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Administrators say tuition hike possible for next year

A tuition increase is possible for next year.

University administrators said this week that they cannot discount the possibility of increase for next year.

"There is no recommendation for a tuition increase at this moment, but that's today. You just never know," said William N. Roberson, public-relations director for the chancellor's office.

Administrators says one determining factor is how much money the university receives from the Legislature during the special session.

In part, "a tuition increase depends on the Legislature," said Hebert L. Fowle, Jr., vice chancellor for business and financial affairs. "That's the key to the whole thing."

Fowle is preparing the university's budget for 1972-73 and said he will know by the middle of this month whether an increase in tuition will be necessary.

The university's Board of Trustees will meet here March 15 and the question of a tuition increase may be on the agenda, according to Roberson.

Roberson added that the matter of a tuition hike "will be discussed in relation to next year's budget at the March meeting or definitely before July 1," when the university enters a new fiscal year.

Last Thursday, Chancellor Donald R. McNeil spoke before 40 students and faculty members in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union.

He mentioned the possibility of a "tuition-adjustment plan," which would outline tuition costs several years in advance.

The advantage of this plan would be to allow students to plan their college expenses while still in junior high or high school, McNeil said.

Roberson said yesterday that he and the chancellor's staff hope to recommend some sort of tuition-adjustment plan to the Board of Trustees this year.

He said possible plans include charging full cost to out-of-state students, charging more for graduate students than undergraduates, equalizing the tuition rates at all the campuses, and a graduated tuition rate, under which freshmen would pay the least amount of money for tuition and seniors the most.

Roberson stressed that these are just possibilities, but added

that officials in the chancellor's office will have a concrete plan to propose to the trustees when the trustees discuss a tuition-adjustment plan.

But tuition-adjustment plan would have its disadvantages, Roberson said.

For example, what if one year the university had to raise tuition more than the administration had indicated in its tuition-adjustment plan because of a shortage of funds?

And what if the Federal Government began subsidizing colleges and universities and a

tuition rate could be decreased?

"These are some of the imponderables that have to be discussed," Roberson said.

McNeil said last Thursday that Federal aid to state institutions is the primary, if not only, way that drastic tuition increases can be avoided in the future.

He said that colleges have an increasing tendency to lay the burden of spiraling costs to the student.

"It's the student in the last analysis that gets it (the

burden), and that's too bad," he said.

If federal aid is not increased, "we're going to move to some kind of an elitism that we've never seen in this country," McNeil said.

McNeil attributed many of the financial problems facing universities, including Maine, to the public attitude of disenchantment toward universities. This attitude is prevalent throughout the country, he said, and once it subsides colleges will be much better off financially.

Disgruntled UMO veterans claim G.I. benefits too low

by Brenda Gagner

Twenty UMO veterans are working for increased GI benefits because they say present federal allowances are insufficient to pay current college expenses.

"Some older people think that the veteran has a paid trip to college," says George Lord, a 27-year old zoology major.

"A single guy does receive \$175 a month, as compared to \$130 before Jan. 1, but a man can't go to college and pay living expenses on that. As it stands now, not all veterans who want to go are getting to college."

John Weston and Jack Maynard, co-chairmen of UMOVETS, met last week with Arthur Kaplan, vice president of student affairs, to discuss the possibility of sending a questionnaire to the veterans on campus "to determine exactly what they want," according to Maynard, who is a 25-year old chemistry major from Pittsfield.

"We must do this (send out the questionnaire) in order to have the facts to present to the Board of Trustees so that

perhaps changes could be made in UM Vets financial status," Maynard said.

World War II and Korea veterans received benefits under the GI Bill, which covered 98 percent of both tuition and living expenses.

Today, the GI Bill covers only 71 percent of tuition and living expenses, according to a paper composed by UMOVETS, titled "The Economics of Living On the GI Bill."

Currently, the GI Bill grants a veteran \$1,575 in educational benefits for a nine-month period. The national poverty level in \$1,974, according to the "Statistical Abstract of the United States," 1969 edition.

If a GI's summer earnings, an average of \$1,290 for a 15-week period, are added to his GI benefits, his income amounts to \$2,865 for one year.

A University of Maine student pays \$725 for tuition, books and insurance for a year. This leaves the veteran with \$2,140, which is close to the poverty level, for living expenses.

According to Weston, veterans are inclined to live off campus.

"To anyone who has lived in military barracks for any amount of time, the question of continued institutional living is absurd," said one veteran, whose comment was published in the UMOVETS handout.

