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Beating victims charge police delay investigation

By Jack Bell

Despite a 10-day delay by Orono police, at least one UMO student plans to bring charges against a Kappa Sigma fraternity pledge as the result of a Nov. 16 fracas at the Oronoka Restaurant parking lot. Nine York Hall students were struck in the incident and several received severe beatings at the hands of persons, some of whom alledgedly belong to the Kappa Sigma pledge class.

According to Jim Chase and Charles Cornell, two of the nine York Hall students involved in the incident, as the group was leaving the restaurant, Steve Folsom, a Phi Kappa brother, walked through a group of Kappa Sigma pledges assembled in the parking lot. One pledge alledgely struck Folsom in the mouth, rendering him partially unconscious and incurring over $200 of dental damage. When other members of the York Hall party came to Folsom's aid, the fracas ensued.

Chase told the *Campus* that he has attempted to identify a student he recognized in cooperation with the Orono police department, but has been frustrated by delays inside the department. Chase said he talked with officers immediately following the incident Friday night, and gave them a fuller report Saturday before Thanksgiving break. Chase said he feels the delays were unnecessary and quoted one officer involved with the case as saying he was reluctant "to get involved in a dormitory-fraternity war."

After his report Saturday, Chase said he was told the report would be given to Detective Richard Leland who would contact him Monday afternoon. Chase received no call from Leland, he said, so he contacted the Orono police department. The department told Chase he would be contacted by Leland the next day, but again he received no word from the detective.

Chase said he could not definately state the size of the crowd of pledges assembled in the parking lot, but estimated the number as between eight and fifteen.

"It was hard to say how many of them were involved," he said. "They seemed to be coming out of the woodwork. They started shouting they were Kappa Sigs when they were in the parking lot."

A spokesman for Kappa Sigma said the fraternity technically has no pledge class, since none of the prospective candidates has yet signed or been initiated into the fraternity. However, a certain number of students are considered as "prospective pledges" and will become the pledge class after completing formalities.

According to Ellen Severance, the Oronoka manager who called the police, the two groups had no contact inside the restaurant, and Chase maintains the attack was "totally unprovoked".

When the incident was over, all nine members of the York Hall party were injured, three of them severely. Folsom was semiconscious with substantial dental damage. Bill Howard was unconscious, and Jack Folker suffered a severe groin

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A CAMPUS POLICE officer steps out of the eight-miles-per-gallon gas gulper owned by the department. UMO police say they do not plan to curtail use of the Blazer or other cars in favor of patrolling by walking beats in an effort to save gasoline.

Trustees order extension of one winter vacation

By Chris Spruce

The University of Maine Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to extend winter vacation periods on all super U campuses by one week.

The Board's decision came in response to national and state recommendations which asked that schools extend a winter vacation period to save heating fuels.

Following the meeting, UMO President Howard R. Neville told the Campus that no decision has been made concerning when or how long UMO will extend one of it's winter vacation periods, but a final decision is expected in 10 days. Among the proposals under consideration are: a two week recess during February, instead of the scheduled week vacation; a week extension to the semester break in January, with only one week off in the middle of the semester; and a two week extension of the January break with a late closing of school in May.

The mandatory one week extension of a winter vacation period was also a major recommendation of a report on the energy crisis by Paul Dunham, director of Institutional Research for UM. Dunham's report also called for reduced fuel consumption at all campuses by 20 per cent, a reduction in travel by university officials, and the observance of the recommended 50 mile per hour speed limit.

The Trustees' resolution prefaced the four major recommendations with a statement of concern for the state and national energy crisis and declared "its intent that the Chancellor and the Presidents of the campuses take all possible actions to alleviate the situation with due consideration being given to the health, safety and welfare of students, faculty and staff."

Also included in the resolution was a clause which authorized the chancellor to appoint staff members to the position of Energy Coordinator and to use one building on each campus as a shelter for area residents who lack warm housing should such a situation occur.

Chancellor Donald R. McNeil named Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Stanley L. Freeman to the newly created position.

In recommending the adoption of the Dunham proposals, McNeil said that while all campuses must extend the winter vacation period by one week, "the resolution allows maximum flexibility on the part of each campus to go beyond that period. He added that the one week postponement for all campuses was necessary to provide an equal amount of hardship for all campuses.

Women claim small gains in athletic team funding

By Jan Messier

Last spring the women's physical education department went on the warpath demanding increased funding for its sports program. This year much of the noise has subsided.

"At this stage in the game I really can't complain about the sports program. Right now that would be really pushing it. Compared to last year things are better," remarked Linda Levesque, a physical education major. Compared to the men's dept., she added, the women do not receive much support, but she feels definite progress has been made since last spring.



Linda Levesque

The head of the women's department agrees. Mary Jo Walkup said that since last spring the dept. has received a "general increase all across the board." She claims that the increase did not result from last spring's activities but because "the university was ready for it." She was unable to state the amount of the increase.

According to Harold Westerman, director of athletics, the women's physical education department received an increase of $7,000. These funds resulted from a $10,000 budget increase received from the university, out of which the men's dept. obtained $500 to cover expenses incurred by changes in the school calendar. The remaining money was used for basic operating expenses, said Westerman.

• *WOMEN'S* • *see page 16*

Students strongly favor impeachment, poll records

A campus poll conducted on Monday, Nov. 19, found UMO students favor initiation of impeachment proceedings against President Richard M. Nixon.

The referendum held in each complex and in the Memorial Union, reached 830 students. Student senator Camillo Dibiase, who initiated the poll, reported that students were overwhelmingly in favor of impeachment by a 4 to 1 margin.

796 students responded YES to the first question, "Do you believe the House of Representatives should debate and vote on the impeachment of President Nixon?", while 193 students said NO. 21 students abstained.

There were four questions on the referendum. The final question, "Do you believe President Nixon should resign at this time?" found 380 students answering yes, 379 students opposed, and 59 students abstaining.

Dibiase added that "Lots of people felt that the senate vote did not represent the student body so I wanted to find out if most students were at least in favor of impeachment proceedings." The student senate voted 17-15 in favor of a resolution favoring the initiation of impeachment proceedings against the President on Nov. 13.

Dibiase stated that the fact that many senators had said a student referendum should be taken before the student senate take action on the question was also one of his reasons for conducting the poll.

"This referendum may not be that effective, but just the fact that it gets the word impeachment in the paper and gets students thinking about impeachment make it important," he added.



Dan Dambrowski

March planned

A "Walk for Impeachment" from Orono to Bangor, sponsored by "Maine People for Constitutional Government" (MPFCG), will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. All students are invited to participate, the MPFCG said.

The expedition will start at Webster Park in Orono (across from the University Motor Inn and near the bridge) and proceed along Route 2 to the Bangor Federal Building. The group plans to wind up its walk by mailing Second District Congressman William Cohen a letter urging him to vote in the House Judiciary Committee in favor of a resolution to initiate impeachment proceedings.

According to Dan Dambrowski head of MPFCG, the walk is to "alert the public to evidence of serious violations of President Nixon of his oath to uphold the constitution."

Also this past Wednesday Fred Budzhardt, Nixon's attorney, admitted that there are actually many more so-called 'gaps' in the White House tapes and I wonder how long the American public will allow this to happen," said Dambrowski.

According to MPFCG members, literature will be distributed during the walk explaining the impeachment process. The MPFCG also said it will explain during the walk why Congress should act immediately to convict or aquit the President of the charges brought against him.

Chancellor's salary locked in files says assistant

The Chancellor's office refused last week to release the salaries of the university's chief administrative official, Chancellor Donald R. McNeil, and his vice chancellors. However, the official in charge of releasing such information did say the Chancellor is paid more than some faculty members who "are making fantastic amounts of money."

The Chancellor's salary, $37,500, easily can be found by requesting "The Snoop Book" at the desk on the fifth level of the Folger library. The "Snoop Book" list salaries of all state employees, including university faculty members.

Ken Winters, director of personnel for the chancellor, said such information is extremely sensitive and "now is a bad time for something like this to get out." He cited the nearing of the special legislative session as part of the reason for refusing to release the Chancellor's salary. He did not indicate when he felt it would be opportune to release the figures.

The personnel department was asked by the *Campus* to provide figures on the salaries and benefits of the Chancellor and vice-chancellors.

"I would be very irresponsible if I told you," Winters said about releasing the information.

Winters said he and a committee were in the process of analyzing the salary and benefits of the chancellor and his assistants. "We are now just doing some research on it (salary and benefit program)," he said. "We are having a difficult time analyzing things like where the chancellor should live."

None of the information on the progress of the Trustee committee is for the public. Winters said it would be six months before anything would come out of committee. "We are working on it and any information is locked in our files, and not for the public.

Information on salaries of administration officials, faculty members and people connected with the University is public information, but "I'm not going to release," any information on the chancellor's salary or fringe benefits. I'd be foolish to do so," Winters said.

"If you want some good stories just come into the office and I can give you all kinds of stories on benefits and salaries of faculty members and other administrators, some who are making fantastic amounts of money," Winters said. When asked if the people making "fantastic amounts of money" were making more than the chancellor, Winters replied, "no, not more than the chancellor."

DLS speakers denied vehicles

A Student Senate request for permission to use a university motor pool vehicle to ferry an occassional Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) speaker to and from the airport was met with a suggestion that they buy a car from the university to provide guest transportation.

The request for access to motor pool vehicles was denied by John M. Blake, vice president for finance and administration during a meeting before Thanksgiving break with Senate President Thimothy Keating. The DLS request received unanimous support from the Senate, Oct. 23, but Blake said granting it would open the gates to a flood of similar requests from other organizations.

"There are over 100 different student activities which might qualify for use of such vehicles," Blake replied after the Senate resolution of support was sent to his office. He suggested the Senate purchase car services from the university as has Student Action Corp which obtained three vehicles at a cost of $85 per month plus gas.

Without access to university vehicles, DLS claims it has difficulty transporting guest lecturers.

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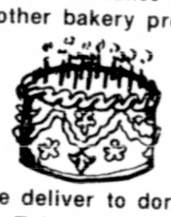
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Penobscot hall "more than just a place to stay"

By Roger Walton
and Kate Arno

Some residents of Penobscot Hall have formed a Students for Fair Housing Committee, fearing they will be displaced if their dorm converts to a male residence next year. The Penobscot women are afraid they will not receive the standard squatter's rights privileges during the annual spring signup period.

The University Housing Committee, where the lifestyle proposal made by Residential Life is now being weighed before going on for President Neville's consideration, has organized a special sub-committee on room selection and overcrowding which is looking at the room selection process. The question of Penobscot's situation is one of the fundamental concerns of the committee. Residential Life did not include any measures concerning room selection in its recommendations designed to provide alternate lifestyles for dorm residents.

Early reaction from the Housing Committee on the new proposals has been favorable. A preliminary vote of the committee members showed unanimous approval of the proposal but a desire to keep investigating the details, hence the establishment of the sub-committee.

However, Penobscot residents do not want to give up their dormitory and even though UMO president Howard Neville has yet to see the housing proposals, petitions are being circulated asking him to "reconsider adoption of the housing proposals."

Noting Penobscot residents think of the dorm as "more than just a place to stay," and calling it "more like a community-type thing," Penobscot resident and Housing Committee member Wanita Bean explained residents are concerned about how they will replace the atmosphere they have created at Penobscot. Penobscot residents do not want to be scattered across the campus next fall, she explained. The residents want guarantees they will receive preferential treatment for squatters rights.

Inter-Dorm Board and Housing Committee member Mike Baker met with Penobscot residents Wednesday night and assured them preferential treatment would be given the residents during the mass transfer if the proposals are adopted. Guidelines for squatters' rights are being drawn up by a Housing subcommittee, Baker said.

One Penobscot resident assured Baker Wednesday that the dorm's residents "were not presenting just an emotional argument". The main committee of sixteen residents," she said, "have legitimate reasons for wanting to remain in Penobscot and are working on alternatives."

She said Penobscot residents not only wanted to remain in their dorm because of the atmosphere or the building but because it was a single-sex dorm. Baker assured the group that under the proposals, enough spaces in the remaining single-sex dorms at Hart and Androscoggin would accomodate all the women who preferred that arrangement.

Student Senate member Bill Leonard, speaking with Baker Wednesday, urged Penobscot resdidents to "fight for what you want." He explained the purpose of Ellison's proposals is to offer alternative life styles to every student. "If you cannot get what you want," he said referring to space in a single-sex dorm, " then the proposal isn't doing what it claims to do."

"What it boils down to," Baker told Penobscot residents, "is we are asking you to make a sacrafice." He explained the housing proposals, if accepted, would affect every campus resident at once so the transitions each one has to make will be easier than by piecemealing the changes. He asked Penobscot residents to consider the 4000 other campus residents who will be affected by the alternate life style changes.

Thinking the housing proposals would reach President Neville's desk by Christmas, the residents explained they had started the petition. Baker said, though, the proposals will probably not reach the president before Christmas since IDB and Housing Committee final approvals and squatters' rights guide lines are not yet completed.

"The petition," a Penobscot Hall resident said, "also helps us find out how many students are with us. If there aren't many, then we aren't going to fight the whole campus—we aren't going to fight a futile battle."

According to Baker, "Although initial reaction to the proposal on the part of some students may be unfavorable, it is generally acceptable once the whole proposal is reviewed and the ensuing benefits are perceived."

Other studies are being made into standardization of services in residence halls and possible renovations to the number of classified employees needed to maintain each dorm.

Pub gets final go ahead for licensing procedures

By Chris Spruce

The UMO/B Pub Committee got a long-awaited boost from the University of Maine Board of Trustees Wednesday when it approved a resolution allowing the committee to go ahead with final liquor licensing procedures.

The question of licensing is still uncertain since the Liquor Commission has said the Board could not hold the license. However, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Herbert Fowle says that the opinion is not final.

According to supporters of the proposal, the problem arises because the pub proposal, which the Board approved, states that Residential Life hold the liquor license for the pub which means the Board would ultimately be the licensee since Residential Life falls under its jurisdiction.

The final decision whether the Trustees can hold the license will probably come from the Attorney General's office.

In the meantime, the resolution has empowered UMO President Howard Neville to pursue final arrangements for the pub, including attempts to clear up any problem relating to licensing. The Board also instructed Neville to report a final draft of the pub proposal at the Board's next meeting in January.

