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Spring sports athletes are going flat out in their efforts to get to first base with their starting line-up hopes, under the watchful eyes of their coaches. See the special sports supplement in today's **Campus** on how UMO's baseball, tennis, track and rugby teams are shaping up for the coming battles. There's no extra charge for the special pullout section. It's a steal.



## Graduation committee exch



Doethina Gabriel



Terry Dorr

## UMB student government opposes merger proposal

The UMB and UMO student governments will not unite this year as had been originally planned in President Neville's proposed assimilation of the Bangor campus.

Lack of time to iron out difficulties caused by the merger was described as the major reason for the postponement.

One of those difficulties is the feeling by the UMB people that they have finally established an identity of their own after five years of being "a hotel for a transient student body."

The quote is from a document stating the position of the UMB government. The paper elaborates on the point of separate identity and lists several representative organizations that have sprung up in the last four years. Among these are a student union activities board, a law enforcement fraternity, and a student senate.

"All of this would be lost if we were to be idealistically absorbed into the Orono system," the UMB government contends.

The south campus government further fears that its incorporation into the UMO complex will bury UMB issues and needs.

"The needs of many two-year students are not the same as those of the Orono people," a spokesman asserted. "We need programs of our own tailored to our own students' needs."

The positive side of the issue would be the implementation of UMO facilities and programs to strengthen and augment UMB organizations.

Debate on the issue will continue, but a viable solution will take time to work out. Upcoming elections on both campuses and resulting new leaders assuming responsibilities have delayed resolution of the problem. Further, the Board of Trustees doesn't meet until Wednesday to discuss the Bangor merger.

In the light of all this unexpected controversy, and to give the newly-elected senators a chance to work things out on their own, the administration has granted a year's grace to the two governments. During this year, both organizations will work to integrate UMB programs into those at UMO. How well the coordination works will determine later administrative policy.

## Police give concert-goers 'se

by Jeff Beebe

Bangor police officers searching people entering the J. Geils Band concert at Bangor Auditorium Sunday night gave ticket-holders the choice of being frisked or turning in their ticket for a cash refund.

With Penobscot County Attorney David Cox looking on, officers first asked concert goers if they were carrying any containers and then asked if they would mind a mild frisking. Everyone agreed to the frisk after being given the other option.

"We tell them to go get their money back and leave," said attorney Cox. "Very few have refused to be searched and nobody has opted to leave the auditorium," he stated 20 minutes prior to the warm-up band's appearance.

Most of the confiscated material was plastic containers and cans. Few bottles were found while *Campus* reporters watched for about half an hour. Very few women were questioned.

Officers wrote the owner's name on everything that was confiscated, so it could be returned after the concert. Cox noted that some marijuana had been found but no

action was taken other than confiscation. He added, "Pot will not be returned, of course."

The stop-and-frisk tactics being used by the Bangor police were publicly questioned last week by the Maine Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) after they received several complaints stemming from procedures used at recent concerts.

According to some people who attended the Joe Walsh concert of Mar. 17 and the Seals & Crofts concert held Mar. 4, the technique used Sunday night contrasted with earlier methods. Students alleged that officers had been systematically feeling coat pockets and physically stopping people to frisk without asking permission or producing a warrant.

Robert S. Howe, MCLU Legal Services Coordinator, who was in Bangor Sunday night, said MCLU research and investigation into the propriety of the search and seizure operation will continue.

Howe said the MCLU does not know at this time whether any court action will be initiated. If any action is undertaken, he said it will probably be a class action test case in civil court.



# ee excluded from key meeting



by Fran Colton

The decision to feature UMO President Howard R. Neville as the main speaker at the graduation ceremonies in May was made early last fall at a meeting attended by him and students he selected, but excluding all but one member of the student graduation committee.

Neville summoned Senior Class President Terry Dorr, a member of the graduation committee, Student Senate President Tim Keating, Senior Skulls President Dan Daigneault and All Maine Women President Linda Buck, who could not attend the meeting.

According to Dorr, the graduation committee drew up a list of suggested guest speakers and submitted it to Neville. At the meeting, however, Neville suggested to the group that he, Keating and Dorr speak, and the decision was made.

Even though Neville received the suggested speaker list, Steve Gervais, one of the committee members not invited to the meeting, said that Neville probably did not know that the graduation committee existed. He said he was not particularly upset about not being invited, as the committee has met with Neville several times since then to iron out details concerning the ceremonies.

Gervais added that he has received "very little flak about the speaker selection," adding, "Nobody really cares about a speaker or anything."

Doctina Gabriel, also on the committee, disagreed. She claimed she has received many complaints about the speaker selection and added she would like to bring the complaints to Neville's attention.

"I haven't really decided if I like the idea of having the president of the university speak," she commented. "I'm wavering in the middle of being pleased and displeased and leaning on the displeased side," she said. She added that she didn't like the idea of being excluded from the initial meeting.

There have been many ideas concerning how graduation should run and Neville has come up with many suggestions, according to Gabriel. "He does seem obstinate about things he's decided for our graduation," she added.

About four weeks ago, when the decision of the graduation speakers was made public, Dorr explained that the decision to dispense with a guest speaker and feature Neville was made because of a low response of seniors to a speaker preference questionnaire, and also to add a "personal

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## House downs budget denial

The Maine House yesterday defeated a motion to place \$1 million of UMO's appropriated funds in escrow. Following sharp debate, the move was defeated 98-38.

Proponents of the amendment contended the money should be placed in escrow until the university's Board of Trustees reverse their decision to allow the Maine Gay Symposium to be held at UMO in April. The Board is being pressured to cancel the meeting.

House Minority Leader John L. Martin, Democrat from Eagle Lake, described the amendment as being "nothing but a form of blackmail." The amendment's sponsor, Rep. Harold

Bragdon, Republican from Washburn, called homosexuality, "a filthy, unnecessary practice against the laws of God and against the laws of common sense." Of the opposition's claim the homosexual's civil rights should be protected, Rodney R. Ross, Republican from Bath, answered that it was "a cloak under which are hidden a lot of strange bedfellows."

The vote marked the second time during the special session that the impending symposium and the Wilde-Stein Club has caused a controversy in the legislature. A furor broke out when the university's budget was first introduced.

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**Bangor Police officers frisked many music fans entering the J. Geils concert at Bangor Auditorium Sunday night. To**

**enforce municipal statutes, they confiscated containers holding beverages ranging from chocolate milk to hard liquor.** Ward Photo



## What's on

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

ED EXPO 74—All day long. See information desk in Shibles Hall, Memorial Union lobby, and the Library.

SOCIOLOGY—Discussion for students and faculty advisors to sociology majors, 3:30 p.m.

BRANDO—"Bedtime Story", 100 Nutting, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

CONTROVERSY—Prof. Mawhinney hosts a discussion on criteria for impeachment. Coe Lounge, Memorial Union, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

ED EXPO 74—All day long. See information desk in Shibles Hall, Memorial Union lobby, and the Library.

BLOOD BANK—Baltimore Hall, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CAMPUS DEMOCRATS—Meeting to organize campus-wide activities for the coming state elections. 110 Little Hall.

UNDERGRAD BUSINESS ASSOC.—Meeting, all invited. Damn Yankee Room, Memorial Union, 7 p.m.

MOVIE—"Fail-Safe," 100 Nutting, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

MEETING HUMAN NEED—Naomi Stone speaks on "Prayer." Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

MOVIE—"Fail-Safe," 130 Little Hall, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

BRANDO—"Morituri," 100 Nutting Hall, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Faculty requirement policy forms must be returned by March 29.

## Germany comes to Maine for students this summer

For two weeks this summer, there will be a German community in Maine. Dr. William Small, a professor of German, is organizing a brief, monastic life for 25 students under the auspices of UMO's foreign language dept.

These students will speak and hear nothing but German for 15 days, May 26 to June 10, earning three academic credits.

Through the sort of luck one usually associates with the Irish, Prof. Small has obtained three cottages at Owl's Head, near Rockland. The cost, per student, is \$25 rent for the session. Tuition and food, paid individually by the students, is extra.

Small intends the "course" to be very informal. "This will be a cultural approach to German, rather than the usual textbook approach," Small said. "There will be films, drama, songs, and folkdance, all in German. The students will be required to sign an oath saying that they will speak

only German for the duration of the session."

