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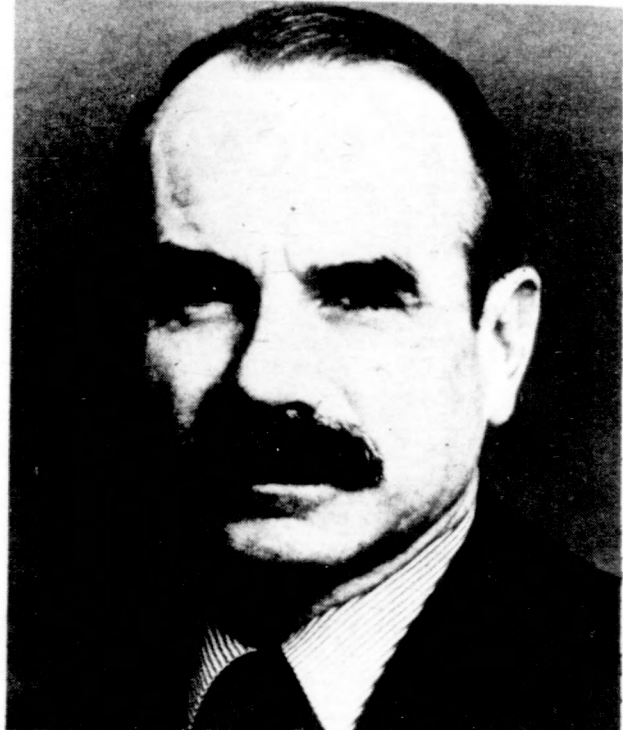
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Liddy as speaker

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Silverman questions choice



Former Nixon aide and Watergate conspiracy G. Gordon Liddy will speak in the Memorial Gym at 8 p.m.

by Stephen Betts
Staff Writer

The upcoming visit to campus by convicted Watergate offender, G. Gordon Liddy, is being greeted with concern by administration officials.

Liddy is scheduled to speak at eight tonight in the Memorial Gym as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. There has been some criticism of the committee's selection, since student's funds are being used to pay for the venture.

The concern was expressed to Student Government President David Spellman by Orono's President Paul H. Silverman. Spellman said the issue was raised by Silverman at their weekly meeting last Wednesday.

"We usually bring up one, two, or three major points each during

the meeting and this was the only point that he raised," Spellman said. "He (Silverman) was disturbed that Liddy was being brought here."

Spellman said that Silverman "wanted to know what I could do" about Liddy's impending visit. The student government president denied he was asked by Silverman to cancel the Liddy visit.

"There was nothing I could have done anyway," Spellman said. "The contracts were already signed."

Spellman said while Silverman never directly asked that Liddy not appear on campus, he felt cancellation of the speech would have pleased Silverman.

Although Silverman could not be reached for comment, Prof. James Horan, acting assistant to the president, said Silverman's

only objection to the speech was that it was questionable whether the term "distinguished" fit Liddy.

"The president didn't feel the term was applicable to him," Horan said. "He never questioned the right of students to ask him here, though."

Due to Silverman's concern, Spellman requested a member of the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, Robin Hartford, meet with the president. Hartford met with Horan instead because Silverman was out of town. The meeting took place yesterday morning.

Hartford said Horan only wished to know how we came up with Liddy's name as a distinguished lecturer. Hartford said Horan seemed satisfied with their explanation.

Professors' patent right center of debate

by Paul Fillmore
Staff Writer

Members of the Council of Colleges expressed concern Monday about the university's policy concerning patents and inventions by faculty members.

"You can write something and copyright it, but if you invent something, the university patents it," said George Cooper, professor of botany. "It is grossly unfair to someone who comes up with something original."

Cooper said when he and another professor came up with an energy saving device for paper mills almost fifteen years ago, the university patented the invention and then "sat" on it. In doing so, he said, the university had stopped him from making royalties which he would have received otherwise. Chairman of the council, Walter Schoenberger, professor of Political Science, asked Cooper jokingly if his invention had contained a "shaft".

Another member of the council, Paul Camp, professor of physics, was also opposed to the current university policy concerning patents.

"This is something we should resist," he said.

The council's representative to the Board of Trustees,

Christina Baker, instructor of English at BCC, also spoke at the meeting about the need for faculty to inform the trustees about their role in the university community. She noted there is a "common mythology" believed by some members of the board as well as by the general public that "faculty don't work".

"Many trustees question what faculty do during their time off in the summer," she said. She went on to say that faculty should try to make clear to both the trustees and the public what they do for both the university and the rest of the state.

"We should not be publicizing, but genuinely informing the public about this mythology," she said.

Clayton Pinette, chairperson of the developmental studies program at BCC, said he would gladly "invite a Board of Trustees member to come help me correct compositions in the evening if that would ease his mind."

Baker noted that at the trustee's meeting both President Paul Silverman and Chancellor Patrick McCarthy felt that faculty members "need to create a tutoring plan to educate some of the trustees and inform the public about their rightful role."

"We must make our own case," Baker told the council. "Nobody else is going to do it for us."

Part-time students may pay charge

by Jack Connolly
Staff Writer

Part-time students may soon be charged a pro rate activity fee, according to student government president David Spellman.

The amount of the fee will be determined by the number of credit hours for which the student has signed up. The fee for full-time students is \$15 a semester.

Spellman said the idea for this fee came from the Chancellor's office and a committee composed of officials from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, Augusta, and the University of Southern Maine. Members from the UMA student government were also on the committee.

For the new fee to take effect, it must be approved by the Board of Trustees who will meet early next month. Spellman said he was very sure the Board would pass the recommendation.

Spellman said, "A fee of this type affects the community universities much more than it will us (UMO). For instance, it is very significant at UMA and USM where one-half to three-quarters of the students are commuters."

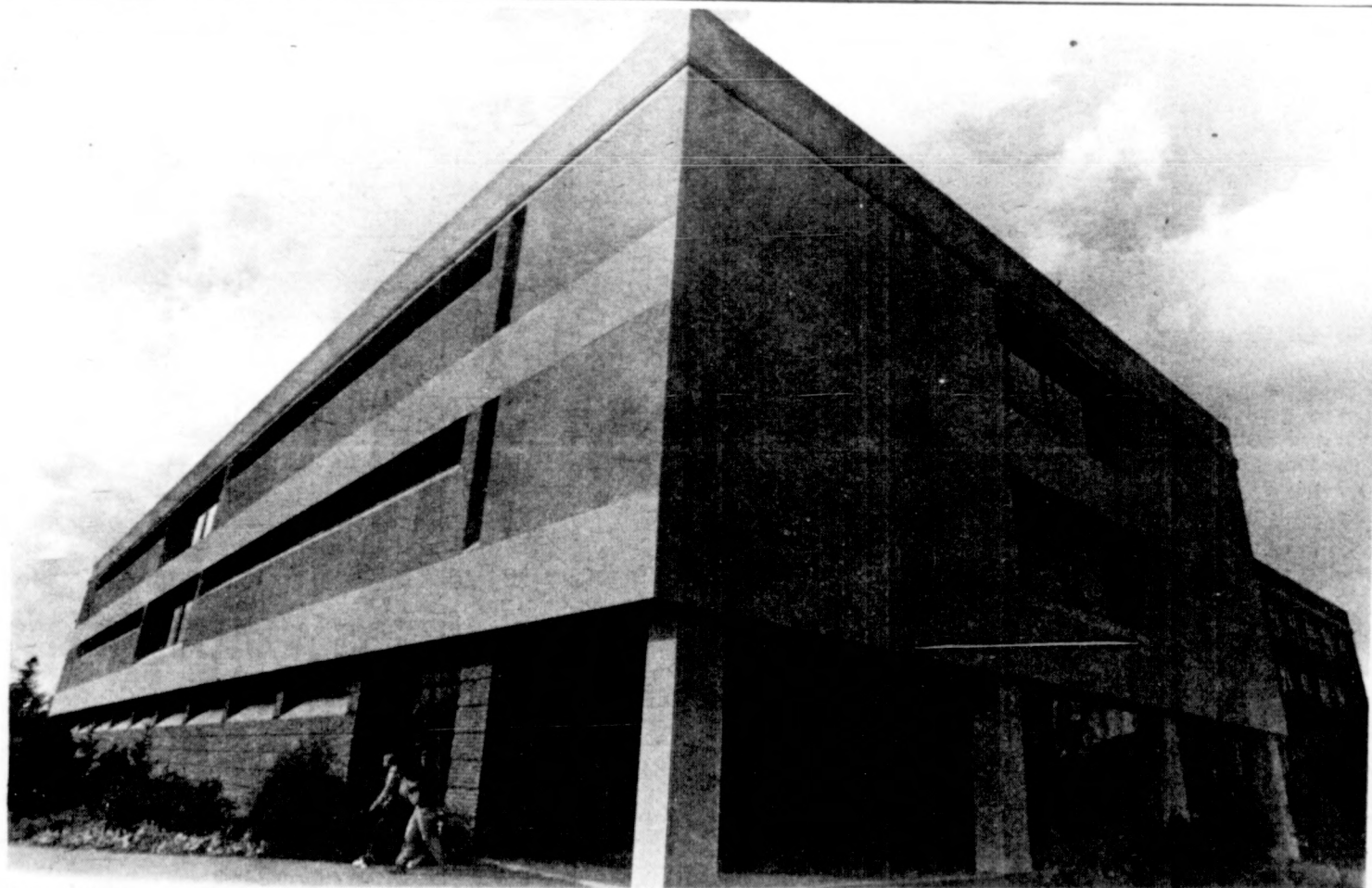
Student government, which controls the spending of the student activity fee, isn't sure how much extra money will be generated by the introduction of this fee.