Here, according to "Economics of Living On the GI Bill," is a "conservative" estimate of a veteran's expenses for one year:

+ \$1,575 GI Bill
+ \$1,290 summer earnings
- \$600 tuition
- \$125 books
- \$1,200 rent, utilities included
- \$780 food
+ \$160

These figures do not include transportation, clothing, laundry, life insurance or entertainment expenses.

If a veteran cannot find summer employment, he has a debt of \$590.

Senators approve new gov't constitution

by Bettina Boxall

The Student Senate unanimously accepted the constitution of a new student government organization at a special meeting Tuesday night.

President Winthrop C. Libby approved the measure yesterday. He has written a letter to Chancellor Donald R. McNeil to inform him of the approval.

The new constitution will take effect April 1. According to Senate President Bill Eames, the measure "will be looked into only if McNeil expresses strong disapproval."

The measure does not require trustee approval, Eames said.

The constitution calls for a total reorganization of the present student government, intended to ensure a more representative apportionment of student activity fees. The seven existing governing branches will be condensed into one central government, which will also include an academic council for each college, a graduate council, a student activity board, a student services board and community action board.

An executive council and a finance committee, with the power to review the budgets submitted by the 12 governing branches will also be created.

Five amendments to the constitution were introduced at the meeting in Murray Hall, four of which were accepted by a

majority vote. The first one creates an off-campus board, which will be co-equal to the interdorm board and the fraternity board. The board is intended to give the university's 3,000 off-campus students a say in the spending of the \$80,000 student activity fees, which will constitute the budget of the new organization.

The second amendment gives the Student Body vice president, who is the chairman of the finance committee, the power to break tie votes in the committee. The original wording of the constitution made the vice president an ex officio member only.

The one amendment that was defeated would have made the senate president a voting member of the finance committee. The constitution as it now stands calls for the Senate President to be a non-voting member.

The third amendment allows a board whose budget has twice been rejected by the finance committee to go before the senate for appeal.

The final approved amendment necessarily requires that all voting members of the finance committee be present before that committee conducts business.

Debate at the hour-long meeting, which began at 6:30, was almost wholly concerned with the five amendments

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WINTER MALL BALL - The snow flies as Delta Upsilon and Alpha Phi Omega grapple in the Snow Bowl held on the mall during last weekend's Winter Carnival. Delta Upsilon won, 6-0.

95 UMO students get 4.0 averages

Ninety-five UMO students achieved perfect 4.0 grade averages during the fall semester of 1971-72.

The 4.0 students with a course load of at least 12 credit hours include a husband and wife from Orono, two sisters from Farmington and three students from Winchester, Mass.

The husband and wife are Michael E. Gilleland and Jeanne R. Gilleland.

The sisters are Carolyn E. Reed and Joyce M. Reed. Joyce received her degree in January.

The three students from Winchester, Mass., who had 4.0's are Sally C. Bowen, David C. Hillman and Gloria E. Tatarian.

Other students who had 4.0's are: David W. Aiken, Alfred; Karen D. Bagley, Troy; Alana H. Banks, Liberty; Calvin C. Barnard, Concord, N.H.; Linda L. Beal, Addison; Nancy A. Black, Ellsworth; Susan L. Blaisdell, York; Michael G. Blake, Falmouth; Richard A. Boss Jr., West Springfield, Mass.; Bettina Boxall, Washington, D.C.

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Augusta; Thomas A. Collins, Rangeley; Charles S. Colwell, Hancock; Jeffrey S. Davis, Orono.

Also, Nicholas G. Davis III, Westbrook; Robert A. Deane, Guilford; Sandra Dickinson, Kennebunk; Margaret A. Doran, Bangor; Edward R. Drechsel, Wrightstown, N.J.; Jayne Dreher, Roscoe, N.Y.; Gwendolyn J. Dubay, Sabattus; Diane M. Dunn, Presque Isle; Pamela K. Duff, Bar Harbor; Karen I. Dupont, Chisholm; Rodger B. Ellis, Orrington; William R. Fisher, Old Town.

Frederic N. Flewelling, Crouseville; Allan Freedman, Willowdale, Ont., Canada; Garry L. Greene, Skowhegan; Judith A. Greer, South Portland; John R. Hachey, Winslow.

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Terry S. Kiesman, Fryeburg; Thomas A. Knox, Waterville; Nancy K. Lane, Auburn; Julie A. Linneken, Bowdoinham; James P. Lohmeyer, Bangor; Jane M. McClaire, Bangor;

George W. Manter, Bangor; Jill A. Martel, Jobstown, N.J.; John R. Martin, Old Town; Earle T. Maxim, South Paris; Harry E. Meyer, Bangor; Meredith C. Mollman, Orono; Jacqueline A. Moreau, Portland; Donald W. Nelson, Needham, Mass.