There will be no television, no newspapers, and the only radio will pick up "Die Deutsche Welle," from Cologne on shortwave. But it won't be a boring experience, Small promises a good time for all. Apart from the intellectual stimulation of such a situation, with games, books, records, and conversation, there is the beauty of the Atlantic seaboard.

With the cost of going abroad rising every year, students are rapidly filling the few places available in the rustic cottages. Many, including Small, consider the "Owl's Head Experiment" as perhaps the next best thing to direct culture contact. And since the prerequisite for this program is at least four semesters of German, most of the inhabitants of this mini-culture should be on a conversational basis by the end, says Small.

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## Speaker selection made in committee's absence

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touch' to the ceremony by having each graduate receive his diploma personally from the president.

At a meeting of the graduation committee two weeks ago, it was decided to have a number of seniors, possibly 10, represent the senior class by walking on stage and personally receive diploma boxes from Neville, while the rest of the graduates stand up by their respective majors and graduate as a group.

"We're going to get together and talk about it after vacation", Gabriel said. "There's been a lot of ideas passed around. It's been done half-assly and I'm really not pleased with it." She added that nothing is definite.

Assistant to the President Peter Fitzgerald is pleased with the graduation plans as they now stand, however. "I can't think of anything I'd want to change," he declared.

As for the choice of speakers, Fitzgerald said, "Personally I'm grateful I've listened to a lot of commencement speakers. This will only be Neville's second address to the university community and he will have interesting things to say about his first year as UMO president."

Some of the changes in the offing for the ceremonies include having seniors march in ahead of the faculty and occupy the front seats. Traditionally, the faculty has come first and occupied the front rows while the seniors sit back and to the side. There is also a proposal to change the colors of the graduates' robes to blue rather than black, because of complaints the committee has received of wearing black every year.

Another plan the graduation committee is working on involves a class week rather than a class day, the week tentatively scheduled for the week of final exams. Dorr explained that the committee would try to set up different activities such as movies for the seniors. The date of graduation has been tentatively changed to Saturday, May 25, rather than Sunday, due to the gas shortage. According to Fitzgerald, there is little chance of changing the day of commencement, because "too many problems would come up."

Dorr commented that a great many ideas have passed between the committee and Neville, and she added that both parties are willing to compromise on certain issues, such as the number of graduates on stage. She added, however, that if the committee did not come up with ideas in some areas, Neville's plans would be implemented.

## Candidate Mitchell says 'tuition should be kept low'

by Steve Parker

Democratic gubernatorial candidate George Mitchell said Monday that he supports the university trustees' decision allowing the Wilde-Stein Club to hold a state-wide gay symposium on the Orono campus in April.

Mitchell, who spent the day talking to students, added he would be opposed to any action by the legislature that would hold part of the university's budget in escrow pending a reversal of the trustees' decision.

"I support the university system. As a matter of public policy, the people of Maine have decided that support for higher education is a valid function of government," Mitchell said.

In a Campus interview, the former Maine Democratic national committeeman



George Mitchell

indicated that he favors raising UMO faculty salaries, but would not commit himself to President Neville's plans for a 12 per cent per annum faculty pay raise during the next six years.

A Waterville native, Mitchell believes tuition should be kept "as low as possible", and does not think students should have to absorb a greater percentage of the rising costs of their education.

"Low tuition permits a maximum number of students to attend," he said.

When asked about the possibility of eliminating tuition, the former Muskie aide replied that "right now it is not possible, but it is a desirable goal."

Mitchell cited the state of Maine's economy as the key issue of the gubernatorial campaign.

"We need to create an economic policy that encourages expansion, and creates jobs and income without destroying the environment or ruining the things that make Maine so attractive a place to live in," he said.

"I've developed a specific program which I believe will move us in this direction," Mitchell added. The main aspects of his program include creating industrial zones throughout the state as a means of attracting new industry and protecting some areas from development; adoption of what he termed a "long overdue" land-use plan; establishment of a state-funded training program to train workers for new industry; and the granting of a tax credit for existing Maine businesses which create new jobs by purchasing new machinery.

Mitchell, who has made what he calls the "most complete disclosure" of personal finances and campaign contributions of any previous candidate for high office in Maine, believes that Watergate is "bound to have some impact" on the November elections in the state, but "probably won't be the decisive issue."

The election division of the Secretary of State's office reports that Mitchell's total campaign contributions amount to \$18,578.35 as of March 22. In a January release to the news media, Mitchell listed his net worth as \$64,178 and his 1973 income as \$46,348 (all but \$300 from his Portland law practice.) He paid \$10,387 in federal and \$1,097 in state taxes last year.

"I supported, spoke in behalf of, and voted for the Power Authority of Maine," said Mitchell, who also favors the Dickey-Lincoln power project. The gubernatorial candidate said there must be a balance between the state's environmental and energy needs, and that Dickey-Lincoln would provide a substantial amount of electric power to Maine. Mitchell said he supported Sen. Harry Richardson's public land use bill, and he believes that the state should create a Maine Land Bank to protect public lands from abuse.



The Miss UMO Pageant held Friday night featured more than the eight women competing for the title and the scholarship money. The group "Friends", regular performers at Newman Center folk masses, accompanied the contestants during their

opening number "Top of the World", entertained the audience while the judges counted up points and picked the winner, and greeted the title-holder, Miss Shawna Barnard, as she was crowned.

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# Editorials

## Tightening the reins

Student rights will again be put to the test this Wednesday when the Board of Trustees holds its monthly meeting to decide who has ultimate power over the allocation of funds collected through the student activities fee. Your guess, and ours, would be the students. There seem to be some administrators in the Super-U system, however, who don't agree with us.

Student government at Orono has control of the six dollars each student sees on his semester's bill designated as the activities fee. Although we may not always agree with their priorities in spending this money, we would have it no other way—it is student money. Problems and disagreements concerning how the funds should be spent can be ironed out later, as long as students control the funds.

At four of the UM campuses—Augusta, Fort Kent, Presque Isle, and Farmington, the President of the University reviews the Student Government budget, and if he sees something he doesn't like, he can reject the budget; it's as simple as that. The University

of Maine Organization of Student Government (UMOSG), composed of student government representatives from each of the seven UM campuses, recently submitted a proposal which would allow each student government financial autonomy. Their proposal has wrought a power play among campus presidents who view the suggested policy as an attempt by the Chancellor and UMOSG to subvert their authority and disrupt their fiefdoms.

Rather than adopt a systemwide policy granting students the power to do with their money what they see fit, these men are bent on maintaining their individual identity, and reducing the student's. We can understand (almost) their egos, but don't understand why the student must suffer as they wage a battle with the Super-U bureaucracy.

It just so happens that Orono is doing something right for a change. It's time for these men to put away their personal vendettas and realize that.

## The frisk farce

The Bangor police should be commended for keeping their outrageous policy of frisking concert fans completely on the up and up, you know, with the county attorney hanging around and the alternative of getting your money refunded if refusing to be shaken down like a felon.

Of course, the cops are nice about it. There isn't any hands against-the-wall-back-up-and-put-your-legs-apart stuff. It's really a nice, friendly, informal search of your person. Who wants to bother with that probable cause crap?

One inconsistency we feel obliged to point out, however, is the fact that, while students get the proverbial padding when they go to concerts, being checked for bottles and dope, boxing fans walk into the auditorium for a closed circuit bout unmolested. Now, discrimination is a tired old drum to beat, but could it be that the Bangor cops are more reluctant to give mature adults the quickie frisk than they are students?

Fight fans, in general, are equally suspect of totting bottles of libation into the auditorium as students are, if not more so. Concert fans, for the most part, want to sit and listen to the music they paid a fair amount of money to hear. Ever been to a closed circuit fight?

We'd really like to hand it to the Bangor cops, but we can't. They already took it.

## Commentary

Debbie Winsor

## The grueling graduation and the beg for brevity

It was a hot, muggy May morning. Swarms of energetic little black flies celebrating the return of warm weather hovered above the crowd assembled on the well-kept lawn of the sanctimonious football field; they looked forward to this yearly feast. Lighting on the heavy, impenetrable gowns shielding the yummy young flesh gathered en masse, the bugs reluctantly retreated to the back of the crowd as the morning wore on. The flesh was tougher back there, but there were no bothersome robes to contend with, offering a chance for a decent day's sustenance.