Spellman said he is sure the part-time students will benefit from the fee as the money will be used for many worthwhile services. He said that the extra money would be used to provide a day care center for the part-time and commuter students who have scheduling restraints due to young ones.

"This will be a good opportunity for the non-traditional students to take advantage of student government services," said Spellman.

The student activity fee provided the student government with about \$250,000 this year to be allocated to their various branches. Generally, they plan on receiving activity fees from 8,600 students each year, however, with the introduction of this fee, that number will increase substantially.

Currently, part-time students pay no activity fee.



Part of UMO's modern architecture, Fogler Library stands as an imposing figure on campus. [photo by Kavous Zehedi]



Up a lightpole may be an odd place to study, but student Tony Mitchell finds the lighting just right. [photo by Chip Norton]

Tougher requirements predicted for students

by Sean Broderick
Staff Writer

Future UMO students in the college of Arts and Sciences may be looking at tougher requirements, according to Professor Richard Blanke, chairman of the Educational Policy Committee (EPC).

The strengthened requirements could affect other colleges here at UMO as well. "Speaking personally, I am strongly committed to reinstating a foreign language requirement for all Arts and Science students and also to making freshman honors required of every student (in Arts and Sciences)."

Dr. Frederick Hutchinson, acting vice president for academic affairs, said the requirement strengthening is part of a nationwide trend by many land grant colleges and universities.

"We seem to be in a period of time," Dr. Hutchinson said, "when faculty and deans across the country favor changing the balance of their programs toward more required core courses."

"In the late sixties and early seventies, many required programs were put down," Hutchinson said, "but now there is an awareness of the need to return to past standards."

Hutchinson emphasized that any changes UMO makes in its requirements will not be as dramatic as those of some other schools.

"Some universities are noted for dramatic changes, we aren't," Hutchinson said. "Smaller colleges can make dramatic changes because of their narrow scope. We cover everything, all courses of study, so it has to be considered how changing one program might affect others."

Hutchinson believes that strengthened requirements will occur in some colleges of UMO and not others.

"In the professional degree programs

such as business administration and engineering the change won't be as much. I think you can expect major changes more in the liberal arts and the field of education."

Professor Blanke said he had heard some negative feedback from former students and their employers to the effect that the "supermarket approach" to education is not working. Blanke defines the supermarket approach to education as making all courses worth the same and not giving students accurate guidance on which courses they should take.

However, Blanke feels that arbitrarily giving every student four semesters of a foreign language is "useless."

"I believe all (Arts and Science) students should take competency exams in areas like language and if they pass the exam, they have fulfilled their requirement," Blanke said.

"I believe we should reward those students who have learned a language well in high school or some other way. Also, no matter if a student takes eight semesters of a language, if he can't pass the competency exam, he can't get a degree," Blanke said.

The Education Policy Committee of the college of Arts and Sciences is making a survey of former students and their employers now. Blanke doesn't expect to make any recommendations before next semester.

Even then, Dr. Hutchinson said, "You won't see any major changes in less than a year, a couple or more probably. Something like this usually has a gestation period of a year or two so the faculty can discuss it and make judgements and compromises."

If any tougher requirements do go through in any college, it will only affect the incoming freshman class, not students already attending the university.

EPA administrator says states to decide on waste

by Steve McGrath
Staff writer

A high-ranking official of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said that despite a recent survey listing Maine as a possible site for nuclear waste disposal, the administration will allow the states "to call the shots."

Barbara D. Blume, deputy administrator for the EPA in Washington, D.C., said although there are currently no federal guidelines governing nuclear waste disposal, any ruling that was made would be subject to state pre-emption.

Blume, who spoke to reporters at the University of Washington at Seattle, Portland State University in Oregon, Penn State University and UMO on a conference call Monday afternoon, said that "on most of the laws the president (Jimmy Carter) has proposed, there has been state pre-emption," meaning the states are allowed to institute stricter legislation only.

The survey Blume was referring to was published several weeks ago and listed Maine as one of 16 possible dumping grounds for national nuclear wastes. The survey cited Maine's abundance of granite as being excellent places for waste storage.

Blume said she expected the EPA office to set up national guidelines on waste disposal within the next six months.

"We don't have all the answers, quite frankly, on what we do with it (nuclear wastes)," Blume said.

"There are no plans at the present time for ocean disposal of nuclear wastes," she said.

Blume said the EPA has also been very

active in the overseeing of pesticide control, an area of concern in Maine which spends many dollars for control of forestry insects, such as the Spruce Budworm and the Gypsy Moth.

"We have been observing the spraying in Maine to make sure it doesn't get into the water supply (and other areas)," she said. About 20 people from the EPA office in Washington have spent some time in Maine observing the spraying, which

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Lowdown

Tuesday, October 21

11 a.m. Chemistry Seminar. Robert Freeman, Hewlett-Packard Co., will speak on "Capillary Column Preparation for Gas Chromatography." 335 Aubert.

8 p.m. Distinguished Lecture Series. G. Gordon Liddy will speak on "Government: Perception vs. Reality." Memorial Gym.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque Theatre. "The Cherry Orchard." Hauck.

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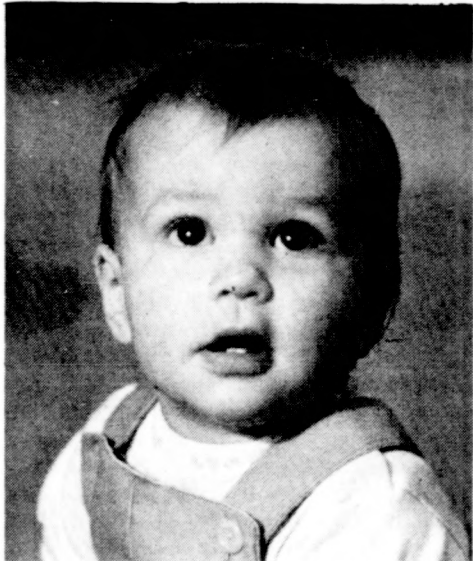
Children spice Hilltop dormitory life

by Pam Bemis
Staff writer

In most dorms children are an oddity, but not on the hill. There are five children ranging in age from seven months to 12 years living in Somerset and Knox Halls.

Joshua Kane Anchors, who is four-and-a-half years old, lives in Knox Hall with his seven month old brother Zachary and his mom and dad, Nancy and Scott Anchors.

