effects. But added the effects of this will bring changes, as did the Moratorium Against the War, in the long-run.

Future Senate action with regard to organized protest is not clear. "The important matters on this campus at this time lie in the areas of academic reform and results of the Student Senate opinion poll of the recent general campus-wide election," Chalmers believes.

But he sees dangerous possibilities in the further escalation of troop involvement in Cambodia: "I don't see how he (Nixon) could withdraw those troops once he's in there."

During impeachment of a President, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presides over the U.S. Senate which tries the President. If a President is found to have committed treason, bribery or high crimes and misdemeanors against the U.S., he may be removed from office. With 2/3 majority vote, the Senate may carry out impeachment.

UMO voter registration May 11 & 12

Voting age students from Maine who have not registered for their share of the action in the Democratic process will have a chance to do so next Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12.

The UMO Young Democrats will be sponsoring a two-day voter registration session in the Memorial Union on these days to give unregistered students a chance to vote for the party candidates of their choice in the upcoming June 15 primary elections. This registration opportunity will also give students a chance to express their opinion at the polls on the same day about the 15 million dollar University of Maine bond issue.

Anthony Redington, a doctoral candidate in political science, originated the registration proposal because he estimates there are 3,000 voting age undergraduate and graduate students on this campus who are not registered. Redington, a Bangor Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, also believes that yes votes from these 3,000 students could mean the difference between victory and defeat for the UM bond issue.

Aside from the bond issue, Redington pointed out that seven people from the University community plus himself are seeking primary wins on June 15. Candidates for the Maine House include Harlan Goodwin, Berwick; Dave Smith, Dover-Foxcroft; Frank Murray, Bangor; Jay McCloskey, Bangor; Fred Brodeur, Auburn; Arlin Cook, Bangor; and UM Trustee Stephen Hughes, Auburn.

Tid Pinnette from Bangor is running for a State Senate seat.

Students from the State of Maine desiring to register during these two days will be able to fill out a registration card which will be sent to their home city hall or town office where their registration will be recorded so they may vote at their home polling places on June 15.

Senate terms Kent State killings 'blatent murder'

by Russ Van Arsdale

A resolution condemning the Nixon administration's "official sanctioning of violence" to stifle dissent sparked lengthy debate and a series of mild resolutions at Tuesday night's student senate meeting.

The killing of four student demonstrators at Kent State University Monday sparked resentment at UMO and at college campuses across the country Monday and Tuesday.

The senate's resolution calling the four killings at Kent State "blatant murder" and "abhorrent to our standards of decency" urged all UMO students to write their congressmen to register their opinions. In more immediate action it was voted to send a delegation of UMO students to Augusta to attempt to see Sen. Margaret Chase Smith and other key Maine state officials to determine their positions on extending American involvement in Southeast Asia.

Tension was unusually high at Tuesday's senate meeting, which newly-elected president Chic Chalmers had obvious difficulty in controlling. Senators seemed to agree that the University student body should take action but disagreed over what effective action they could take.

Sen. Alec Boardman pointed out that demonstrations over the past ten years seem to have had little effect on American foreign and domestic policy. "We've got to screw up the system," Boardman said, if that is what it takes to effect meaningful changes.

Colin Gillis, unsuccessful candidate for the senate vice-presidency, said violent suppression of dissent is not peculiar to Kent State. "You go down into Orono and start a disturbance and see how fast you get shot," Gillis told the senate.

The senate also voted to join other campuses nationwide in observing May 8 as a day of mourning for the four students who died at Kent State. A resolution with long-range implications was passed to reactivate the senate Current Affairs Committee to channel student involvement into national, state and local government.

In other senate business the proposed $10 library fee was withdrawn by its sponsor, Sen. Greg Carpenter. UMO librarian Dr. James MacCampbell spoke against the resolution Tuesday saying its passage would "establish a rather dangerous precedent." Chalmers then called for the tabling of the motion & the senate concurred.

MacCampbell said such a motion might be appropriate to help start a record lending service or to open a record listening room in Fogler Library but not for the purchasing additional books. Carpenter withdrew his motion shortly after MacCampbell spoke.

The senate also tabled consideration of its controversial reapportionment plan. Ron Lebel, acting vice president this spring, said "The senator-at-large concept is an attempt to make the best of a bad situation." Under the new apportionment plan 17 senators

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A group of 200 UMO citizens gathered by the flag pole in back of Fernald Hall on Tuesday to watch as the flag was lowered to half mast as a tribute to the four students killed during the shoot-out at Kent State University in Ohio on Monday. (Haskell photo)

Parents get the word from drug counselors

by Jonathan White

On Wednesday night, a sprinkling of people, in 140 Little Hall, including several local mothers, gathered to hear two young drug counselors explain the truth about drug conditions, and the effects of drug usage.

Since the scheduled speaker at this third scheduled drug symposium was unable to attend, Dennis Teft of the University of Maine Drug Counseling Service, and Steve Ives, a counselor at the Bangor Youth Drug Center, appeared, not to lecture, but to conduct an intelligent, honest discussion.

Ives described the Bangor Center, located at the Pine St. Emanuel Baptist Church, as well under way. The unofficially dubbed "Rap Center" is a place for people to discuss problems which are either personal or the result of drugs. They can enter free from police interference to talk or to receive medical aid. In the case of bummers (bad trips), experienced volunteer counselors are available to talk a person down.

This center is open year 'round, twenty-four hours a day, and is staffed with counselors, doctors and psychologists. Twenty-five or thirty people, mostly junior high or high school age, usually come into the rap center each night.

Teft explained that the University service, now in it's two-week infancy, needs help, as it doesn't have the same background or caliber as the Bangor group. The campus organization needs a location, Teft said, although they now have use of the infirmary for immediate cases - such as bum acid trips. Drugs to bring people down are available there, but the result might be lethal, if, for example, the acid is cut with some harder drug. The UM service also needs people available on a 24-hour basis, and possibly a car or ambulance.

Currently, the infirmary has a psychologist on 24 hour call. Teft hopes that desperately needed money will be supplied by the Student Senate next year. Meanwhile, efforts are being made to correlate with the Bangor group.

The meeting then turned over to a general discussion. "How did you get into the habit?", a member of the audience asked Ives, who no longer uses drugs.

"First of all, it wasn't a habit," Ives replied. "I've enjoyed drugs and felt I learned a lot from them."

"You won't blow you're mind with one joint," said the moustached young man in reply to the rumored horrors inherent in grass. "The main danger of marijuana is that it's illegal. You shouldn't classify marijuana with other drugs," he added to the now glaring group of local mothers.

One prim-mouthed matron seemed intent upon discrediting the speakers. "It seems to me to be a case of the blind leading the blind," she asserted. "I don't think that you're qualified to help young people. I consider you a very mixed up young man."

A member of the audience was heard to say: "Well, at least he's doing something."

Ives calmly answered that he didn't consider himself mixed up, and that all the counselors at the Bangor Center must be screened by the board of directors.

When asked if he would advise people against taking drugs, Teft said that he wouldn't tell anyone to go out and do it, but that he wouldn't advise against it either. He maintained that each person must make his own decision, that it is wrong for the law to make this type of decision for anyone. He could only present a person with the facts of what a certain drug will do to him, he continued, then the decision is up to that particular individual.

"Marijuana, if used all the time, can be bad," Teft said. "But most people who go through such a stage soon realize this."

Both men pushed for the legalization of grass. "If marijuana is illegal, then its underground, so the buyer doesn't know what he is getting. Much grass is treated with something harder, DMT perhaps, and is therefore just as dangerous as some chemical drugs," Teft explained. If

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ICC declares class elections invalid

The Inter-Class Council (ICC) has unanimously decided to declare the April 28 class elections invalid. This move negated the April 28 wins of all presidents, vice president, secretaries, and treasurers for the 1971, '72, and '73 class elections held last Tuesday in conjunction with the student senate elections and the opinion poll voting sessions. The ICC was responsible for this part of the election.

ICC spokesman Gary Thorne explained that the council decided to invalidate the class election results because the ballot "was so bad." The ballot in question was actually three ballots in one with the officer choices for all three classes on the same piece of paper.

With this form of ballot, members of the Class of '72, could, for example, vote for Class of '71 candidates and results for all class positions could have been inaccurate because of this.

Although various groups and people submitted petitions calling for the invalidation of the elections, these were not considered in the council's decision. "Council members had already decided that the ballot should be declared invalid on their own before the petitions were submitted," Thorne added.

Another election for all class officers will be held on May 15. Thorne explained that the council will be starting from scratch, and anyone is elligible to run for one of his class positions. Also, each class will have separate ballots, and voters in each class will be required to show their ID before they are allowed to vote.

The sign-up period has already begun, and will last until 5 p.m., Friday, May 8. Thorne emphasized that all interested class office-seekers have only to sign up to have their name on the ballot.

Geology prof leads lake study

by Fred Howe

A new twist in environmental projects has been demonstrated by Stephen A. Norton, UMO Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences, by studying pure lake water.

Chalk Pond in Beddington, one of the few lakes in southeastern Maine practically unspoiled by man, is the focal point of the project designed to further the understanding of natural geological processes in lakes.

Under a grant from the UMO Water Resources Center, Prof. Norton, along with graduate student Robert Farrell, has been studying the effects of diatoms, a form of algae, on the amount of silica, a common silicon compound, in lakes by chemically monitoring Chalk Pond's water.

The presence or absence of silica directly affects the character of the clays on the lake bottom, which may in turn affect the plant and animal life of the lake.

Diatoms remove dissolved silica from the water to form protective coats. During periods of natural high productivity, it is expected that the silica concentration will decrease. By monitoring a lake under natural conditions, Prof. Norton will discover the extent of the fluctuations, if indeed the concentration does vary.

The overall effect may be a step ladder problem: an increase in phosphates, primarily from detergents and natural wastes, will

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what can be done?

Students at Maine were no less shocked than students anywhere to hear of the killing of four Ohio students as they protested their government's involvement in the Indo-China war. And while 500 of them gathered in an Orono church to collectively show their concern, an unspoken question running through the speeches asked what can be done on an individual basis, what can be done besides bombing buildings?

The answers are varied, and there are many possibilities. The first is learn everything you can about what's happening in your country. Drive the rural countryside of Maine and look at the poverty, walk the streets of New York, learn about America's part in wars of the world, learn about American profits skimmed from foreign resources, learn what America costs, in lives and money.

Then if you don't like what the American system is doing in your name and with your money, don't cooperate. 70 per cent of the 1970 national budget goes for defense related spending, 50 per cent going to maintain present forces. $30 million of that will go into Vietnam. If you're a taxpayer (as opposed to a corporation) you will be helping to pay two thirds of that 70 per cent.

An easy way to stop the spending is stop the income. Don't pay your taxes, or at least don't pay the 70 per cent of them that's paying for our wars past and present. You can't do it if each year you end up getting a return. But if next year you claim as many deductions as you can, and perhaps get paid every two weeks instead of every week, chances are you may find yourself owing the government money. Then just pay some of it.

The government may eventually get your money from you. After several months of threatening letters, it'll attach your bank account. But it can't take more than you owed it, and you have had the advantage of earning interest on the government's money for a while. And rest assured the government will have spent more money than it gets back to go through all the legal channels.

Another tax which goes directly to the war effort is your telephone tax. That's a very easy one not to pay. Your federal tax is listed on each phone bill you get. If you pay the regular bill promptly and don't pay the tax, it's very unlikely the phone company will take your phone out. (The phone company doesn't get any of it, and usually isn't to anxious to exert itself in collecting, anyway).