Barbara S. Nichols, Augusta; Judith B. Peavey, Hopkinton, Mass.; Susan B. Peckham, Freeville, N.Y.; Philip E. Perkins, Westbrook; Susan M. Plaisted, Old Town; Enrique de Jesus Posada, Medellin, Colombia, South America; Julia M. Pyska, Augusta; Lawrence A. Reiter, Plainfield, N.J.; Rebecca C. Robbins, Searsport.

Also, Karen D. Rohrbacher, Princeton Junction, N.J.; Annette T. Ross, Bangor; Diane E. Roy, Orono; Roland L. Small, Lubec; Julie A. Sprague, Ellsworth; Richard J. Staples, Belfast; Ada M. Stark, Liberty; Barbara J. Stiehl, White Plains, N.Y.; Jack L. Sutherland, Portage; Constance M. C. Thibodeau, Bangor; Mark A. Tompkins, Greenville; Ronald G. Turner, Kingfield.

Christine S. Tyndall, Pompton Lakes, N.J.; Erin K. Van Orman, Westbrook; Philip B. Wallingford, Auburn; Deborah W. Webster, Bangor; Peter J. Welch, Portsmouth, N.H.; Douglas E. Young, Madawaska; and John M. Toole, Orono.

Weekly sex symposiums scheduled for this month

Four symposiums dealing with facets of human sexual relations are to be held each Monday night in March at 8 p.m. in West Commons.

Students may sign up for the sessions of their choice on pre-registration forms available either in the various dormitory complexes or at a table near the main desk of the Memorial Union.

There is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

The sex symposiums will follow an informal format. Guest speakers will open each session with general remarks introducing the evening's topic. Participants will then join small discussion groups directed by personnel from the Resident Life Staff, the Student Health Center, Planned Parenthood and the Counseling Center.

At the conclusion of each session, students will be asked to fill-out short reaction sheets.

"We need the feedback," says the Health Center's Nurse Administrator Marianne Fightlan, "so we can adapt the symposiums to meet the needs of those who attend."

The March 6 symposium will cover the psychological dimensions of sex. The guest speaker will be Harvard University psychiatrist Dr. James Gill.

The sociological aspects of sex will be discussed March 13. Speaking on the general topic "Sex on Campus—Revolution or Renaissance" will be James Gallagher and Dr. William Sezak, both from the UMO Department of Sociology.

On March 20, a Bangor obstetrician and gynecologist will introduce the first of two sessions dealing with the physical dimensions of sex. Fertility and contraception will be covered by Dr. Anders Netland.

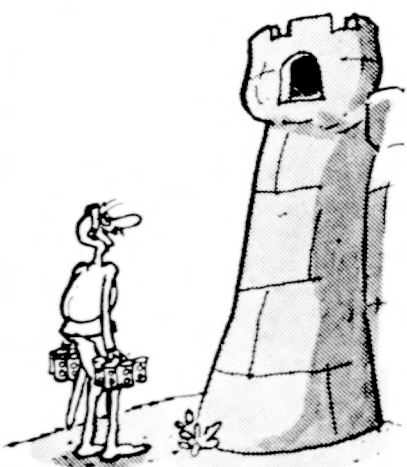
The abortion issue will be discussed March 27. Guest speakers will be John Kerry, the director of Maine Birthright in Portland, and Dr. Ralph Hjelm, acting director of the UMO Philosophy Department.

The need for sex symposiums was discovered during an informal conference last semester at Hilltop according to Mrs. Fightlan.

The conference was the result of a meeting between a member of the Inter-dorm Council and Marianne Fightlan, who was then administering Hilltop's experimental satellite health service center.

The symposiums have been organized by a five-member committee from the Student Health Center and the Residential Life Staff.

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Legislature passes bond issue

Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis Monday signed a bill which will put up for referendum an \$8.36 million bond issue for construction at seven University of Maine campuses.

Maine citizens will vote on the bond issue Nov. 7. They have defeated three bond issues in the past five years.

The bill authorizes construction of the following buildings: a science building at Machias, \$960,000; a student

services and study center at Farmington, \$1.2 million; a library at Presque Isle, \$95,000; a business administration, mathematics and English building at Orono, \$1.9 million.

Also, a health and physical-education building at Fort Kent, \$1.2 million; a library-learning resources center at Augusta, \$750,000; and a Science building at Portland Gorham, \$1.4 million.