Joshua said what he likes best about living in the dorm is, "Students are always going to crafts fairs and stuff. One big guy always chases me down the hall and



Elizabeth Austin of Knox Hall.

wrestles with me."

Josh goes to kindergarten at Stevens Hall in the morning and Merrill in the afternoon. "It's not really learning things, it's kind of like playing. Today I sawed a piece of wood. I'm already a carpenter. I'm helping mom and dad build a cabin," he said.

Josh also collects cans and he bought a bicycle with the money. He said, "I bring cans back and they make more cans so more people can drink beers and get sick."

It was Zachary's first day with a bottle and he wasn't sure what to say but he wanted to be quoted, "aabburra... eeehe..."

Scott Anchors, the complex director of Hilltop talks about living in a dorm with his family, "We like living on campus; we're right in the middle of things. I especially like being near the craft center. When we came here we brought our home and all our



Britt Hale pauses before heading out to class.

furniture. Really, the most unnormal thing about our lives is eating in the cafeteria."

Anchors said, "The hardest thing for a child is there is too much stimulation. In the cafeteria there are a hundred people to watch. Outside there are a lot of different things to distract you. It can make a child hyper. It does that to me sometimes. The kids can also get too much attention but Joshua is a little bit shy so he doesn't encourage the attention as much as some of the other kids."

Elizabeth is Joshua's favorite friend. She is the 15-month-old daughter of Joe and Nancy Austin and lives across the hall. "When she goes down the hall I stop her so he won't tumble down the stairs," Joshua said.

The Austins moved into Knox Hall in January of this year when Joe took over the

RD position. "When we first moved here, people did a double take seeing a baby around, but it's never been a problem. It's easier for us living here because we can use the cafeteria. It gives us more time," Nancy said.

"I think being in the dorm has been very beneficial for her. It has made her very sociable. If the door is open she will run out into the lobby. The students seem to enjoy her. I don't think there has been anything detrimental, but of course she is really young and isn't talking and running around a lot," Nancy said.

Elizabeth can say a few words and when she gets excited she comes out with a string of "bebe, bebe..." which is close to baby and she says "dada, dada..." which is daddy. She can also say "hi" and "mama" on occasion.

One of the people who babysits for Elizabeth is Bobby John Hale. He is the 12-year-old son of John Hale, the RD of Somerset, and his wife Linda. When he talked about babysitting for Elizabeth he said, "yah, I like to babysit except when she starts whining."

This is the beginning of the second year for the Hales in Somerset. They moved here from Millinocket so John could work on his doctorate in counselor education.

Bobby John said, "I don't really like it here because I miss all my friends and I have to go to the other side of town to see my other friends." But his eight-year-old brother Britt disagrees. He said, "I like living here because I don't miss my friends who are all here."

Britt and Bobby John said they know all the kids in the dorm. "We always play sports with them, football and baseball. A lot of people will help me out with my



Zack and Joshua Anchors show a little sibling affection in their Hilltop home. [photos by David Lloyd-Rees]

motorcycle when it's broken too," Bobby John said.

Bobby John likes lifting weights and he helps out with the hockey team and is water boy for the football team. Both Britt and Bobby John said Lorenzo Bouier is their favorite player.

When asked about the food in the cafeteria, Bobby John said, "oh my God, the only reason I like the cafeteria is because they've got more food, but my mother could cook it better."

Britt said the thing he doesn't like about the dorms is the beer kegs and all the

drunk people who are swearing and knocking on our windows. Bobby John added his feelings about the other things he didn't like. "It's too noisy; you can't sleep. Well you can but there is no privacy. You can't go anywhere without having eyes on you."

Joe Hale said, "I think the advantage for the boys is the exposure to different types of people. I think that can be disadvantageous too because they see a lot of negative behavior but this allows them to make decisions. It is almost like an accelerated learning experience for them."

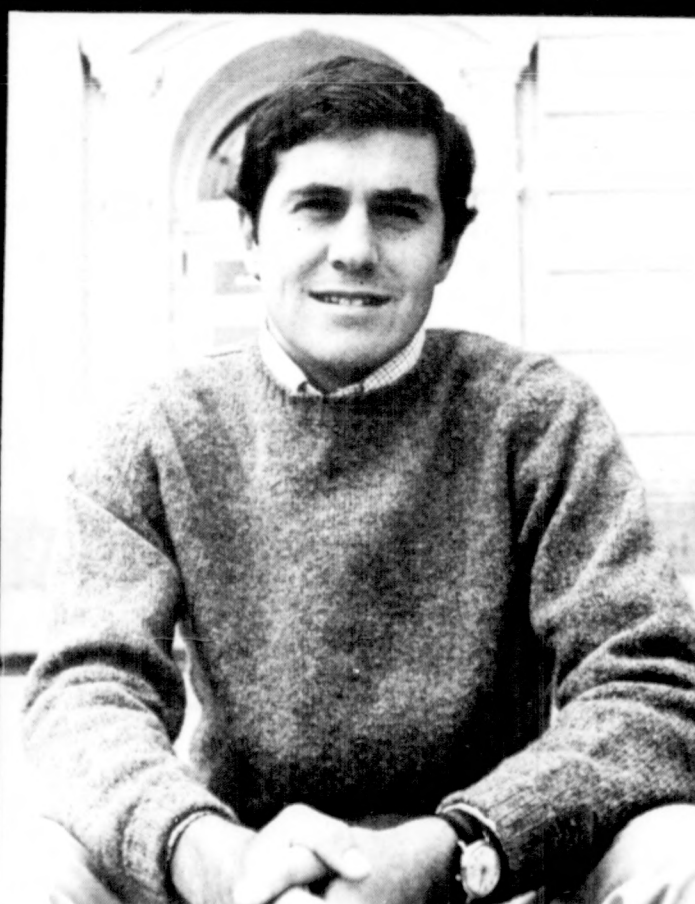
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Not black and white

It's been said that the greatest weapon against television is the thumb and forefinger.

Instead of sitting around complaining about the programming or lack thereof on the tube, the viewer can do something about it.

The thumb and forefinger operate the on-off switch.

Perhaps the same type of philosophy should be employed by students, faculty and other interested persons regarding the frowning controversy over G. Gordon Liddy's appearance here at UMO tonight.

The issue is not black and white. There's the question of whether a convicted criminal should be paid with students' activity fee money; that leads to the problem of whether Liddy should make any money at all as a result of taking part in what many consider to be the most blatant misuse of power ever in this country.

And that is stacked against our right, as students, as citizens to have the right to hear different viewpoints, despite the possibility that we may not at all agree with the views or the methods in which those views are executed.

Put against one another, the right to know is and always should be paramount.

The Distinguished Lecture Series has always strived to present a panorama of subjects and views, some not always in tandem with some groups of students or faculty. Perhaps this time, that effort has gone to an extreme. But at this point, the day of the lecture, all that hindsight is useless in this case.

G. Gordon Liddy, in the eyes of some, is nothing but a crook, and belongs not lecturing to a college audience, but behind bars. Others see him as part of the history of this country, a sad part, to be sure, but an important part nonetheless, one to hear out as part of the educational experience.

If Liddy offends you, then don't go.

It's as simple as that.

Hopefully, however, you can put that belief aside for a couple of hours and go and hear the lecture.

You can't help but be better off for going. You may change your viewpoint, or that viewpoint may solidify.

But at least then, with that sort of background, you can make a better judgement, that is a more educated one, than before.

But, it should be strived, it is up to you, the student.

You hold that off-on switch between your thumb and forefinger.

M.L.

Finished job

Congratulations and power to all those connected with the realization of the proposed daycare center for non-traditional students.

Not only has the Off-Campus Board and Student Government given support and some help to the idea, but local businesses, Gamma Sigma Sigma, and a

possible UMO fraternity has pledged support and aid to the project.

Just goes to show what can happen when people work together.

Going to school with a family is hard enough. It helps to have some help along the way.

They've got the help now.

Let's all finish the job.

M.L.

Mike Lowry

The real world

Why?