For college students, and others of draftable age, the most definite action one can take is to oppose the military system. Don't just oppose it by wearing buttons, by buying underground newspapers, and by yelling "Hell no, I won't go." Oppose it by refusing to serve.

There are legal ways to stay out of the service. Some of them involve oddities like being a sole surviving son, others involve being a committed pacifist, filing a Consciencious Objector application and suffering through countless board hearings and appeals.

Basically, you don't have much choice. If you don't like the system, if you don't like what it's doing in your name, you have to fight it. Fight it by not co-operating, by not paying for it, or conspiring against it.

Otherwise you can become a soldier and go to Vietnam, to fight for the democracy of South Vietnamese aristocrats. Or you can beat the draft and join the nationalguard. But the student you kill may be your friend.

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small turnout

"What if there was a moratorium and nobody came?" This was the question posed to the UMO citizenry in The PAPER prior to the March 23 and 24 Moratorium on classes. Well people came to the rap sessions. About four thousand people by rough count. Four thousand people who appeared to be concerned about their academic future on this campus.

But that was over a month ago, and now a more appropriate question seems to be, "What if there was a moratorium, and no one did anything about it?"

This question has merit in light of the small turnout for the elections held last Tuesday, April 28. Only twenty-seven hundred students went to the UMO polls to fill out the questionnaire asking their opinions about the academic reform proposals which came from the Moratorium sessions.

It seems inconceivable to think that four thousand students would attend the one and two-hour long Moratorium sessions to talk about their academic environment, but that the same number would not take fifteen or twenty minutes to express themselves on a ballet which could serve as guidelines for specific proposals for change that were talked about last March. But that's the way it turned out.

The relatively small turnout was unfortunate for a couple of reasons. Number one, it showed the administration just how many students are really concerned about academic change.

Number two, UMO's President Libby has stated that he would not count the opinion poll's results as a valid indication of students' opinion unless fifty per cent of the students filled out the sheet.

But the hope for academic reform has not been killed by the small April 28 turnout. The student senate is still in the process of counting and evaluating the poll's results. The senate's subsequent proposals and resolutions for academic reform will be formulated by the opinion poll tallies and the feedback that students submit to the leadership either in person or through their senators.

So if you're concerned about your academic future, and want to see some things changed, and even if you didn't vote, talk to your senator or drop by the senate office in Lord Hall and talk it over. The time for academic change is ripe right now.

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To the Editor:

Many times during this school year the Maine CAMPUS has soared to new heights in pioneering journalism, particularly with its editorials and feature columns. However, the column by Jim Smith in the April 23rd edition makes these other accomplishments insignificant by comparison.

I was first dazzled by the brilliance of Mr. Smith's logic and the incisive manner by which he contrasted the purity of his own thought and expression with the hypocritical foulness of the older generation. Later I realized that his column's greatest merit was in the suggestion which he put forth in the last few paragraphs concerning inundating the public with a flood of four-letter words.

I believe that if Mr. Smith is really serious in his proposal (and not starting to become a hypocrite), he should undertake immediately to promote a special issue of the Maine CAMPUS devoted to the very cause which he espouses. To show their support, every person associated with the CAMPUS could contribute literary creations in the same vein to the issue. We might even evaluate these efforts using the Farkel Fullness Factor of Filth and award a suitable prize to the winner.

Undoubtedly a few timid souls would shrink from this great task, but the goal of freeing our campus community of its inhibitions and hang-ups would be so obvious that most people would want to participate. Indeed, why confine this noble effort to the campus community? Perhaps an evangelical fund might be raised to print a few thousand extra copies of this special issue and distribute them throughout the state. In so doing, all Maine citizens could be freed of the archaic standards of morals and good taste that have enslaved them for generations.

Finally, I would suggest to Mr. Smith that in the excitement of this great undertaking he should not forget to save a few copies of this special issue for his own trophy case. Then, in later years, he could show them to his children and grandchildren and take justifiable pride in his personal contribution to the advancement of civilization.

Carleton M. Brown
Assoc. Professor
Electrical Engineering

Editor's note: That sounds like one hell of a good idea to us.

lousy election

To the Editor:

I would just like to say something to the people who organized the voting process for this years class election; CONGRATULATIONS!! you did a lousy job.

It was ridiculous. There were no measures taken to ensure that each student voted for candidates in their respective class. You were given a pink piece of paper with the slate of candidates for every class, and although you could only vote for candidates in one class what was to stop you from voting for someone in a different class? You will then argue that an individual isn't likely to vote outside his own class, and even if he wanted to it wouldn't make much difference, as long as he was only allowed to vote for one class. I'd like to point out that in last years election for this years Junior class officers ('71) there were less than 15 votes separating the three candidates for vice-president. If the method of voting used this year had been employed last year, either of the two losing candidates could have solicited enough votes from friends in other classes to have made the difference.

And what about the seniors? Is it right for them to vote for next years class officers? What business is it of theirs? Well many of them did. Four or five of my senior friends informed me that when they went to vote, no one questioned as to what class they were in, but instead handed them a bundle of papers including the pink sheet with the candidates for class officers.

You may regard my complaint as being a bit overdone, and that it is just too troublesome and complicated to check students so they vote for their respective class candidates. I disagree, especially when in this years senior class ('71) election only 22 votes separated the two candidates for president. I believe that both the candidates and the students deserve the safeguards necessary for a fair election.

If this method of voting is carried over to next year, my advice to future candidates is to make as many friends as you can in ALL the classes!!! You're going to need them.

Steve Fitch

king's garbage truck



by Steve King

Well, this is almost it--the garbage truck is almost out of gas.

Barring accident, death, or insanity, I expect to graduate in a few weeks, so the garbage truck has just about rolled its last mile--three or four columns and that will be it--I can march along with the rest of the Class of '70 into the Outside World, shining of eye (as long as I'm not hung over), noble of countenance, a smile on my lips, joy in my heart, and a cigarette cough in my lungs.

I though I would devote the last few columns before I don my black nightgown and upside-down Monopoly game board to a rather pretentious subject--I call it Where We Are At. See? You can tell I'm an English major by how good I use the grammar.

What I want to talk about is the country and the youth of the country--the things I have been most concerned with for the last four years. The things all of us have been concerned with, I suppose; some of us for a lot longer than the time it's taken me to get my degree.

So, if I'm going to talk about Where We Are At, I suppose that the logical place to start is Where We Were--I've talked about this before, but never seriously, I think. It's one thing to offer a free tour of Veazie if you can remember who was the original kid on *Lassie* (it was Tommy Rettig, by the way) and another to think about what built us to be the way we are.

What was it, then? I am faced with a grab-bag of my own memories. As early as the age of six (1953) I can remember a constant, vague anxiety about the Russians. The Russians were out to take us over. They were led by a gimlet-eyed dictator (whose name I couldn't pronounce) who sent out the Secret Police in the middle of the night to execute anyone listening to Radio Free Europe. All Russians wanted to get out of Russia. A Communist (whatever that was) was a horrible thing.

My favorite movie during this period -- make it 1955 -- was Randolph Scott in *Gung Ho*, in which Scott wiped out at least two million Japs on the island of Saipan. The background music consisted mostly of Sousa marches. I saw this and other war movies such as *Halls of Montezuma* and *Sands of Iwo Jima* three and four times. The theme of all of them were nicely geared to the seven-year-old mind, and I had no trouble ingesting it: 1) Americans are always right; 2) thus, America never loses; 3) it's great to be an American.

In 1956 there was the Hungarian Revolt. I was thrilled and fascinated by the brave Hungarian freedom fighters who were stopping tanks with their bare hands and Molotov cocktails. I was fiercely proud of the Budapest trolley driver who repaired a captured Russian machine gun and guttily stuck to it until he was wiped out. And I was as sickened as any Hungarian when the news that the Russians had completely crushed the revolt thudded home. One thing that John Wayne, Richard Widmark, and Randolph Scott taught me was that people should have their freedom -- and the horrifying 1956 realization that things don't always happen that way outside the movie theaters was a frightening thing.

My powers of discrimination have never been particularly strong -- I tend to think that what is good for the goose is generally good for the gander -- and so I sometimes have trouble realizing why it was right to be so proud of the Hungarian freedom fighters and dead wrong to be proud of the Panthers, who use much the same tactics for exactly the same reasons.

In 1957 there was Sputnik. I was waiting in the barber shop to get a haircut when that happened. I thought it had to be a joke. Americans were always first -- we had been with the telephone, the electric light, the airplane, surely the Russians, who played dirty, could not have beaten us into space! It was degrading, it was frightening -- well, it was downright embarrassing.

Francis Gary Powers was next on the agenda -- in 1960 the Russians shot his spy-plane down over Russian and took Powers prisoner. Eisenhower claimed we were not at fault and then reversed himself. That is the first time -- 1960 -- that I can remember being angry at my country. God damn it, they had lied to me. And after the anger had subsided, I became frightened (you notice that fear seems to be a rather common denominator in all of this). If the government wanted to lie to me, how could I detect the lie? There was no way, unless the Russians could shoot all the lies down like they had shot down poor Gary Powers. If you'll remember, no-one found out that JFK had lied about the missile gap in the campaign of 1960 until 1962.

These are some of the formative factors in the education of an American. There are a lot more -- America had done a lot of things right (maybe just because it happens to be in America), and I love my country as much as anyone else. Love, by the way, is exactly the right word here; because it seems more and more that this is an irrational feeling which flies in the face of all logic and sense.

Well, we got up to 1962. That's a pretty good start. Next week I'd like to babble about going to college in the 60s -- stick around. We may get something accomplished yet.

cynic comment

To the Editor:

Your fine April 17, 1970 issue of the MAINE TIMES/MAINE CAMPUS on "Maine's Environment" illustrates the genuine interest of college students in the ecological crisis.

I, and I know I speak for the other staff members of the VERMONT CYNIC, believe that the State of Maine and the State of Vermont have almost identical environmental problems and almost identical economies, interests, and public sentiments.

However, like Vermont, it is hard for Maine students to convince the populace of the necessity for stopping the unbalanced trend of our industrial society when the problems of pollution, land-use, and population control do not yet represent real dangers but only rapidly growing ones.

Your candid analysis of Maine's environmental crisis merits careful reading and demands immediate action if anybody in Maine or the world is going to witness the millenium.

Philip F. Elwert
Feature Editor, the Vermont Cynic

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To the Editor:

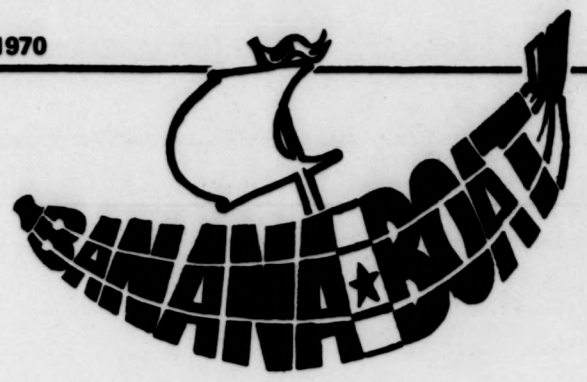
The article in last week's CAMPUS, "Library May Be Piling Books on the Floor," needs some clarification. Priority one book purchases are currently chosen for faculty classroom and research needs. The Priority system was introduced to cope with the large backlog of book orders. It is not a very satisfactory way of dealing with this

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The General Student Senate is now accepting applications for the positions of:

Secretary and Treasurer

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UMG DEGREE HOURS CUT

President Kenneth T. H. Brooks has announced the passage of a 120 minimum credit hour proposal. Seniors are not affected by the change. The rationale, as stated by the president, was that seniors should have been planning for 128 credit hours, the former campus policy.