Student art show cancelled

The student art show planned for this month has been cancelled because of "student apathy," Memorial Union Activities Board President Kay Veenis said this week.

"Only 34 entries from no more than 12 people were submitted," Miss Veenis said, adding that 75 entries were received last year.

Entry forms were displayed in the dormitories and the Memorial Union throughout

February, she said. The small number of entries has declined over the years," Miss Veenis said. For this reason, she said there will be no art show next year.

Entries received for this year's art show will be displayed throughout this month in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Union. Works range from acrylic and oil and watercolor paintings to wood etchings and photographic work.

Maine 18-year-olds to have adult rights

Gov. Kenneth Curtis yesterday signed a bill granting 18 year olds, will not full adult rights to 18 year olds.

The bill left the state Legislature Wednesday after the Senate's 17-13 vote of approval.

The bill, which will give 18

year olds all the rights currently granted to 20 year olds, will not go into effect immediately. A 90-day period of time must elapse after this special session of the legislature ends before the bill will become a statute.

Senate approves constitution

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brought up. Senators voiced no real opposition to the proposal.

This was in noticeable contrast to last week's meeting, when the constitution was first presented. At that time questions arose concerning the placement of power and which of the governing branches best represented the students.

Discussion on the off-campus amendment primarily centered on the need for the board itself. Some senators felt that not only was there question of the interest of off-campus students in such a body, but that the constitution as it stood allowed for the creation of a board if the need arose.

Opposition to the defeated amendment consisted of arguments that the finance committee would be given a pro-senate leaning if the senate president were given a voting membership.

Eames, whose campaign platform concentrated on governmental reform, said he was certain that the new student body organization will be a much better system than the present system.

He said he hoped that the increase in activities allowed for by the new constitution will generate renewed student interest in the governing bodies.

Cinema Review

by Bill Gordon

I have been duped. I had been told from informed sources that the movie version of *King Kong* shown on campus last week was the original, uncut version, but it definitely was not.

It was obviously a copy edited for television (from the company's name before the main titles), since the scenes cut in 1933 were still missing.

According to a MUAB spokesman, the film's distributor was at fault and the matter was being looked into.

The 39 Steps (tonight at 8:30; PBS) is Alfred Hitchcock's 1939 spy classic, a study in suspense that became a model for many of his later films that dealt with people who suddenly become involved in intrigue (*The Man Who Knew Too Much*, and *North by Northwest*). Richard Hannay (Robert Donat) a Canadian visitor in London, meets a woman who is murdered in his flat, and who spoke of "the 39 steps" before she dies. It is imaginative and entertaining classic well worth watching.

The Confession (Saturday at Hauck; 7 and 9:30 p.m.) is Costa Gavras' first film since *Z*, and is about as perfect a movie that you will ever see. Yves Montand is a political prisoner who undergoes graphic tortures and psychological harassment in

order to force him to give "the confession."

This film is literally devastating, with another superb performance by Simone Signoret, with a screenplay by Lise and Arthur London. The excellent color photography adds a striking gloom to the grim proceedings.

The Deadly Affair (Tuesday and Thursday at 137 Bennett; Wednesday at Nutting; 7 and 9 p.m.) is a top-notch spy thriller based upon John Le Carre's novel. Outstanding performances by James Mason and Simone Signoret place this movie on the level of the equally masterful *The Spy Who Came In From The Cold*.

Latitude Zero (Sunday at 100 Nutting; 1 and 3:30 p.m.). A secret city beneath the ocean, a mad scientist and a kidnapping plot make for a science-fiction thriller.

Ikiru (Sunday at 10 Nutting; 8:15 p.m.) is a 1952 film by the famous Japanese director Akira Kurosawa. The film is about a man who knows he is going to die. Also, the third program of "Take One" student films is this Thursday (7 and 9 p.m. at 130 Little).

The films this week are an improvement on the bad fare of the last three weeks of general junk.

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Dishing out \$10,000 for food taster just adds to cafeteria gravy train

A few questions for those who eat at UMO's dining halls.

"Do you get angry over the fact that the beans at the place where you eat may not taste the same as those served in another dining hall?"

"Has your faith in the food the university serves its boarders been restored by that scrumptious Christmas pudding and those mouth-watering new fruit salads?"

In the name of progress the Residence and Dining Halls administration has hired a test-kitchen manager who is constantly striving to standardize food at the various dining facilities run by that department. All this in order that "residents of one complex won't be getting Alabama beans made by a cook from down South, while those in another complex are getting Maine-style beans," according to assistant Residence and Dining Halls Director, Ross Moriarty.