The Board left intact the proposals made by the Pub Committee to have one central pub with a "Class A" license temporarily operating out of the Bear's Den which would allow the sale of all types of alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine and hard liquors. The proposal for five complex "pubs" also remains intact, although President Neville has stipulated that they will not operate on a regular basis.

Trustee John Donovan, chairman of the Board's Student Affairs Committee, in recommending that the Board approve the resolution, said the question at hand at Wednesday's meeting was, "Does the Board accept the concept of the Pub?" Nine trustees answered Donovan's question affirmatively. The sole "no" vote was cast by Trustee Carlton Day Reed, who explained, "I drink wet, but vote dry."

Trustee Kenneth Ramage objected to a vote on the Pub issue, claiming he wasn't informed enough "to vote intelligently" on the resolution. Ramage abstained from voting.

Trustees hit students with $20 residence hike

The Board of Trustees made it official yesterday—UMO's resident students will have to dig into their pockets next semester for an additional $20 toward their room and board fees.

At its monthly meeting, the Board resolved to authorize UMO's administration to increase the room and board fees effective next semester, as plans to thwart the increase dissolved when legal counsel advised that $2.25 million in debt services reserves could not be used to erase a $92,000 deficit incurred by employee wage increase last summer.

The $20 increase will jump residence rates from $1,190 per semester to $1,210 at UMO and from $1,140 to $1,160 at UMB.

Warning signals were also given by Board Finance Committee Chairman James Page that more increases in resident fees are coming next fall. Page told the Board that his committee has already begun to investigate what increases will be needed for next fall.

Student leaders failed to formulate a feasible alternate plan to the increase, although the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments and the Inter-Dorm Board discussed several proposals since last month's Board meeting at which the proposal was tabled.

McNeil honored

Donald R. McNeil, chancellor of the University of Maine, has been named to the governing Executive Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

The Executive Committee, which numbers 16, is composed of the officers of the councils of the Association. It makes recommendations for action in Congressional matters and is a major policy-making body in the field of higher education.

Debate team discusses energy in first contest

A novice UMO debate team faces its first test this year when it debates the energy crisis at Southern Connecticut State College Nov. 16—18.

The issue to be debated is: "Resolved: That the Federal Government should control supply and utilization of energy in the United States." Debating the negative side of the issue for Maine are Stephen Kenney and Susan Powers. John Baldacci and Robert Clark will take the affirmative view.

Dr. Maryann Hartman, head of the debate team, said it is scheduled for six rounds of debates. Each round lasts from 1¼ to 1½ hours. 12 schools from across the country will participate in the event.

Hartman said the team lost most of its varsity members last year. Most members who are going to Connecticut are novices although some have debated in high school.

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Whose ballgame?

The vocal criticism surrounding funding for women's sports seems to have dimmed considerably since last year. Although women are less inclined to voice their criticism, in some quarters the issue is still simmering. The muted attitude seems to be the result of intimidation—some women have expressed concern that by speaking out they will jeopardize the small gains made last year.

The gains they worry about are small indeed—a meager additional $7,000 was allocated this year to the women's division which supports eight intercollegiate sports teams. Although the ratio of men to women on campus is 4:3, the ratio of funds allocated to men's and women's athletics is 5:1. The football team's budget alone equals one-half the entire amount spent to support women's physical education, intramurals and varsity sports. Men's sports teams receive more than four times the amount women receive for all aspects of their athletic program. The $7000 hike the women received equals less than two per cent of the men's athletic budget.

It is unrealistic to expect the Phys Ed Department to suddenly slash the men's funds to support women's sports on an equal basis. Women's collegiate sports are not strong enough to compete with men either physically or financially and the number of women involved in the program does not warrant several hundred thousand dollars, as Harold Westerman, director of physical education, is quick to point out.

But Westerman is equally quick to point out the effect money has on the level of competition. Money available to sports at UMO is considerably less than the sums spent at other Yankee Conference Schools. "I can tell you," Westerman says, "that we are not even playing the same ballgame," when he enviously discusses the amounts other universities spend on intercollegiate sports. His assessment is undoubtedly correct. However the question is what "ballgame" should we be in?

Sports should encourage the largest number of people possible to participate in whatever level of competition they find enjoyable. The stress should not be on producing a Yankee Conference championship team—in football one of the most enjoyable rivalries in the state is between Bates and Bowdoin, both of which have dropped UMO because they could not afford to compete with the resources of a larger school—but should be placed on playing sports for the enjoyment, involving as many students as possible. The level of competition means little if the object and intent of the athletic program is to produce bigger and better teams for the sake of a stab at some prestigious title.

We realize several dedicated athletic boosters find such talk sacrilegious. However, we cannot cite a single example in the national collegiate football, basketball or baseball ranks where school athletics has led to a better scholastic program—which, lest we forget, is the reason for attending college.

We believe it would be much wiser for Mr. Westerman to forsake the high-geared athletics for a larger and more comprehensive program for all students, both men and women.

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The Maine Campus

Editorials

Sweet land of Liberties?

As the United States of America approaches its 200th anniversary, the liberties of the Founding Fathers concerning free speech, assembly and organization face their most crucial tests. Not only does America relax complacently under the rule of a vicious and intolerant leader, but also rekindles the anti-civil liberties fire of the McCarthy era.

Several incidents within the last month clearly indicate a return to the name-calling, blackballing days of the early Fifties.

In Hattiesburg, Miss. at the University of Southern Mississippi, the ACLU recently filed suit against the administration for dismissing faculty members directly or indirectly associated with campus chapters of the ACLU and the Progressive Student Association. The ACLU's complaint charges that a philosophy professor, six weeks after he was appointed adviser to the ACLU on campus, was notified that his contract would not be renewed for the 1973-74 academic year.

The dismissal comes only a year after a U.S. Court of Appeals enjoined the University from continuing to ban the ACLU organization. The philosophy professor agreed to take the job because students could not find a faculty adviser. For this he was fired.

In Fayetteville, Ark. at the University of Askansas, a history professor was notified his contract would not be renewed because he was teaching students from a Marxist point of view. The professor did not broadcast this fact but merely told his students that his interpretation of history was from the Marxist angle, thus warning them of his bias so they, as responsible adults, could accept or reject that interpretation.

Askansas' medieval legislature, particularly State Rep. Frank Henslee, launched an all out crusade to remove the professor from his position immediately. Henslee says he does not want to deny the professor's right to free speech, but does want to control where that "free speech" is exercised.

Incredible!

In another reactionary vein, parents and the school board in a small Norh Dakota community banned the use of Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five* and other controversial literature on the grounds that it exposed their children to "obscene" material. Subsequently, Vonnegut's book was confiscated from the high school students and burned.

Anyone who thinks high school students are too young to be exposed to a literary work such as *Slaughterhouse Five* has to be a throwback to the Victorian Age. No one disputes the fact that the book contains some graphic description of biological functions and military atrocities. But one would think that junior and senior high school students are old enough to digest this material without permanent intellectual damage.

These highstrung reactionaries purporting to be protectors of their childrens' moral judgment are less than realistic in a world which demands so much responsibility on the part of its youth. Students who are raised to defer all matters of moral and political concern to an authoritarian figure are certainly prime candidates for the influences of fascist political forces. Without exposure to the harsh (or not so harsh) realities of life, they cannot be expected to make rational decisions of political and social import. It is a damn shame that Americans persist in their fear of exposing all segments of their society to the myriad ideas of moral, social and political thought.

It is even more upsetting to hear remarks such as the one offered by a housewife in that small North Dakota community concerning national press coverage of the book burning debacle: What her community does is not the business of the rest of America.

Heavy!

The sad fact, however, is that somewhere amid the banning and burning of *Slaughterhouse Five* is the violation of a basic American right—the right to read and print anything. The flames consuming those books could very well foreshadow a more serious burning at some later date: That of our Constitution.

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THE SENATE REPLIES:

Senate referendum support reflects constinuency...

To the editor:

I recognize an editorial is an expression of opinion, and not necessarily an objective report of an event. But a reporter usually derives his opinion from facts, and does not produce facts that correspond to his opinion. In your Nov. 15 editorial, "Responsibility on the Home Front," the facts you base your opinion on simply are not a true account of the events and the facts of the Nov. 13 meeting of the Student Senate.

You stated that the passage of the resolution to support the impeachment of President Nixon prompted a walk-out. This was not the case, as stated by your own reporter, Tom Sinclair. Many senators had much mpre to say about this important issue, including myself. But Student Government president Tim Keating refused to recognize anybody for further debate. This prompted the walk-out, and not the results of the vote.

You also state that the senators who voted against the impeachment resolution were "merely participating in a cover-up of their own to protect the university's image." It would have been simpler and more accurate to simply ask me, and the other senators why we voted the way we did, instead of trying to second guess our intentions. And if you would have gone to the "trouble" of asking me why I voted the way I did, I would have responded in the following way.

While talking to students in Gannett Hall, the dorm I represent, many of them were not only split on whether the President should be impeached, but many felt that the Senate should not go on recording as the voice of the student body as favoring the impeachment move. But one fact was clear — the overwhelming majority thought the student body should decide how it stands on this particular issue via a referendum. It was those views that I was elected to represent and those views I did represent. You saw fit to interpret my vote and the votes of other senators as "bordering on the same mentality that led to the atrocities committed to protect the President," I guess a lot of us students must have that "Watergate Mentality." But let me ask you one question. When was the last time you ventured out of your enclave to talk with a few students?

You went on to state that the Student Senate was reluctant to condemn "bugging, burglary, bribery, perjury, obstruction of justice, influence peddling, secret police, secret wars, and a host of other crimes." The simple truth of the matter, which you obviously overlooked was that we were not voting to condemn crimes. We were voting on whether the Student Senate should go on record as favoring the impeachment of President Nixon. I am sure that if we were voting on the principle to condemn such crimes, there would be little doubt of the outcome.

You conclude that there is a crisis of leadership when senators try to "palm off their responsibilities on a referendum." You go on to state "that if we can not represent the students, we should ask ourselves what the hell we are doing there." As I stated earlier, most students wanted a referendum so they could be afforded the opportunity to represent themselves in whether the student body should go on record as favoring or disfavoring impeachment. According to you, I and many other senators "lack the courage to take a stand on a controversial issue." I believe that this is not the case. What I and many other senators did do, was to have the common sense to talk with many students whom we represent, and in turn represent their wishes on the senate floor.

Rick Romanow
Student Senator
Gannett Hall

...who elect others for national representation

To the editor:

Your Nov. 15 editorial page was devoted to the Senate vote endorsing the impeachment of President Nixon. The various editorials contained inaccurate statements and allegations which I, as a member of the Senate and as sponsor of the student referendum resolution, believe warrant a response.

The *Campus* stated that the proposed Senate-sponsored student referendum on impeachment was an attempt to "pass the buck". As sponsor of the motion, I assure you it was not. Those of us who supported a student referendum felt it would be the surest, most accurate statement of student opinion. We felt we owed the best means of expression to the student body on this extremely important issue. Moreover, many students on this campus do not believe that consideration of national issues is within the realm of the Senate—they elect student government to deal with university issues and U.S. congressmen to deal with national issues. This body of thought may or may not be the majority opinion, but it is one which ought to be considered and accommodated in the actions of any democratically representative Senate. A student referendum was much more acceptable to these students than a Senate vote. The editorial stated that a referendum "would not dissolve the Senate's responsibilities, but because of the greater accuracy of a referendum and because of its apparent acceptability to a greater number of students, many Senators felt that the referendum was the Senate's responsibility.

The *Campus*'s many criticisms of the 15 senators who voted against the impeachment resolution dwelled on the alleged possibilities of personal cowardice, abdication of moral duties, and the implications of the Senate which displayed these qualities; but these criticisms totally failed to acknowledge the fact that the Senators were voting to represent not their personal views but those of their constituents. In fact, the editorial criticisms seemed predicated on the assumption that the Senators were voting on the basis of their own opinions. This was clearly not the case—the debate revealed that the vast majority of senators had polled or sampled the opinions of their constituents on the issue; moreover, the vote on endorsing impeachment had been tabled for one week specifically to allow the senators time to contact their constituents on the question. In short, the 17-15 vote did not reveal a conservative or cowardly Senate—it revealed the Student Senate's conception of the campus attitudes on impeachment.

The intelligence and integrity of many people who have dedicated themselves to student government were assaulted and even abused by the criticisms and allegation in your editorials regarding the impeachment resolution. Further research into the background factors of the debate and votes may well have revealed to the *Campus* a more complex picture than the simple black and white portrayal presented to the reader. The *Campus* would have found, for example, that few if any senators are reluctant to condemn criminality in public office, and that many senators had, in fact, thought a great deal about their responsibilities before the meeting. More extensive behind-the-scenes research would not only bring *Campus* editorials closer to the ideal of journalistic ethic but also allow the newspaper to publish more informative editorials of greater value to the student body.

Finally, because of the statistics of the Senate vote on impeachment the *Campus* suggested that a "crisis of leadership" exists. Nothing could be further from the truth. In trying to represent the views of the student body, the senators refrained from the arrogant unrepresentative use of power and instead conscientiously carried out their representative duties. This subordination of personal opinion to elected responsibility is best taken as the sign of good and well-intentioned leadership—in the words of a German politician, "I am their leader, therefore I must follow them."

Stephen Aylward
319 Cumberland Hall

Nix on Nixon presidency

To the editor:

As a member of the student body and as a freshman at Orono, I would take issue with the narrow vote of the Student Senate on the question of impeachment. Those Senators who stood fast and pressed for a vote should be congratulated for their action. I would have hoped that the ideals imbued into our constitution were not just flowery phrases and empty rhetoric that in fact the "Government of the people and by the people" meant just exactly what the framer of the Constitution intended them to mean.

In the case of President Nixon, he was popularly elected, but nowhere did the American people give him absolute power. If the presidential powers of office are absolute, than a worthier man than Mr. Nixon should have been elected. We all know that the best person is not always elected but if we ask ourselves one simple question: "If we were voting on a board of directors for a man to direct the affairs of a corporation and he abused his position, would we keep him on or remove him?"

Some people may genuinely doubt the sageness of impeachment because it would "weaken the presidency" but what real damage could occur if people were exercising *their* consitiutional rights.

The narrow vote appeared to be a test of the rightness or wrongness of impeachment itself, and not a question of, "Is Mr. Nixon setting an example which will truly weaken the presidency of the United States by encouraging presidents yet to be elected to follow his example?"