Seniors who are lacking the 128 credits may, if they wish, wait to receive their diplomas until the implementaiton of the proposal is established for the academic year 1971. Brooks explained that the passage for seniors this year would require many changes and would be unnecessary. Brooks replied to a group of interested students, "You have to draw a line somewhere in any policy."

GOV. PETERSON STRONGLY OPPOSED TO:

New Hampshire – Gov. Walter Peterson has said he strongly opposes a proposal to permit unlimited dormitory visiting hours among male and female students at the University of New Hampshire.

Peterson is a member of the board of trustees which will decide on the rules change proposed by the student senate over the objection of university President John McConnell.

Peterson said he would vote against the proposal.

"Despite my confidence in the young people who attend our university, I still do not believe that many of them have reached the level of maturity necessary to handle the kind of situations that I know would develop if unlimited parietal hours were to be permitted at our state university," he said.

Earlier McConnell said it is "not common sense or common decency to let residence halls have parietals 24 hours a day."

PRESIDENT OF URI FAVORS:

Rhode Island – The president of the University of Rhode Island says he favors 24 hour a day coed visiting privileges in dormitories at URI.

Dr. Werner A. Baum told residents of a URI dormitory on April 21 that he will not advocate such a change this year because of possible harmful reaction. "Adverse public reaction could affect some future bond issue or legislation affecting the university." Dr. Baum said.

Baum recently approved liberalization of coed visiting hours at the university, for dormitories wishing later hours, to 1 a.m. on some nights and 2 a.m. on other nights.

The longer visiting hours were recommended by a committee composed of administrators, faculty, and students.

The national scene

by Ed LaFreniere and John Carey

Speaking on national television last week, President Nixon announced that U.S. and South Vietnamese troops had already launched an attack against Viet Cong and North Vietnamese sanctuaries in the neutral country of Cambodia in an attempt to halt Communist military operations in South Vietnam.

In making his decision, Mr. Nixon has taken many risks:

–Red China, as she did in the Korean War, could possibly enter the conflict.

–The North Vietnamese could conceivably escalate the war.

–The Soviet Union might play a greater role in fighting allied forces.

–The U.S. will probably lose support from certain allied nations and other neutral countries.

Mr. Nixon seems preoccupied with the idea that the U.S., as a great power, will lose its military image in the eyes of other nations – even in an undeclared war! After nine years in Southeast Asia, Americans want peace, and it doesn't appear that Mr. Nixon's decision will bring that peace very quickly.

In his momentous speech, Mr. Nixon stated: "I would rather be a one-term president than be a two-term president at the cost of seeing America become a second-rate power." Judging from the general reactions of Americans, locally, regionally, and nationally (including Senators and Congressmen), it is doubtful that Mr. Nixon will have to worry about ending the war in Southeast Asia after 1972 as President of the United States.

Student editors from eleven of the nation's most prestigious colleges have called for a national academic strike this week and a mass peace demonstration in Washington on Saturday, May 9, to protest Mr. Nixon's announcement.

Students from the St. Paul-Minneapolis area of the country have been bombarding White House switchboards with telephone calls and have indicated that the calls will not cease until the troops are withdrawn from Cambodia.

Laotian Forces Seek Aid

The Royal army of Laos consists of 55,000 men and more are needed to cope with the 70,000 North Vietnamese invaders who are escalating the war in Laos. American aid to Laos has been "almost negligible" - only $500 million a year - and it appears that American aid will ultimately have to be increased.

21,000 American M16 rifles have been delivered to Laotian forces and 10,000 more are desperately needed. However, it is primarily the U.S. bombing strikes on the Communists in Northern Laos that have kept the Royal Laos army in the war.

Will President Nixon also increase aid and send men into Laos in order to "end the war in Vietnam?"

The outlook for American peace is hardly optimistic at the present moment.

TUITION INCREASE

The increase in tuition in the UM system is to be offset by a scholarship fund designed to aid those students most affected by the hike.

The Board of Trustees has announced that $100,000 will be distributed to the colleges of the University of Maine system. The first $50,000 will be given immediately.

The distribution is by percentage of population in the individual school to the entire university population. Aroostook will receive $2,050; Fort Kent, $1,250; Gorham, $5,200; Orono, $28,650; Portland, $5,300; Augusta, $1,100; Law School, $500; and Washington, $1,800.

Once the effects of the tuition hike are realized and the results of the aid given with the $50,000 are known, consideration of giving out the other fifty thousand will be carried out.

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Last Friday 70 - 75 UMO students picketed the Federal Building in Bangor in protest of President Nixon's decision to send troops to Cambodia. (Strout photo)

'Mother Courage' troupe begins tour

A group of UMO students, led by producer and director Doug Hall of the German department, is going on tour to present the play "Mother Courage" in German. This tour, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, is believed to be a first for any college in the country and at its last performance last Wed. in Storres, Conn., it was reportedly well received.

According to Hall, the play has helped to improve interdepartmental relations as well as create a learning experience for the students involved.

"We're going beyond language learning; we're doing drama," Hall said, adding that drama makes language a reality, unlike the abstraction it becomes in the classroom.

The next presentation of the play will be at the Ringe Technical Institute in Cambridge, Mass., on May 11.

The cast includes Rebecca Johnson as Mother Courage, Meredith Mollman, Mark Illingworth, John Vose, Steve Black, Elaine Manchester, Steve Hatfield and Belinda Boyce.

Alpha Zeta Founder's Day Dinner, May 13, 7:00 p.m. in Hilton Room of Union.

Health committee plans petition for governor

by George Vallejo

Last Tuesday The Student Senate Health Committee decided to send the following petition to Governor Kenneth Curtis if approved by the Senate. The petition reads:

"We the undersigned wish to urge the Governor of Maine, the Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis, to immediately begin a study of the Department of Mental Health and Correction. We believe that the controversy surrounding the Department warrants a complete and full investigation of the services provided for the residents of our mental hospitals. We believe that this condition may be due to the current administration not actively pursuing policies which would aid in the hospitalized patient."

The SSH Committee members felt the need for a petition to be sent to the governor after the gross inadequacies found in mental institutions throughout the state were presented at the meeting.

Student Senate Health Committee Chairman Paul McCarthy, after being approached by several reliable people on the subject of a possible student role in affecting change in the mental institutes throughout the state, decided to throw the topic out for discussion at last Tuesday's meeting.

McCarthy invited to the meeting Dr. Magaro of the Sociology Department to speak on the inadequacies of mental institutions in Maine and the possibility of student involvement in these institutions. Dr. Magaro, pointed out several inadequacies he observed while working with mental patients at the Bangor State Hospital.

"They don't even have one program to rehabilitate patients," said Dr. Magaro, referring to the hospital's mental health facilities.

Several possibilities for student involvement were discussed at the meeting. It was suggested that accredited courses could be offered by the university where student internship would be required on a full or a part-time basis at different mental institutions throughout the state. It also was proposed to have Student Senate members tour the different mental institutions in order to get a first hand report on the condition of these institutions.

Since the function of the SSH Committee is to advise the Student Senate, the members felt that the formation of a separate ad hoc committee be made. The committee would make a study of educational facilities available for students at different mental institutions throughout the state. It would then present the findings to the Student Senate.

In the hope of promoting student involvement in the area of mental health, the Student Senate has to approve the SSH Committee's petition before it is sent to Governor Curtis.

Seperate commencement for South Campus

by Eileen Stretton

The two-year students on South Campus of UMO, will hold their own graduation exercises this year, instead of joining in the Orono ceremonies.

Miss Virginia Burrell summed up the reasons for the move of the graduation exercises to South Campus.

"Since we are a separate community and most of our activities are down here, we should have our graduation down here."

Plans to hold separate exercises began during the two-day moratorium on classes March 23 and 24. Committee meetings were set up by seniors in two-year programs with Miss Patricia Wright as chairman and South Campus Dean Phillip McCarthy as adivsor.

Plans and suggestions have been submitted to President Libby and those for the separate graduation have already been approved. Other plans soon to be acted upon will be the ratification of a separate constitution and the establishment of a separate student government for the South Campus students.

Funds for the June 4 commencement will come from the UMO senior class treasury. A certain

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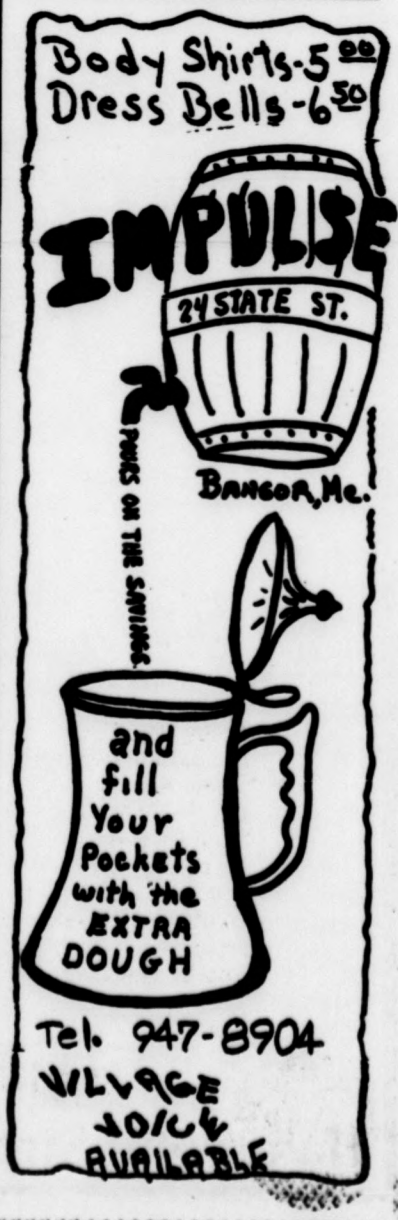
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Thursday, May 7

Annual Military Review, Alumni Field, 3 p.m.

Maine Masque, "Volpone," Hauck Aud., 8:15 p.m.

Friday, May 8

MUAB movie "Fail Safe," 100 Forestry Bldg., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Lord Hall Concert, Meyer and Norwick, 8:15 p.m.

Maine Masque, "Volpone," Hauck Aud., 8:15 p.m.

Flea Market, all day long in the Bangor Room, Union.

Saturday, May 9

MUAB movie "The Killers of Kilimanjaro," 100 Forestry Bldg., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Maine Masque, "Volpone," Hauck Aud., 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

University Concert Series, "The Deum" and "Requiem," Mem. Gym, 8 p.m.

Film Classics, "The Maltese Falcon," 100 Forestry Bldg., 8 p.m.

Women's Liberation meeting, 7:00 p.m., in Estabrooke Hall lounge.

Tuesday, May 12

MUAB poetry hour with Michael Hahn and Arthur Adoff, Carnegie Hall, 4 p.m.

Varsity Women's Glee Club and Madrigal Consort, Hauck Aud., 8:15 p.m.

Maine Poetry Festival - Henry Braun will read from his own works. Carnegie Hall 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Maine Poetry Festival - Ted Enslin reading - Carnegie Hall, 8 p.m.

Applicants for the position of Darkroom Supervisor in the Memorial Union should sign up in the MUAB office - before May 15. This position pays $50 per semester.

The English Student Union will meet tonight, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. in 120 Little Hall. English majors in both Arts and Sciences and Education are urged to attend.

An appearance by Jimmy Breslin scheduled by the Keedick Lecture Bureau for Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 in Hauck Auditorium has been cancelled.