In addition, the test-kitchen manager has the responsibility of searching for new recipes to be used in the dining halls.

The test-kitchen manager receives an annual salary of \$10,200. He is paid out of the Residence and Dining Hall budget which comes entirely from the room-and-board payments of students living on campus.

These students, who had to pay an

extra \$70 for room and board this year and might have to come up with another \$80 on top of that next year, were not asked if they wanted the food to be the same at all the dining halls. They were not asked if they wanted new types of food.

But a new position of test-kitchen manager was created in September, "because that's progress" according to Moriarty. Unfortunately, as happens so often, those most affected by this progress were not consulted as to whether they desired it or not.

On March 15, the Board of Trustees will meet here to consider next year's budget. Among the items in that budget will be the request by the Department of Residence and Dining Halls for an increase in room and board rates of up to \$80 a year.

Instead of rubber-stamping the request, the trustees should inquire as to what those affected by the increase will be getting in return for the extra money they will have to spend. The 4,000 or so students who live on this campus and eat their meals here should be there to make sure the trustees do this.

We feel that many students could find better use for their money than helping to pay someone to concoct an occasional pudding or salad.

Some drivers are dumb on parking

An institution of higher education such as the University of Maine is usually thought of as an intellectual center where young men and women come to be educated by a learned faculty.

Unfortunately there are times when several of these persons of supposedly above-average intelligence show a sad lack of common sense.

Witness the situation in several parking lots this winter.

Snow falls upon the asphalt, covering up those lines that show where people are supposed to park their cars. The result is chaos.

UMO's can work for a candidate

The establishment has been making many efforts in recent years to involve youth in the electoral process.

An amendment to the United States Constitution lowered the voting age in federal elections from 21 to 18. This is increasingly the trend in the individual states in regard to their own elections.

The question now is how many of the newly enfranchised voters will avail themselves of the opportunity to make their voices heard in the democratic process. This does not mean just going through the motions of casting a ballot, but getting involved in the election campaigns by working for their favorite candidates.

A small group of UMO students are making the trip to New Hampshire to work for the individuals they support.

New Hampshire presents a close and immediate opportunity for students to have their efforts figure in the final outcome of the political process in November. More should take advantage of this opportunity.

To waste one's vote is inexcusable. But the voter is a passive creature, merely choosing between two pre-selected candidates.

Real involvement in the selection of President requires working for the candidate one feels to be best fit for the job.

Our readers write in...

McNeil's not so bad after all

To the editor:

As some of the students present at the meeting last Thursday night at Nutting Hall we would like to thank Chancellor Donald R. McNeil for making himself available for such a discussion.

All of us would also like to say that because of that meeting our opinion of him and his position has changed for the better.

Hearing his side of the problem and seeing his sincerity gives us a better and more full appreciation of the problems which embrace both the University of Maine as a whole and each of the individual campuses. Thanks again.

George Sutcliffe
Roger Walton
William Bicknell
Peter Reynolds

Let campus radicals use bathroom walls

To the editor:

At the MUAB student art fair one should, by definition, find student art and nothing more. Unfortunately, it appears that the same personalities who encrust the campus bulletin boards with their political diarrhea have at last successfully infiltrated the realm of legitimate art.

Without specific reference, the "work" in question is a gory, anarchistic and licentious sculpture, totally worthless and in poor taste. It is repelling,

offensive, and infantile and no doubt the product of several depraved minds.

It should be removed and interred in the proper waste receptacle and steps should be taken to prevent anything like it from ever returning. The public must be protected from such scandalous political hackery. If campus radicals must have a medium, let them use the bathroom walls.

Name withheld

Insurance cards will generate income

To the editor:

There seems to be unnecessary apprehension regarding the insurance questionnaire cards recently sent out from the Student Health Center. This is an attempt to clarify what is happening.

The Student Health Insurance Program was designed to cover the costs of medical care outside the Health Center. All students registered for enough courses to be paying full tuition are eligible for care at the Health Center.

Because we are so desperately short of funds, to the extent the quality of medical care we can offer students has deteriorated, we are searching for ways to generate income at no cost to the student.

Blue Cross hospitalization plans, which cover many students, have been willing to pay for bed care in infirmaries for several years. We are trying to take advantage of this source of income.

They will not pay these charges unless we charge all students for in-patient care.

The company that carries our student insurance has agreed to pay these charges also. I estimate that 95 to 99 per cent of our students would be covered by some plan that would pay such a fee.