All elected officials have a responsibility to the people who elect them. The president must be impeached and held as accountable as even the lowest officeholder. To require the resignation of a local school board member on malfeasance of office and not require it of the president is a double standard and will do more to encourage corruption in our system of government, especially to officials in high office, than any other action on our part.

Let's pull our heads together and maintain the integrity of the presidency by showing that we care about our future and have no desire to turn the presidency into a monarchy!

Roxie Cowan
430 Kennebec Hall

No outcry over gay support

To the editor:

Student Senate President Tim Keating's reasoning that allocating funds to the Wilde-Stein Club, the University gay organization, would result in adverse publicity for the University is notable not only for its probable inaccuracy, but more importantly for its insensitivity and ignorance.

Outside of Maine most colleges and institutions of higher learning have now some form of gay organizations. At Columbia University, in New York, gay students have been granted a special lounge in one of the dormitories. Many schools regularly hold dances for those who prefer their own gender. At the University of Colorado for example, gay dances draw an average of 400 students. Gay dances are held monthly in Bangor at the Unitarian Parish House on Main Street. Notice of the dances are publicized in the Maine Times. The Gay Support and Action Groups's sign is permanently attached to the building and clearly readable from the Bangor House, across the street. There has been no public outcry nor any hostile incidents.

I am sorry that Mr. Keating is basing his opposition to funding of the Club on an imagined negative reaction among Maine taxpayers. Blacks, Indians, women etc. would be in a poor way were they represented by people reasoned in that manner. It's easy to dismiss gay people. Sterotypes to some people are easy to believe. What is less palpable to others is that according to the Kinsey statistics—almost 10 per cent of our population is likely to be exclusively homosexual. Thats one person in 10. It means that in all probability each of us has a relative, a neighbor or a friend who is homosexual.

Because of the brutal attitudes society holds toward those whose only "crime" is that they chose to love their own sex it is not surprising that most homosexual people feel they cannot reveal their propensity. To do so might well result in the loss of respected friends, and one's job. Fortunately society's attitudes are changing, albeit slowly.

As a closing footnote may I add that the Gay Academic Union, an organization of gay college administrators and faculty, held its annual conference at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City this past weekend. Participating were many distinguished college people from all over the United States and Canada.

The Gay Revolution has come to Maine. It is as inevitable as it is overdue. Let us listen and communicate with our gay brothers and sisters. We have much to learn.

name withheld by request

Thanks for aid to Action program

To the editor:

I'd like to thank you and your staff for the fine article which appeared on Vista and the Peace Corps in the October 18th issue of your newspaper. I'm positive that it aided our efforts a great deal. While on campus we received 29 completed applications, better results than our similar visit the previous year. And more are still coming in via the mail.

Our next visit to your school is scheduled for January 21-24, with interviews at the Placement Office on the dates of January 21-23. And we hope to stop-in to see you prior to the actual recruitment visit to give you further details and up-to-date information concerning Vista and the Peace Corps needs for the Spring and Summer of 1974.

Thanks once again!

Todd W. Baumgardt
ACTION Representative

Letters to the Editor

'Melting pot' needs stirring

To the editor:

In a letter to the editor, Mr. Tom Piker called for everyone to forget their cultural and historical backgrounds in the "melting pot" of the university. Mr. Piker urges all to concentrate on being Americans.

Although the United States has been the "melting pot" of the world, different peoples have kept some hint of their backgrounds. In following generations there has been a blossoming of ethnic interest and pride. Being a member of a minority group, I have experienced this. I am more interested in my Jewish background and culture than my parents ever have been or will be.

On the campus, I have very little, if any way of expressing my Judaism. The Franco-Americans on campus are proud of a heritage that they cannot, and most likely will not be allowed to forget, and they are trying to express their feelings for this heritage by making it known to others and solving the problems that have resulted from its effects on them.

I have not heard any requests for flying the French flag in place of the Star Spangled Banner, only a suggestion for a little consideration on the part of the faculty and staff for those for whom the English is a second language. I am sure that the foreign students enrolled at UMO receive this consideration from their faculty members.

Secondly, Mr. Piker, please do not request that anyone give up a heritage precious to them to become an "American". What is so great about being an American? Ask a foreigner of their impressions of the American, and it most likely will not be a positive one.

The American is a delicate mixture of many other peoples and cultures. Asking one to give up his historical background is taking something away from America.

Daniel Fleishman
Somerset Hall

If no ethnics, why ethnic prejudice?

To the editor:

Somehow as I read the letter concerning being Americans, not ethnics, I wonder how such people would react if they found out just how much ethnic prejudice — and that's the word — there really is on this campus.

It doesn't bother me to be called "Frenchie" or "Frog", or even a "damn Frenchman" because it's true. I'm proud of being Franco — I wouldn't trade it for the world. But it shames me, disgusts me in fact, to hear my Franco friends curse and swear because of remarks made to them by Anglos, Irish, or any other group because of their accent, background, or any other item affecting their lives.

I agree wholeheartedly that we are all American, and we should be. But then, America (U.S. and Canada both) was one of the last continents to be discovered, and it was settled by people from all over the world, including France, England, (which is supposed to be our "mother" country) and others.

My whole point is, if we are all "American", why then is there so much discrimination against the French. That's where the "insensitivity" of the university comes in.

I don't think that the problem is so much that we be differentiated as much as that we are differentiated, then made to suffer by it. We're no different than anyone else—so why separate us? This separation has affected many of us since grammar school when we are forced to learn a new language that we don't understand. The same problem also affects children of Russian, German, Italian, and other immigrants. Why pick on Francos? Because we speak a different language among ourselves? We speak Franco, not French.

Are you jealous?

The logic on this campus really gets to me. J'aimerais bien qu'on se parlerait d'une maniere egale, sans "bitcher", sans juger. C'est-tu possible?

Merci beaucoup.

Denise Marie Cordelia Carrier
Une franco-americaine fiere

No one escapes heritage

To the editor:

Mr. Piker, your motto, "Let's all be what we are — Americans — and no less," really puzzles me. You can't avoid being ethnic any more than you can deny the language and culture which are intrinsic to your life. And becoming aware of and learning how to appreciate one's cultural heritage involves a unique experience for each person.

What does "American" mean to you? Were the native Indians American? Did our attitude help to shape and place them neatly into true "American Society"? Yet today, we reflect and admire certain aspects of their former life styles and various customs.

Let's face it, we Americans could use something new besides more super-duper snack shacks and new soft drinks.

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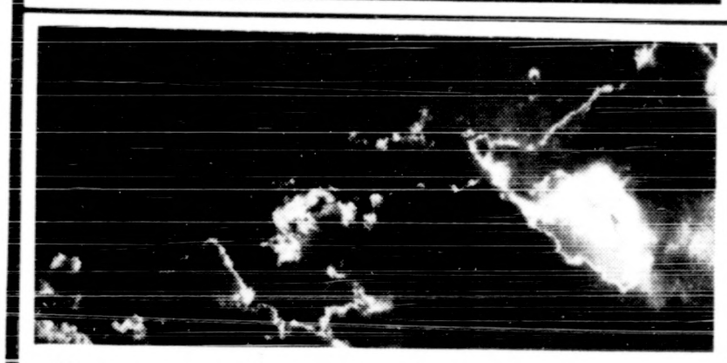
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The "class struggle"

Collins fights two-front battle against pre-registration lines

By George Lauriat

You stood in line for two hours to register only to find that the classes you chose were closed due to full enrollment. Now you take your place again at the end of the line and thumb through your already dog-eared time schedule book.

You don't like the hassle of late registration any more than the man behind the desk at the end of that line in which you are standing. So why not avoid the crushing crowds who leave registration to the last moment as everyone seems to do with Christmas shopping?

John F. Collins, associate registrar, considers registration a war with several battle fronts.

On one front, Collins wants to get students to register early. "We place notices in the newspaper and mail notices to the students and advisors and faculty" Collins said. "Despite all this early warning, people still haven't returned all pre-registration material as yet."

On another front, Collins trys to obtain spaces in classes which are over-subscribed. By going to a department and showing a definite demand for a particular class, Collins has been able to increase available classroom space. So far the departments have cooperated, Collins said.

For the fall semester, 1972, 84 of an original 122 over-subscribed courses (69 per cent) were adjusted to accommodate 1,488 student requests from an original 2,755 (54 per cent). In the spring semester, 1973, 83 per cent of the over-subscribed courses were adjusted to accommodate 56.6 per cent of the original requests.

Seniors receive first preference on the assumption that it is their last chance to pick-up the course, and so on down the ladder to the lowly freshman. Barring any unforseen disaster, a period of six to eight weeks labor will produce a final class schedule. And if you don't like your schedule, you can go through the nightmare of add and drop.

Since John Collins came to UMO three years ago, he has been compiling statistics on all aspects of registration. Last year, 20,000 to 21,000 add-and-drops were processed as compared to about 16,000 this fall. The move by Collins' to get more classroom spaces has helped to alleviate this problem. The number of add and drops for this campus is high, Collins said, and eventually the number should drop to 10,000.

The final process is slow as all registration cards are handled by hand. The computer system handles only the print out of the standard cards. The entire system should be computerized said Collins. With the new computer center, Collins hopes to see the whole system, and not just registration but billing as well, computerized.

Victims charge delay

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injury. Chase, Cornell, William Zuke, Bob Wright, Bob Vaschon and Don Cadwell received facial lacerations and bruises.

The assailants apparently fled the Oronoka parking lot when they sighted an approaching Orono police crusier with its blue light operating. No one was taken into police custody at the scene.

Concerned about the delays by the Orono police department, Chase made an appointment through the Student Government offices with university lawyer Sam Nesbitt.

Contacted by the Campus Wednesday, Orono detective Leland said he has made another appointment to discuss the case with Chase. Leland said he had no comment concerning the 10-day delay. "The entire matter is under investigation and I can say nothing at this time," he said.

Contacted before press time, an Orono police department spokesman said two summonses have been served in connection with the incident, but he said he did not know the names of the recipients. Detective Leland, in charge of the case, was unavailable for comment.

Only one of the alleged assailants was recognizable, Chase said, and he was witnessed kicking one of the York Hall group already knocked down. Until a conference with an attorney and pending positive identification of the man, Chase said he will delay signing a formal complaint.

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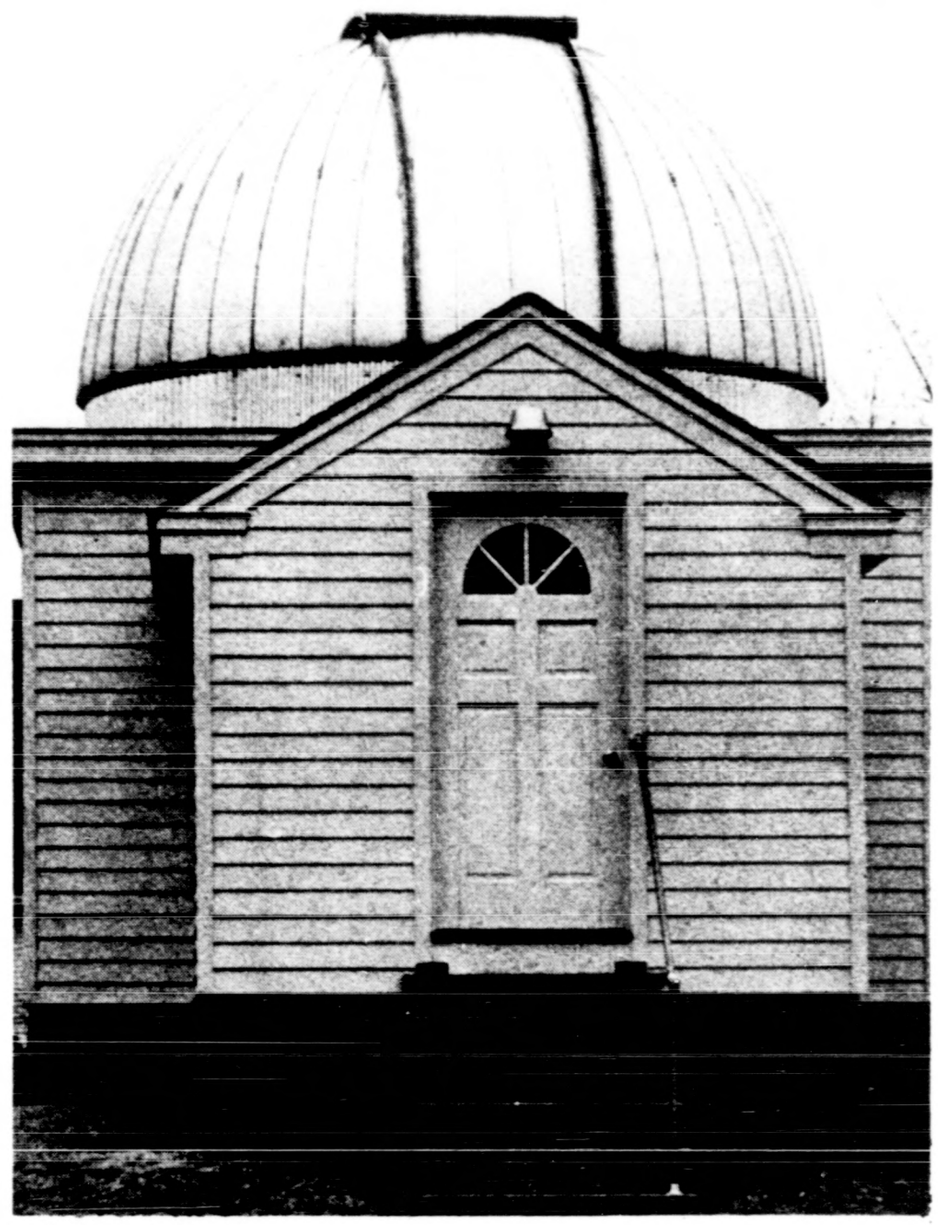
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For far-sighted students, observatory



by Tom Sinclair

Several shadowy figures huddled around the delicate instrument in the chilled, dimly lit room. One of them squatted behind its narrow eyepiece while the rest peered upward through the open roof at a clear, star-dappled sky.

"What are you looking at now?"

"Mars."

One by one they stepped up for a long look. Through the telescope they saw the red planet, moon-sized and glimmering.

"Can you dig it?" a long-haired student asked his girlfriend.