Some things are not fair. Some things happen in life for which we have no explanation. It hits like a ton of bricks, and all we can do is sit back, try dealing with it, or escaping any way we can, and asking, "why".

My friends up in East Millinocket know that kind of helplessness. In the past few months, the town has not only lost two young people to a motorcycle crash, and another to an auto accident, but suffered the cruelty of a brutal murder and its aftermath as well. There's a feeling of grief, of fear, and of this helplessness permeating the air. It has saddened me a great deal to see what has happened to a town that has until now been reasonable safe and always friendly and warm.

Outside of the family, the kids, especially, are the ones hurt most. They knew the guys on the bike; one was about to graduate. And they knew the girl; she was one of the most popular girls at the high school.

All they can do now is try to find some sort of reason for all of it. Somehow.

It's easy to philosophize about the reasons for suffering, the will of God, the cruelties of the world when you're detached from the event. When it happens to somebody else. It's not that easy when it happens to us.

Well, now it's happened to us.

I sincerely grieve right along with the rest of you, particularly you at Alpha Gamma Rho, over the senseless deaths of two brothers this weekend in an accident. I, too, despite the fact that as a journalist, I defend its publication, was deeply saddened and repelled by the photo in yesterday's *Campus*.

And I wish I could give you a reason, some sort of ultimate purpose or lesson out of this, something that might take some of the grief and sadness that you feel away.

But I can't.

Much as I'd like to be, I'm no wizard. No course at this school or the seminary or anyplace else gives instant no-fail answers to problems like this. There's no machine on this planet that gives us instant revelation from the Highest about why these things happen.

All I can say to you is this: Keep faith by knowing that God, or whatever or whoever you worship, just doesn't work in ways that we understand. And to quote an excellent television program I saw on the subject once, maybe it's not meant for us to understand all at once.

Maybe we human beings are meant to figure these things out a little at a time.

Perhaps some meaning can be found someday in this senselessness, I don't know. But the important thing now is not to expect it today.

I know that probably doesn't help that much. It's hard...as much for me as I'm sure it is for you.

In the meantime, take heart in knowing that in friendship and in love and in prayer there is strength. Going together makes for an easier ride.

Take care. If there's anything I can do, let me know.

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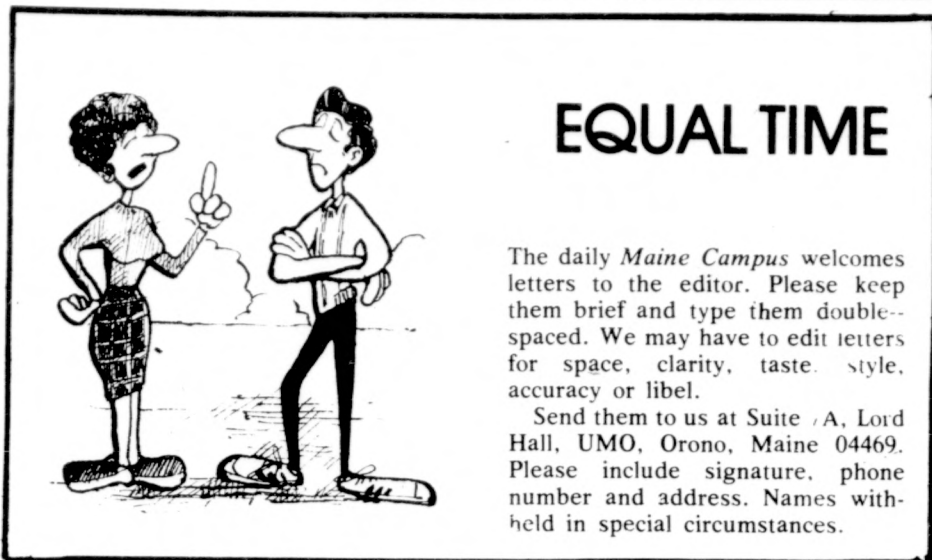
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Thanks campus police

To the Editor:

I'd like to express my appreciation to a member of the campus police for walking me across our not-so-well-lit campus, late one night. Paul, the policeman (whose last name I didn't catch) was very courteous and friendly and gave me that reassuring feeling that the campus police are interested in the safety and well-being of the student.

ts. Thanks again, Paul, and thank-you campus police. Keep up the good work!

Kerri Piazza

Vote Norris

To the Editor:

There were some interesting remarks made the other night at the League of Women Voters Meet the Candidate Night. I feel compelled to mention a couple.

Mr. Dana Devoe (Repub. cand. for Maine Senate) made some statements that I found quite distressing. Not only does Mr. Devoe want another nuclear plant (that we can't afford and don't need) but he favors Maine as a permanent nuclear waste disposal site, even when the Government prefers other locations. Then he said (basically) that the pro-safety movement is based on hysteria. I assume that he includes the many thousands of scientists and doctors that would like to see nuclear power plants phased out as quickly as possible.

Mr. Devoe doesn't think clearly or he operates on bad information. Whatever the case, thinking as he does, he could never serve us well in the Senate. John Norris is a Democrat in name only, but he does have a saner approach to our energy situation and waste disposal problem. We will be better off putting John Norris in the Senate this Nov. 4th.

Sincerely,
Cullen Stuart

I am also troubled by the inaccessibility of Residential Life officials in meeting with the students--DAB representatives, in particular--as regards to these residence hall restrictions. Although the state defines what areas are public and private in a building, Residential Life must surely have a say in the interpretation of these codes--certainly when the issue of "public" and "private" in the dormitories is such a gray area; without consideration of student input, a fair decision by Residential Life cannot be made.

While student opinion has leaned towards wanting a redefinition of what should be considered public and private in the dorms--and the hallway police patrol vote was the first step in that direction--Residential Life con-

Accident photo upsets friends and brothers

To the Editor:

In reference to the front page picture and the "A Crying Shame" article concerning my two fraternity brothers who were involved in the recent motorcycle tragedy, I realize that facts are facts and what has happened cannot be changed. But the manner in which the Maine Campus handled this tragic incident upset many more people to a much larger degree than you obviously had figured on.

It was almost like turning back time two days for us to that fateful night. Many friends and brothers did not see the actual accident, but "thanks" to

your fine photographer we all have a SENSATIONAL shot of how our brothers died.

If the picture does save only one life then it may help ease the pain and sorrow felt by their close friends.

I only wish that the Maine Campus had handled this in a more discrete way, and I sincerely hope your intentions of making people think twice about driving under any other similar circumstances pays off. Because the hurt inflicted on Whitey and Tog's friends will be felt for a long time.

Respectfully yours,
Bill Flannery
President, Alpha Gamma Rho

Residential Life ignoring the issues

To the Editor:

As of 10/19 a residence hall environment checklist was distributed to dorm residents across campus. While it was a step in the right direction towards better relations between the students and Residential Life, there was a discrepancy in the wording of a question which troubles me. The statement read: rate "policies and control of illegal substances, i.e. alcohol and other drugs." Alcohol, however, is in fact legal for those of us students of majority age. Residential Life misunderstands the right of adults to consume alcoholic beverages without harassment (hence, the policy of no drinking in hallways.)

continues to maintain a closed-door policy. Perhaps the student interest would be better served if Residential Life would address the real issue at hand, instead of issuing checklists that most students feel will have little impact on the real

issue.

Sincerely,
Steve Schwartz
Student Senator
212 Somerset Hall

commentary bruce s. wildes Changing Your Oil

Changing your oil is a simple task that anyone can do with a few minutes and some patience. First assemble the equipment you will need: 5 qts. of proper grade oil (check owners manual); funnel; wrenches; rags; oil filter; pan to catch old oil; oil filter wrench.

Run your car for a few minutes, to allow complete drainage of contaminants the oil has accumulated. Crawl under the car (after you shut the engine off and set the brakes) and find the oil pan drain plug. It is usually located in the middle of the engine on the bottom. With the catch pan in place, slowly loosen the drain plug with the proper size wrench. It could get messy so wear old clothes and have plenty of newspapers down to protect the floor. Remove the plug completely to allow complete drainage. When drained replace the plug and tighten snugly. Next, loosen the oil filter

with the oil filter wrench. Hold it upright when removing and dump into the catch pan. Replace the oil filter with a new one and hand tighten. Add the new oil through the oil cap on top of the engine. Check the oil level. Run the engine and check the level again. The oil filter holds close to one quart. Save the old oil and take to a service station. Most will buy your old oil for recycling.