Some of the more ambitious gnats relentlessly sought the flesh of a small group sitting on a stage set apart from the crowd. There, too, were more shields to contend with. The successful insects discovered that this skin was the most stubborn, and the distraught, frenzied creatures one by one retreated to the back of the crowd.

"I didn't know Maine was a mecca for flies! We don't have these in Connecticut!"

"Quiet Ralph—someone will hear you! Stop waving your arms around like that, no one else is doing it. They'll go away if you pay no attention to them," pleaded his wife, cautiously surveying those around her.

"The hell they will—they're all over the place. I thought Maine was 'sposed to be so clean and unpolluted; don't know how Bob survived four years up here with these things."

"Shh! We travelled 700 miles to enjoy our son's big day. I can't hear what the girl up there is saying."

"Who is she? What's she talking about?"

"Don't ask such silly questions. She's the valedictorian, of course."

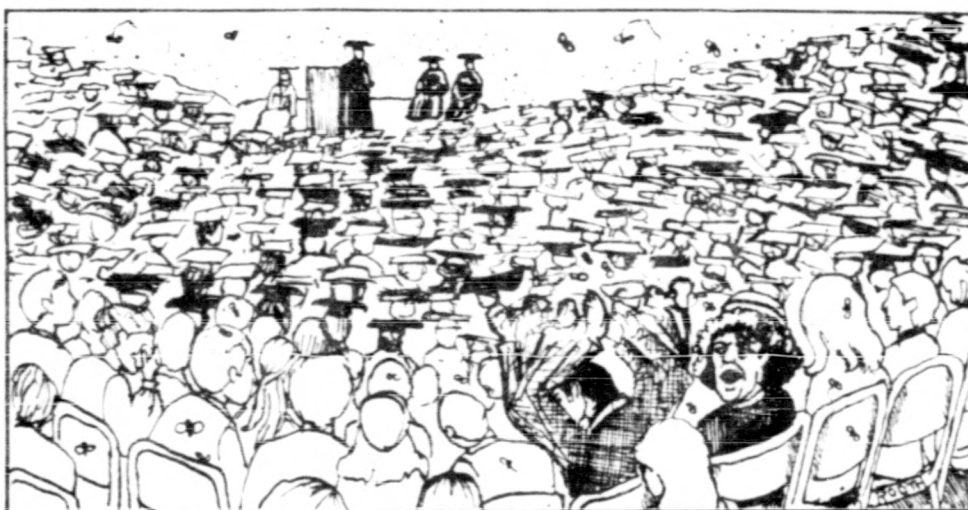
"Who'd they get to talk to us? Who's the main speaker?"

"Well, I guess she is, along with the president of the university and the president of the General Student Series...or is it Services?"

"Christ, I guess Maine is poorer than I thought. Was Bob happy up here?"

"Shh!"

"Well, at least it shouldn't last too



long. We've got alot of travelling to do today. I want to hit the road by..."

"Ralph, please! President P.R. Quoi is being introduced. He IS the President, Ralph."

President Quoi slowly approached the podium, and leaning towards the microphone, prefaced his remarks with the announcement that students representing the Parents and Graduates Division would commence passing the proverbial plate among the audience.

"What's that he said?" asked Ralph, who was busy watching next year's football team scrimmaging on the neighboring soccer field.

"Some kind of graduation tradition, Ralph," replied his wife. "Pay attention, Ralph—everyone else knows what it is."

The plate committee, bearing sturdy seven-foot wooden rods attached to deep, metal plates, trooped up the aisles, boasting "Spirit of '80" banners across their chests while Quoi led the audience in three rounds of his own rousing rendition of the Maine Stein Song. The students returned their filled receptacles to Gerry Fitz, aide to Quoi, who delegated another group to transport the funds to the office of the Vice President for Financial Matters Flake, as Quoi continued to address the crowd.

"I have chosen this occasion to announce an additional proposal to my original set of proposals, which I assume you are all aware of. I propose that the University of Maine at Orono adopt a new set of lyrics and a revised title for the venerated Maine Stein Song, due to, what some may call, certain questionable connotations recently associated with our revered Song."

"We will, by 1980, embrace an improved version worthy of connection with the Maine Black Bears. My personal aide, Gerry Fitz, will be circulating the rules for my "Change that Song" contest throughout the university community. Faculty members will be informed as to what the university expects of them. A committee has been named to represent the students, and they will also contribute their quota of suggestions. The winner will be treated to a year's supply of free ice cream cones at the Cave in the Memorial Union."

"BOO!! HISS!! JEER!! BOO!!!"

"Please! Let me have your attention, please! We are now in negotiation with the Food Services, and there is a chance that we may be able to award sundaes, if there is money in the budget to allot for it. There is also an efficiency task force now studying the Cave's operations, due to reports that time and money is

flagrantly squandered there each day. With a few minor changes, there should be enough funds uncovered in our budget to boost the prize."

"YEAH!! RIGHT ON, PRES! YEAH!!!"

"You got to 'em with that one, P.R.," whispered Fitz.

"Quoi has quite a rapport with the students, doesn't he," quipped Ralph to the man sitting beside him.

"Yes, he seems pretty aware of their demands and interests," the unknown man nodded, "or so I hear, anyway."

Quoi spoke briefly on the joys and sorrows of his first year as President, and then proceeded with the graduation ceremonies. The members of each college stood up as Quoi announced them "official graduates".

"I thought they were going to walk up on stage!" cried Bob's mother. "I thought Bob would receive his diploma from the President personally; after four years I expected at least that much!"

"I heard that ten kids sprained their ankles walking up the stage steps during rehearsal, and another student is in the hospital with two broken legs because he tripped over his gown, so the procedure was altered," offered the man next to Ralph. The distraught mother was not to be comforted, however.

"I'm going to write a letter to the editor—people are going to hear about this. There must be a paper in this area—they'll hear from me!"

After the ceremony, the valedictorian announced the president of the student senate would lead the graduates off the football field.

"What did she say? Who's that young man?" asked the shattered mother.

"The president of the senior class, dear," replied Ralph.

As the graduates marched off the field, Quoi whispered to his aide "C'mon, Fitz, let's get outta here. I can't stand these little black buggers buzzing around me anymore."

"Yessir. I bet they don't have these pesky flies out where you come from."

"Don't remind me, Fitz, don't remind me," he sighed as they shimmied down the back side of the stage.



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### *Coach Jack Butterfield* Entering his 20th winning season

For the past 20 years baseball coach Jack Butterfield has been one of the most successful coaches on the UMO sports scene. Going into this season the UMO coach has a career coaching record of 210 wins, 155 losses, 2 ties, and ten straight winning seasons.

His 1964 team, probably the most memorable in Maine, made the finals of the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska before being eliminated by Missouri. That 1964 team knocked off national giants Southern California and Arizona State before being eliminated.

Butterfield indicated that his interest in coaching developed early when he was a high school athlete in Westboro, Massachusetts.

"In high school I participated in baseball, football, and basketball. I never had too many other ambitions. As far back as I can remember I have always wanted to be a coach," said Butterfield.

Butterfield said that his high school coach Harold Fischer had a tremendous

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## Tracksters open at Colby after superb indoor season

The UMO outdoor track team will open its 1974 campaign April 13 at Colby College.

The Maine tracksters will be coming off one of their most successful indoor seasons in recent years. The Bears won the State Series and finished fourth in the Yankee Conference missing third by a mere 1/2 point. And most of the top performers on the indoor circuit will be competing this spring.

Eric Lammi and Steve Leathe give the Bears a powerful one-two punch in the high jump. Lammi is the current University record-holder at 6'6 1/4" while Leathe has cleared 6'6 1/4" including a third place finish in the New Englands. Lammi could also compete in the triple jump and long jump.

In the long jump Maine has John Wiebe who jumped 22'6" indoors to win the State meet and finish third in the New Englands.

Maine should show good strength in the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes. Junior Blaine Horne should be especially strong in the 100. He is coming off a good indoor season in which he won the state meet. Also Bob Van Peursam should be a solid point-getter for the Bears in the 220 and 440.

Doug Keeling and Gerry Laflamme head the distance and middle distance runners on the UMO squad. Keeling, a transfer student from the University of New Brunswick, set a new school record in the mile indoors as he was clocked in 4:13.9. While Laflamme will be defending state mile and two-mile champion.