"Yea," she replied, intrigued.

Soon, a hidden motor hummed as one of the star-gazers pressed a button to rotate the silver dome overhead automatically. Another swung the long telescope around and down so that it was almost verticle. Some final adjustments were made and the Andromeda galaxy, 2,000 light years from earth, came into view as a faint cloud of light in the distant darkness.

"Oh, wow," said another student as he squinted into the eyepiece. After a pause, he said it again.

Such reactions are quite common at the UMO observatory, where amateur astronomers, interested students and other fascinated visitors turn their eye to the sky every clear night of the academic year.

An unobtrusive little building perched on a small rise just south of the Memorial Union, it is, nevertheless, the largest observatory operating in Maine, according to David B. Farnham, director of staff and operations.

It may also be one of the oldest. Back in 1900, Dean John Norris Hart, the man after which Hart Hall is named, and a man who "had a very keen interest in astronomy," says Farnham, convinced the university to build an observatory where Aubert Hall ow stands. Later, when Aubert Hall was built, the observatory was moved to the head of the mall, only to be moved again to its present site when Fogler Library was built.

Interest in the observatory ran fairly high until around 1920, explains Farnham. After that it dwindled and responsibility for its operation bounced back and forth several times between the physics and mathematics departments. A few years ago, interest was rekindled and a semi-volunteer organization maintained the facility. But it was sorely in need of improvements; none had been made since 1920.

In the past year-and-a-half, however, a complete overhauling and modernization of the building and equipment at a cost of $24,000 have brought the observatory up-to-date and interest in it has picked up once again.

Currently under supervision of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, the observatory is run by a large student staff. Farnham, a senior majoring in computing science, and Bill Vanderclock, a sohpomore pre-med student are apid by Public Information and Central Services to head the observatory and planetarium programs, but the rest of the dozen or so students on the staff are volunteers. They come from many different academic fields, says Farnham, and several are female.

"Most of them just happened to drop by the observatory one night," he explains. "they came back another night and came back another night. Finally, we put them to work."

On clear nights during the week the observatory gets about 50 visitors, says Farnham, most of them students. On weekends, when the weather cooperates, the number doubles. Farnham estimates that by the end of the year as many as 5,000 persons will have stopped in.

The main attraction and the staff's pride and joy is, of course, the eight inch diameter refractor telescope built in 1900

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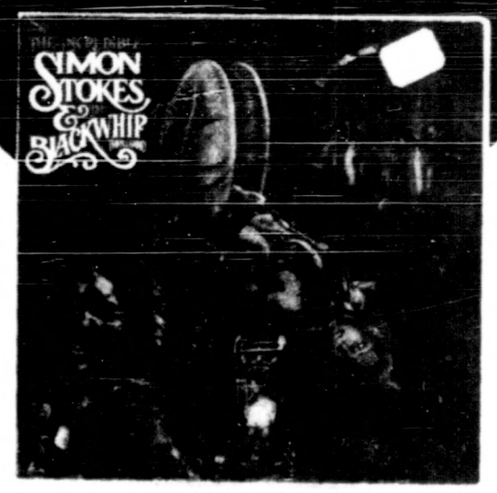
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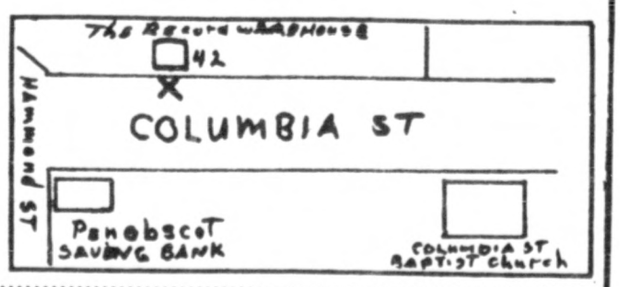


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Tracksters face roughest schedule ever

The 1973-74 UMO indoor track team will open its season this Saturday against a very tough team from UMass.

Saturday's meet begins what UMO head coach Ed Styrna terms the "roughest" track schedule in UMO history. The Bears will be hosting teams like UMass, Holy Cross, and the toughest of them all, Harvard.

"Practice officially began on Nov. 1, but the football team had to use the indoor facilities for a couple of weeks and then we were interupted by Thanksgiving break. These two things have really cut down on the number of days of effective practices we have had. We are really behind in conditioning," said Styrna.

The strong points on this year's team seem to be in the field events and especially the Long Jump, High Jump and Triple Jump.

In the High Jump Maine has Steve Leathe and Eric Lammi returning, while Bob Shute and John Wiebe should give the Bears some punch in the Long Jump.

Maine's hopes in the Pole Vault are good because of the return of defending state champion Harold Jordan who has cleared 13'6".

In the running events Maine has been hurt by injuries, but the Bears still have a few outstanding performers.

Sophomore Jerry Laflamme will be coming off a tremendous cross-country season in which he set two course records and was the individual winner in the State Series meet. Laflamme will probably run the mile, but he could possibly make a couple of appearances in the two-mile.

Also in the mile, Maine will be looking to get solid performances from Colin Campbell and Doug Keeling. Keeling could also drop down to the 1,000.

In the 60-yard dash the Bears return a solid performer in Blaine Horne and have a fine freshman prospect in Rick King. Last season King was state high school champion in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Captain Bob Van Peursam gives Maine a bright spot in the 600-yard dash and the 440 relay.

And veteran Jim White along with freshman Paul Collett could do well in the hurdles.

"Its really too early to tell about our chances. All this week we are holding time trials to see who is in shape and will be competing against UMass," Styrna explained.

The Bears have been plagued by injuries to such key performers as Steve Whalen, Carl Warner, Mike Woods and Graydon Stevens.

"The semester break will definitely hurt us. We really need the work. We just haven't had that many effective practice days and a long break just makes it worse.

Yankee Conference competition should be extremely close this season with UConn and UMass again being the powerhouses.

In State Series competition the Bears should be in a close fight with peremmial rival Bates and Bowdoin.

Track schedule

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5 Bates
8 Boston University*
12 New Hampshire*
15 Holy Cross*

January

19 Colby

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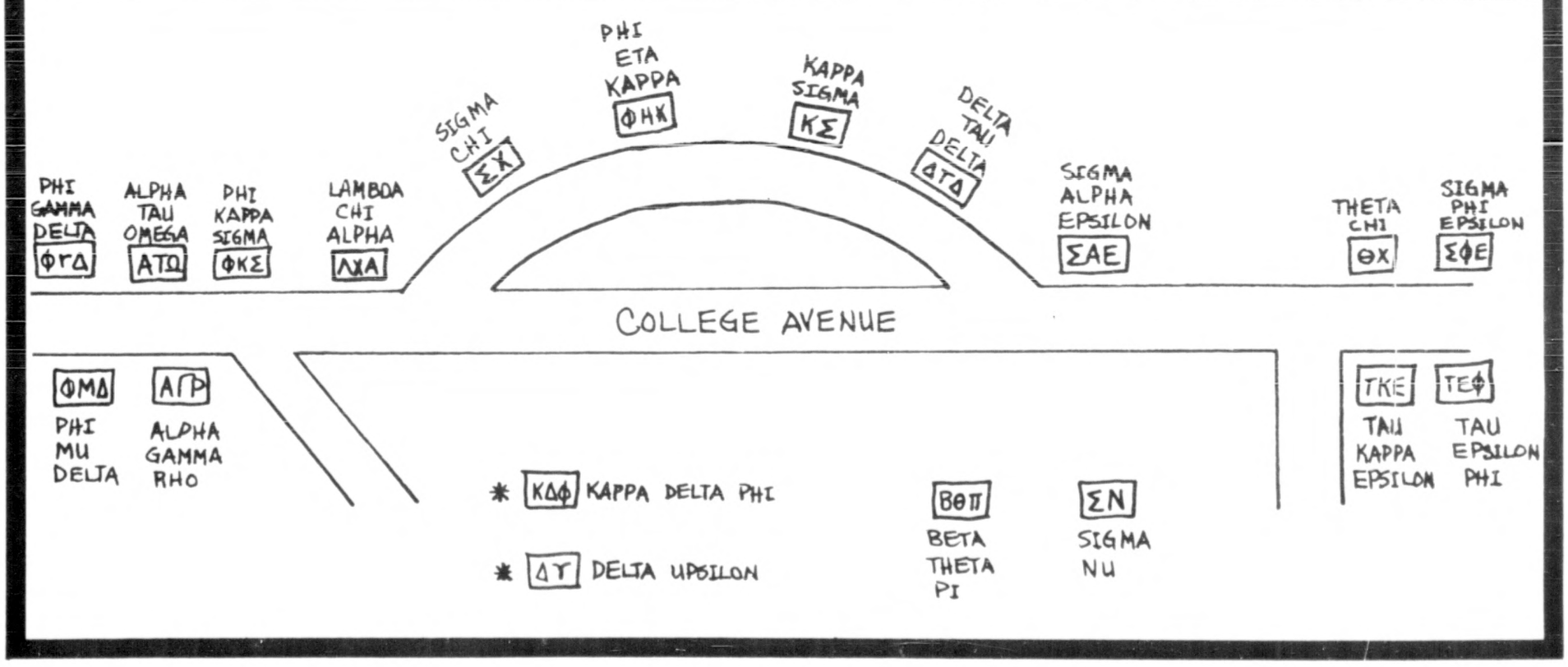
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Intramural program lacks staff, space

Complaints? Mr. David Ames, director of the Intramural Sports Department here on campus has none, although he should have.

Presently, Ames with the help of two graduate assistants coordinates the entire intramural sports program. Coordinating events for 2500 people is no easy task. When asked if he thought that his department was understaffed, Ames responded with a definite, "yes."

Last year the intramural department offered 30 different sports in which students could compete. According to a survey conducted by Ames, these 30 events encompassed 1,050 various teams. These teams competed in a total of 2,147 contests. The contests involved a total of 9,000 participants who played 112,129 hours of sports.

Since 1970 there has been a 70.23% increase in the total number of teams participating in the intramural program. An example of this growth is that in 1970 there were 45 basketball teams. Presently, there are 105 teams competing on campus. The sport involved over 1400 people.

Another example is the participation in water polo. The number of teams has expanded from 27 to 43. Overall there has been a 59% increase in total participation in the three year period.

Despite the size of the male intramural following, Mr. Ames has established five co-ed events which range from softball to paddleball.

"Presently the girls have no established intramural program. They compete on a free play basis. The present system is lacking because the boys gym is always packed with girls. I've put in the co-ed events, but I don't have the time to run both a women's and men's program," said Ames.

In addition to planning the intramural program, Ames teaches various physical education classes. This aspect provided an even greater restriction on his time. Although he admitted that UMass was larger, Ames cited the school's intramural staff. The staff consists of a director, an assistant director, a department secretary, and an equipment manager. Presently, Ames fulfills all these positions.

The only other problem Ames admits to, is the occasional lack of facilities. There are special events which sometimes must pre-empt sporting contests. When there is a concert or lecture which requires the use of the gymnasium, Ames must often contact the six teams who would normally be using the gym. He then must reschedule an event, hopefully on a date that is satisfactory to all teams involved.

Ames' ultimate dream would be to see the entire University sports complex cater to the intramural sports program. According to him, the Univ. of Illinois recently completed an $11 million complex devoted entirely to intramurals. The facility includes six basketball courts and three regulation sized swimming pools. The building is being paid for by a mandatory $75.00 student activity.



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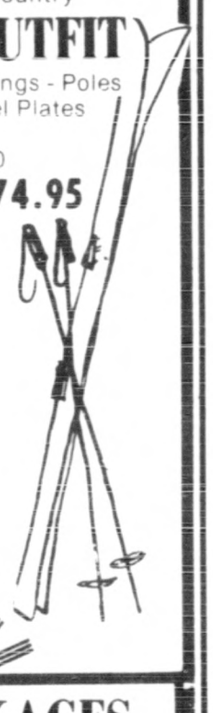
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Gavett returns to UMO

When the 1973-74 basketball season begins this Friday night, former UMO star Peter Gavett will be on the sidelines as a coach.

This season Gavett is taking over as freshman coach and assistant varsity coach. He will also become a lecturer in physical education.

Upon graduation Gavett was interested in playing pro ball and he attended the Boston Celtics' rookie camp for one week in August.

"When I learned about the opening I applied because I've always wanted to coach at the college level. I know UMO, its people and its basketball system; I hope that I can help the program. Working under coach Chappelle is great because I played under him I know what to expect," Gavett said.

Gavett says that he first got seriously interested in basketball as a youngster when he and his brother Willie would come to UMO and play with the students. He gives most of the credit for his interest in basketball to this university exposure.

The 6-7 coach says that the biggest thrill of his career at UMO was beating Rhode Island during his junior year.

"At the time Rhode Island was ranked 12th in the nation and they were undefeated. So it really felt good to beat them. I think that game could be cited as the beginning of the basketball upsurge here at UMO. I've been thrilled by individual awards, but my happiest moments were after that game because of the way we played. I really felt like I was part of a team," commented Gavett.

Gavett says that "the pit" has a great influence on the performance of the Black Bears.

"This is the best place I have ever played in for crowd noise. When you come out the place goes wild. You really feel that the people appreciate what your doing. It has to have a mental affect on the other team," said Gavett.

The 22-year old states that the only possible drawback of the pit is that the team misses the enthusiasm on the road and tends to let down a little bit.

"Basketball is a physical game and that crowd enthusiasm makes you go a little quicker and jump a little higher," explained Gavett.

As far as athletic scholarships are concerned, ideally Gavett would like to see none at all. But since it would be impossible to do away with athletic scholarships Gavett would like to see UMO adopt a scholarship program.

"Since we offer no athletic scholarships we stress our real good program with coach Chappelle. When we recruit we point out our winning record over the past two seasons, the crowd support and the overall pleasant atmosphere found on the campus. The programs in Forestry and Technology have been big drawing cards," Gavett explained.

The native of Orono says that the past two seasons have been very good in the area of recruitment. Four people which were recruited by UMO are on the varsity squad, said Gavett.

"Any time you can put players right out of high school on the varsity squad it is very good. The good players in the state are staying here; that's a big thing," Gavett commented.

Gavett believes that his job as a coach involves being a teacher, organizer, and at times a disciplinarian.