The cost of doing it yourself will be approximately \$8. If you have a service station do it, it will be at least \$15.

It is important to change your oil at least as often as recommended in your owners manual, however, I tend to believe that 1 1/2 times more often will increase your engine life enough to make the investment worthwhile. Most cars, well taken care of, should last at least 100,000 miles.

Bruce S. Wildes is a senior journalism major from Sanford, Maine who has an avid interest in automobiles.



Ham operators link campus with outside world

by Deb Kupa
Staff writer

Would you like to talk with a friend who lives in Ireland or Germany? Just drop a message in the radiogram box in the Union, and the UMO ham radio club will relay the message to your friend.

The "hams" of UMO have the capability to send messages across the U.S. and around the world. Working out of the basement of Merrill Hall, the members provide this free message service to anyone who wishes to use it.

The acting president of the club, Jeff Lewis, of Corbett Hall, said personal messages are just one of the services the club provides. "We work with the Maine Bureau of Civil Preparedness in emergency situations," he said. "The club will be participating in a SET (Simulated Emergency Testing) this weekend. This is a national ham radio event, in which the hams test their ability to act in an emergency situation. 'We're going to be having a hurricane this weekend,' he

said. And many of the ham radio operators across the country will be transmitting messages to each other about



the simulated disaster. "Ham radio provides a public service," said Lewis. "It is monitored closely by the

FCC (Federal Communications Commission)." The strict guidelines for ham operation make it different from any other professional radio operation, such as Citizen's Band. "There is a monitoring station in Searsport, Maine which watches over the entire New England region," he said. "If you are doing anything wrong, they let you know, and in extreme cases of wrongdoing can remove your equipment."

Keith Hamilton, the advisor and trustee of the club, said "the club has been around for a long time, probably back to the 1920's." The club's radios are under the call letters W1YA and operate under Hamilton's license.

Not just anyone can be a ham operator. There are stages of radio education to go through before a person is allowed to have a license. In the beginning stage, called novice, the radio operator is only allowed to use Morse Code, and must stay within a given band on the radio. Once a certain amount of proficiency is attained, the operator must then test for a license. Licensing is controlled by the FCC.

Unlike CB operation, ham radio has

many bands to work with, and have been allotted three additional frequencies. Each stage of operating has certain bands they are allowed to use, starting with 1.8 megahertz and higher.

"There's no limit as far as range is concerned," said Hamilton. "The equipment is capable of transmitting around the world." He stresses, though, that there must be certain circumstances that must be met before the radio can reach such distances. Circumstances, such as the immediate noise level in the area, and interference from other radio operators may interfere with a transmission.

"At present the club is composed of about eight members," said Lewis. "We are looking for people and anybody can join. You don't have to be a radio operator to join." The club will be offering a course on ham radio operation leading to a novice license in the spring," he said.

The club is just beginning organization for this year, and will hold their first meeting Saturday, Oct. 18.

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Valuable training for many

Public broadcasting aided by work-study students

by Pam Bemis
Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about what goes into making TV programs? Some UMO students are getting the chance to be a part of the production crew at MPBN's

"Some training is involved but luckily the electronic and technical aspects are done by trained engineers. Running a camera is fairly easy even though it looks very intimidating. All the student has to do is point the camera, get

the studio and I can't go with them because I have to study.

Craig Zurhorst, a sophomore journalism major, has been working at MPBN for two semesters. He said, "I think it's great. They are a good bunch. They know what they are doing. I am a production assistant and I do anything they want me to do. I run errands, do lighting, floor directing, sometimes I run a film train and sometimes I run a TV camera. They haven't had a chance to train me fully on the TV camera."

MPBN is an educational TV station with four channels in the state. Channel 12 started in this area in 1964 and the other three channels have followed in the past 16 years.

The reason educational TV started was to provide educational programs which were alternatives to other programs on the air.

Some of these programs were documentaries, courses for credit and children's programs.

"We do the kinds of good programs commercial TV doesn't offer. Commercial TV stations would say it is highly elitist, heavily British programming which appeals to a small group of viewers. We are trying to reach all the small groups of people. Not large numbers but small audiences which are not served by commercial TV. There is no attempt to be snooty in saying that, but that is our whole reason for existence," Roscetti said.

A great part of the programming used at MPBN is not produced in the studio. Affiliates of the Public Broadcasting System, of which MPBN is one, provide most of the programs which are aired.

Roscetti said, "Any one of the networks exists to provide programs for affiliates. We produce local programming when funds and staff are available."

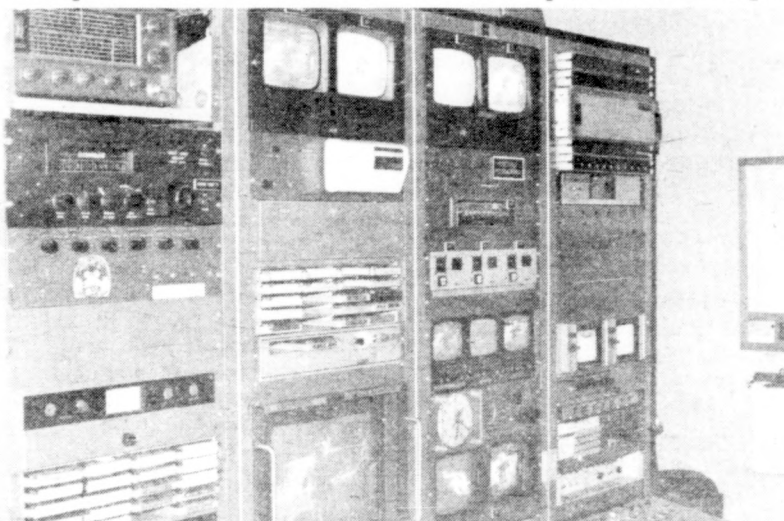
One exception to just using PBS programming is an agree-

ment PBS and ABC made. This agreement allows PBS to videotape the ABC 6:30 news and reshoot it at 11:30 p.m. with the words on the screen. This is a public service for the deaf.

It was traditional in the mid-60's, when PBS was looking for places to locate, to affiliate themselves with universities. The reasons for this are because PBS was educational and non-profit like the universities and PBS facilities needed to use already existing non-profit and managerial functions and the universities had these. The funding sources for PBS are fundraising events and state and federal monies.

Some of the programs being presently produced are Public Affairs Statewide. Every Thursday night this program examines in depth a topical issue in Maine. Some of the issues which have been discussed are the nuclear referendum, the Indian Land Claims, and the Red Tide.

A program called *Reflects et Lumire* is being produced by and for Franco-Americans. It explores Franco life, subjects and affairs. The program is done partly in French and partly in English. Another program is a series called *Fieldtrip*, which is designed for young people. The series takes these young people where they would normally go on school field trips.



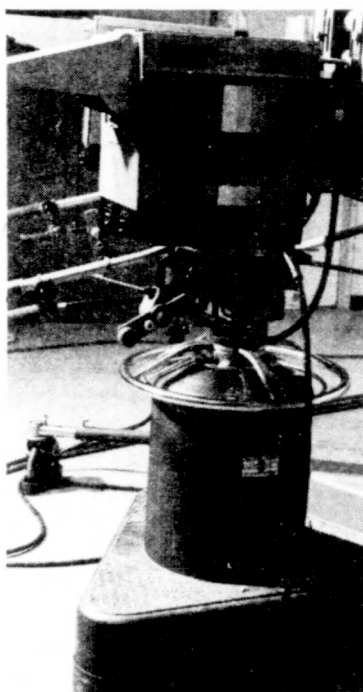
From this control panel, programs at MPBN are viewed and then transmitted to the airwaves. [photo by Chip Norton]

studio here on campus.