The Bears under coach Ed Styrna and assistant coach Jim Ballinger should be in a dogfight with Bates for the State Series championship which will be held at Bowdoin on May 4.

In Yankee Conference competition Maine will probably be in a tight race for third with Rhode Island and New Hampshire behind the conference powerhouses Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Yankee Conference meet will be held here at Orono on May 11.

### Track schedule

April 13	at Colby
20	at New Hampshire
27	Vermont
May 4	MIAA championships at Bowdoin
11	Yankee Conf. Championships at Orono
18	New England Championships at UMass

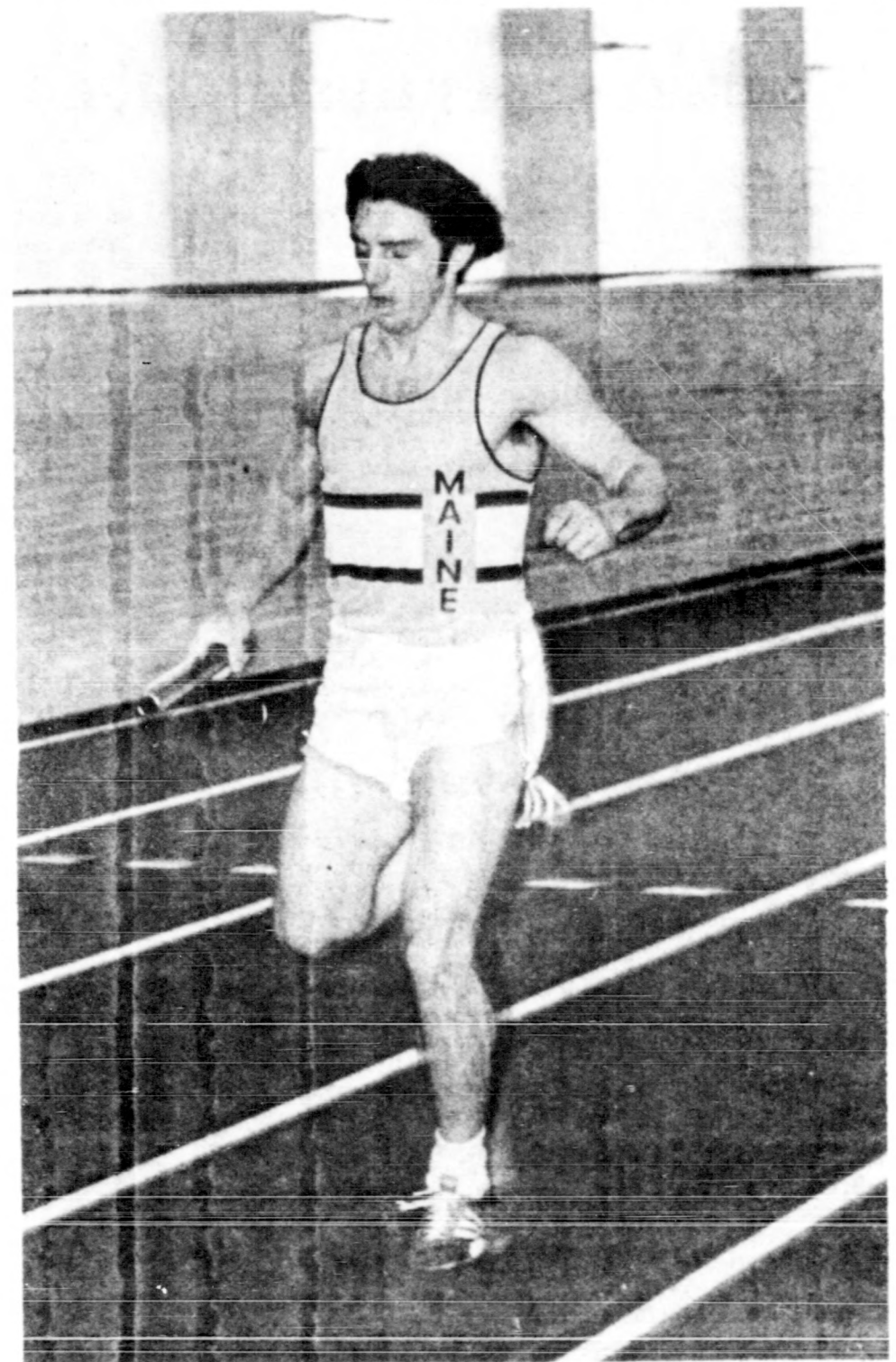
### Number Ones win Paddleball tourney

The UMO campus paddleball championship was decided Thursday when the Number One Independents (Phil Williams and Dave Janelle) defeated Alpha Gamma Rho (Dan Smyth and Derek Lundberg), 21-9 and 21-15.

In winning the dormitory-independent division championship to earn the right to play in the campus championships, the Number One Independents defeated Cumberland 2WA (Robin Liller and Dean Hatch) in two straight matches.

Alpha Gamma Rho beat Delta Upsilon (Brian Scott and Steve Hennessey) in the fraternity championship, two matches to one.

Williams and Janelle completed the season undefeated with a 13-0 record. Alpha Gamma Rho lost only the one match and finished with a 9-1 record.



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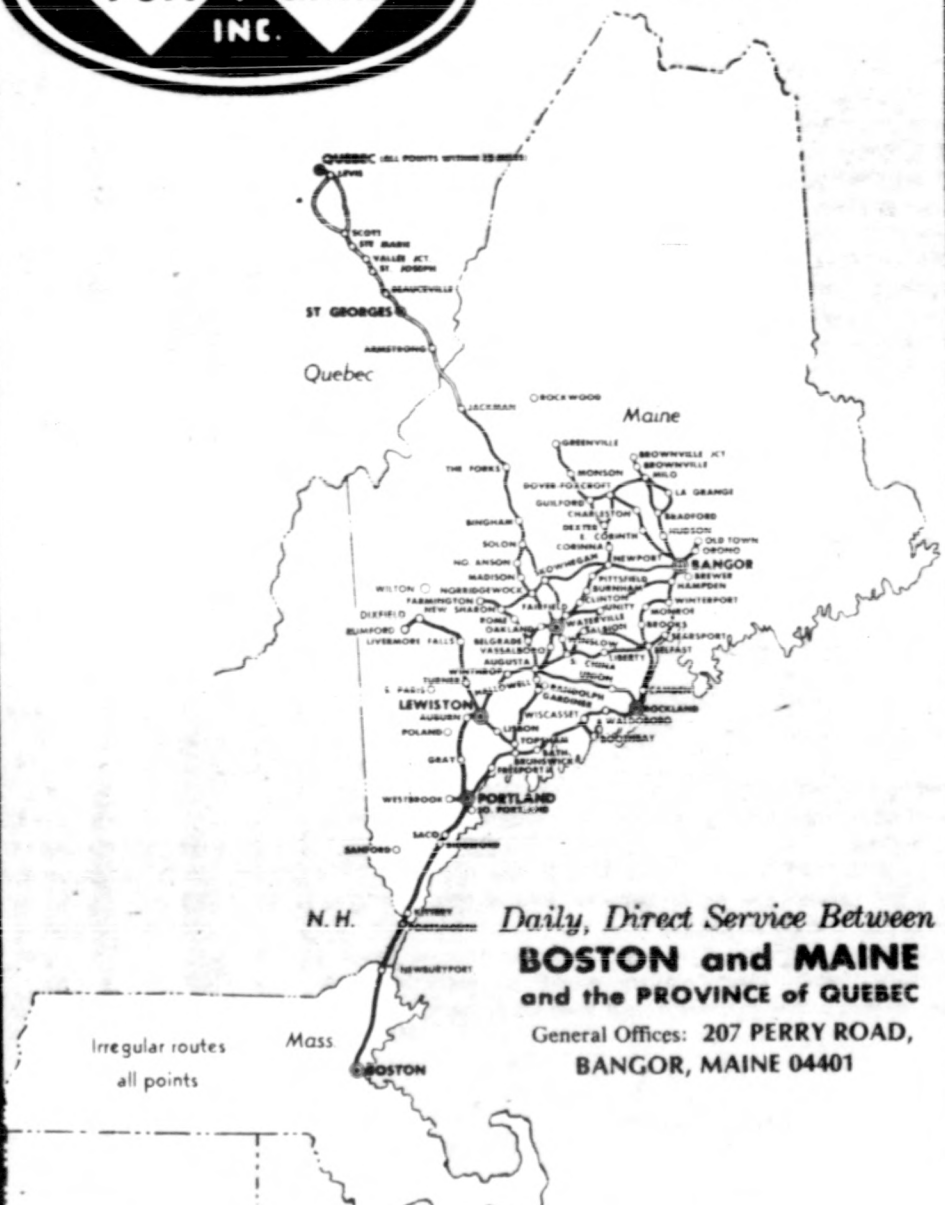
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## Weather, dissention dampen coach Folger's optimism



Brud Folger

UMO Coach Brud Folger was extremely optimistic about the tennis teams' chances three weeks ago. He asserted that UMO's top five players would provide the team with more depth than they had ever previously possessed. He added that as a result of having this much depth UMO could have their best team in a "long, long time."