A Maine Poetry Festival will be held May 12-14 on the University of Maine campus. On Tuesday May 12, the well-known poet, Henry Braun, a former U. of M. instructor and the author of "The Virgil Woods," will read from his own works. Mr. Braun now makes his summer residence in

There will be a meeting of all interested in the Orono Housing Project tonight, May 7, at 7:30 in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union. Applications will be distributed.

Gordon Bok Concert - Saturday May 16. Advance ticket sales May 14 and 15 in booth outside Den.

'Volpone' rich in comic melodrama

by George Manlove Professor of English

Jonson's "Volpone" over the centuries has had its ups and downs. Pepys, speaking for his age, in 1665, thought it "a most excellent play, the best I ever saw." John Addington Symonds, like others in the nineteenth century, thought it "a sinister and remorselesss analysis of avarice... too grisly." Now, the Maine Masque, with Dr. James Bost directing, has presented a well-tailored, swift-aced version which is not "too grisly," and once again for "Volpone," and as usual for the Maine players, it's "ups."

As a humour comedy "Volpone" calls for a most delicate balance in tone between farce and melodrama, but comic melodrama. Jonson said that his play had no gall but some salt. Nineteenth century directors, and perhaps the age as well, lost the comic touch, played the Corvino-Celia involvement straight, had Volpone rape Celia, and embittered the clear comic waters with the gall of tragic melodrama. James Aucoin tries to avoid this pitfall by playing Corvino as farce, while Valerie Felt, as Celia, plays her part straight and somewhat tearfully.

This "Volpone" has several refreshing surprises. First, Bost has strengthened the unity of place and picked up the pace of the play by omitting the Sir Politic-Wouldby secondary plot, a digression. He has replaced the eunichs and dwarfs, whose dialogue may be somewhat dated, with undulating dancers. Lastly, he has strengthened the trial scene by imaginative stagecraft: excellent costuming, ominous but pompous drum beats, verdicts coming down from on high, and excellent rapport between Mosca and the three predators as each has his moment in an early version of the Chicago trial.

A second surprise is how well stage designer Tom Furman has maintained the Cyrus touch and eye by suggestions of the Venetian classical formality, balance, and ornateness. There are lines of gold and a splash of red plush velvet, romanesque arches, and two descending stairways which enable the predators, as well as the judges, to descend from on high, as they swoop vulture-like on their prey. All entrances and exits are dramatic and fun with such stairs.

Another surprise is the costuming of Linda Salisbury. It is colorful and imaginative-- especially the animal-like touches in the costumes of the predators: the fox, the fly, the vulture, the raven, and the crow.

As for the acting, Russell Longtin, as Volpone, and Jim Emery, as Mosca, share the honors admirably for interpretations which help to bring a note of well-timed thoughtfulness into a comedy which could be in danger of swinging too far towards the purely farcical. These two Machiavellians keep Jonson's dialogue crisp and resilient, bouncing back and forth like a ping pong ball.

Of the three birds of prey Wayne Cote's Voltore is the best because he is able to portray a slight note of the sinister as an occasional much needed flash of the carrion hunter flicks through the comedy. The most difficult of the bird parts is that of Corbaccio, played by Bruce Pineau. He does well in trying to lighten the part while escaping a tendency towards morbidness, but instead of the greedy merchant who would prostitute his wife, it is the small boy with his temper tantrums and his weeping which shows through.

Perhaps Corvino, played by James Aucoin, would provide contrast if he were to play his part as straight melodrama, so as to provide one sharp, fang-like tooth in a comedy in which the satire must be biting as well as comic. But the three birds are well played, and the sentencing scene at the end reminds the audience that the birds have been preying only on themselves.

The Avacatori, represented by Walter Guild, Rod Cramer, and Edward Van Dyke, and Notario, by John Bazinet, aided by bright costuming and their stylized entrances and exits help to heighten interest in the trial scenes.

Jonson used music and songs to reinforce the dramatic and poetic moods of the play, and he would have been especially pleased at the music which Mike Sites wrote for his Celia song.

"Volpone's" creator lies resting under the one perfect inscription: "O, rare Ben Jonson!" and it is good that he stirs now and then to remind his twentieth century sons at the theatre, thanks to the Maine Masque, that the mirror which he once held up to nature still pleases.

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At 1 p.m. Tuesday, 300 students gathered around the flag pole and cannons area for another memorial service, and then left the campus for a march that led through Orono and into the Saint Mary's Catholic Church, where a half-hour long service was held for the four dead students.

Following the service the marchers, now numbering close to 500, returned to the campus to learn that numerous Maine colleges were planning to call strikes on classes, and that a total of 200 colleges across the country were taking similar actions.

Although the student senate, in a meeting held later that evening, did not recommend that a strike be called for this campus, there was some speculation that Maine Day activities would be curtailed in light of the UMP senate's decision to cancel their May 6 festivities and declare it a day of mourning.

But UMO Maine Day activities were held as scheduled, although thirty students went to Augusta to participate in an afternoon rally against the Cambodia venture and the Kent State incident. Maine's Governor Kenneth Curtis indicated that he would meet with the students.

Also on Wednesday, new senate president Chic Chalmers stated that a 4:30 p.m. meeting on Thursday, May 7 will be held to discuss action that this campus will take for the national day of mourning scheduled for Friday, May 8. And John McGrail indicated that the Thursday afternoon meeting will also be devoted to making plans for an anti-war rally for next Wednesday, May 13.

McGrail said that plans presently call for a 1 p.m. rally on the library steps, and a 3 p.m. demonstration in front of the Federal Building in Bangor. But he added that plans will be finalized at the meeting.

And finally, in other action, a group of UMO Young Republicans wired President Nixon stating their concern over the national situation, and the senate leadersh.; signed a telegram with at least 11 other Maine college senate bodies asking that the states congressional delegation return home for a day to talk with college students about this country's Southeast Asian foreign policy.

McNeil fears

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Another UMO headache, Fogler Library, was the third topic of discussion. But McNeil could offer little conselation to proponents of more library aid.

He agreed that the UMO library is "inadequate for presnet needs." However, he stressed his inability to solve the problem until the library's budget requests are presented to the state legislature in 1971.

McNeil said that the Fogler Library's requests were dropped from last November's bond issue when the governor and legislature cut $7½ million from the total request. Since the last bond issue was defeated, the library's requests will not be in this bond issue either.

Therefore, the library remains in desperate need of financial support and it will probably not get this until 1971.

Kent State

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would be elected at large from off-campus and the cabins, and six from the fraternities. In addition, two at-large senators would be chosen from the East Commons complex and one from West Commons to prevent under-representation of dorms in those quadrangles.

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problem, and we are working to change this.

The Library received a budget increase for the coming fiscal year. However, it was not as generous as the quoted figures indicate.

The cooperation that we have received from the faculty, students, and administration this year indicates that the university community understands the problems we are faced with.

William C. Ahrens
Assistant University Librarian

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Parents get the word

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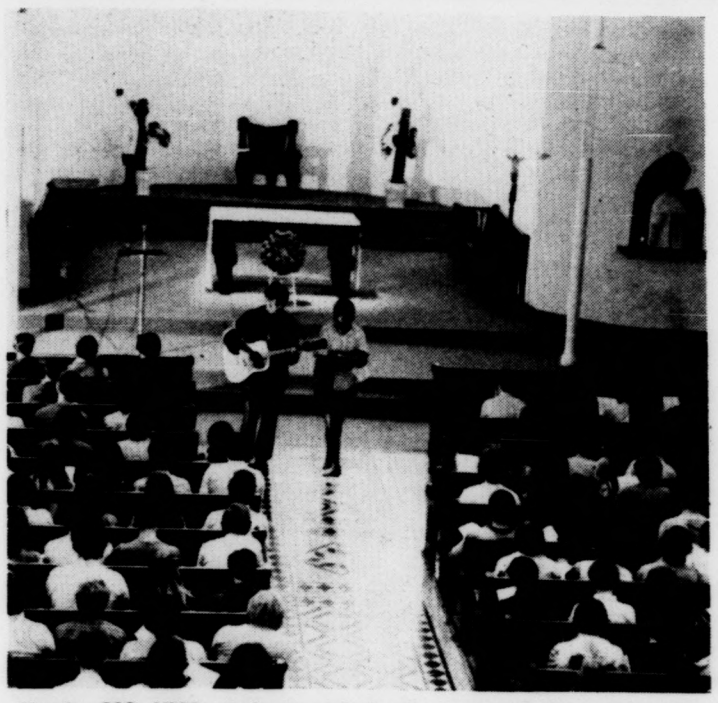
marijuana was federally controlled, the purchaser would know what he was getting.

Asked if there should be an age limit for marijuana, Ives said, "As it is now, an age limit wouldn't mean anything." "Kids in junior high can get what they want."

"What can a parent do to stop his child from taking drugs?"

"You can't really do anything," said Teft, to the shocked mothers. "You can't go to school with them; you can't go to their friend's houses with them; you can't be with them all the time. You can only hope you've told them the right things. Kids know they've been lied to about grass. How can they be sure they haven't been lied to about other drugs?"

Later, Ives seemed to sum up the evening in a perverse way, after looking at the near empty classroom. "There should be more parents here," he said. "People who need drug education are ignoring these lectures."



Nearly 500 UMO students and faculty members filled Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Orono on Tuesday for a memorial service honoring the four students killed at Kent State University in Ohio on Monday. (Wieder photo)

Lake

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cause an increase in the diatom productivity. An increase in the diatom population may cause a decrease in the silica concentration which may effect the flora and fauna of the lake.

For this Prof. Norton's project will be of importance toward initiating corrective measures. However, it may be discovered that the water naturally acquires more silica from the lake sediments in order to keep the concentration at a constant level. At this end the study will be important only in the increase in knowledge.

South Campus

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amount is allotted per student and will be sent to SouthCampus to cover expenses.

A commencement speaker has not been announced but several names are being considered.

Miss Burrell, a member of the committee implementing the changes on South Campus, said that the main point in choosing a speaker is to find someone who will draw attention to South Campus as an eventual community college existing as an independent unit of the University of Maine.

Weather permitting, the exercises on June 4 will be held in the field next to Eastport Hall at 2:00 p.m. If conditions are poor they will b moved to the gymnasium.

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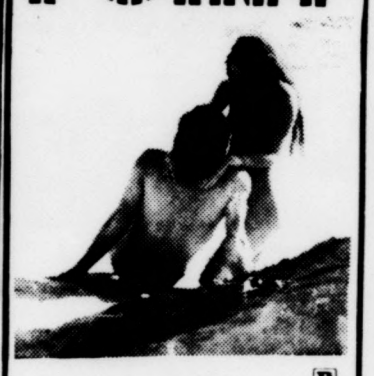
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The Black Bear baseball team boosted its winning streak to eight in a row by downing the Bates Bobcats 6-5 on Monday in Orono. The Maine club rallied in the late innings to come from five runs behind before pulling off the win with third baseman's Bill West ninth inning homerun. Above, a Bates batter takes a cut at a Black Bear pitch.

UMO woodsmen 1st in northeast

by Ron Beard

For the first time in 16 years, the University of Maine has won the Northeast Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Weekend meet. In a see-saw battle which lasted from the start to the finish of the two day contest, UMO woodsmen emerged victorious over top-rated Paul Smith College.

The six-man Maine 'A' team took the honors away from a field of twelve competing teams from colleges and universities of Northeastern U. S. and Canada. It was a close meet, however, and the foresters of Paul Smith lagged Maine by only 31 points when the last results were tallied. With a possible 2000 points for the twenty events, Maine came out with 1,612 and the Paul Smith 'B' team followed with 1,581.