"Of course the ultimate job of a coach is to produce a winning team. But a coach also has to be somewhat of a friend to his players. He should be someone whom they can respect and listen to. I really want to leave my players with a good experience relating to basketball," Gavett said.

The 1973 graduate of UMO sums up his coaching philosophy simply as the desire to win. He expects everyone on the team to play to the best of their ability and to be as well prepared as possible for a game.

The UMO coach explained that the long lay-off during semester break could have a couple of effects on the team.

"The break could hurt the team because we could be a little rusty coming back. But a few days off could also do some good in that it would give us a chance to recuperate from any minor injuries which we might sustain. It depends on the team," Gavett indicated.

Concerning a winter trip like the one the team took a couple of years ago in which they played Marshall and Oral Roberts; Gavett said money was the big thing standing in the way of such a trip.

"We like to take trips but we just don't have the money; and we wouldn't play out of our class just to play. If we could afford it and make the trip enjoyable then we would consider it; but like I've said before it is all a question of money," said Gavett.

Gavett is very optomistic about the chances of the Black Bears this season.

"Of course we're very, very young. We are strong depth-wise; we can go right down the bench. Anyone could be starting on this year's team and this hasn't always been the case," said Gavett.

Gavett believes that he will be able to help coach Chappelle understand the problems, motivations and pressures a player faces.

Gavett indicated that the team's practice sessions consist of defensive drills every night. He says that 60-70 per cent of practice sessions are the same with the remaining 30 per cent consisting of correcting mistakes and working on phases of the game which are giving the team trouble.

The first year coach commented that this year's schedule contains a lot of very tough teams, especially UConn and UMass in the Yankee Conference. In State Series competition Gavett sees Colby as the tough team.

During his three years of varsity play at Maine, Gavett scored 1,294 points, the third highest career total in UMO history behind Chappelle and Jim Stephenson. He set a new school record for field goal accuracy, hitting on 50 per cent of his shots during his career. During 72 games with the varsity he averaged 18 points a game, nine rebounds and a field goal percentage of 77 per cent.

As captain of the 1972-73 UMO team Gavett wound up the third highest scorer in New England with a 22.2 points per game average, was seventh in rebounding with a 10.2 average and seventh in field goal percentage at .513.

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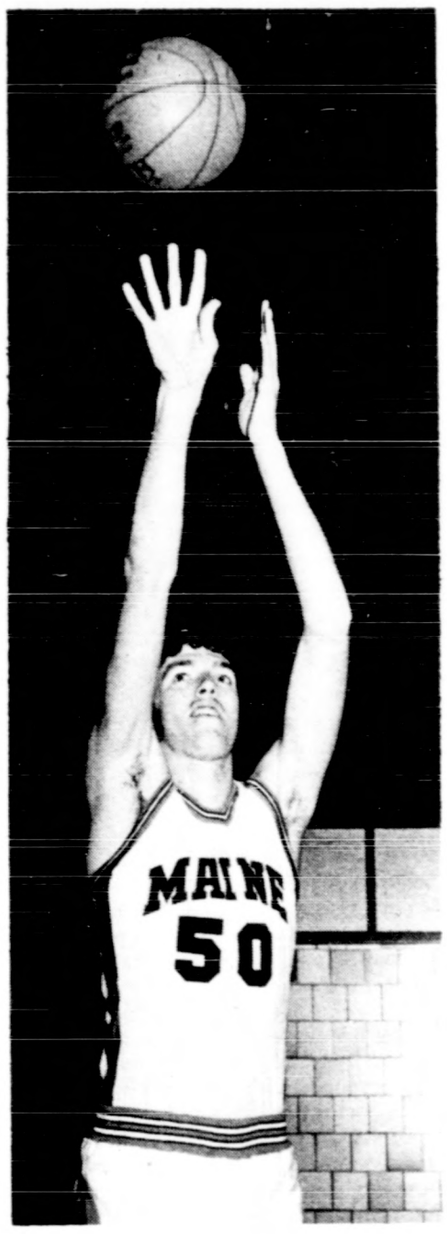
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Young Bears host Vermont in season's o

The 1973-74 UMO basketball team will make their debut this weekend with two games against the Vermont Catamounts at Alumni gym.

Both games are extremely important for the young Bears, who according to coach Tom "Skip" Chappelle, weren't real sharp in their two preseason scrimmages.

Coach Chappelle indicates that the Bears have no outstanding strongpoint. Instead, they are trying to stress all parts of the games.

"If I had to point out a weakness on our team, it would be our shot selection and our patience offensively," said Chappelle.

Maine comes into its first game with a very young squad which has three freshmen.

"I know that we'll get better every game. We are a young team and as the season goes on, our confidence should grow. If we don't whip ourselves mentally, we'll be alright," said Chappelle.

This season, due to semester break, there will be a 37-day lay-off from the Dec. 9th game with New Hampshire and the game with West Chester on Jan. 12.

According to Chappelle, a long lay-off can hurt a team because the players can lose their sharpness. But a lay-off can also give a team the chance to recover from injuries and work on their game.

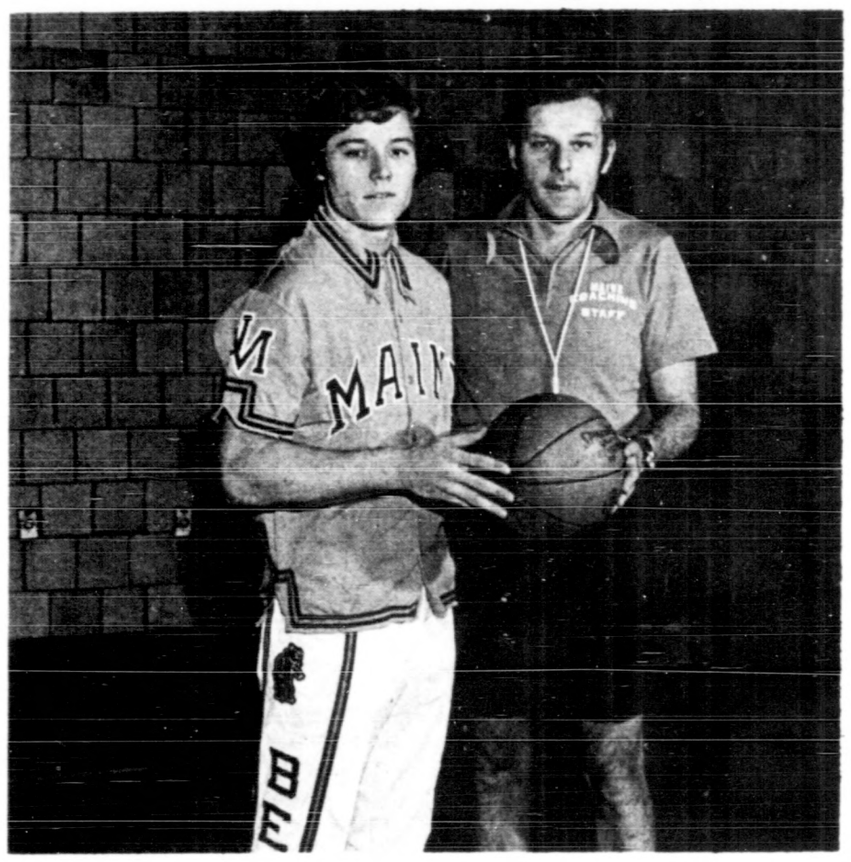
"I am really looking forward to the lay-off. With the exception of one week, we will be practicing everyday. It will give us a good chance to work on our weaknesses. I am looking forward to it for practice purposes," Chappelle said.

The UMO mentor declined to give a possible starting line-up for this Friday night's game, but he said that he would probably lean mostly on his veteran players.

"I am trying to play down this idea of starters. One of our strengths this year is our depth. Everyone can contribute something and if we can get the right something at the right time we should have a successful season. It is something like a John Havilicek-type sixth man role, Chappelle explained.

Chappelle has been especially impressed with the play of the three freshmen on the varsity squad. They are: guards Dan Riley and Wally Russell; and center Steve Gavett.

"The freshmen have done everything that we thought they would do. They have nowhere to go but up and I expect them to improve greatly as the season progresses," Chappelle commented.



Black Bear captain Tony Hamilton (l) and head coach Tom "Skip" Chappelle

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The Maine coach said that one of the big factors for the Bears is the atmosphere of "The Pit."

"The Pit has been a great for us. We are young and still building and we hope that the student body stays with us. Student support has been a big factor in whatever we have done, home or away. Students here have backed us and created an atmosphere that has been recognized nationally in *Sports Illustrated* and most coaches that I talk to dread coming up here. And they all wish that they had the same situation on their home court," indicated Chappelle.

The only drawback of the pit is the fact that the team has a tendency to let down a little bit on the road, said Chappelle.

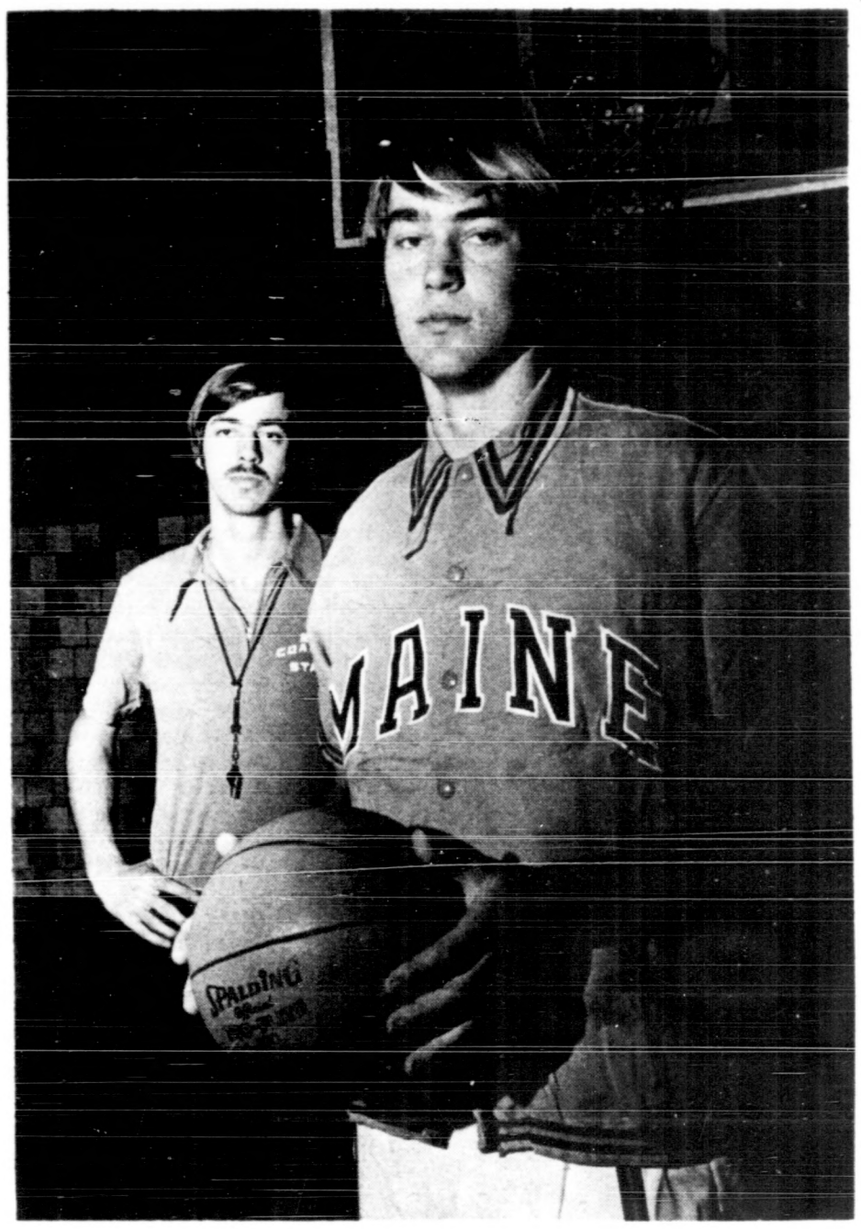
In Vermont the Bears are facing another young team that is also building. The Catamounts have looked good in their preseason scrimmages and this season they are scheduled to face such giants as North Carolina and North Carolina State.

Much of Vermont's success will depend on the maturity of their freshmen. They could possibly have two freshmen in their starting line-up in 6-7 Charlie Trapani and 6-2 Warren Prehumus.

The Catamounts are led by captain and All-New England candidate 6-5 forward Joe Greco.

On the other hand, Maine has a number of players who could turn out to be the keys to victory. Among them will be sophomore Bob Warner at center and Steve Connolly at forward. At the guards the Bears have captain Tony Hamlin and Dave Anderson with possible help coming from the two freshman prospects Russell and Riley. Junior Tom Burns, who turned in some clutch performances last year, and freshman Steve Gavett should also help the Black Bear cause.

Friday night's game will start at 7:35, while the Saturday afternoon contest will begin at 3 p.m. at UMO's Alumni Gym.





The Gavett Brothers, coach Pritchett and freshman Steve [illegible]

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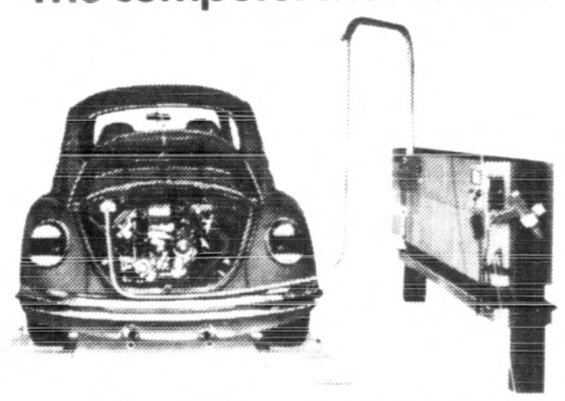
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The womens' varsity basketball team opens its season Jan. 11 in New Brusnwick with its first out of state play-date. The team will face Mt. Allison and the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton.

"The first game will be played after only one practice together," commented Miss Rosalie Milligan of the Womens' Physical Education Dept.. The girls will cut their vacation short and return to UMO on Jan. 9th in order to go to New Brunswick, she said.

Miss Milligan feels it is going to be a good year for the team. "There are 15 people on the team and eight are coming back from last year." She anticipates about 100 girls will try out for the team Dec. 10-14.