When I presented this plan to President Libby, he wanted to be sure this would not result in financial hardship for any student. He asked me how many students are not covered by any insurance plan and this questionnaire is an attempt to provide him with an accurate answer. These are the results we have so far:

Some 4,495 students have our Student Health and Accident Plan.

We sent questionnaires to the 3,700 students who do not have our insurance. So far 1,754 have been returned and of these 1,711 have other insurance.

Forty-three have no

insurance. We will interview each of these 43 to find out why and figure out a way to get them covered. (I believe no one can afford to be without health and accident insurance.)

Our problem lies with the nearly 2,000 students who have not returned their cards. Believe me, we are not trying to trick anybody. You are eligible for care here whether you have insurance or not.

We're just trying to find out if charging for in-patient care at the Infirmary will create a hardship for some students, identify the students it would create problems for, and try to find some way to get around these problems. We are doing this in order to generate an income of some \$75,000 which insurance companies are waiting to give us.

We are in complete agreement with President Libby; this should not be done if it hurts any student. This is what we are trying to avoid.

R.A. Graves, M.D., Director
Student Health Center

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UMO students could be great P-R force

To the editor:

I sincerely believe that with a nucleus of five students and five alumni we could launch a campaign that would stimulate public support for the university's financial needs.

At the Feb. 17 colloquium, President Libby commented that the student body could be the university's greatest public relations force. On Feb. 24, Chancellor McNeil voiced the same opinion. At the latter

colloquium, a student asked, "What can we do?"

I'd like to offer some possible answers to those students who believe that public support and funding are essential for the future of their University.

1. Be informed. Get the facts. Many of the facts refute widely circulated myths and misconceptions about problems facing the university.

2. Be vocal in support of higher education. Help your family, friends and neighbors understand that the bond issue has a direct bearing on the number of Maine students who will be able to further their education. And on the cost of such education. And the quality of it. The bond issue is not about the Super-U concept of the chancellor.

3. Organize. Communicate. Write letters to the news media. Circulate fact fliers. Offer speakers to civic clubs. Ring doorbells. Do everything you can at every opportunity to let the public know students at the University are (1) intelligent, concerned and civic-minded adults and (2) in favor of funding for the University.

In round figures, the public is putting up roughly \$1,500 for every \$500 in tuition now paid by a Maine student at Orono. If you want John Q. Public to continue this support, someone better let him know you want it. And that it's a good investment for him.

Are there five students with enough concern for the future of public higher education in Maine that they would like to do something to win greater public support for it? If so, please contact me.

Lois Gauthier
Hamden Highlands

Drop this absurd poster controversy

To the editor:

It's high time that this absurd poster controversy is put to rest. The crux of the problem is very simple: no one has a right to deface or destroy someone else's property in any way, shape or form.

Jeff has made it quite clear during this unnecessary letter battle that (1) the posters are his, and (2) he has put the

material up to be read, not defaced or destroyed.

Jeff is perfectly within his rights to request that his literature be left alone, and I think that Tabitha S. King and Company should have the good grace to drop the issue and leave the posters alone.

Philip Diming
411 Aroostook

Hollingsworth is not a 'common slob'

To the editor:

I promise to be short and sweet. I wish to tell Mr. Jay Kenny that Jeffrey Hollingsworth would never write a letter like "the rest of you common slobs" because he is simply not a common slob.

I personally respect and admire his courage, and I truly hope he continues "hogging" bulletin boards and newspaper

space" because some people care about what he has to say.

I can't wait to see next week's *Campus* because undoubtedly it will contain more of the same brand-X answers to this letter.

At least I can't be accused of hogging space that might have been used for more detrimental purposes.

Elaine M. Legendre
232 York Hall

Anyone want to join 'hoggers' club?

To the editor:

Well, Jay Kenny tells me to write letters to the newspaper if I have a complaint, but then he tells me not to "hog" newspaper space.

Tabitha King orders me not to write letters, but says free speech is a right she will defend to the death.

With thoughts on paper coming from recycled minds like that, I guess it is time to say

the game has gone far enough. Let *The Maine Campus* devote its space to more pressing matters than contradictory foolishness from the two clowns. Jeffrey Hollingsworth
State YAF Chairman

P.S. Is there anyone interested in joining the Newspaper & Bulletin Board-Hoggers Club of America?

A tenor drum? You're kidding!

by Drucie McDaniel

When they told me they were putting me on the tenor drum in the marching band, quite frankly, I thought they were kidding.

"You're kidding," I said to them.

But I could tell that they weren't. The way I could tell this was by the very un-kidding manner in which they strapped me into a tenor drum and handed me two sticks. It was a serious moment, I can tell you.