The Maine 'B' team, keeping pace with their sister UMO team throughout the early hours of the meet, lost out to five other teams when the totals were announced early Sunday afternoon. The order of the first ten teams went as follows: Maine 'A', Paul Smith 'B', Paul Smith 'A', University of New Brunswick, Nichols College, Maine 'B', Dartmouth 'A', University of New Hampshire, Colby, and Darmouth 'B'.

The woodsmen's meet, run similarly to a track and field meet, consists of one-man events, called singles, events involving two team members doubles, triples events, and team events where all six men work together. Each member of Maine's 'A' team is called on to take part in one singles event, one doubles event, one triples event and the five remaining team events. Each event carries a possible high score of 100 and teams receive scores proportionate to their performance.

The Woodsmen's Weekend began at 8:30 Saturday morning on the field in front of Aroostook Hall with a preview of the crosscut, as Director Albert Nutting of the School of Forest Resources and Austin Wilkins, Commissioner of the Maine Forest Service, cut a cookie with the crosscut saw, in place of ribbon cutting ceremonies.

From that time on, the UMO 'A' team vied with Paul Smith 'B' team to maintain the most total points. Maine's strength came in the axe throw, fire building, speed chopping, crosscut sawing, and felling and twitching events. Saturday evening saw Maine with a 54 point lead over Paul Smith, with only the canoeing events left on Sunday.

Maine had lost a second place and a first place in the last two years, respectively, because of a weakness in the canoeing events. "This year we practiced, and it paid off," says Russ Van Hazinga, Maine team captain. And it did, for Maine scored in the 80's for each of the three water events and the 'Smithies' were unable to close the gap.

A highlight during the weekend meet was the appearance of three champion woodsmen. John Carney, 64, of Ashland, Maine, was a champion sawer in his day, and now shows up at woodsmen's meets throughout the Northeast to tell stories of his friend 'Felix,' a fictional woodsman and guide. Carney is reportedly the most skilled saw filer in the Northeast and sharpened the crosscut saws of several of the competing teams, Maine's included.

Sunday's awards included a trophy and a sharpened competition crosscut saw from John Carney presented to the Maine team.

Orono nine takes 2 from UMass

by Gary Growe

The Orono Nine stretched its winning streak to seven games with 6-3 and 2-1 wins over the Massachusetts Redmen.

For Maine, it was continued strong pitching and long ball power plus a measure of luck that enabled them to maintain possession of the Yankee Conference lead with a record of 4-0. Rhode Island, Maine's next YC foe, stands 4-1.

Steve Arnold, Eric Hayward and Jim Cameron poled homeruns for Maine in the May Day verdict over UMass. The win went to Cameron who spaced nine hits and struck out six in going the distance.

Brian Martin, the UMass starter and loser, and Cameron both were shaky in the first inning as the teams traded single runs.

In the second Martin's control problems continued and Steve Hopping walked. Right-hand hitting Dick Arnold then put Maine into the lead 3-1 with a long opposite field homerun on the first pitch.

In their half of the fifth the Bears went ahead 5-3 on back-to-back homers by Hayward and Cameron. Cameron's bat is now booming after an early season slump.

The loss dropped Massachusetts to 11-7 overall and 4-3 in YC play.

Coach Jack Butterfield sent junior Jim Chaplin against the Redmen May 2. The big Auburn right-hander recorded his third win even though it looked as if Maine's winning streak would be snapped.

Trailing 1-zip going into the bottom of the ninth, the Orono Nine scored two tainted runs to win the game.

The OronoNine face Rhody at Kingston, R.I. May 8 and 9. New Hampshire comes to Orono May 12 and Maine State Series play continues May 13 with Maine at Colby.

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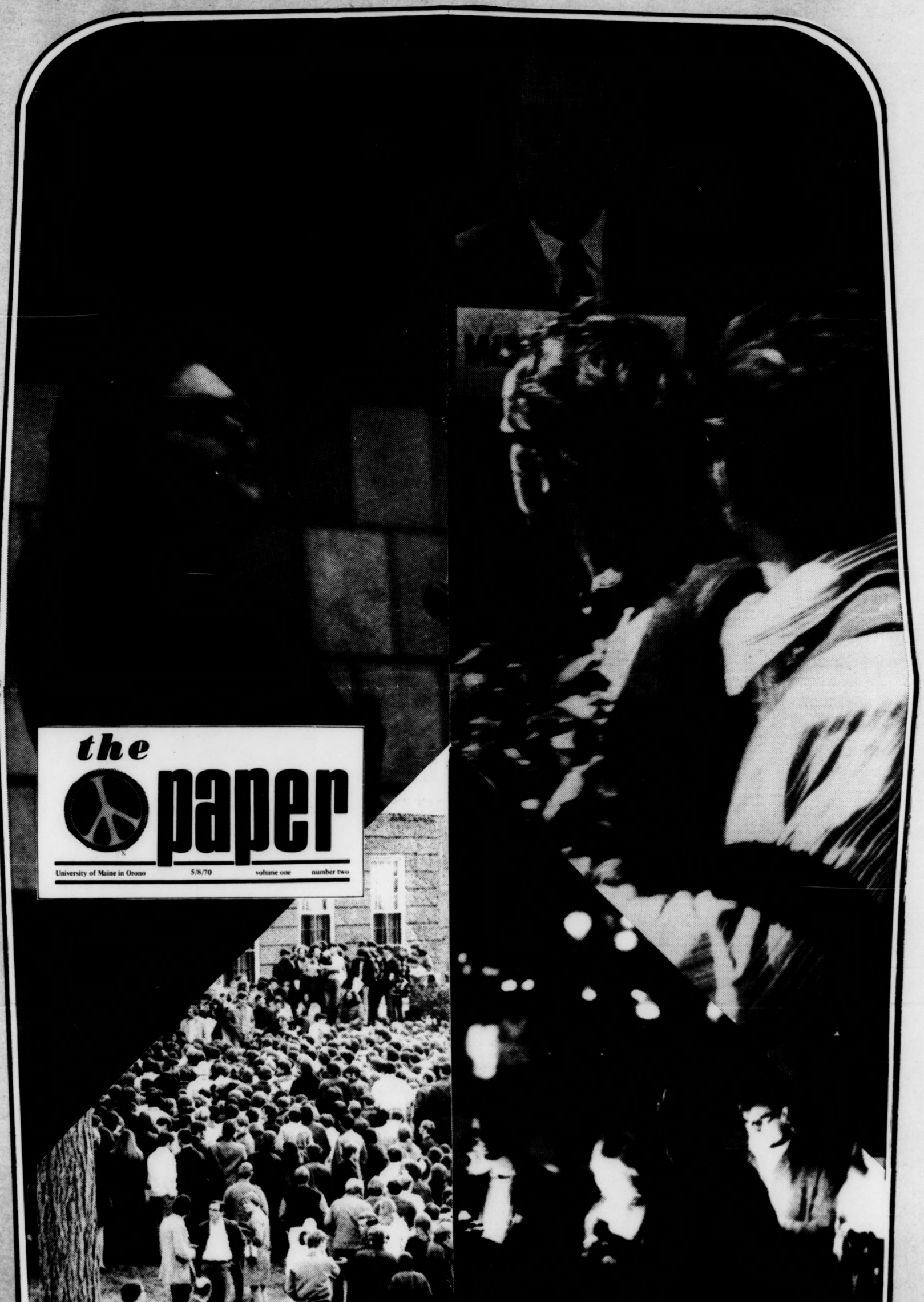
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A strike at Orono



Senate endorses UMO student strike

Russ Van Arsdale

The UMO student senate voted overwhelmingly May 7 to "endorse the student strike called by the students of this University." Senators voted 63-4 with one abstention in favor of the strike in the presence of over 2,000 of their constituents in the Memorial Gym.

While no two people in the gym may have agreed on their reasons for backing a strike, and there were a number opposed to any form of boycotting or cessation of classes, most seemed to feel that opposition to any widening of the war in Southeast Asia and the killing of the four students Monday at Kent State University were the major concerns of students throughout the country. Many campuses have been officially closed already, while many other schools have held memorial services for the Kent State students.

The special student senate meeting was called at the petition of nine student senators who co-sponsored the resolution of the endorsement Thursday. The roll call vote was taken after an hour and a quarter of speeches both supporting and opposing the strike by students and faculty.

The majority of speakers supported some sort of concerted activity by the university, and some called for an indefinite suspension of classes at Orono.

A visiting student from Colby College said united student action could spark a "community thrust" aimed at opening a dialogue with the general public on the implications of United States involvement in Southeast Asia.

"I guess you can't strike because of the decision of the administration or whatever," the unidentified visitor from Colby said. "But I'd ask you to boycott and boycott totally." He said the relative geographical isolation of campuses in Maine did not mean they were necessarily socially or psychologically isolated, and unable to work effectively for change.

Colby students voted 1,044-177 in favor of the strike Wednesday, and faculty members followed later with a 75-21 vote of approval. " It's being felt and it's being heard," the Colby student said. "It has to be."

The widespread revulsion over the four killings at Kent State was articulated by an unnamed UMO student. "What's that degree worth if you've got to step over the bodies of your friends to get it?" he asked.

Student Senator Csaba Farkas, a refugee of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, said the revolt started the same way; that is, with the killing of students. Farkas called for a real committment on the part of all students if they were serious about striking.

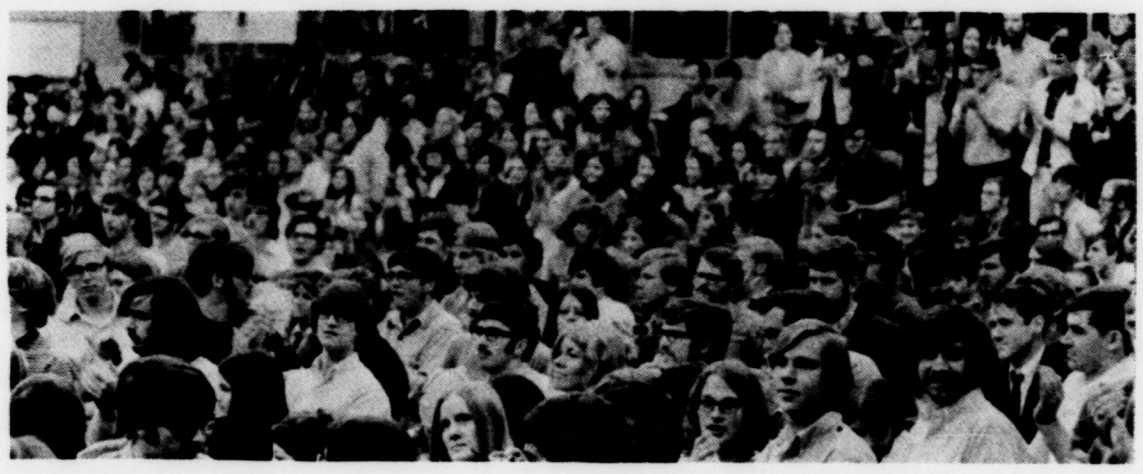
"If you're going to strike now, don't be two-faced. Stick with it all your lives. Committ yourselves," Farkas said.

Some speakers Thursday night expressed hesitancy at the prospect of a strike. Most outspoken in his opposition was Roland Booker, a freshman technology student. Booker felt that most students in the gym had been swayed by emotional argument to foster support for the strike.

"I will in no way support this strike," Booker told the crowd. He said later he would consider leading one of the workshops planned for Friday, although he reiterated a total lack of support in the strike effort.