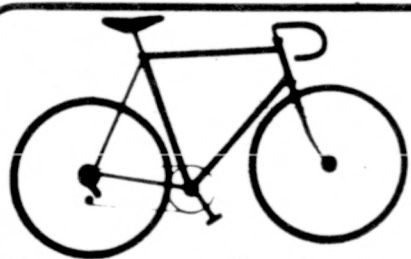
Work-study students work at the studio. "These work-study students comprise the greater part of our studio crews. They operate TV cameras, construct sets, help set up lighting and mikes, and assist in any other way they are needed. Three of the five producers now working here started out as work-study students," said Bernie Roscetti, director of TV programming at MPBN.

the right angle and composition and focus," Roscetti said.

Holly O'Connor, a freshman journalism-broadcasting major who works at MPBN said, "I like it a lot. I wish there were more things to do, right now is a slow time of year. Almost every time I go there I practice using the TV cameras. I've used them on one show. My only complaint is there isn't as much to do as I would like. Most of the programs are videotaped or filmed outside of



One of MPBN's many television cameras is set and ready to go. [photo by Chip Norton]



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8. local Mild winter forecasted for Mainers

by Andrew Meade
Staff writer

Skiers and skaters may be out of luck this winter.

Both the Maine Farmers' Almanac and the Old Farmers' Almanac predict mild winters. Peter Letourneau, manager of Geiger Brothers Sales, which establishes the Maine version, said they expect a "mild winter, just as or even milder than last year." He said there will probably be less snow and even more moderate temperatures than last year.

The Old Farmers' Almanac, published in New Hampshire, agrees with its Maine counterpart except that it forecasts a bit more snow.

Dr. Stewart Goltz, professor of climatology, said, "It will be colder in January and we will see a little more of the white stuff."

He said the weather bureau comes out with a 3-4 month forecast around mid-November.

Letourneau said the Maine Farmers' Almanac bases its predictions on sunspots, the position of planets, and historical weather patterns. "We see if the same symptoms exist in the sky now as they did some time in the past," Letourneau said. "If the same conditions exist this year as some year in the past, then we believe the weather patterns will be similar."

Letourneau said the Almanac is accurate 80-85 percent of the time. He said a TV weather station in Philadelphia used to broadcast the daily weather predictions of the Old Farmers' and Maine Farmers' Almanacs along with their own. The broadcaster matched his record with that of the almanacs and found the Maine Farmers' Almanac right about 82 percent of the time.

Caterpillar fur, among other things, is reported to predict winter severity. If the

Barry focuses on foreign students

by Ruth DeCoster
staff Writer

Ruth Barry, assistant dean of student affairs, has focused much time in the last three years on the lives of international students at the University of Maine.

As assistant dean, Barry's position includes coordinator of new student orientation and international student advisor. Earlier this month, she attended the New England Conference of the National Association of Foreign Affairs as the state representative from Maine.

"A lot of people aren't aware of the impact of foreign students on the international dimensions of education and the surrounding areas," she said.

"We strive for visibility of this group." "One of the things I was looking for at the conference was how to train resident assistant staffs to become more sensitive to the needs of these students. We are looking for more effective ways to help out."

"I usually take along a student



Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Ruth Barry. (photo by Chip Norton)

when I go to these conferences," she said. "This year it was Morteza Poursaid, an international student from Iran, who works as the student program coordinator in this office."

"I got to know a lot of people, and I received a lot of input and information," he said. "I met with other student leaders to set up a basic format for organizing more of a

relationship between universities."

Poursaid is currently working on an exchange program with other New England colleges and universities such as Boston University.

"The most beneficial part of any conference," said Barry, "is the sharing you do with colleagues from other institutions. I attended all the sessions which dealt with the role of advisor to international students." One session emphasized interpersonal communications between international and American students, which focused on how students from various cultures can relate to people effectively during their stay in the United States.

"Going to the conference keeps me current on the issues involving international students and immigration regulations. Since I'm the spokesperson for the state of Maine, I must be on top of all of these things."

To see how much progress has been made, said Barry, "look at how involved they are now."

● EPA

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Blume says has been very good on a state level.

"It's a pretty good operation. If we had more resources, it would be better."

Blume credited the success of Maine's pesticide spraying on the state's EPA and U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie, "who was the best environmentalist the senate has ever seen."

Blume expressed concern over the EPA's fate following the November presidential election. If Ronald Reagan, the Republican candidate, is elected, she said

he would cut back on the EPA office.

"Regan has already said the EPA is one of the first agencies he would cut back on," Blume said.

Blume, who campaigned for Carter in 1976, sees Reagan as having a detrimental effect on the environment.

Carter "got us a good, strong clean air act," she said. "Ronald Regan has said he would have the coal industry help him rewrite the clean air act. That's frightening to a lot of people who believe in clean air. That's like the fox guarding the henhouse."

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A federal appeals court in San Francisco handed down a ruling in favor of Patricia Hearst Shaw Monday. It said the newspaper heiress is entitled to a new hearing in her efforts to have her bank robbery conviction overturned. No date for the hearing has been set. Mrs. Shaw was convicted and served a part of a prison term in connection with a bank holdup that occurred while she was in the hands of the Symbionese Liberation Army. President Carter later commuted her sentence and she was released.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to review a lower court ruling that the government is entitled to ban the use of the Laetrile, advocated by some as a treatment for cancer. The head of a New Jersey laetrile distribution center in Linden said its use will continue anyhow. He noted that the court left standing a 1977 federal court ruling barring the Food and Drug Administration from interfering with the use or shipment of Laetrile.

The Supreme Court Monday refused to reinstate a sailor who was thrown out of the navy for insisting on wearing a turban. The justices left intact rulings that Ronald Sherwood's religious freedom was not violated by his Navy discharge. Sherwood, who enlisted in the Navy in 1970, was stationed at the naval air station at Miramar, California in 1973 when he converted to the Sikh religion. The wearing of a turban is a tenet of Sikhism, a sect with its western hemisphere headquarters in Los Angeles. When Sherwood refused to remove his turban in favor of a sailor's cap, he was court martialed and discharged for violating the navy's uniform regulation. Sherwood sued, seeking reinstatement and back pay.

New Hampshire Health officials say the two incidents of toxic shock syndrome reported in the state may be only the tip of the iceberg. A 17-year-old girl from Cheshire County and a 13-year-old from Grafton County were stricken during the summer. But they recuperated after hospital treatment. Maynard Mires, state public health director, said the cases may be the tip of the iceberg as more information about disease becomes available. The disease is associated with the use of tampons. More than 400 cases and 40 deaths have been reported throughout the country.

Maine's only nuclear plant now has its own resident inspector from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC announced Monday that it has established a full-time inspection office at the Maine Yankee plant in Wiscasset. The office will be staffed 40 hours a week by two NRC inspectors, William Lazarus of Pennsylvania, and Paul Swetland of Bath. Swetland, in a telephone interview yesterday, said the office actually opened Friday in a building in the Maine Yankee parking lot. Swetland said he and Lazarus will spend as much time as possible directly observing plant operations and will be able to provide help in case of an emergency. The NRC, in making the announcement yesterday, said the move is part of an effort to post resident inspectors at every nuclear plant in the country.

In Washington, aides to Reagan and Carter met Monday with the League of Women Voters to discuss when the two principles should hold their projected debate. There is talk in the Reagan camp favoring election eve. The Carter side said that is too late, that it doesn't allow time for reflection and the correction of alleged misstatements.

The best strategy for US Defense continues to be a subject of attention. President Carter has pictured Ronald Reagan as naive in his suggestions for making Russia negotiate what Reagan would consider a more acceptable strategic arms limitation treaty. Carter said Reagan takes the position that non-proliferation is none of the United States' business. Carter added, "This is a very dangerous attitude for a president to take." Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Brown said that if the pending strategic arms limitation treaty were scrapped, something which Reagan advocates, a multi-billion dollar nuclear arms race would result. Brown said all the expense would not enhance our security.

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Twenty-three people were scheduled to be arraigned on federal drug law violations in Bangor yesterday in connection with the biggest drug smuggling operation ever uncovered in Maine. Authorities said more than 20 tons of pot were seized early Sunday morning near the island town of Stonington.