According to Miss Milligan, the Canadians play by different rules than our girls are accustomed to. Rules on jump balls, time limits and zoning vary from womens' basketball standards in the U.S., but she doesn't think they will pose any problems.

Miss Milligan spent the weekend of Nov. 9, at a Womens' National Basketball Committee Conference, at Notre Dame College in Waterbury, Conn. There were 150 coaches attending, and national womens' basketball coaches gave lectures on shooting, offense and man to man defense.

Swimmers aim for YC crown

On Nov. 16, the UMO Varsity Swim team opened their 1973-74 season with an impressive 90-23 victory over the University of New Brunswick here at UMO.

"Although New Brunswick was one of the weakest teams on our schedule this year, our times indicate that we could do a very good job this season," said swimming coach Alan Switzer.

This is only the second year of intercollegiate swimming at UMO, but Switzer believes that the Bear squad, although small, has a lot of talent and could challenge in the Yankee Conference.

In Maine's first meet there were a number of outstanding individual performances as two school and pool records fell; and five school records fell.

New pool records were set in one meter diving and three meter diving by Joe Warren. The school records were set in the 50-yard freestyle by Mark Fitzgerald; the 200-yard butterfly by Russell Jose, the 100-yard freestyle by Tom Clark; the 200-yard backstroke by Alan Darrah, and the 200-yard individual medley by Kevin Reader.

Coach Switzer indicates that the strongest points on this year's team seems to be in the areas of diving, the distance events, the butterfly, and plenty of all-around freestyle depth.

As far as weak points are concerned, Switzer says the team will have to improve in the breakstroke, backstroke and individual medley.

Switzer says that the Bear squad will have an advantage this season due to the large number of home contests.

"A good swimmer shouldn't be hindered that much when he swims away from home, unless it is a bad pool. But it is an advantage to swim at home because of the crowd and not traveling. A swimmer will probably swim anywhere between one and 10 seconds faster at home depending on the distance," Switzer explained.

The UMO swimmers have raised money for a training trip South during the semester break. In this way the Bears are hoping that the break will cause a minimum of disruption in their conditioning.

"If a swimmer is experienced he can usually go back and swim with his local club or high school during a vacation. On our team quite a few swimmers were able to get a lot of work at home. So over semester break I expect that a lot of our swimmers will be able to get some good work," Switzer said.

In recruiting swimmers, Switzer says that he stresses the facilities at UMO and the fact that the program at UMO is interested in developing an outstanding team and are willing to work extremely hard to reach that goal.

"Our first two years of recruiting have been very successful. Out of a team of 18; 11 on the squad are freshmen, says Switzer.

This Friday the UMO squad will be going against one of the toughest teams in New England in Springfield College.

"Springfield has depth and quality, but we hope to give them more then they may anticipate. We should be able to challenge them in most of the events and make the meet close," commented Switzer.

Concerning Saturday's meet with UMass, Switzer says the meet is a question mark because not much is known about their squad. Switzer indicated that the toughest competition in the Yankee Conference will probably come from Vermont and Connecticut.

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Laflamme sees running as lonely sport

Gerry LaFlamme, a sophomore on the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association cross country race, almost ended his running career after graduation from high school.

A track and cross country star at Haverhill High School for two years and the Massachusetts Class A two-mile champion as a senior, LaFlamme came up with back problems the summer following graduation and took two months off from training. Then he entered Lowell Tech, ran in one cross country race, and left school, deciding that the curriculum just wasn't for him.

Gerry worked the remainder of that year while pondering his next move and nearly gave up running. However, his high school coach, John Ottoviani, wouldn't let him. "He insisted that I show up for practice sessions with the high school squad during the remainder of that year. If it hadn't been for him I wouldn't be running now," says Gerry.

Gerry entered UMO as a freshman in the fall of 1972 and sat out a year to establish eligibility. This fall he was the one bright light in what was expected to be one of the better cross country teams in Black Bear history. But other runners who had been heavily counted upon failed to respond, mostly because of unexpected injuries.

During the regular season Gerry ran in eight meets and finished first in seven of them. His only dual meet defeat came against New Hampshire's Bill Butterworth and Butterworth had to set a new course record to do it.

During the season LaFlamme set two new course records himself—at Vermont where he toured the course in 22:17 and at Maine where he set a record of 23:15.4, which was subsequently lowered to 23:15 by Butterworth.

In winning the state meet at Colby, Gerry toured the course in 25:09, a few seconds off the record. Following the state meet Gerrry ran into flu and cold problems and wound up fourth in a quadrangular meet with MIT, Brandeis and Boston University and 15th in the Yankee Conference championships.

A pre-law major, Gerry has now turned his attention toward indoor track and expects to compete for the Bears this winter in the mile. Actually, he figures the two-mile to be his best distance but the Bears have quite a few two-milers and need him in the shorter race.

During the cross country season Gerry runs 80-90 miles a week and perhaps 50 miles prior to a major race. He agrees that cross country running is a lonely sport and one that requires a great deal of dedication to continue with, but he likes the individual challenge against other runners. "I get a kick out of being able to follow a pre-meet plan and see all that training pay off," he says.

Folger sees triumphant season for skiers

"We were sixth best in the East last year and I think we'll be equally as good if not a little better this year," UMO ski coach Brud Folger claims.

Folger believes that with some improvement, Maine has a chance to qualify for the NCAA meet on March eighth and ninth in Wyoming. The top four teams in the East are invited each year and Maine finished only two places back last year. However, Folger also stated that, "Division One in the Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association is as tough as you can compete in," so qualifying obviously will be difficult.

In the Maine State Series, Coach Folger envisions another triumpahnt season. "We have won the Maine State Championship since I have been here six out of the last eight years and this year UMO is once again the team to beat."

Folger is counting on lettermen Mike Fendler, Larry Manson, Rich Bersani, Whit Thurlow, John Atwood, and Curtis Cole as well as freshman Danny Baxter for strong perfromances this year.

"I would say the alpine(Slalom and giant slalom) standouts will be Thurlow, who narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA individuals last year, and Baxter.

Co-captains Fendler and Manson lead the jumping team and Bersani, returning after a hitch in the Navy, is expected to regain his dominant role as the state of Maine's number one cross-country skier.

Maine opens their season on December 23 versus Bowdoin, Bates, Colby in the Christmas Collegiate Classic at Sugerloaf.

Sports Calendar

Friday, Nov. 30

*Varsity Basketball vs. Vermont 7:35 pm.
*Varsity Swimming vs. Springfield 4 pm.

Sat. Dec. 1

*Varsity Basketball vs. Vermont 3 pm.
*Varsity Indoor Track vs. UMass
*Varsity Swimming vs. UMass 1 pm.

*denotes home game

UMO athletes named to All-YC teams

Last week the All-Yankee Conference Team in two sports, soccer and football, were anounced.

In the football balloting Maine's defensive end, Andy Mellow was the only Black Bear to be named to the first squad. Roverback Jack O'Rourke was voted to the All-YC second team at his position.

Two Bears were also named to the All-Yankee Conference soccer team.

They were backs Ted Woodbrey and Kim Shephard. Shephard, a tri-captain on this year's squad has been a solid performer for coach Paul Stovell's Bears over the past three seasons. On the other hand, Ted Woodbrey is only a freshman with a tremendous future ahead of him.

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Wilson named Civil Defense Director

Timothy P. Wilson, a former lecturer in physical education and freshman football coach at UMO, was approved by the State Executive Council to succeed Emilien A. Levesque as the Director of the Department of Civil Defense.

The 32-year-old Wilson will be directing the department that has been charged by Governor Kenneth Curtis with seeing the state through the impending fuel crisis this winter.

Wilson, a graduate of Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania, concedes that he has no prior knowledge in fuel and energy matters. But he hopes that he can bring "a little newness and the perspective of the Maine consumer to the job."

Though a native of Pennsylvania, Wilson has lived in Maine since 1969. He has formerly taught history and coached football at Dexter High School. Wilson is presently the chairman of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Wilson has also chaired the New England Regional Minorites Committee for the National Education Association and has been a member of the steering committee of the NEA's Black Caucus since 1971.

Wilson was nominated for the position of Director of Civil Defense by Maine's Adjutant General, Paul Day. Civil Defense in Maine comes under the military department.

A former Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, Wilson still will be able to rely on the experience of Levesque, who will take over as the state's new commissioner of manpower affairs.

Wrestling schedule

December

1 Boston University
8 Bowdoin, Amherst, Harvard, Massachusetts at Bowdoin
12 New Hampshire*

January

15 MIT, Lowell Tech at MIT
23 Maine Maritime Academy
26 UM at Presque Isle*

February

9 Yankee Conference*
15 Bowdoin

march

1-2 New Englands at Dartmouth

*denotes home game

Ski schedule

December

23 Christmas Collegiate Classic at Sugerloaf

January

4 Bates Slalom and Giant Slalom at Mr. Abrams
5 29th Annual Torger Tokle Ski Jump at Bear Mt., N.Y.
6 Freeman Frost Cross-Country Race at Jackson, N.H.
8 UMF Giant Slalom at Sugarloaf
10 Maine Man's Giant Slalom at Sugarloaf
17 Slalom at Herman Mt.

February

1-2 UMO Winter Carnival** at Bald Mt.
8 Dartmouth Winter Carnival at Dartmouth
15 Williams Winter Carnival at Williams
22 Middlebury Winter Carnival at Middlebury

March

1 St. Lawrence Winter Carnival at St. Lawrence
8 NCAA Championships at Jackson Hole, Wyoming

**The cross-country race will take place in the University Forest and the ski jump event will take place across the Stillwater River.

Swim schedule

January

19 Colby*
26 at Connecticuit
30 at Colby-Bowdoin

November

16 Maine 90—New Brunswick 23
30 Springfield*

December

1 Massachusetts*
8 Vermont*
12 New Hampshire*

February

9 at Brown
13 Husson
20 at Rhode Island
28 New Englands at Brown

March

1 New Englands
2 New Englands

7 Eastern Seaboard
8 Championships
9 at Princeton

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by Alvan Clark & Sons of Cambridgeport, Mass. It is the same telescope used when the observatory was built and is "just about the highest quality telescope you can get," says Farnham.

"You could liken it to the Rolls Royce of refracting telescopes," he explains. "Most of the major telescopes in the world have been made by Alvan Clark." When shipped to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., last year for overhauling it was insured for $10,000. "And that wouldn't even begin to cover what it's worth," says Farnham. Moreover, it is in "excellent" condition following the overhauling.

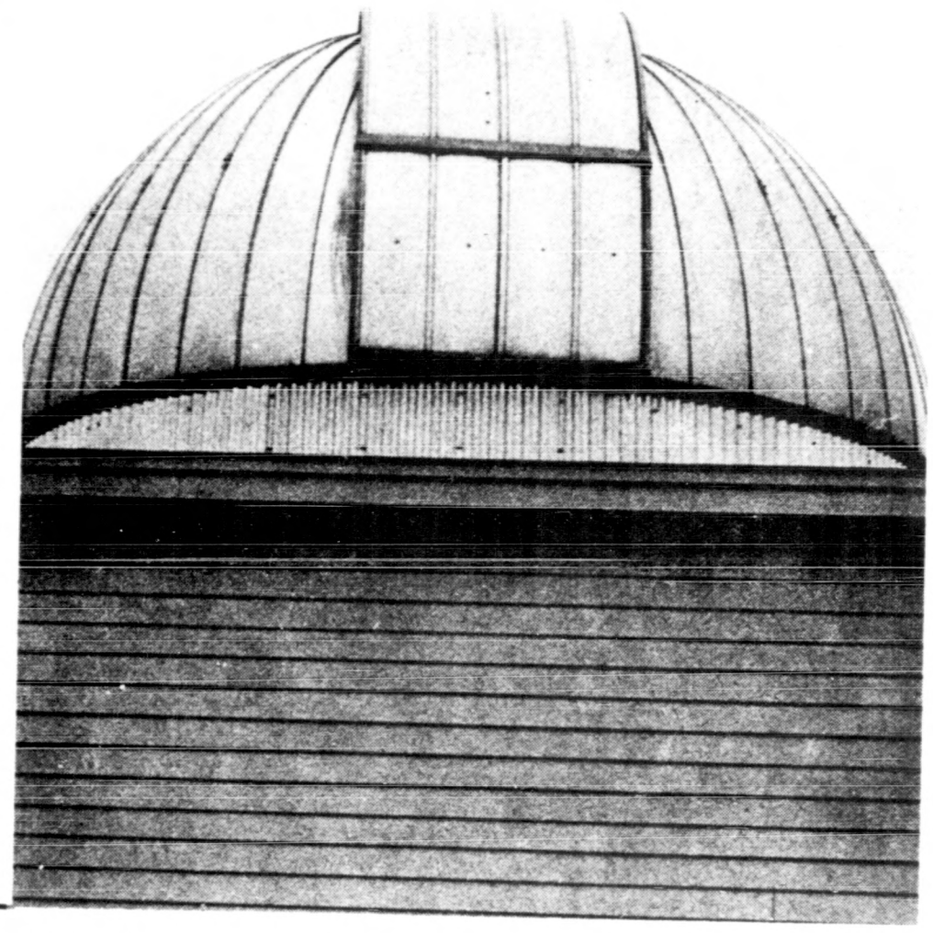
Other major improvements made at the same time included installation of a "clock drive" mechanism to move the telescope automatically when it is focused on a celestial object to compensate for the earth's rotation. A new metal dome that rotates automatically replaced an older one which had to be moved manually over ball bearings made out of cannonballs.

The building itself was also extensively renovated. "It was falling apart at the seams," explains Farnham, "because no work had been done on it since 1920."

At night, two dim red lights illuminate the interior of the larger of the two rooms just enough for one to see his way around. At the center, they reveal the telescope, balanced on a solid pillar which extends through the floor into bedrock. A table with a short wave receiver, a clock and a set of various powered lenses stands in one corner while a 1973 "Graphic Timetable of the Heavens" hangs on the wall nearby. Signs in several spots remind visitors that there is no smoking.

Adjacent to the larger room is a small anteroom which holds the observatory's log and guest book. A couple of chairs and a small desk are furnished for studying and relaxation and a portable electric heater provides warmth.

Visitors to the observatory can view most of the planets, the moon, nebulae (gas clouds in space), galaxies, star clusters and transient objects, such as comets. Unfortunately, because of Christmas vacation, the observatory will not be operating at the time when the Comet Kohoutek is expected to be at its brightest. But, says Farnham, people won't need a telescope to get a good look at what scientists are predicting will be the most spectacular celestial event of the century.



