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Women of Maine convened Wednesday to discuss problems, festivals, and politics, in the Memorial Union. The key

achievement of the meeting was the beginning of a petition to discredit the UMO Beauty Contest.

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UMO and community women met Wednesday night for the first time in more than a semester to discuss women's concerns ranging from film and art festivals to women's centers.

Approximately 70 women attended the informal gathering in Memorial Union during which projects were planned for the semester. Joan Shagoury, Student Health Center psychologist, mentioned the possibility of creating a women's yellow pages. The yellow pages would contain information such as gynecologists, divorce counselors, day care centers and anything else of relevance to women.

New courses being offered next year of interest to women will be "Women of Maine," "a biographical look at some well-known Maine women," "Women in Society," an anthropological and historical look at women, and "Portraits of Women."

Spruce Run, a project already begun in the Bangor area to help women in trouble,

will be continued with the help of university and community volunteers. Spruce Run is a new organization formed to help women and children in times of marital crisis and co-ordinate the various types of aid needed in the transitional stages of a dissolving marriage.

The long range goal of Spruce Run is to have a 24-hour retreat center, along with information and day care services available. Margaret Danielson, an instructor in English at UMB, is also interested in creating a women's center and has applied for Title I funds to finance it.

A petition is being circulated by a group of UMO women objecting to the upcoming UMO Beauty Contest, sponsored by Delta Upsilon fraternity. The pageant, scheduled for March 22 in Hauck Auditorium, boasts a \$300 scholarship for the winner. The group of women opposing the pageant feel that the arbitrary standard of the "ideal woman" is not valid.

On the other hand