The government yesterday proposed regulations meant to encourage the production of caffeine-free cola beverages. The Federal Drug Administration also wants the industry to conduct new caffeine safety studies because of the substance's link to birth defects in test animals. The FDA proposals were devised on the basis of studies which showed that rats fed caffeine produced offspring with parts of their paws missing. One proposal would remove caffeine from the agency's list of substances that are generally recognized as safe.

Defense Secretary Brown said the U.S. would become involved in a multi-billion dollar nuclear arms race if the SALT II Treaty were scrapped. He said the billions wouldn't buy us greater security, and the U.S. might lose security through cut-backs in spending for conventional arms.

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Women nab cross country laurels...

by Ed Crockett
Staff writer

The Black Bear women became the state cross country champions Saturday by defeating four in-state challengers. UMO totaled 35 points to Bates-43, Bowdoin-69, Colby-120, and USM-134 to bring the championship to Maine.

"As a result of the wet conditions, three of the girls fell, but they picked themselves up and ran well," said

coach Jim Ballinger. "The team didn't look sharp in the UNH loss last weekend, but ran better in this meet."

Bowdoin's pair of Jane Petrick and Laurie Bean didn't seem bothered by the slippery conditions as they sped to a 1-2 finish over the three mile course. Petrick ran away from the field to win easily in 17:00.2, and Bean had a good race to comfortably take second in 17:32.

Maine's freshman ace Kim McDonald captured third with a 17:45 clocking. According to Ballinger,

McDonald didn't have one of her better races. He thinks she'll be in top form again next weekend.

Bates harrier Sue Collins took fourth followed by the UMO duo of Maggie Rinaldi and Jamie Dunn. Dunn ran extremely well as she continued to improve and push the front runners. She was clocked in 18:33, Rinaldi in 18:11.

Lucinda Morse and Sue Wigley of Bates were the next to finish, claiming seventh and eighth, respectively.

UMO's Laurel Kowalsky, after picking herself off the ground, battled

back to take ninth in 18:52. Rounding out the top ten was Chris Waterman of USM.

Other Black Bear finishers were Kathy Kohtala, 12th, Ann D'Addetta, 16th, and Janet Sundstrom, 18th.

Next weekend the women will compete in the New England Championships at Boston's Franklin Park. Last year the team finished in the top 20, but coach Ballinger hopes for a top 10 finish this time. The squad finished their regular season at 7-3.

Men finish second in statewide meet

by Ed Crockett
Staff writer

In men's cross country, Friday, at the Maine Invitational in Brunswick, the Black Bear harriers were upended by Bates College. However, the squad ran well as they defeated six other in-state teams.

The Bobcats became state champions by tallying a low of 36 points to UMO's 39. Other scores were Colby-89, Bowdoin-126, USM-239, Maine Maritime-320, UMFK-345, Unity-353, and UMPI-no score, (the necessary five runners failed to finish).

Colby's Todd Coffin was the in-

dividual winner over the hills and dales of the Brunswick Country Club, as he fought off two challengers in the final 200 yards to win in 25:30.

The challengers, Tom Rooney of Bates and UMO's Gerry Clapper, ran with Coffin for over 4½ miles of the 5 mile course before a quick burst by the Mule left them battling for second. And what a battle it was. Rooney and Clapper used every resource in the struggle to outduel one another over the final yards. Unfortunately for Maine's hopes, Rooney was able to stave off Clapper's final burst in a very exciting finish. Rooney was clocked in

25:35 and Clapper settled for 25:38.

Kelly Dodge of Colby came in fourth, 20 seconds behind Clapper. Although the Mules were able to capture first and fourth, their lack of depth led to their demise.

In another close, exciting finish between the top two teams, Bates' Paul Hammond outleaned Black Bear Don Ward for fifth. Both harriers were timed in 26:04.

The Bobcat duo of John Walker and Chris Walton took seventh and eighth, respectively, to nearly assure Bates of the championship. Teammate Dan Valnois, the all-important fifth man, nailed down his club's victory with a

15th place finish.

Maine swept the ninth thru 11th places. Captains Jim Newett and Brad Brown finished 9-10 in 26:23 and 26:25 followed by Charlie Greenhaugh in 26:33 to close out the Black Bear scoring.

"The team ran well," said Maine coach Jim Ballinger, "after coming off their disastrous performance against UNH last weekend." The Black Bears were crushed by the Wildcats on their Homecoming weekend, 17-44.

Maine will have another chance at Bates next Saturday, when they duel the Bobcats in Lewiston.



This male cheerleader found a new way to keep his head dry during the "Massachusetts Monsoon" game last Saturday. But cheerleader Vickie Bennett doesn't mind the rain and lets a smile be her umbrella. [photo by Bill Mason]

Intramural Wrapup

Football

American League
SAE--28; TKE--14; SAE wins final

Dorm Touch Football
Oak & Hannibal--42; Corbett 2--12

Ark 1&2--14; York Village--6
Ark 1&2 and Oak & Hannibal 1 meet in the finals.

Soccer

American League
ATO--4; LCA--0; ATO wing final.

Independent and Dorm soccer
Div. 1
Orono Apts--5; Stodder Strikers--2

Div. 2

Wailers--2; Corbett Crush--1
Chad East--3; Lobstermen--2
Orono Apts. will face the winner of the Wailers-Chad East game in the finals.

Women's Flag Football

4 Go, 4 Going, 4 Gone--20;
Squeekies Sneaks--14

Indoor Softball

Dorm
Keg Club--7; Ark 1 Streakers--6
Gannett 1N--7; Dunn 3--5
Rock Lobsters--6; Deadwoods--4
Rockheads--3; Phantoms--2
Stoned Blue--10; Spacemen--1
Neighborhood--14; Big 10--1
Badlanders--3; Golden Fleece--2
HHH/Oak--4; Boat People--1

Mental Gymnastics

By Tony Mangione
Staff writer

1. Name the 1979-80 Div. One cross country team champions. (2 pts.)
2. Name the 1979 NASL champions. (2 pts.)
3. Name the five boxing Olympic gold medalists for the U.S. in 1976 (1 pt. each)
4. Name the only U.S. athlete to win five gold medals at the Montreal games. (2 pts.)
5. Name the two team involved in the finals of the 1980 College World Series (2 pts.)
6. Name the oldest man to win the heavyweight championship. (2 pts.)
7. Name the last five managers of the Boston Red Sox. (1 pt. each)
8. A little harder this time. Name the four teams that Leo Durocher has managed. (1 pt. each)
9. Only one man has won the Daytona 500 more than five times. Name him. (2 pts.)
10. Name the football player turned actor who played "Spearhucker Jones" in the movie M*A*S*H (4 pts.)

(Answers on page 11)

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Tennis mentor pleased with team's performance

by Mike Davis
Staff writer

Anyone meandering through the fieldhouse from now until March may find the Black Bear men's tennis team hitting against ball machines.

"It's a device that helps the players improve on their weak spots," men's tennis coach Brud Folger said, as he began simulating forehand strokes with his hand. "A tennis machine throws the ball at you pretty steady, allowing you to hit it just so. Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Folger added that a few of the Maine players will have to make radical changes during the coming months.

"We have one player who doesn't use the Eastern Forehand grip," said Folger. "As it is, he has a lot of top-spin. But he'll have to change his grip by 90 degrees."

Folger said the team was pleased with their fall season's record of four wins and three losses. It is a young squad, but every player has been playing tennis at least six years, with about four years experience in high school tournaments.

"If you look at the team," Folger reiterated, "out of the top 13 players that I kept on varsity, one's a senior, one's a junior and all the others are freshmen and sophomores."

Folger was pleased with the play of the squad's freshmen, but is looking forward to the return of Mike Beauchemin in the spring.

"The freshmen that played really helped us...but with Mike returning



Coach Brud Folger, after his men's tennis team's 4-3 fall season, hopes to combine the return of Mike Beauchemin with a squad of talented sophomores and freshman to produce an undefeated spring season. (photo by Bill Mason)

next spring, we may go undefeated."