Not that my life exactly flashed before my eyes, or anything like that, but I did feel, deep within my drum-laden soul, that my career with the marching band here at Maine was doomed to be short-lived.

It wasn't as if I had never played the drums before -- far from it. In fact, every so often, our high school bandleader (a stand-up comic at heart), would whimsically suggest, "Hey, let's get Drucie on the drums!" Whereupon I would obligingly abandon my safe, familiar little xylophone and provide the company with a good laugh for a song or two.

It soon became apparent, however, that circumstances here were considerably altered -- they were going to ask for Hamlet, and all I could give them was Soupy Sales. I began to be panic-stricken.

Perhaps I hadn't absorbed much drummer's technique from four years in the percussion section, but I had come to appreciate that it takes a good deal of skill and rhythm

sensitivity to be able to play drums successfully...at any rate, you don't just hand some clown two sticks and turn him loose. But that's exactly what they were doing, and I really didn't think it was a good idea.

"I really don't think this is a good idea," I very earnestly explained to them. I wasn't trying to be difficult -- I was just thinking of the good of the band as a whole, don't you see?

They didn't. The problem was, they were all quite versatile themselves and I guess they had never before encountered someone who was stymied by a tenor drum. Well, it is difficult to believe in something you've never seen before, so I let the matter drop, because I knew that they were about to experience their first Case In Point.

I listened attentively to all their instructions, and they were so encouraging, I almost began to feel relieved about the whole thing. So, when the first selection started, I confidently began beating away.

The music abruptly stopped. The Leader peered suspiciously at the band (I simply waited, eager to resume my new-found Station in Life). We began again, only to be halted in the same manner, and this time, the severity of the Leader's stare was directed emphatically at us percussion people. Now that he knew the general source area of the discord, it was only one more false start before he pinpointed the true culprit. I

don't suppose you're in an agony of suspense over her identity.

A sympathetic snare comrade came to my defense, explaining, that I was a novice at the Drum Game, and she kindly volunteered to work with me privately. And this she did. Or at least, she tried.

I won't bore you with the painful details of those frustratingly futile private sessions. Nor will I tell you of my spectacularly poor attempts to balance that blasted drum when we began marching practice. (There is a definite discrimination against short people on the part of marching-drum manufacturers -- don't try to tell me otherwise. The monster was nearly my height and twice as unwieldy, and it invariably emerged the victor in our daily wrestling bouts.

I began to hate that drum. I found myself muttering at it between numbers. I looked forward to fortes and crescendos with sadistic delight. I slammed it into its case after practice with more force than was really necessary, and before long, I finally faced up to the fact that, if I wished to retain what few faculties I did have, I would have to get out.

I never did get to march at a Maine football game.

Drucie McDaniel, besides being a former member of the band, works at WMEB and will be in the Maine Masque production, "Pieces of Eight."

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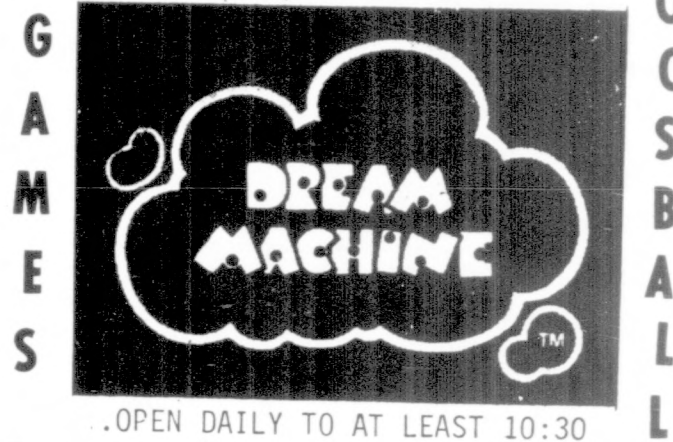
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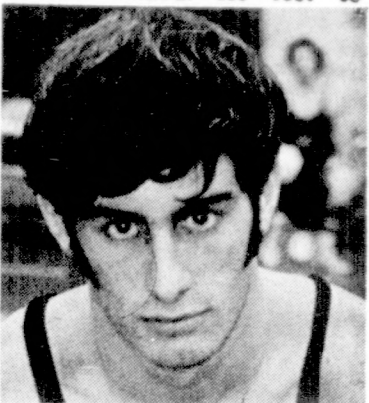
Four UMO wrestlers finished surprisingly well in last Saturday's New England Collegiate wrestling championship held at Central Connecticut State College.