But since then Folger has learned that two of the teams' top five players, Dick Burke and Paul Peterson, have quit the team. Folger's optimism at present does not equal his optimism of three weeks ago. Another reason why Coach Folger isn't as enthusiastic today as he was earlier are the weather conditions. Three weeks ago, spring conditions had apparently displaced the last portion of winter. Folger was eagerly anticipating an early start for

practice because of this unseasonably warm weather. Now that spring has officially arrived, freezing, winter-like conditions are prevailing. Instead of having the opportunity to pick up some extra preparation for the first tennis meet on Apr. 17, outdoor practice may not start on a daily basis until a date later than what Coach Folger is annually used to.

The MIAA (Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association) meet on May 18 at Colby will determine the states' individual champions. In that meet, the top two singles players and the top doubles combination from UMO, Bowdoin, Bates, and Colby will compete against each other

to establish who the best players in the state are. The team champion in the state

will already have been determined before the UMO tennis team competes in their final meet. State standings are, as usual, established on the basis of each team's record in their six previous state meets.

If springtime ever decides to reveal itself, the UMO tennis team's schedule will proceed as follows:

April 17	at Bowdoin
20	Bowdoin
26, 27	Yankee Conference
Championships at URI	
30	at Colby
May 8	Colby
9	at Bates
11	Bates
18	MIAA at Colby

## Tradition, comraderie make rugby 'way of life' for players

"Rugby has become a way of life for me. It has something you can really feel. A comraderie, there is a lot of Old English tradition. Both teams applaude each other off the field and it is tradition for the host team to sponsor two kegs of beer after a game."

This is how Tom Dieffenbach, president of the UMO Rugby club, described his feelings toward the sport.

The sport of rugby is similar to football, but there are some distinct differences which must be known to fully understand the sport.

The ball is moved down the field by a series of lateral passes, each occurring just before the ballcarrier is tackled, and the ball usually moves out to the wing (end) who tries to take it into the end zone and

score. The end is usually tackled or driven out of bounds. And tackle does not stop play. The ball carrier has to let go of the ball and get up on his feet after being tackled so play continues.

If the ball does go out of bounds a "line-out" is formed. Here the forwards of each team form up in a double line perpendicular to the out-of-bounds line and the ball is thrown in between them. The forwards try to catch the ball and pass it to the backs who do most of the running.

If a violation of the rules occurs, a "scrum" is formed. Scrums are also formed if the ball is stalled or smothered.

In forming a scrum, forwards on both sides arrange themselves in three rows, link arms and shove against one another. The scrum half sets the ball on the ground

between the opposing front rows and each team tries to kick the ball back to the rear of its scrum. When the ball clears the back row it is picked up by the scrum half who delivers it to his backs.

There are three ways of scoring in rugby. A "try" of touchdown is worth three points. After each "try" a place kick is attempted. If it is kicked through the uprights of the goal post two points are won.

There are also penalty goals which are free kicks from the point where an infraction of rules took place. Penalty points are worth three points. Drop kicks, which may be attempted at any time, are also worth three points.

There are no time-outs or substitutions, which means if someone gets hurt a team must play shorthanded.

"Injuries depend a lot on teams playing. Rugby is not meant to be a rough sport. Americans often make it rough because we are so football oriented. On the whole there aren't that many injuries because there is no blocking, you have to tackle with just your arms and there aren't that many open field shots," explained Dieffenbach.

Dieffenbach indicated that the most important things to have on a good rugby team are a big, powerful scrum, back-play timing and especially teamwork.

"This spring we have a pretty big scrum and some experienced players so it should be an interesting season. Right now we are trying to structure our play but it is hard when you don't have a coach or some other dominating figure," explained Dieffenbach.



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by Tom Bassols

The 1974 baseball season gets underway this Friday, March 29, as the Bears open their annual Southern tour at West Chester State College in Westchester, Pennsylvania.

For the past three weeks the team has been working out in the fieldhouse. This presents some unique situations as the outfielders are unable to work and throws have to be adjusted to compensate for shorter distances.

"When your inside the ball reacts much differently when you hit it. We have been working mostly on situation plays. Working inside helps the reaction of the team because of the shorter distances," explained UMO coach Jack Butterfield.

This year's team differs from last year's squad in that it lacks the overall team speed and long-ball power of last year's team.

"We will have to think in terms of the hit and run, and sacrifice. We don't have the speed or power we had last year. So we've really got to stress teamwork and making sacrifices for the good of the team," Butterfield said.

There are some good arms on the pitching staff but the staff is young and for the most part inexperienced. Steve Conley heads the UMO hurlers. Last year Conley posted the best record on the club, 6-1, as a freshman.

"Inexperience is the key to our pitching. If we can get some experience without being bombed we will be alright. Our pitchers have to gain confidence," said Butterfield.

Defensively the Bears probably won't be as strong as last year's team which led the nation's major colleges in fielding percentage. This season Doug Lentz will be moved to shortstop so the Bears won't have to rely on a young player.

"Defense is made or broken in the infield. We have first-year players at first and second. If we jell we can have a good defensive team," Butterfield commented.

Offensively the Bears don't have the power they had last year but they should have a balanced attack. The team has good left and right-handed balance and should be helped by the introduction of the Designated Hitter rule into college ball.

"Overall I would say our weaknesses are inexperience and lack of speed. And our strengths would be good teamwork, and

balanced hitting. We can go to a number of people and not be hurt. We're a little more versatile," Butterfield explained.

Another thing that could change the game this spring is the introduction of the aluminum bat. It is a "hot bat" because when a ball is hit it leaves with more velocity.

"With the aluminum bat there will probably be more hits. A lot of ground balls



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will get through the infield. The ball will  
really carry so there will be more long balls  
this season," said Butterfield.

Last season Maine had its tenth straight  
winning season as the team posted a 15-8  
mark.

This year's first home game will be April  
19 against Rhode Island.

## 1974 Baseball schedule

March 29	at Webster State College
30	at Salisbury State (2)
31	Open
April 1	at Old Dominion University (2)
2	at Old Dominion University
3	at Virginia University
4	at Virginia Commonwealth Univ. (2)
5	at College of William and Mary
6	at Towson State College
12	at University of Connecticut
13	at University of Connecticut
18	at Bowdoin
19	at University of Rhode Island
20	University of Rhode Island
22	Husson—Tentative
24	Bowdoin
26	University of Massachusetts
27	University of Massachusetts
30	at Colby
May 2	at Bates
3	at University of New Hampshire
4	at University of New Hampshire
6	Bates
7	at Colby
10	Holy Cross—Tentative
11	at Northeastern University (2)
12	Alumni Game—Tentative



Pitcher Steve Conley



Catcher Pete Hill

## 1973 Bears led nation in defense

According to a recent copy of the  
NCAA official Baseball Guide, the 1973  
UMO baseball team led the nation's major  
colleges in team fielding percentage.

The Bears not only posted the best  
average with a .978 mark, but the figure  
was the second highest posted by a major  
college in the past 15 years. Only the .985  
percentage recorded by the 1971  
University of West Virginia club was  
higher than the fielding mark attained by  
the Bears this past campaign.

During 1973 Maine fielders registered  
538 putouts, 208 assists and were charged  
with only 17 errors. They also turned in 11  
double plays. The tight fielding paid off for  
the Bears, as usual, as Maine posted a 15-8  
record for the season, the 10th straight  
winning campaign under Butterfield.

Second to Maine in the 1973 fielding  
records were Oklahoma State and  
Providence, tied with a .974 mark. Fourth  
was Ohio University with a .971 average.