New dome on the observatory replaces an older model which revolved on ball bearings made from cannonballs. Although the observatory is open to students and the public and attendance averages 50 on clear nights, spectators will not get a chance to view the spectator Comet Kohoutek, billed as the celestial event of the century, due to the Christmas vacation.

There are problems involved in running the observatory. Maine weather is the biggest pain in the neck. "We can only open on an intermittent basis because of the horrendous weather," Farnham complains. "Last night, for instance, it was clear when I left the dorm. But when I got to the observatory a few minutes later it was cloudy."

During fall and spring clear nights occur roughly about 30 per cent of the time, though many of them still are somewhat hazy. In winter it gets worse. "There were a total of nine viewing nights in February last year," says Farnham. "But if you're going to have an observatory in Maine, you're going to have to put up with it," he adds with a shrug.

The central location of the observatory on the campus is another problem. "It's probably the worst possible spot to put an observatory outside of New York City because of all the lights and buildings that are close by," says Farnham. "But it is almost an ideal location for what we want to do with it -- provide a service for people who are interested without making them go way out into the boonies to get it."

There is a possibility of relocation and expansion of the observatory in the future, says Farnham. He estimates that by 1980 the observatory might move to a site near the Hilltop area and purchase a much larger, 21-inch telescope. "That would set us back about $150,000," he adds. Plans for the future, however, are indefinite.

In the meantime, the curious, intrigued and fascinated will continue to scan the heavens, as the reminder goes," every clear night, 7 to 9 p. m., when the red light is on.



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THE THWARTING OF BARON BOLLIGREW

By Bill Gordon

A long time ago — in the days when dragons were still common — there lived a Duke. And whenever news was brought in of a dragon ravaging some part of the country the Duke sent one of his Knights away in shining armour to deal with it. After a few weeks the Knight would return with the tip of the dragon's tail to prove that he had killed it. Dragons are excessively vain, and when the tips of their tails are cut off they die, of mulligrubs. And thus begins the saga of Robert Bolt's *The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew*.

Directed by J. Norman Wilkinson, the third production of the season from the Maine Masque opens next Tuesday (Dec.4) for a five night performance run. Bolt, known for his play *A Man for All Seasons* and screenplays for *Doctor Zhivago*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, and *Ryan's Daughter* calls his 1966 play a comedy. It's also a political satire and a spoof of heroism and children's fairy tales. It was first produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London.

Wilkinson has infused many elements from the English Christmas pantimine which originated in the 18th century. There is music, a lot of talk to the audience, a dragon that is seen (not heard as in the original script) and there are girls in male parts.

The fairy tale plot concerns one Sir

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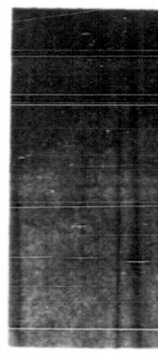


Beth Perkins as Magpie and Foner Curtis as Sir Oblong in "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew." The Maine Masque production opens next Tuesday.

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Masque produces fairy tale

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Oblong Fitz Oblong (acted by Foner Curtis) who is sent to the Isle of Bolligrew to slay an evil dragon and bring justice to the land in the name of The Duke (Randy Stairs). Little does he know that the Baron Bolligrew (Paul Williams) and his side-kick Squire Blackheart (Tom Baltzer) make the dragon look like Little Red Riding Hood.

Judy Williams appears as the Storyteller; Mary Jane Rinfret is Dr. Moloch; Judson Cook is the dragon; Joan Strout is Mazeppa Magpie and Beth Perkins is Michael Magpie. Luke McDonough, Kent McKusick, Jeri Colpitts, and Lynn Plourde are the Knights.

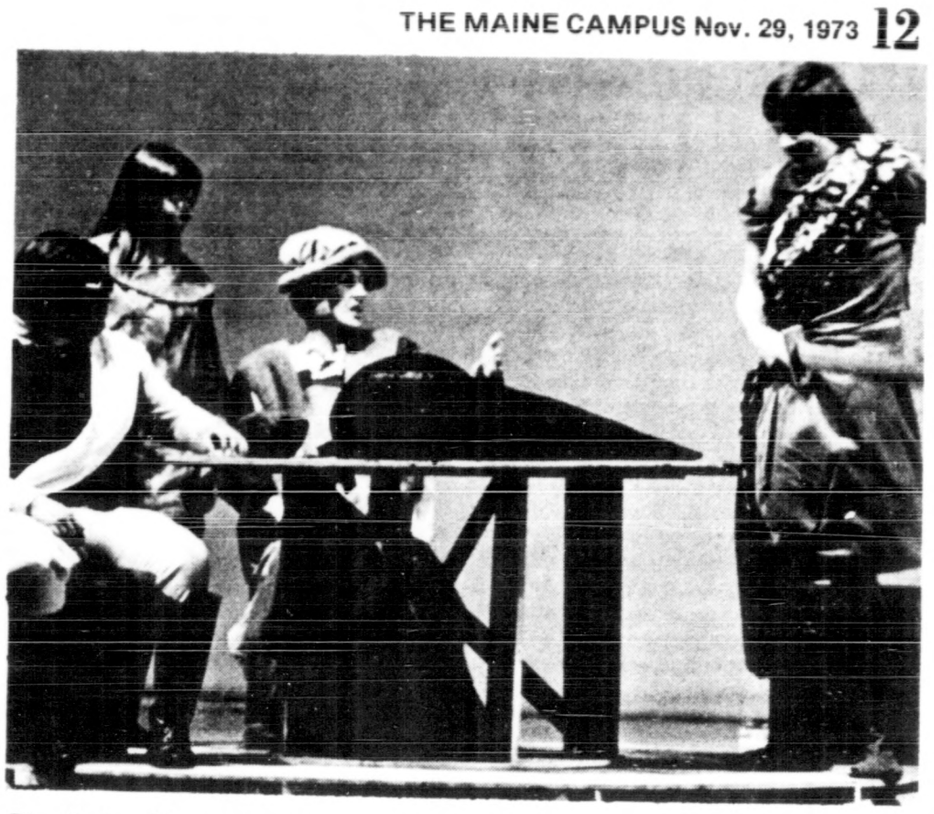
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Michael Magpie coes over Oblong.



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The Ballad of Cable Hogue. Western directed by Sam Peckinpah, the over-rated film cultist's hero who made *Wild Bunch* and *Straw Dogs*. With Jason Robards. Friday in 100 Nutting. 7 & 9:30. Admission.

The Fly. One of the few low-budget horror flicks to come out of the late '50's as a classic, though far from a work of film art. Look for the moralizing inherent in all these films that developed after the atomic warfare of World War II — a whole rash of films ranging from *The Incredible Shrinking Man* to *Terror from the Year 5000* preached the perils of scientific meddling with the human species. With Patricia Owens and Vincent Price, who swaps heads with a fly and finds life a bit difficult. Saturday in 130 Little. 7 & 9:30. Admission.

Black Peter. Sophisticated social comedy directed by Milos Forman, the Czech who made *Loves of a Blonde*, *Fireman's Ball*, and *Taking Off*. Sunday in 100 Nutting. 7 p.m. Free.

Three in the Attic. Ludicrous little sex farce in which two coeds — one white, one black — lock pretty boy Christopher Jones in the attic and visit him for you-know-what. Typical American-International rip-off. Next Wednesday in 100 Nutting and Thursday in 130 Little. 7 & 9:30. Free—only your time is wasted.

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PIRG readies to solve family fuel problems

By Barbara Manuel

Businesses and institutions probably will weather the energy crisis, but what about the family of seven? The father is unemployed, and the mother makes only $75.60 weekly working at Bubba's Cafe. Will they be able to obtain oil at greatly increased prices, or will they be able to insulate the two story shack they rent?

The Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) has asked these questions and determined the answer is no. PIRG announced Monday that it is establishing a statewide network to monitor consumer fuel and energy problems.

"It is important that citizens work closely together during this crisis," said PIRG Executive Director Suzanne Spitz. "If we are to make the best of an admittedly bad situation, we must have a coordinated effort to solve consumer fuel problems."

To coordinate its effort, PIRG is asking groups in the state to send them a weekly letter indicating the types of consumer fuel problems reported to them. "While PIRG is not equipped to handle individual problems, we will work for solutions to specific kinds of complaints," said Spitz.

"We cannot promise solutions in every case," Spitz noted, "but we can be an effective conduit for consumer problems. We are confident that groups around the state will work with us to identify and solve fuel problems."

"For example we are interested in consumer energy problems concerning credit, inadequate supplies, problems with distributors, deliveries, landlord-tenant complaints, difficulties with local, state or other agencies—anything about consumer fuel problems."

In addition to contacting groups, PIRG placed one of its members on the Governor's Energy Advisory Committee. Problems can be brought directly to the Governor and state officials and oil representatives, Spitz said.

PIRG also is attempting to establish an energy task force of students and citizens willing to gather information, canduct surveys and analyze complaints.

The UMO PIRG group was confused Monday night about its role in the proposed energy task force, and decided to request details from Spitz. However, an announcement of the energy task force accompanied by a request for volunteers

Other areas discussed by the local PIRG board were February elections for new board members. Two seats will be open to graduate students, 5 to off-campus residents, and 8 for campus residents. All students may vote in the election.

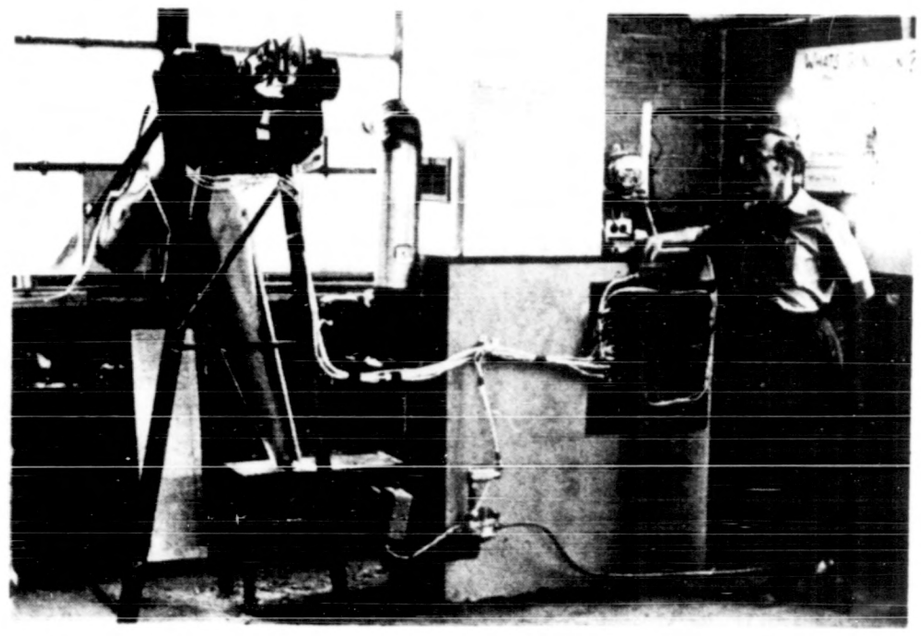
Another project proposed at the monthly meeting concerned Community Action Program (CAP) and the OEO office which have suggested students on Christmas break help the poor and elderly winterize their homes.

Talent show slated to raise funds for radio station

The campus will have an opportunity to display it's various talents in a vaudeville show, sponsored by WMEB, Dec. 13. The radio station hopes to raise enough money to finance its operation during the summer. The station is also requesting contributions from business concerns, and planning a spring fund-raising project.

Michael St. Peter, news director for WMEB said because the university summer session is growing, the radio station hopes to operate during that period. He noted that WMEB has operated only two summers.

The station's funds are budgeted for the regular school year, so the show, a radio auction, and other money-making plans are necessary to continue broadcasting this summer, St. Peter said.



PROF. ED HUFF relaxes against the wood chip furnace he designed and is currently attempting to perfect. Huff's furnace is located in the south wing of the Ag Engineering building and will be used this winter.

Wood chips will replace oil in newly perfected furnace

By John Snell

With the cooling news of an impending energy shortage, have you considered heating your home with chopped alder bushes? A furnace designed and being perfected by Edward R. Huff, associate professor of agricultural engineering, could do just that.

The wood chip furnace is presently located in the south wing of the agricultural engineering building. Huff said he plans to run the furnace this winter to heat the shop in the south wing and the furnace can be seen in operation there this winter.

Huff altered a conventional oil-fired hot air furnace, by replacing oil burner and with a gas-ignited firebox and blower to facilitate complete combustion. A two-speed conveyor carries the pieces of chipped alder (or any other waste type wood) from a drying bin to the firebox.

A major difference between the wood chip furnace and a conventional wood stove is the way heat is regulated. In a wood stove, heat is regulated by varying the air flow to the fire. In the wood chip furnace it is the amount of fuel, not the air, that is varied. A blower draws sufficient oxygen to the fire to cause almost complete combustion, leaving few ashes and little visible smoke.

Huff's research has been in conjunction with a Hatch Research Project concerned with finding alternate heating sources for rural Maine.

Spring Weekend proposal opposed by Fraternity Board

The University of Maine Fraternity Board has voiced opposition to a proposed plan which would combine Greek Weekend, Paul Bunyan Weekend, and Maine Day into a Spring Weekend, tentatively scheduled for April 26-28.

Also, it was decided at their Nov. 13 meeting that the UMFB will direct the Executive Committee to draw up a policy statement on hazing, to be submitted to the Board for approval. This action is in response to a request from fraternities at the Augusta campus for such a statement.

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Discrimination reported by long-haired ROTC cadet

by Debbie Winsor

"I guess they don't think I'm living up to their standards."

So says a sophomore enrolled in the Maine ROTC program, who claims that he has been harassed due to the length of his hair. Senior cadet officers have threatened that if his hair isn't cut, his grades may suffer, he says.

The Maine Campus received a letter to the editor from this individual. Most of it is reprinted below.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the University of Maine ROTC unit. I have, on several occasions, been approached concerning the length of my hair. I have even been told that my grades could suffer because of this. If those evaluating my performance as a potential officer believe that academic rank is relative to length of hair, then I would most certainly question their ability to make sound judgement.

In the past, length of hair was a health problem for the Army, but as I have stated, that was in the past.