Beauchemin was the "powerhouse" hitter in Maine tennis last spring. This fall, he ranked as the number two quarterback for the football team, until he was stricken with appendicitis.

"Mike will figure into the men's doubles teams—definitely," Folger said.

The team's biggest problem spot was the number three men's doubles team. This was made painfully obvious when UMaine defeated Southern Maine in all matches except in number three doubles on Oct. 2.

Folger shook his head, and, his voice receding, said, "I tried everybody, but I couldn't find a winning combination. In high school, you're either a singles or a doubles player. Some of them aren't used to having a partner."

It is ironic that Dave Collingsworth, a freshman from Lewiston, was undefeated in men's singles, yet was unable to play well as part of the hexed number three doubles position.

Folger cited Doubles University as the squad's toughest opponent but added, "BU gives out tennis scholarships and we do not."

The prediction of cold weather and snow fall will not mean hibernation for the young Bears. Aside from adjustments in their games, many will participate in local indoor winter tournament, although they will not compete as a team. The first tourney possibility is one scheduled in Bangor on Oct. 25-26.

Around the world in sports

If past performances are your dish, like Tug McGraw, "Ya gotta believe" the Phillies will win the World Series.

Game six will be played tonight in Philadelphia and the home team enjoys a 3-2 lead in games.

Of 28 previous editions of the Series, which were tied at two games each after four contests, the winner of the fifth game has gone on to the title 20 times. That works out to a percentage of .714.

The Phils won the fifth game in Kansas City Sunday 4-3.

Philadelphia will call on its strong, silent man, lefthander Steve Carlton. For tonight's game. The Royal's will go with righthander Rich Gale.

The Kansas City starter for the sixth game says he does not feel any great pressure as yet. He adds, "I've got 24 other guys out there to help me. There is no question but that I will be pumped up by game time tonight. But if I lose the sun will still come up on Wednesday."

Women ruggers gain first victory

The UMO women's rugby club won the first game in its young history, downing Plymouth State 12-4 at Plymouth, New Hampshire Saturday.

Wendy Winceback scored an early try for UMO, and Sue Perron added another before Plymouth State scored a try of its own. Winceback scored again with less than a minute left to put the game out of reach.

It is only the club's third game since its creation, and its second this season. The club, in the words of captain Gail Schneidewind, "got killed Homecoming Weekend by UNH."

The squad, with about 25 out, practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays under new coach Ray Funderburk. The team is young, with 75 percent freshmen, according to Schneidewind.

The club's next game is Nov. 1 against Colby at UMO.

Adrian Dantley of the Utah Jazz is the scoring leader in the NBA so far this year. He has been putting points on the board at the rate of 36 per game.

Dan Roundfield of Atlanta is tops in rebounding with 15.5 per contest and Michael Ray Richardson leads in assists with an average of 9.3.



Fifteen-year-old Andrea Jaeger has replaced Tracy Austin on the United States Wightman Cup tennis team. Tracy had to withdraw from a tournament last week because of a virus. Jaeger will be part of a team that will include Chris Evert-Lloyd, Kathy Jordan, Anne Smith and player-coach Rosie Casals.

The Wightman Cup matches against Britain will be played in London beginning Oct. 30. The U.S. won last year and leads in the series 41-10.



Maurice Filion has resigned as head coach of the Quebec Nordiques of the National Hockey League. He will retain his position as general manager of the club. Michael Bergeron will take his place as coach.

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Durocher managed Brooklyn
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Tony Mangione

It lurks above Alumni Field

It stood there, staring back at me, the cold dark autumn sky making the scene even more imposing. The bitter wind blew stronger now, as if the box had sensed by presense.

"Let's go," said my partner, rudely awakening me from my awe and state of disbelief.

I tagged along, arms full of equipment, wires and papers, trying to keep my hair neat, my feet dry, and my nose from sniffing in front of the cheerleaders and early spectators. They were looking at me, I knew it.

Dry feet, neat hair, and a nose that doesn't run aren't part of broadcasting, I decided. So, undaunted, I trudged on, finally standing at the bottom of the stands at Alumni Field, trying to comprehend all those steps I was about to ascend.

I made it half way, but there were more obstacles to come, namely the barricade that separates the reserved seats from the student seats.

Not much further I thought, as I hurdled the obstacle, all the while dropping half of the equipment. At this point, I am sure a miracle occurred. Right in front of my eyes, the papers that I had been grasping in my hand sprouted legs and began to run down the bleachers onto College Ave. Oh well, so much for any stats. Undaunted, I made my way to the press box that was to be my home for the next three hours.

Finally, against all odds (Jimmy the Greek had set a Las Vegas line that I wouldn't make it), I made it to the box. Anxious to get in, I put all the equipment on one of the bleachers and reached for the door.

"Not so fast, we're not there yet" came the word. I couldn't tell if the tears in my eyes were from the wind or frustration.

"Waddya mean?" I asked, not using those exact words. There was no reply, just an index finger pointing skyward. Two feet in front of me stood a ladder. No, this was at a 90 degree angle with the steps, and the rungs were about six inches apart.

"You jest," I choked. Once again there was no reply. I made up, standing on top of the press box on a tar roof, the only thing separating me and certain death was a rotted railing. I knew that one false move and I would be reunited with my maker, not that at this height he was that far away.

As if walking on paper, I made my way toward the box. The boards creaked under my weight. As I wrestled with door, my pen that I had had since tenth grade plummeted to the ground below, landing with a loud smack on the roof of a car. It served only to remind me of my impending bout with destiny.

The inside of the box was spacious and semi-warm. Until, to my utter amazement, my partner directed me to a spot in the wind. Out came the gloves, hat and down jacket.

It wasn't that bad, I decided, trying to convince myself that at one time I really did enjoy press boxes swaying in the wind.

"See if you can get us some replacement stats," commanded my ex-friend.

I saw no harm in the suggestion until I realized that it would entail climbing back down the ladder. I was more than scared, since

the Sherpa guide that I had hired had made for home.

Retracing my steps, I gingerly made my way down the ladder. I had never walked down a ladder facing outwards before, nor had never walked on one coated with ice. As I jumped (tripped) down the last few steps onto the bleachers, I realized that I might have to do this for the next few years.

Grabbing as many copies of stats and tidbits as I could from the bottom press box, I made my way back to the safety (?) of our box. Papers in mouth, I made it up the ladder once again, this time not even fearing the fall of over ninety feet. Could one get used to this?

Five minutes later, we were on the air. The familiar "The following WMEB-FM..." introduction began.

"With me is my color man..." that was my cue. Sniffing into the mike, I tried to make sense of the stats that I had drooled on five seconds earlier.

The game was uneventful. Maine lost once again, and it was time to head back. It was dark by this time, and the writers in the bottom box were working by candlelight. No one has heard of Thomas Edison here at Alumni Field.

Since I was going by way of the station, I volunteered to return the equipment.

I couldn't help but wonder, as I slipped and fell on the ice and into the comfort of a local puddle, did Frank Gifford start this way?

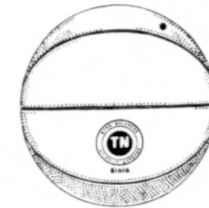
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Sportsdates

There will be three instructional clinics offered for anyone interested in refereeing intramural basketball this year. People must attend at least 2 of the 3 clinics offered plus pass a written test in order to officiate.

Officials will be needed for both the men's and women's program, so male and female students are encouraged to attend. Rule books and case books may be purchased at these meetings for \$1.75 each. These clinics will be helpful to anyone who would like to pass the IAABO test to become a certified official.

Clinics will be held in Room



125 Lengyel Gym on Thurs. Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 beginning at 7 p.m.

Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested. REMEMBER: Each fraternity is required to have one official, so make sure your house selects their person now and sends them to the clinics.

For all those people who attend the required number of clinics and pass the test they will receive \$3.60 per game from the start of the season, whereas those people who did not attend the clinics but still pass the test will only receive \$3.00 per game until the second semester.

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