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## Sigma Chi cagers defeat York for intramural crown

Sigma Chi defeated the York Independents, 59-50, for the UMO intramural campus basketball championship.

In a game that was much closer than the final score indicates, Sigma Chi was ahead, 26-23, at halftime, but early in the second half the York Independents surged ahead, leading at one time by five points.

With three minutes left in the game and the score tied, Sigma Chi took the lead on some clutch foul-shooting by Jim Thomas, who led all scorers with 19 points. Barry Sheehan, also of Sigma Chi, scored 16 points.

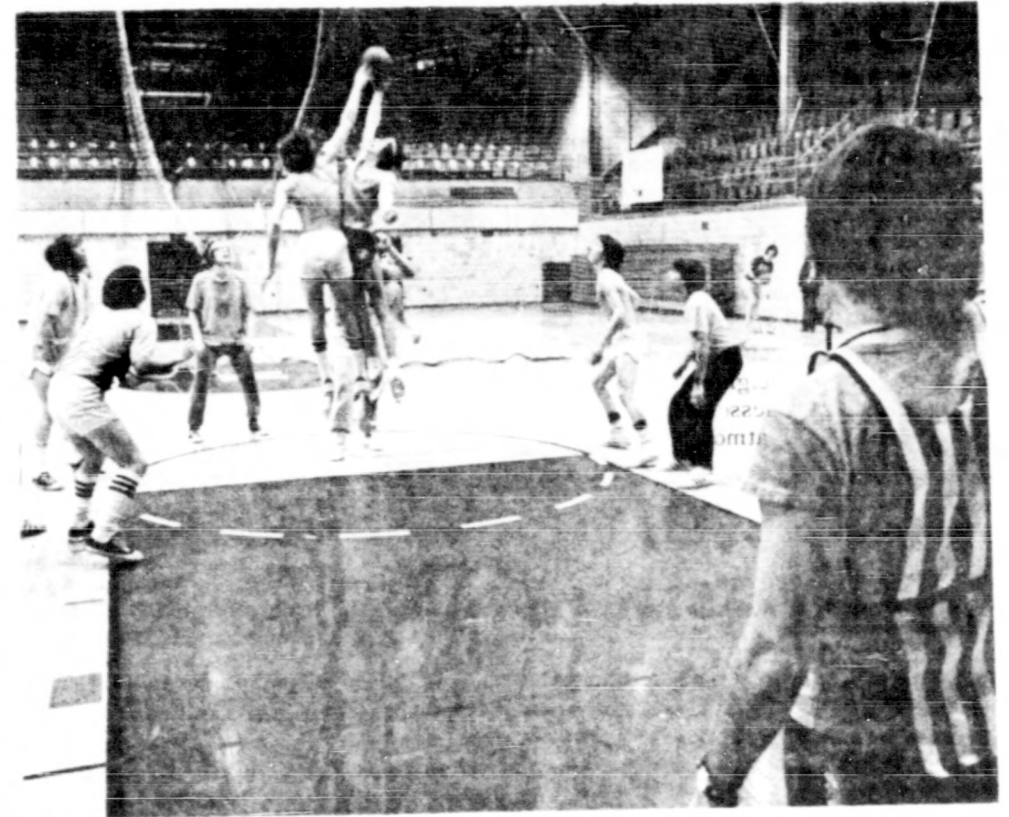
For the losers, George McCabe had 13 points and Eric Stockholm, 10.

David Ames, director of intramural athletics, said that this was a "very well played and officiated game." As for a stand-out performer, Ames said that Thomas, besides being the leading scorer, played good defense, "blocking three or four crucial shots."

Sigma Chi ended the season with a 20-1 record. The York Independents finished with a 15-2 record.

### Summary

York Independents (50): Clark 2 (2), Pietroski 4, Fitzgerald 1, Stockholm 5, Shaffer 4 (1), Hanscom 1, McCabe 5 (3). Sigma Chi (59): Thomas 7 (5), Sheehan 5 (6), Marshall 3, Sproul 3 (2), Miller 4 (2).



York's Dick Hanscom [shirt] goes up for the tap in Sunday's

campus championship game with Sigma Chi. The Greeks won, 59-50.

## Corbett, Kappa Sigma win intramural wrestling tourneys

Corbett Hall ran away with the dormitory-independent division wrestling tournament team total race this past weekend, scoring 49 points. Its nearest competitor was Knox Hall with 22½ points.

Kappa Sigma won the fraternity division team title with 28 points. Delta Upsilon and Theta Chi tied for second with 15 points each.

There were seven weight classes in the tournament competition held in the fieldhouse. The results of the championship match of each class are:

128-141 pounds: Russ Caldwell (Corbett Hall) defeated Alan Hightower (Chadbourne Hall)-pin, 1:37 minutes.

143-145 pounds: Carl Warner (Theta

Chi) defeated Dan Placzek (UMO staff)-3 points to 1.

147-156 pounds: Steve Sabine (UNVets) defeated Leon Pelletier (Gannett Hall)-4 points to 1.

162-171 pounds: John Fairfield (Somerset Hall) defeated Peter Wiswell (Corbett Hall)-7 points to 0.

172-177 pounds: Doug Pilon (Kappa Sigma) defeated Tom Davies (Sigma Phi Epsilon)-2 points to 0.

180-193 pounds: Stan Watson (Corbett Hall) defeated Tom Hankinson (Knox Hall)-5 points to 2 in overtime.

Unlimited: Steve Jones (Kappa Sigma) defeated John Scanlon (Knox Hall)-pin, 1 minute.

## Nine state records fall, national record tied at weightlifting championships

Over 300 spectators saw nine state records broken and one national record tied during the Maine State Olympic Weightlifting Championships, Saturday at the Memorial Gym.

Gerard Carey, a 15-year-old representing Gilly's Gym in Waterville, snatched 200 pounds, breaking the state record in the 123-lb. class. The same lift tied a national record for his weight and age group.

Carey won his class over Carmen Comeau of the Princeton Barbell Club. Both had identical lifts totalling 345 (also a state record) but since Carey weighed a scant half-pound less than his opponent, he won.

Ernie Gilbert, owner of Gilly's Gym, shattered three state marks enroute to the superheavyweight title. The big man snatched 275 and cleaned and jerked 350 for a total of 625, all new records.

Kenny Wheaton of the Princeton club, won the 181-lb. division, snatching 250 and totaling 525 to set two more state figures.

Kenny was also determined best lifter of the meet.

In the 148-lb. class, winner Rod Spencer amassed a total of 465, demolishing the old state record total by 65 pounds.

Dana Gillespie was the University of Maine Barbell Club's lone record setter. Dana had a total of 475, a new mark in the 165-lb. group.

The 132-lb. division winner was Alan Melanson of the Princeton team, which took honors as the meet's best team.

The University club, which sponsored the event, had two more winners: Regis Beaulieu in the 242-lb. class, and Stan Wheaton in the 198-lb. category.

Trophies were awarded to the first three places in each weight class, and the meet was sanctioned by the Maine Association of the AAU, according to Bill Hamlin, meet director.



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## Jack Butterfield

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influence on him concerning becoming a coach. According to Butterfield, Fischer handled young players very well and exemplified all that is good about athletics. The native of Orono feels that in his present position as coach he is entrusted to teach a group of athletes baseball skills, team play, and an overall athletic approach to life.

"I would be a failure if I just taught them baseball techniques. I try to teach them how to compete and succeed in life. And the sports environment is very close to a real life situation because of the situations of pressure and heightened emotions. There are definitely lessons to be learned in an athletic atmosphere," said Butterfield.

when looking at prospects Butterfield concentrates on how they run, throw and most importantly, hit. According to the UMO coach, offensive techniques are the hardest to teach.

"If a player can run and throw you can teach him to play defense. But, a player must have some ability in the area of hitting because offensive techniques are very hard to teach," said Butterfield.

In recruiting players Butterfield follows numerous American Legion teams in search of talent. The veteran coach writes letters to the prospective athletes and coaches who are familiar with them to get an accurate cross-section for ability rating.

"When I talk to a player I usually try to sell the school and some of our programs where I can't offer him money. I am in favor of a scholarship program because it is too bad to talk to ballplayers and have them lured away because money is involved. We lose a lot of good athletes like this. If a scholarship program could develop we could have a much improved baseball program," Butterfield commented.