I am an individual, and I refuse to be stereotyped into an assembly line product...I was once told that a potential officer should have the courage of his convictions. I have made a conviction of being an individual and acting upon those influences that seem legitimate, and I would like to add that I have the courage to keep that conviction throughout my life.

Cadet SSG Kenneth Brown

No one particular individual was cited by Brown as applying pressure on him to have his hair cut, but he did state that seniors, not army officers, have spoken to him concerning his appearance.

"Seniors have a level of superiority above everyone else—they think that gives them a God-given right to make trouble," added Brown, who has never before let his hair grow.

Any individual in the cadet corps has the authority to write a 'spot report' on a cadet below him; Brown referred to these reports, indicating that senior cadets could write bad spot reports which would harm his grade.

Brown's fear that spot reports affect his grade were refuted by several cadets.

"A bad spot report would go in on the individual if his hair was long; it would be like getting a point marked off on a test. If he had originally received a 99 on a test, a bad spot report might lower it to a 98," said Scott Carey.

"I try to look sideways and ignore it," added Carey, referring to hair length. Carey is a battallion commander, one of the top three men in the cadet corps. He is responsible for the cadets in his battallion.

"The military department does have a policy on hair, and is very lenient about it; it isn't enforced unless a situation gets out of hand," he continued. "I practice an open door policy; if any cadet has a problem he can come to me to talk about it, and if he doesn't want to see me, there are other individuals higher in rank with whom he could speak."

"If there is harassment by a senior officer, the cadet who gave the harassment would be spoken to by me, and by the military professors. This bothers me, because if it is happening, I'd like to know to correct it. I don't know that it is happening," Carey continued.

"Seniors evaluate juniors, juniors evaluate sophomores, and sophomores evaluate the freshmen," said Tucker, explaining the corps program. "We have the most authority in drills, the planning and running of the drill. Anything else is superfluous," he commented. "We tell the lower cadets if they're doing good or bad in the drills."

The cadet program was described by another cadet as an on-the-job training program, a leadership course by Gerard Breton, the student representative of the cadet corps. "We come up with programs to instruct the lower men which are verified by the instructors," Breton said.

"I have no powers; I just represent the cadet corps," Breton stressed, referring to his ability to influence grade. He is the top man in the corps, and holds the title of brigade commander.

Tucker did mention that a senior cadet could speak to a sophomore cadet after drills, which are held one night a week, but that this would be unusual. If a senior cadet has a complaint to make about a lower cadet, the proper method would be to register the complaint with a junior, who would then speak to the sophomore. "I haven't heard of any cadets harassing lower cadets", he added.

One senior cadet more vehemently refuted accusations of senior cadet pressure; Reginald Preble, a senior zoology major, admitted that a cadet may get a poor spot report, but added that this report would not affect his grade. Personal appearance is a very small part of the grade, said Preble.

"In comparison to the regular army, this is a joy ride," Preble continued. "All he's (Brown) experiencing is a suggestion that he get a hair cut. In the army, it wouldn't be tolerated. I went to U.S. Army Ranger School this summer, and my hair was shaved off entirely. I had nothing to say about it, and didn't think I was being discriminated against. The hair regulations here are very lenient," Preble stressed.

Preble added that he did not know of any cadet pressuring a lower cadet about hair length.

"The PMS (professor of military science) decides hair length," added Breton. "Usually if the hair doesn't touch the shoulder, there is no problem. Regulations here have laxed up quite a bit."

Capt. Robert Michaud, an assistant professor of military science, remarked that a cadet's hair must be neatly trimmed, but added that cadets aren't harassed about the length of their hair.

"If they don't want to get their hair cut, they don't have to be in the program; if they do, fine. We don't lose any sleep over it."

Campuses unite conservation effort

by Martha Durrance

What is the University of Maine doing to conserve energy this winter?

Each branch of the university system has instituted energy conservation measures. Shutting lights off when not needed and restricting university vehicles to a 50 m.p.h. speed limit is common practice.

Plans include lowering temperatures to 55-60 degrees during vacation periods. Temperatures in all buildings are presently maintained at 68 degrees.

Changes in the school calendar are considered unlikely unless fuel supply problems become critical, but John Blake, vice president of finance and administration at Orono has commented that "In the event something unforseeable happens tomorrow, we may have to change the calendar."

If the christmas vacation is extended, veterans could have problems receiving their benefits, said Arthur Mraz of the business office. "With vacations over 30 days, veterans must re-apply to the school and lose one month's benefits in the process."

At Presque Isle, ecology students petitioned university officials to reduce building temperatures to 68 degrees. Another group there is posting notices above light switches reminding people to keep lights off.

The Farmington campus has planned an extensive fuel conservation program. Roger Spear of the business office explained, "We plan to close 17 buildings during our month-long intercession. This will bring us a considerable savings of about 40,000 gallons of oil, or about eight per cent of the annual consumption. It's an amount adequate to heat a single family house for 20 years."

The Augusta branch is having trouble keeping thermostats lowered. Buildings do not have control-preventive devices and temperatures can be changed at will. Classes are held there in a main building, and the Augusta Civic Center. The Center uses electric heat which shuts down automatically one half hour before classes end and starts up again in the morning.

Machias and Fort Kent have instituted measures similar to the other branches.

At the University at Portland-Gorham, officials say energy conservation measures then resulted in the theft of Vice President Walter Fridinger's car. Fridinger ordered exterior security lights turned off and his car was then stolen from a dark parking lot. Police later located the car.

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Maine high schools to hear talks on college life

By Lynn Peasley

Some of UMO's resident students will be returning to their old high schools to speak on college life, according to Mark Hopkins, chairperson of the Committee for Higher Education for Maine Youth (HEMY).

The student senate committee is currently recruiting students to participate in the program, Hopkins said. He explained that they will be expected to give a short, informal talk to interested students on the realities of life at college, and to answer questions.

Guidance counselors and college representatives adequately describe the academic side of higher education, Hopkins said, but they very seldom touch on the social aspects. He added that this is often as important as academics to a college freshman. Hopkins is concerned particularly about students from Maine's smaller high schools, who are often intimidated by the comparatively huge and impersonal university. The object of the program is to encourage hesitant high school students to try higher education, he said.

HEMY was formed about five years ago, Hopkins said, to help raise the low percentage of Maine students that go beyond high school. He said UMO students have spoken at selected secondary schools, since that time.

This limited program was successful enough to warrant its expansion, this year, to include every high school in the state, Hopkins added. He said that the response from the high schools contacted had been generally enthusiastic. If this year's program is successful Hopkins hoped that it will be coordinated with other colleges in the future to provide a more complete view of college life, he said.

UMO students probably will appear at their former high schools the week of Jan. 7, when the high schools are in session but the university students are still home on break, Hopkins said.

Classified Employees petition for election

The University of Maine Classified Employees Union, Local 1824 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO has taken the first steps towards an election to determine if physical plant employes on the campuses at Orono and Bangor want to be represented by a union.

Petitions have been filed with both the National Labor Relations Board and the Public employes Labor Relations Board seeking such a representative election. Both boards are studying the matter, however no determination has been made yet. The only apparent matter holding up action is the necessity for determining whether University employes are public or private employes.

If they are public employes the election will be conducted by the Public Employes Labor Relations Board, a state agency; if they are private the election will be conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, a federal agency. A decision may be issued in a month when a state court is expected to rule on a suit filed earlier this year.

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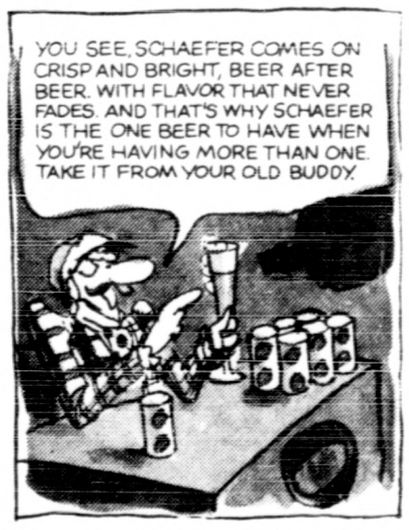
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Women's athletics place last in race for dollar

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Westerman concurs with Walkup that the university was prepared to increase the women's budget. Although he admitted that the men's program receives more money than does the women's, he claimed this is due to the men's extensive sports schedule.

"The women determine their own schedule and the university funds the program according to the schedule," said Westerman, adding that there is a limit to the schedule, determined by the conference in which the sport is entered.

He explained that if a sports program is sponsored by the university, then "we fund what is needed by the schedule." This year's schedule includes eight women's sports teams as compared to 14 men's teams.

Westerman said that he did not think existing programs in the men's dept. should be cut in order to create funds for more women's programs. In order to finance new teams, a budget increase is necessary, he asserted.

There are almost as many women as men participating in sports programs; 965 men as compared to 845 women. Out of these figures, there are 162 male and 101 female phys. ed. majors.

The discrepancy between the men's and women's budget shows a difference of over $440,000 for 1973-74. The men's total monies for the year is $544,721, while the women receive $100,013. These figures include allotments for each department, including intramural, recreation, and athletic programs.

The present budget is within 1968 figures and is divided into two sections, explained Westerman. Part I consists of operating expenses for existing programs which are currently frozen at 1970 levels. Part II concerns monies for new and expanded programs. Westerman said his office requested an increase of $42,000 for the women's dept. under this section but was denied any additional funds.

The $7,000 increase in the women's budget allowed a women's jayvee field hockey team to be organized and the varsity field hockey team received badly needed new uniforms. The volleyball schedule has been extended to include more games.

In addition, this year the women's dept. is being allowed to initiate a scholarship program by the women's conference. The men receive $6,000 a year in shcolarships from the Black Bear Hall of Fame as private monies.

According to Walkup, funding of the sports program depends on duration and participation. "The men have fulfilled the criteria since many of their programs have a longer duration than the women's programs," she stated, explaining this duration qualification as one of the reasons for the discrepancy between the men's and the women's budgets.

Another member of the women's faculty agrees that some improvements in the women's program have been made. Rosalie Milligan said the sports coaches feel the same way she does.

Students in the departments say that the increased funding has put less strain on their personal finances.

A member of the field hockey team, Linda Levesque, said players do not pay any personal expenses for team events.



Mary Jo Walkup

Members of other women's sports teams do not pay any personal expenses, she said, although they were sometimes forced to last year.

Debbie Westman, also a department major, said that last year she had to pay some volleyball expenses out of her pocket, but so far this year that has not been the case.

Another student, Maxine Michaud, said there is better funding this year compared to last year. Last year she received $2 for meals at volleyball meets, but now this has been extended to as high as $6. Last year she had to dish out $30 for the volleyball regionals. However, she said she has received no assurance the university will assume team finances for the event this year.

"I'm skeptical. If I have to dish out another $30 I'm out of it," she remarked. "It gets pretty bad when one has to pick sports according to how much it costs."

She is not the only skeptic concerning women's sports funding. Myrna Johnston, a former phys. ed. major, said the girls have been wearing the same uniforms for years. The dept. did receive new uniforms this year, and Johnston suspects that one sport's budget was cut to create these funds.

Johnston noted marked discrepancies between the men's and women's sports programs. Denied the opportunity to see the men's budget, she believes that the men's department spent more money on athletic tape alone last year than is in the entire women's budget.

She also said that in order for the women's tennis team to practice they might have to use personal funds to play on lighted courts in Hampden. She is of the strong opinion that the men's practice sessions do not cost them anything. She asked, "Who pays for the $30 sneakers that the boys wear?"

Johnston remarked that the women's P.E. department attitude is to take things slowly. The department warns critics of present status, "You students weren't around ten years ago to see what it was like then," she said.

Another student, Susan Smith, also said that the tennis team would have to pay for the courts in Hampden but believes that the men's team doesn't have this expense because they don't have winter practice since they start the season earlier.

One exception to the funding schedule is the ski team, which must supply its own equipment which, Walkup says, is due to the high expense.

Levesque is a member of the ski team, also, and said the team gets minimal funding, although she is not positive of the amount. Most of the funding, she added, pays for entry fees and transportation. Members must provide their own equipment and finance lift tickets. In addition, Levesque continued, team members must practice on a nearby mountain which is an additional expense.



Harold Westerman

According to the men's ski team, the situation is similar. Don Taylor, a former team member, believes their budget to be under $500. "Each team member must dish out money for their own equipment which ranges between $300-$600 a year," he said.

Taylor further explained that university funding covers only the entry fees and minimal living expenses.

During trips, Taylor added, the host schools provide living arrangements, and often the lift tickets are provided by the courtesy of the mountain. He believes a similar arrangement is also available to the women's ski team.

Recently another minimally funded team held a special event in order to raise funds. The men's and women's swim teams sponsored a swimmathon to increase the number of meets and pay for travel expenses.

Currently, the women's gymnastics team is without uniforms, asserts department head Walkup, explaining that funding depends on the relative expense of the sport. The goal, she said, "is to get the maximum participation with the smallest amount of funds." Volleyball and basketball are inexpensive sports, she added.

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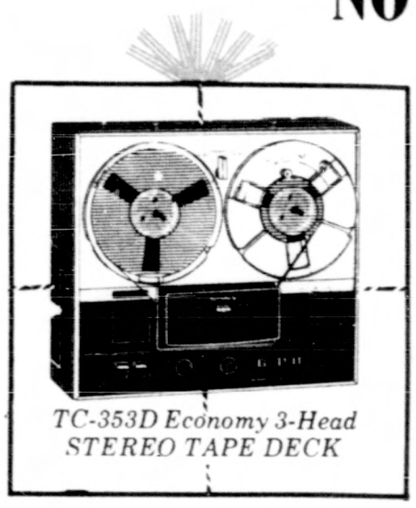
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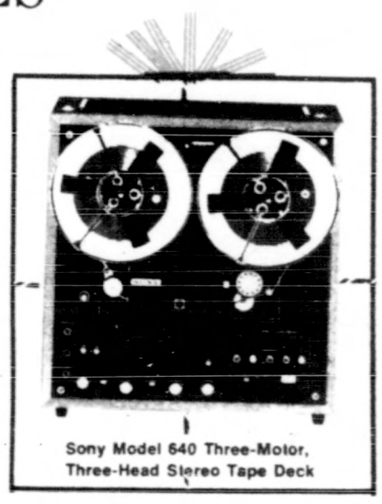


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