There are doubtless many UMO students skeptical that a significant number of students would turn out for a massive community information program advocated by strike supporters. John Joseph, a senior at Bowdoin, said he had been encouraged by the enthusiasm thus far on the part of Bowdoin students.

"They haven't gone to the beach; they haven't gone out to play golf," Joseph said. In response to fears over the possible cessation of classes, he echoed the sentiments of many in the gym, saying, "My education hasn't ceased; my education has just begun."



UMO organizes for boycott

by Mark Leslie

At first, it seemed that the UMO community was not going to react to the killing of four Kent State University students at an anti-war demonstration in Ohio by National Guardsmen. It also seemed that no demonstrations, strikes or other actions of anti-war (as in Cambodia) actions would take place here.

However, Tuesday morning things started happening on the Orono campus.

At 10:00 a.m., with the consent of UMO President Winthrop Libby, 300 students gathered around the flag pole to listen to Rev. John Pickering conduct a brief memorial service for the four Kent State students.

Following the Maine Christian Association director's eulogy, UMO Student Senate Vice President Richard Michaud lowered the flag to half mast and several students remained until 1:00 p.m. to pray for the four students and for the fate of the country.

Then, at 1:00 p.m., 500 students marched from the flag pole to Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Orono, where a half-hour service was held for the dead students.

On Wednesday, one hundred students plus 100-200 students from other UM campuses and other Maine colleges journeyed to Augusta to meet with state of Maine Governor Kenneth Curtis. At the meeting, Curtis said he would issue a proclamation allowing citizens to participate in a day of mourning to be held Friday, for the four dead Kent State students.

This, Curtis did, calling the incident in Ohio"the tragedy of a nation blinded by the illogic of a foreign policy that events have made outmoded and obsolete." Thursday, Curtis said he hoped there would be "calm reflection on the causes of this tragedy and the measures necessary to avoid its recurrence" during the day-long observance.

Meanwhile at UMO, plans were going on behind the scenes to make a protest strike a reality. At 11:00 p.m. 150 students met to discuss what action should be taken at Orono concerning the Kent State incident and Pres. Nixon's new Cambodian policy.

At this meeting, a steering committee of 13 students was chosen to coordinate and initiate a strike on campus. The committee held a meeting Thursday morning attended by 30 people. The group's decisions were to spread strike propaganda, coordinate students to get out into the community to discuss the tragic events of the last week.

Since that time, the steering committee has mimeographed "form" letters to be signed by UMO students and faculty which will later be sent to Maine congressmen.

The letter states that as a citizen of the State of Maine and of the United States, "I deplore President Nixon's action to escalate the war in Southeast Asia by moving into Cambodia without consulting the Congress of the United States; and the increasing militarism used in the United States as a response to the peaceful dissent of citizens exercising their constitutional rights."

The letter ends urging the congressmen to do everything in their power to bring an end to the war in Southeast Asia.

Following is a statement which seems to represent the reaction that a majority of the campus community has taken towards the Kent State deaths and the US's move into Cambodia.

"If you sincerely believe that what is called for is one more prayer meeting and a return to the same old routine the day after--you must be ready to accept the knowledge that your education has become a farcical and tragic exercise in futility--and your presence in class accomplishes precious little toward turning around a national preoccupation with constipation, paranoia and death as a way of life."

Strike vote

UMO students will again be asked to go to the polls on Monday to vote on whether or not the student strike should be continued for a longer period of time.

Polls for the General Student Senate referendum will be located in each dining hall and the Memorial Union, and will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fort Kent students seize armory

On Thursday evening seven students from the University of Maine at Fort Kent marched into the National Guard Armory there and occupied it for the night.

Throughout the evening the group of students increased to over 120 as students from Aroostook State College joined the Fort Kent group. The occupation was peaceful and an agreement was reached between students and military officials in the armory. Two faculty members, including the Dean of Students and the Academic Dean, are staying with the group until it leaves the building on Friday, as promised.

Student Senate president Mark Levesque made collections to finance calls to student senate presidents at schools throughout the University system, urging them to send student delegations to Fort Kent. Students obtained food from nearby stores and the University cafeterias as they prepared for the evening sleep-in on the armory floor.

Reasons behind the take-over are standard by now: oppostion to Pres. Nixon's entry into Cambodia with American forces, and disenchantment with the U.S. Government because of actions at Kent State College in Ohio.

On Friday, students, faculty and administrators have planned a convocation and a church service to mourn the death of students killed at the Ohio school.

New England active with war protest

(AUGUSTA) - Governor Curtis has proclaimed today a day of individual mourning and prayer for the four students slain at Kent State University. He said that the greatest good can be served by quiet, individual reflection and for that reason would not issue special instructions which would affect the hours of public or private business or the display of the U.S. or Maine flag.

(WATERVILLE) - Colby student government president Steve Orlov said Senator Edmund Muskie will be on the Waterville campus at 1:45 p.m. Sunday to discuss the Vietnam war. The senator is coming to Maine in response to an invitation from 17 Maine campuses. Senator Margaret Chase Smith was also invited to speak; however, no word has been received from her as of yet.

(LEWISTON) - At Bates College about 90 per cent of the 550 students fasted at lunch on Thursday. The school donated 35 cents for each student not eating to a Cambodian Relief Fund. Seventy students also donated blood to Central Maine General Hospital.

(SPRINGVALE) - A student group at Nasson College announced they would attempt to spark an international boycott of Coca-Cola and the firm's products "because it has done nothing in the peace effort..." A spokesman said letters will be sent to colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and to English-speaking institutions abroad in order to bring pressure on the Nixon administration to end the war.

(BOSTON) - Boston University cancelled classes and final examinations because the possibility existed that "through action or reaction human lives could be risked."

(CAMBRIDGE) - Harvard denied a group of anti-war committees the use of the university stadium for a rally Friday, saying 30 sections of the stadium are unsafe areas and cannot accomodate many people. The school suggested that the demonstrators try to secure Fenway Park for the rally.

(MASSACHUSETTS) - Fifteen hundred faculty members from five central Mass. colleges sent telegrams to Representative Silvio Conte of Massachusetts asking him to initiate impeachment proceedings against Pres. Nixon and Vice-President Agnew. Conte said he made no decision on the request.

(AMHERST) - The University of Massachusetts, one of the schools where students are striking, reported 20 per cent attendance on Thursday.

(BANGOR) - The Christian Association of Bangor Theological Seminary voted yesterday to honor a petition signed by students and faculty to suspend regular classes at the seminary Thursday and Friday.

(NEW ENGLAND) - Bowdoin, Bates, Dartmouth, New England College, Boston University and New Hampshire College have been officially closed as a result of the Cambodian invasion and the four slain students at Kent State.

(FORT KENT) - Over 100 students from the University of Maine at Fort Kent spent the night in the National Guard Armory in protest.



Arts resolution proposed

Forty Arts and Sciences faculty members drew up a petition last night calling for a meeting today which could result in an indefinite strike by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty.

Meeting at economics professor Melvin Burke's home, the group drew up a tentative resolution calling for the indefinite suspension of Arts and Sciences classes.

Group spokesman Dave Smith, professor of history, said that the resolution was based on the grounds that it is "impossible to run a university because of the war is Southeast Asia and repressive actions at home."

Although not stated in the resolution, Smith added, "What we really want is Richard Nixon out of Cambodia, out of Laos, out of Vietnam, and out of the White House."

As of 11 p.m. Thursday night, Smith reported that forty faculty members, 25 from Arts and Sciences and 15 from other UMO colleges, had signed both the meeting petition and the resolution, and he was expecting signatures from many more faculty personnel before the night was over.

Smith said that Arts and Sciences Dean John Nolde had agreed to the proposed Friday meeting, but he was unsure of the time and location.

Smith urged as many students as possible to attend the meeting and give their moral support to the strike movement.

committment is an individual's choice

A large number of students won't be in class today. A small number may not set foot in another classroom this year. To the students who will be absent today, showing oppostion to the situation in the world and in America is more important than the few hours of class time missed. To the students at Maine, and to those across the country, who aren't going back to school, this week will be one not soon forgotten.

Nationwide the continuing unresponsiveness of the Nixon administration, capped with what will now go down in history as the Kent State Massacre, has spurred people to action. Students, more than most people, have felt hardest hit by the situation. And they have taken to the streets, bringing their education with them, to try and do something about their inherited society.

On an individual level, the types of actions have been varied, and that is good. For if one is opposed to the war, if one is appalled by the Kent State killings and wants to do his part in making sure the same thing never happens elsewhere, he must do what his conscience dictates. To be part of a mass movement is useless if it means nothing to the individual participating.

It is up to each person concerned about his total environment to do what he thinks is most effective in changing it for the better. If a person thinks he can do most by remaining silent and continuning his daily routine, that decision is his and his alone. Hopefully not too many people will chose this alternative. If a person feels it best to oppose the war by his absense in class, on the assumption he will be part of a total number of persons who do enough to jar the administration into changing directions, that person should stay away from class.

Others will see a need for more of a committment. Some will try to talk to others, so as to enlist their help. Others will seek to leave school, and work as community organizers or for peace candidates. Still others will chose to become candidates for office, and if they can maintain a public office without being bought out by the very system they are trying to change, they will do good things for humanity.

Some may go further. They may directly confront the present administration and system. Some will oppose the military system and refuse induction, others will barricade buildings, refuse to pay taxes and in some instances commit acts of violence.

No matter what action an individual takes, it must be meaningful to that individual. It must be an expression of his true beliefs and values, not a performance done from somebody else's script. The person who raises his clenched fist high, or even the person who simply joins the ranks of a large demonstration, when he's not totally committed to what he's doing, isn't doing himself or mankind any good. Neither is the person opposed to the war who stands on the sidelines afraid to speak out of fear of being heckled by his neighbors.

The coming week, and the many weeks to come, are a time for everyone to examine his thoughts and beliefs. For many it will be a time of recognizing changing beliefs. Regardless of where one finally ends up on the political spectrum, he will only be guilty if for laziness, selfishness, apathy or other reasons, he fails to act as his own conscience tells him he should.

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the paper editorials

we call the shots

Despite all other factors and group actions, the people who can do the most in stopping the military madness our country is propagating are the people who pull the triggers. No matter what orders a half-crazed general or right wing president gives, it is up to the person behind the gun whether or not the orders are carried out.

Nixon himself has no intention of dragging a gun through the mud in Indochina. Certainly not while he has lush vacation homes all over America from which to give orders. He relies on soldiers, most of them forced into service against their will, and most of them younger than the readers of this paper, to carry out his commands.

Many of the seniors planning to graduate this year already have bullets waiting for their young lives in Vietnam. Many college women will say a last good-bye to a loved one soon after graduation, only to find a government telegram in their mailbox some day expressing words of "sorrow".

If all else fails, and the supposed leaders of this nation fail to bend to cries for peace now, only the soldiers will be able to stop the war. But the way the army works now makes it hard for a soldier to do that. Despite the ruling of the American-dominated Nuremburg trials that "I only followed orders" is no excuse, American soldiers are jailed, beaten and sometimes killed as traitors for their refusal to disobey their conscience. There's no justice in the military.

Remember that before you enlist. If you don't agree with what the military is doing, for God sakes don't go in. Regardless of what some will tell you, there are alternatives. Alternatives range from getting military or occupation deferments, to doing alternate service, to refusing induction.

The men of this nation, and the women who walk with them, owe it to themselves to learn about all the alternatives to military service. There are numerous people and groups willing to help. A good place to start is the Student Senate or any of the faith groups on campus.