The golden-haired mentor believes that he is a better defensive coach than offensive coach. And he believes in the old saying that "good pitching will beat good hitting."

"I agree that pitching and defense will win more ballgames for you than hitting. Look at the New York Mets. They have great pitching but you would have a hard time naming anyone you could call an outstanding hitter on that ballclub," said Butterfield.

Butterfield believes that it is almost impossible for someone with little or no pre-college baseball experience to make it in the college ranks. Too many fine athletes



Jack Butterfield

are playing baseball in college and without some basic training someone trying to break in will probably be "behind the 8 ball," according to Butterfield.

The 20-year veteran says that his immediate goal for this year is to field a team that is competitive in both State Series and Yankee Conference competition.

"I don't like to look too far ahead. But in the back of your mind you always think about playing well enough to make the district playoffs and ultimately the National Tournament," Butterfield explained.

Last season Butterfield's Bears led the nation in team defense while posting a 15-8 record. This year Butterfield will be looking for an unprecedented eleventh straight winning season.

## 1974 Rugby Schedule

April 14	New Hampshire
21	at New Brunswick
27	UMPG, New Brunswick, Colby
	at Orono
May 4	at St. Anselm's
11	at UMPG

## Wolfpack defeats Marquette in NCAA Championship game

North Carolina State won the NCAA basketball championship last night by defeating Marquette 76-64.

It was the Wolfpack's 29th consecutive win, making their season's record 30-1. UCLA defeated State during the regular season, but fell in Saturday's semifinal with the Wolfpack in double overtime, 80-77.

The Bruins now find themselves in third place, a letdown from their seven-year streak as national champions.

High scorers in last night's championship game were Maurice Lucas for Marquette and David Thompson for N.C. State, each with 21 points.

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# UMO athlete fights back from near-fatal injury

by Tom Rosa

On December 19, 1971, Rod Sherman, a freshman student-athlete at UMO, and his roommate were driving southbound on Route 95 in Georgetown, Massachusetts. Suddenly, the car skidded on a patch of ice, swerved sideways, and smashed into a bridge abutment; all in a matter of seconds. Rod's roommate, Dennis McGee was driving and after the accident he walked away from the car with only minor injuries. Rod wasn't nearly as lucky. His side bore the full impact of a collision which devastated a new Datsun beyond repair. Needless to say, Rod didn't walk away.

His injuries were numerous. Included among them were a broken hip, a fractured pelvis (in five places), and many internal injuries.

Before the accident, Rod was an excellent athlete. Immediately after the mishap, doctors wondered if he'd ever be able to walk again. Today, miraculously, he walks without a limp even though his right leg was shorter than his left following the collision. In fact, Rod has recuperated to the point where he plays on the varsity soccer team at UMO and participates vigorously in intramural sports.

During his four years at Dennis-Yarmouth High in Cape Cod, Mass., Sherman ran the high and low hurdles and high-jumped. He was the team's MVP in his senior year after two previous years on the varsity. In the high hurdles, his senior year, he won seven of eight dual (against one other high school) meets, finishing second the only other time. In the Boston Invitational and in the state class C finals, Rod placed fourth both times. In the low hurdles, he usually finished second to a teammate who finished second in the state. In the high-jump, Rod cleared a maximum of 5-10, won several dual meets, and placed second in his conference.

Rod played two years of varsity soccer and in his senior year, he was voted to the all-league team as a fullback. That year, Dennis-Yarmouth High School won their conference championship.

Being an enthusiastic skier swayed Sherman's college preference towards UMO and away from Southern Massachusetts University, although the latter offered



Rod Sherman

him an athletic scholarship. Because UMO is located in the vicinity of several skiing areas, Rod decided to enroll there.

At Maine, Rod started at left halfback on the freshman soccer team. He was undecided about whether or not to continue his track career as a freshman when a poorly-situated ice patch answered that question with a resounding no.

During the Christmas recess Rod spent several days at his roommates house in South Portland, then the two of them started out towards Rod's house in a Datsun owned by the father of Dennis' girlfriend. The snowy, icy roads presented a major hazard so Dennis was driving at only fifty miles per hour when the car began to skid.

Rod recounted, "My former roommate Dennis McGee was driving southbound on Route 95 in Massachusetts when the car hit an ice patch causing it to slip sideways. The last thing I remember saying was, 'Don't hit the brakes!'"

"The next thing I knew I was in an

ambulance and I heard one of them (the ambulance medics) say, 'He's moving his eyes.' I regained consciousness just for a second but again later in the hospital (Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass.). They worked on me for about an hour but I don't remember much of it.

"I recall asking if I'd be able to ski by January and the doctor replied that I'd be lucky if I could walk by next September."

A list of all Rod's injuries are as follows: A broken and dislocated hip, a fractured pelvic in five places, a piece of his pelvis punctured his urethra, (a tube leading outward from his bladder), a broken elbow, eight stitches over his right eye, five stitches in his left thumb, and an abundance of internal injuries and bleeding. Every broken bone was on his right side.

In the hospital, Rod spent three weeks in traction to pull his right leg to the length of the other. Since he couldn't eat solid foods for 16 days, his weight fell 35 pounds to an emaciated 125 pounds.

While at the hospital, Rod overheard doctors say several discouraging things. In the beginning a couple of doctors didn't know if he'd ever be able to walk again and one doctor even thought his back was broken. Later, several doctors told him of the numerous ways he could have been killed and how narrowly he avoided them, so in one way Rod was lucky.

When Rod went home to Yarmouthport, Mass., he had to use an "old lady's walker" for four weeks, then when he returned to UMO he needed crutches for two weeks and a cane for three months. By the end of May, he put away all his walking aids for good.

He began to participate in sports again in June of 1972 but he continued to have some problems. Internal bleeding entailed frequent pains in his stomach and this curbed his activities. He tried to play varsity soccer in September of 1972 but the bleeding shelved him. Rod complained that he "might have been able to play except doctors kept screwing up." Two major follow-up operations, the latest in April of 1973, finally stopped the bleeding.

For the 1972 soccer season, Rod settled for being the manager and his perpetual good mood kept many of his active teammates at ease before games.

His first major active accomplishments in sports took place during the intramural track meet in February of 1973. In that meet the lanky Cape Cod'er amazingly high-jumped 5-8 to win the event and in the low hurdles he placed fourth, only a few inches behind each of the first three sprinters. Since then Rod has realized how important intramural sports are to him.

He cited intramurals as the best program on campus, and continued to say that, "Intramural sports play a major part of my college life because I enjoy sports and there was a time when I didn't know if I'd ever be able to participate in them again."

"Since the accident, I proved to myself that I could do things that I could do before and even some things I could never do before (referring to improvements in soccer and basketball)."

"I'm probably more competitive today because I'm trying to prove things to myself even now."

This past fall Rod played varsity soccer and although he would have preferred more playing time, he is satisfied with the soccer program. He was reasonably happy with his play, considering his lengthy lay-off, but he is still energetically striving to improve. In fact, he frequents the field house to increase his stamina and occasionally kicks around a soccer ball while there.

Although contented with his sports life thus far at UMO, Rod can't say the same about his social life.

"There don't seem to be quite enough campus activities. My social life was best my freshman year because it's a change but you get used to it after awhile."

Recently, in February of 1974, Rod participated in his second intramural track meet. This time he took a second in the low hurdles and a third in the high-jump, again clearing 5-8. Much to Rod's enjoyment, Knox Hall defeated all other dormitories in the meet and by a substantial 12 point margin over the second place team.

Rodney Wayne Sherman is thankful over one consequent realization he made from the accident.

"When you've been through what I have, you really learn to appreciate all the things in life people take for granted. Actually, I'm a lot happier now than I was before the accident because I've realized how to appreciate these things."

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# Letters to the editor



## This 'Fathead' calls Guesman to account

An Open Letter:

from a Fathead  
to Mr. Art Guesman et. al.:

Dear Mr. Guesman,  
I was really moved by your "Eulogy" for former *Maine Campus* editor Phil Mace. Certainly not moved by grief over Phil's departure but by a feeling of disbelief that such sophomoric garbage could be written by a professor of journalism. I was also moved by a feeling of pride when I saw myself hidden in the anonymity of your personal "enemies list" of fatheads. Let me offer you some insights gathered from ten months as a "fathead".