In the varsity competition, Maine's Dave Harvey at 150 pounds and Steve Jones at 190 pounds, fought their way to fourth place in their respective weight classes.

It was the first time in Maine's three year intercollegiate wrestling history that a Maine athlete placed in the 32-school New England competition.

Harvey, a sophomore who ended the regular season competition with an 8-4-1 record, beat Miller of Brown and Gahl of M.I.T.. He lost to Golberg of UMass (the two-year defending champion) and Isbister of Worcester Poly Tech.

Jones, a 190-pound freshman who has been wrestling varsity all year and has compiled a 7-4-1 mark beat Christianson of Central Conn. and Andrew of Coast Guard. He lost to



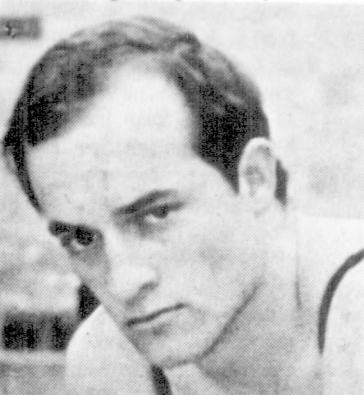
Dave Harvey

Buckbee of UMass, the eventual winner, and Sklaver of Amherst.

Maine also was represented by two fourth-place finishers in the freshman division. They

were Tom Davies in the 167-pound weight class and Mark Hammond in the 177-pound class.

"Although our 4-10 record isn't very impressive, I was



Steve Jones

pleased with some good individual records, and we'll have an excellent group of experienced wrestlers returning next year," said optimistic UMO Coach Ian McKinnon.

Maine will be adding Harvard and M.I.T. to next year's wrestling schedule. They will be replacing Coast Guard and

Hoopsters rise and fall

For the UMO varsity basketball team the past seven days have been marked by periods of optimism and disappointment.

Sometime last Friday the Bears were in a three-way tie for first place in the Yankee Conference. Thursday night UMass had lost to UNH leaving the Redmen with a 5-2 conference record, and tying them for first place with Maine and URI.

Friday night URI defeated UConn, gaining sole possession of first place with a 6-2 mark. So last Saturday at UMass the Bears were anxiously eyeing an opportunity to join URI for the conference lead. But an unobliging UMass team had other plans, and Maine was embarrassed 100-66.

A disappointed group of Maine basketballers returned to Maine Sunday and found that Colby (which was tied with Maine for the State Series Crown) had been upset by Bowdoin. This set the stage for Maine to sneak in the back door

to the State crown if they could beat Bowdoin on Wednesday. With a score of 68-52 Maine did just that.

Today Maine is just as optimistic about winning the Yan Con championship as it was a week ago. With two games remaining, one with URI at Rhode Island tomorrow and one with UMass next Wednesday here, Maine has an outside chance of forcing the league into a three-way tie. Unlikely, but stranger things have happened.

In last Saturday's UMass game Maine was just outmuscled, according to Coach Skip Chappelle. "UMass was very physical, and we couldn't get near the back board for the second or third shots," he said.

At Wednesday's Bowdoin game it was the rebounding of Nick Susi and the scoring of Peter Gavett that clinched the State Series title for Maine.

Susi with 26 rebounds was one short of the Maine individual-game record, but it gained him a school record of 744.

Skiers take 6th place

Coach Brud Folger's consistent skiers plowed their way into sixth place in carnival competition for the third straight week, this time at the Middlebury Winter Carnival last Saturday.

The carnival competition standings have remained pretty steady with Dartmouth winning all three meets. Maine has beaten Harvard three times, Williams twice and St. Lawrence once.

At the Middlebury carnival, Rich Brachold continued to be Maine's top finisher placing eighth in the giant slalom. Bob Remington of Maine was ninth in the nordic combined.

Mike Fendler, Maine's top jumper, was injured in the giant

slalom and could not compete in the jumping.

Maine will close out its season Saturday when it travels to St. Lawrence for the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association qualifying meet (EISA). The top three teams and the top five finishers in each event will qualify for the EISA meet.

Swim Meet Set

A coed-intramural swim-relay carnival is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. in the campus pool. Seven events are planned, ranging from the 100-yard medley relay to the 150-yard progressive freestyle relay.

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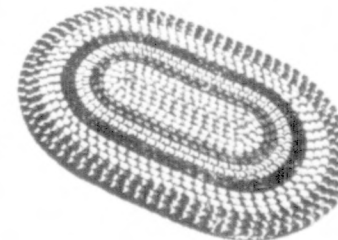
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