Despite your feelings about the necessity of a military, make sure you know what you're getting into before you decide whether you actually have a military obligation or not.

(DLB)

monday: right on?

The Moratorium spirit has come alive once again at UMO. But the issue has far greater implications for the nation than the parochialized academic reform movement which swept across the campus last March.

But the issue is equally, if not more, important. And students who are uptight about their country's future will have a chance to vote on the possibility of maintaining UMO's demonostration of protest against the Nixon administration - an administration which has been turning too many deaf ears to the demands of the people.

This referendum had a couple of things going for it which the academic reform ballot was found lacking. Number one is brevity. Voters will have only one question on which to decide. Number two, its immediacy. The referendum will be presented to the people while they are still in the spirit for reform which should send them packing to the polls.

But, as before, the important thing is the turnout. Regardless of how you feel about the student strike, put your X in the appropriate box and be counted. The people will determine how long this strike will last and how effective it will be. And with the right result, UMO students could join other colleges across the country in changing the future history of the country.

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the people

A possible fairy tale

by Steve King

The following little piece is fictional - a fairy tale, if you like. But fairy-tales do come true. Witness our space program as one example. Or the airplane as another. So let's say that it's only a piece of fiction right now. So many people have been trying to turn "once upon a time" into "happily ever after" lately that maybe--just maybe--it can all come true.

Friday, May 8: University of Maine joins hundreds of other campuses on strike.

May 9: One million people sit in at the White House and vow to sit there "until our disastrous involvement in Southeast Asia ends."

May 10: The number of people in front of the White House swells to 1.2 million. Nixon announces the silent majority supports him-he has received 500,000 telegrams (300,000 with the word Cambodia misspelled).

Monday, May 11: Campus strikes across the nation are virtually unbroken. The Teamsters' Union votes to strike "until Pres. Nixon withdraws troops from Cambodia."

May 12: National Guard troops ordered to Berkeley throw down their weapons and refuse to go in. Twelve platoons of Army and Marines refuse to get on helicopters scheduled to fly them into Cambodia.

May 13: The United Auto Workers go on strike to protest the war. Twelve representatives and four U.S. Senators call for the impeachment of Spiro Agnew. Campus strikes remain intact.

May 14: Nixon addresses nation on the boob-tube, begs them not to listen to the campus radicals. Claims he had received 3 million letters supporting his action. United railworkers go on strike, but it doesn't matter in Washington, because nothing is moving there anyway--there are two million students, workers, and black people sitting in a circle that surrounds the White House for a square mile. When asked his opinion, Gene McCarthy says: "It's a groove."

May 15: The House begins deliberating on a bill which would not allow the President to spend any more money in Southeast Asia without Congressional approval. It is expected to pass.

Saturday, May 16: Mail workers, dock workers, and some Government workers go on strike.



Strom Thurmond calls them all "rascals and rabble-rousers." The move to impeach Spiro has grown considerably. One informed source claimed that, with the support of sixty more Representatives, articles of impeachment might be drawn up by Thursday, specifying that "The Vice-President did willfully cross state lines to incite riots."

May 17: A haggard Pres. Nixon goes on nationwide TV and tells the country he is withdrawing 500,000 troops from Vietnam during the next week, and that the Cambodian invasion is officially at an end. He further states that a million troops will be withdrawn by the end of the month, with all remaining troops to be withdrawn by the end of June. He closes his address by bitterly saying: "Well, you won't have Pres. Nixon to kick around anymore."

Monday, May 18; Alexi Kosygin calls Nixon on the hotline, congratulates him on "an act of sanity and humanity." He asks if Nixon will meet him in a summit conference before the end of the summer in order to discuss complete disarmament.

So there's your fairy-tale, complete with happily-ever-after ending. It would be nice if things could turn out that way, but I doubt if they will. But then, there was the story of Icarus, the boy who wanted to fly, That was a fairy-tale once, too. Perhaps man could fly in other ways.

Let's all hope so.



Libby discusses strike at Thursday meeting

by Bob Haskell

UMO people know by now that classes have not officially been called off for today.

But the question of classes being called off for the day in conjunction with Governor Kenneth Curtis' call for a state day of mourning and prayer for the students killed at Kent State University on Monday, was up in the air before President Winthrop Libby spoke to a gathering of UMO faculty in Hauck Auditorium last night at 5 p.m.

Earlier in the afternoon, one UMO official had indicated that the president would be cancelling Friday's classes. He said Libby had reached the decision based on a consensus from the deans that classes should be called off during an earlier meeting.

Five hundred faculty members, called together for the second time in six weeks, and nearly 100 students who also attended the session, heard Libby declare that classes would not be cancelled on any campus in the University system. He did, however, express high praise for Curtis' "grave action."

Libby explained that because the University of Maine is a public institution, "we must continue classes on Friday." Since the University has a responsibility to respect all of the state's citizens, and their veiwpoints, Libby explained that Chancellor Donald McNeil and the heads of all UM campuses decided not to officially suspend classes for the day.

The president's decision was made in light of the fact that Colby, Bates, Bowdoin and many other colleges throughout the state and nation have voted to suspend classes either for several days or for the rest of the year. The strikes were originated because of the Nixon administration's foreign policy measures which led to the student unrest and fatal shootings at Ohio's Kent State University on Monday.

Libby added that the Farmington campus is suspending classes because of President Einar Olsen's inaugural ceremonies, which have been scheduled for some time.

The president said he was deeply shocked by the Kent State incident, adding, "The loss of the young lives is a tragedy." Beyond this, Libby added he sees this country facing the threat of internal revolution because of the threatening and ominous polarization within the country today.

Stating that college students have become scapegoats for the country's situation, Libby pointed out the need for an opportunity to stop and think about how best to correct the situation.

Following his official statement, President Libby said he personally thought students had maturely and responsibly organized the activities for a strike on classes for Friday. Students should not be penalized for not attending their Friday classes, he added, and called for students and faculty members to follow their own consciences in dealing with the situation. "If ever there was a need to pray to whatever God you believe in, the time is now," he said.

Following his statement, Libby opened up the meeting for discussion.

Philosophy Professor Russ Warne pointed out that Friday would not be the only day of strike, and indicated that students should be able to carry on with the strike effort without fear of penalization.

Linda Nixon, leader of the strike movement, said she is more concerned about her country than about graduating in June and added she will not go to classes for the rest of the year so she can continue working on the strike movement.

Melvin Burke, economics professor, said he doesn't believe it's political to speak out against seeing students die for their commitments, adding he is ready to take some action.

And Mike Huston, former candidate for the senate presidency, said action must be taken to make sure the same thing doesn't happen in Maine.

But zoology professor Charles Major said he has spent many years supporting the democratic form of government, and added he sees the nation-wide student movement as going against this government.

Another member of the audience said she came to the UM to get an education, and stated that what students want to do should be done on their own time.

Several people made comments about the faculty's lack of action regarding the situation.

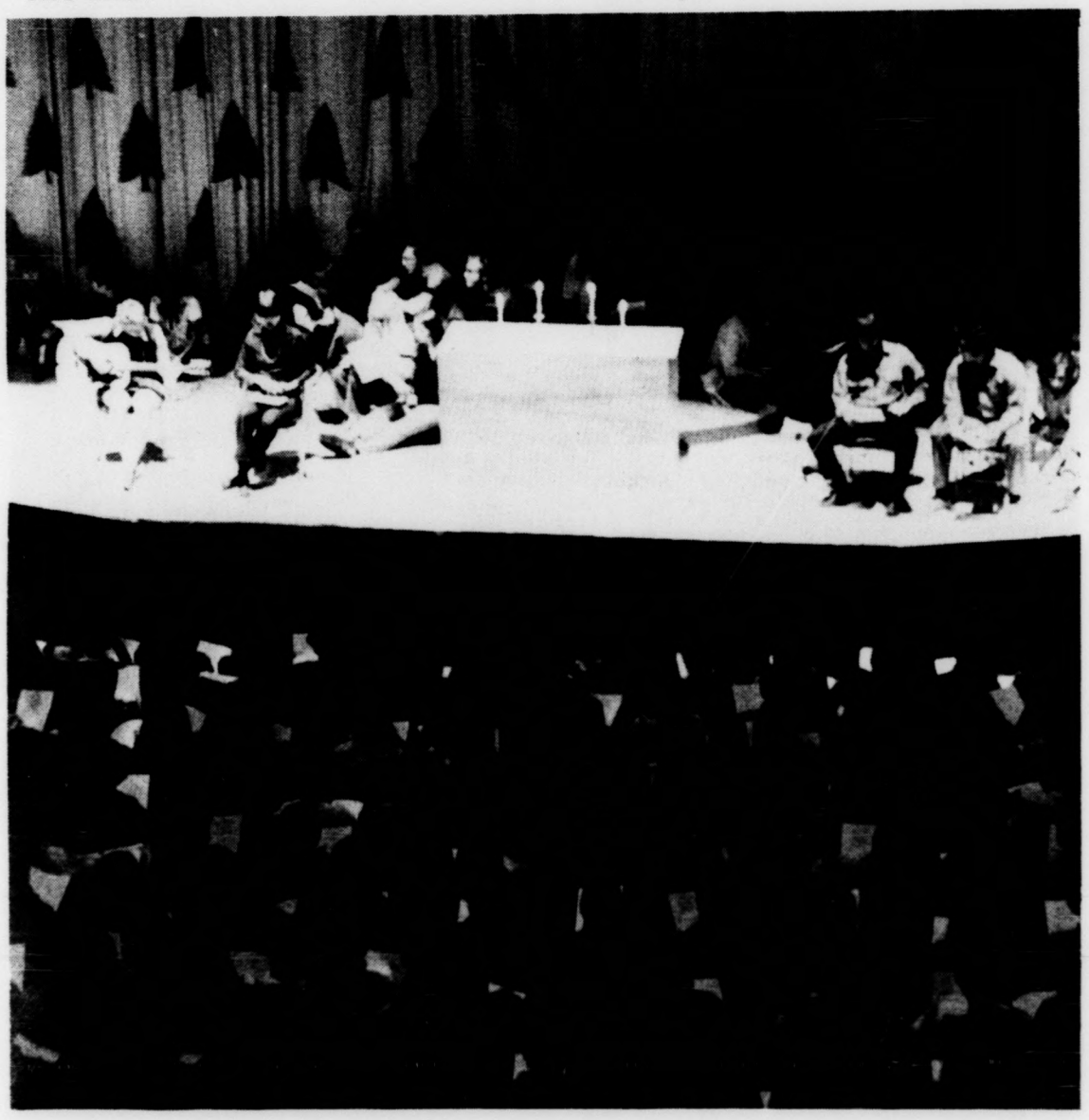
Former senate president Stan Cowan called for the Council of Colleges to make a statement and take a stand either for or against the Nixon administration's policies, and another student said he was "really tired of seeing the faculty members just sitting. I don't care what you say, but the situation demands a position of some kind."

English instructor Graham Adams mentioned that several times he has seen the Arts and Sciences faculty "decide not to decide," and also called for the faculty to take a position.

Stan Cowan urged history and political science instructors to spend next week or the rest of the year discussing this country's Southeast Asian policy. And Prof. Walter Schoenberger invited people into his foreign policy class which will be covering Southeast Asia through the remainder of the semester.

Assistant English professor Burton Hatlen suggested it is time for the faculty to make a personal committment. He called for his colleagues to request that the government spend the 60 per cent of their tax revenue which is supporting the defense department on projects of their request.

And Stewart Doty of history said students are asking to go out into the world they are isolated from and they need academic programs "to help them do what they feel needs to be done for this country."



Service held for Ohio dead

Hauck Auditorium was jammed at 12 midnight last night with UMO people attending a candlelight service for the four Kent State University students who were killed on Monday. An estimated 1,000 people filled the seats and aisles while others who could not get inside filled the lobby.

The highlight of the memorial service occurred when four candles were lit for the four dead students.

Following the service, the people formed a candlelight procession which led around the mall and halted in front of the library steps.

The guys and girls filed slowly out of Hauck Auditorium and past the two tables by the front doors where they picked up their candles. The wind played havoc with the flames, but the kids constantly re-lit them as they went out. The march was solemn; the marchers talked softly to their neighbors.

The march around the mall strung all the way from the doors of the Union to the gym to the back of the library - one long mile of committed students and a few faculty who hoped that there was something or someone listening. As the first marchers neared the front of the library, kids set their candles along the wall and waited to sign letters of sympathy addressed to the four families who lost their children at Kent State.

One had to be there to experience it. There are not enough words to describe the unified feeling there Friday morning. It was beautifully sad.

Students work to strike

by Stephen A. Rubinoff

"I urge you with every fiber in my being to act in a unified fashion to do the thing you do- to do the right thing," pleaded a sophomore student and Vietnam veteran from Bowdoin College in a brief speech Thursday afternoon. Fifteen hundred UMO people had gathered in front of Fogler Li rary to discuss an upcoming student strike of classes on Friday, May 8.

Events throughout the week of nation-wide mobilization against President Nixon's escalation of the war in Cambodia had driven UMO students to action- a peace march into Orono for a religious service, a flag-raising ceremony on behalf of four massacred students at Kent State Univ. in Ohio, and finally, a conference to set in motion a strike.

The meeting had been scheduled by members of the Maimie L. Bilodeau Group on campus for 4 pm in the Memorial Union's Main Lounge. But on Thursday, May 7, over 100 students were left standing outside the room after it quickly became packed. So all moved to the library steps for the action.

The meeting had been originally called to discuss the demonstration of students May 13 at the Federal Building in Bangor. But organizers of the meeting agreed to outline a general strike proposed by 100 students.

Linda Nixon, outgoing Secretary to the Student Senate, opened the meeting. "A lot of you are here because you're committed. So too are a group of students who call themselves the Unity of Students Against Nixon's (Pres.) Policy.' She commented that students were upset about "a lot of things". She then changed the organization's title to The Unity of Students Against the Establishment, underlying a seemingly universal frustration with U.S. foreign policy.

Miss Nixon made clear that the purpose of the gathering was not to hassle. "That can be done in the dorm and fraternity meetings scheduled for this evening." She then outlined anti-war activities planned for the next few days:

At 5 pm a meeting of the faculty, called by President Winthrop C. Libby, would be held. Sources noted that Libby would make a speech about campus-wide action with regard to President Nixon's Vietnam policy, and the Kent State incident.

Students had spoken to the UMO president earlier in the day and claimed that he had signed four letters to Senators Muskie and Smith and Representatives Hathaway and Kyros opposing the administration's latest escalation of the war.

It was reported that students would be at the faculty meeting to explain their position concerning the student strike resolution. Thursday evening at 8:00 a meeting of the General Student Senate would be held to discuss the possibilities of an indefinite student strike. Ex-President Stan Cowan promised to hold the meeting at the Memorial Gymnasium and urged everyone to attend, and speak out on the only resolution to be brought forth. That resolution proposed a student strike on campus on Friday, May 8. At 12:00 midnight a candlelight mass performed by concerned students would be held at Hauck Auditorium.

Friday morning activities would open with a 10 a.m. rally on the steps of Fogler Library. "Students will then go into the community to urge the voters to respond to the protest now carrying itself across the nation. They will talk to citizens, ask them their opinions, and offer their comments about the situation," Miss Nixon said.

Also, at the rally "The Why's of Striking," another mimeographed document, was distributed. It listed five reasons why students should go on strike:
a) because of resumption of bombings over North Vietnam and military action in Cambodia,
b) because stepped-up action into Cambodia was taken without regard to responsible advisors and without consultation or approval of Congress,
c) because students were killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State Univ. in Ohio
d) because throughout the country there exists an atmosphere which attempts to suppresspeaceful dissent,
e) because President Nixon refuses to concern himself with opinion of the leaders of the nation's colleges and the academic community as a whole.

One speaker expressed hope that faculty members would see that students were ready to strike. He urged faculty members to lead teach-ins about the problems and prospects of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Another yelled, "No matter what the faculty says, let's strike."

Stan Cowan broke the news about actions at University of Maine at Portland, and Colby College. "UMP has closed classes for the next two weeks...Colby overwhelmingly voted to close classes indefinitely."

The student from Bowdoin who had served in Vietnam then spoke: "I saw about 15 to 20 men of the 3rd marine division die in Laos. But to Nixon these deaths meant nothing. The President owes to the United States citizen an explanation of all activities in Vietnam, military and civilian. For this is government of, by, and for the people. And we are the people!"

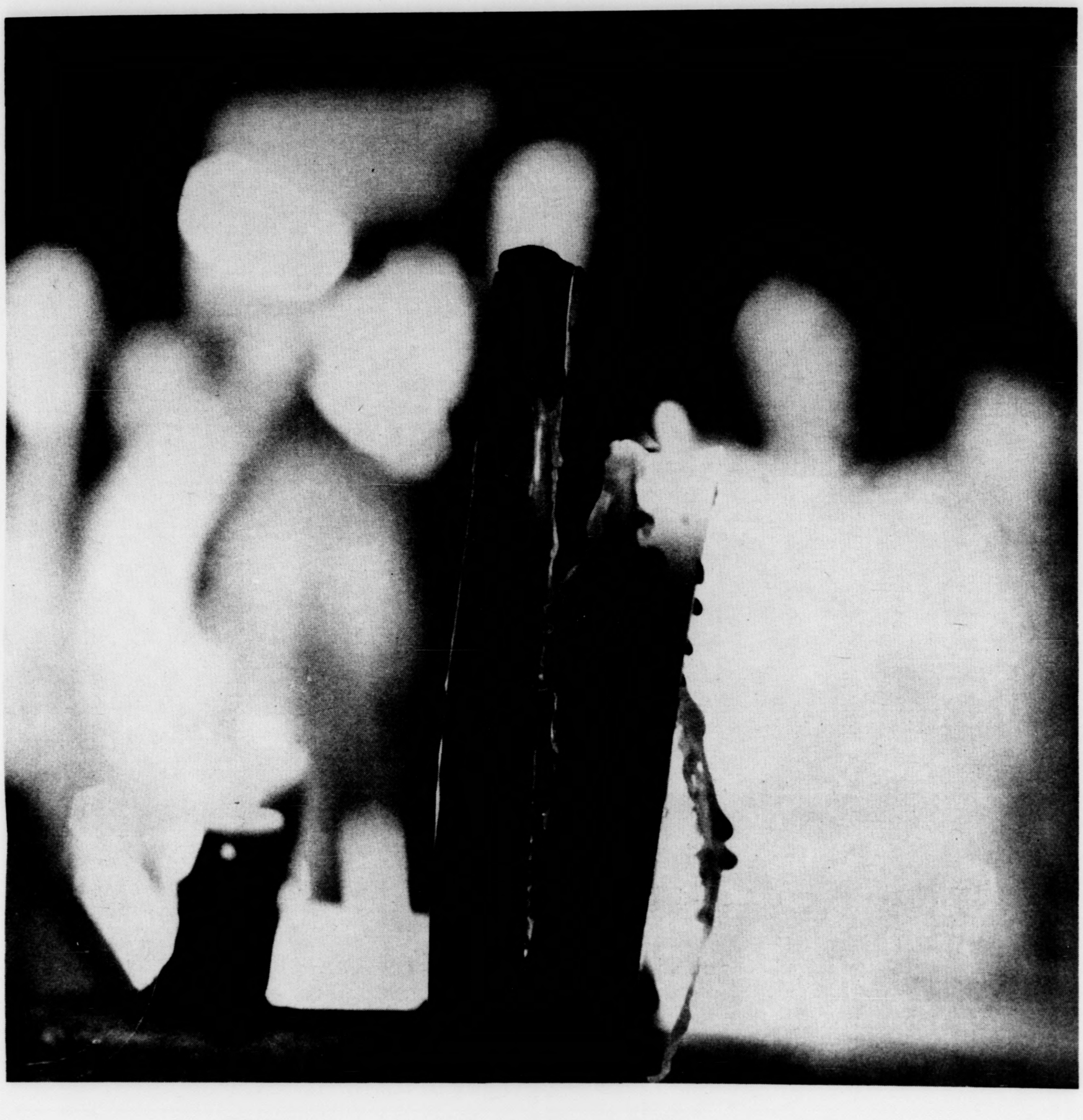
This student-veteran termed the use of ammunition at Kent State as "criminally insane" and mentioned a trip he and a professor made to the Portland/Bowdoin Alumni Club. "We tried to tell them that the strike at Bowdoin did not mean the end of an educational institution, that this was the most educational thing we could do at the time."

A student called for a campus-wide referendum to decide on a student strike and Linda Nixon retorted, "Before we do that we've got to educate everyone on this campus to the issue at hand."

Indignation grew andkill words buzzed through the crowd as she continued: "If you agree with us, you're with us, if you don't you're against us. We don't care about 3000 pepped up kids."

Cowan, swallowing hard, tried to save the meeting students, some disenchanted with a growing movement, by urging all to come to Memorial Gym Thursday evening. The meeting ended with a plea for everyone to contact their friends, informing them about upcoming events and a hope that all would let their consciences lead them in the right directions.





Strike calendar

Throughout the strike an Information Center for public assistance will be in operation in the Main Lobby of the Memorial Union.

Friday, May 8

Throughout the day students are encouraged to write any or all state or national political leaders. Information on letter writing may be found in the Davis Room of the Union at the Letter-Writing Information Center.

The Lown Room will be headquarters for students interested in contacting citizens in Orono and the surrounding communities.

Throughout the day, workshops on any and all topics concerning the state of our society will be found on campus. Schedules may be obtained at the Memorial Union Strike Information Center.

10:00 Rally on the steps of Fogler Library. Speakers: Clark Reynolds, Assoc. Prof of History; John Nolde, Dean of College of Arts & Sciences; Joseph Scimecca, Asst. Prof. of Sociology; Steve Gotlieb Pres. of UMVETS.

12:00 (Tentative) Arts & Sciences Faculty Meeting 316 Bdmn.

2:00 Special Workshop on Community Canvassing - Main Lounge, Memorial Union.

5:00 (to right on) Informal talks, dorm and fraternity meetings.

Saturday, May 9

10:00 Students assemble in Main Lounge of Memorial Union to prepare for citizen contact in Orono and Bangor. (bring cars)

1:00-3:00 Cars leave for Colby for speech by Sen. Margaret Chase Smith. (bring cars)

4:00 Speech at Colby by Sen. Margaret Smith

Sunday, May 10

12:00 Cars leave for Colby for address by Sen. Muskie. (bring cars)

1:45 Address by Sen. Muskie at Colby.

8:00 University Concert Series - "Requiem" - Memorial Gym.

Monday, May 11

Throughout the day workshops on campus will continue. Community canvassing and Letter-Writing Information Centers will be open throughout the day.

10:00 Rally in front of Fogler Library. Memorial Gym - inclement weather.

11:00 - 1:00 Campus wide referendum balloting in all dining halls and Mem. Union.

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