First off, let's set the record straight on one thing. Though I was a critic of Phil's, I never stooped to calling him a "pinko" or a "crazy" and I certainly never was smug enough to define freedom as "freedom for my own position". All I ever asked for was accuracy and fairness which I don't think are unreasonable demands on the fourth estate. I never shied away from his criticism either. I welcomed it as a challenge to re-examine and defend my position. What did upset me though, was when criticism of my position (and that of the organization of which I am a part) was so often based on inaccurate or grossly distorted information. Respect and sensitivity for opinion has to be a two-way street, sir.

You really got me upset when you had the audacity to imply that Phil stood alone in advancing such causes as student rights and welfare. Since when did the *Maine Campus* corner the market on those issues? There's another group on campus whose soul reason for existence is student rights and welfare. It's called Student Government and its members are motivated by a dedication to these very issues. Like your *Maine Campus* staff, (and many other groups on campus) they spend an unbelievable amount of time working to serve the needs of fellow students. Student Government has its shortcomings but they are recognized rather than hidden behind self-serving editorials.

You're lucky—your efforts produce something everyone can easily see twice a week. Downstairs there is nothing to hold up that shows the countless phone calls and letters, the one-to-one confrontations in the corridors of the State House and in the offices of administrators and faculty, and the never-ending discussions with those students who take the time to rightly demand accountability. I'm sorry about Phil's pain from knowing that many students were too ignorant to realize that he was on their side but there is another kind of pain that comes from being aware that many students know you're on their side and don't give a damn that you are.

I guess my point is, Mr. Guesman, that we're both fighting for the same things - you and Phil, and the *Maine Campus* never had a monopoly on them. Though our roles and responsibilities are different, our goals are alike. We both need criticism to keep us on the right track but if things keep getting politicized to the extent they have in the past, then the issues will only get clouded instead of being quickly and justly resolved. I'm not saying that we should always try to agree—all I'm saying is that we should recognize each other's common goals and efforts as readily as we point out each other's faults.

I would like to thank Phil for the good that he did manage to accomplish. But if you applied the same yardstick to everyone that you used to measure Phil's success—a man is right in proportion to the number of fatheads in opposition—wouldn't Richard Nixon take top honors for rightness this year? I'll be joining Phil in retirement soon. I too hope that Phil's successor, as well as my successor, will continue to "fight like hell" but I hope that they can spend the greater portion of their energies fighting the issues instead of being forced to fight each other.

I am in no position to judge your ability to teach, Prof. Guesman, but we must all foot the bill of honesty and objectivity if freedom is to be insured. I think your account might be past due.

Edward S. O'Meara Jr.

## Party posters are polluting

To the editor:

This is a plea directed mainly towards the fraternities on campus. Stop polluting our dormitories with your party fliers! As I entered Oxford Hall last week, I was confronted with a poster on the front door, two posters, side by side, on the main bulletin board, one on each of the back doors, and at least one in our main lounge. I then progressed upwards through the dorm. There were posters on each of our 4 incinerator-room doors, one on each of our 15 wing doors, and at least one on each floor door. There was an oversight, as each of our 30 bathroom doors were not plastered in this instance.

Are you so desperate for people to attend your parties that you feel you must wallpaper

the dorms with your repetitious and, I might add, unsightly publicity techniques? Students get so overly saturated with notices such as these that it becomes a real effort for them to keep their eyes open to the important information posted.

Please, limit your entreaties to one poster in the main lobby, and to one or two, strategically placed, on each of the floors.

I hope you decide that issues such as sight pollution, the excessive and unnecessary waste of paper, and not to mention the great waste of human energies, deserve more than lip service at a time when students are professing to be actively involved with improving our environment.

Patricia McPhetres

## Chaplains support Trustees

Letter to Dr. Cutler, Chairman, UMO Board of Trustees

Dear Dr. Cutler:

We, the campus chaplains at UMO, are committed to a Christian ministry that deals with personal and corporate awareness; awareness of the movement of God's spirit in history and in the lives of individuals in community; awareness of the worth of every human being and the right to justice and freedom. A main purpose of campus ministry is to be of service to the university, calling it to its critical task in our society, giving evidence to the religious spirit diligently at work. Working to improve the quality of life in every situation, we affirm that human response to God takes shape in the works of compassion in and beyond the campus; in the human rights' struggle and in the dormitory and classroom.

Because of our above

commitment we wish to publicly support the position taken by the University Board of Trustees affirming the right of free speech and assembly in regard to the Maine Gay Symposium.

Father John Davis  
Rev. Edwin E. Hinshaw  
Sister Maureen Marr  
Sister Regina Whalen  
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## Believers improve life

To the editor:

In response to a recent letter on the non existence of God, I believe a person must be blind not to see the countless good deeds of people of all ages, who, because of their belief in a good and just God, have, since the days of Nero, and before, made the world a better place to live.

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# Ethiopian student looks at the end of a monarchy

by Paul Betit

Berhan Hailu believes Ethiopian student activism was instrumental in the drastic change taking place in his country. This development, he said, will dramatically change the political environment in Ethiopia.

"There's been a strong student

Magazine's report of student riots in the capital, Addis Ababa.

Although he does not advocate the complete overthrow of the monarch Haile Selassie, he sees a rewritten constitution granting more power to a popularly-elected parliament and less to the 81-year-old emperor as a great improvement.

"Presently the Senate is appointed by

added election to parliament depends more on how rich the candidate is rather than his qualifications.

The sophomore political science major favors a system based on the British model. Under this system, strong political parties would appoint officials from their own ranks after each election. An American-style popularity contest, he fears could be easily bought off by the rich.

These rich consist mainly of the dominant Amhara tribe, to which the emperor belongs. Hailu, a Tigrai, stated that as long as the new constitution guarantees every Ethiopian equal opportunity, tribal warfare will be averted.

He expressed optimism about the constitution's impact on students. "A lot more young people will now have access to the system," the 20-year-old said. "It means a lot to me personally," he intoned. "As a poli-sci major, I will now be able to use what I've learned. That was not possible before."

The Ethiopian bureaucracy is extremely corrupt. Hailu said that appointment to an administrative position often depended on a person's relationship with the government. If an individual stood in the government's disfavor, he was placed in a meaningless position.

Political dissent is repressed in Ethiopia. According to Hailu, those committing so-called political crimes could be imprisoned without trial. "I would think twice about letting you interview me at home, especially if it was a political

discussion," he said. "I'd watch what I say."

Berhan Hailu, who spent his high school senior year at Lee Academy in Lee, Maine, has found most Americans "honest in what they do and in what they believe. They stick to what they believe in," he quipped.



Berhan Hailu

"yet, they still manage to retain a great deal of flexibility."

He has had to retain a great deal of flexibility himself in braving the Maine weather. "In school at home we were taught the four seasons, but experienced very little change in the weather," he explained, referring to the continuously mild climate of the Ethiopian highlands. "At least in Maine you can feel the four seasons."

movement in my country for ten years," Hailu said, in slightly accented English. "I think they've been successful in stirring things up," he added, referring to *Time*

the king himself and the lower house is elected by the people," Hailu said. Because there are no political parties, he explained, anyone can run for office. He

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# NSL discusses lower tuition with congressmen

The National Student Lobby concerns itself with being a liaison between students and politicians concerning student-related issues, and attempting to influence senators and congressmen to enact or support legislation reflecting student interests.

The UMO delegates to the NSL, Tim Keating, Peter Simon, Ted O'Meara, Jeanne Bailey and Mary Morse, spoke to Representatives William Cohen and Peter Kyros, and to assistants to Senators William Hathaway and Edward Muskie during lobby week in Washington, D.C.

Low tuition and its possible abolition was the topic of Cohen's speech to the student delegates. Cohen expressed concern for low-income people in Maine who are unable to attend the university, and added that he opposes any tuition hikes and favors its abolishment.

Kyros said he supports the idea of a minimal tuition charge and also favored its eventual abolishment. An assistant to Hathaway stated that the freshman senator believed the tuition level should be dealt with on the state rather than the national level.

## Last part of a series

The need for more work study funds was supported by both Cohen and Kyros, and Kyros added that he favors the abolishment of the Means Test, a method of gauging a student's financial status to determine whether he qualifies for financial aid. Cohen did not go quite as far, saying only that the test should be more flexible. Hathaway was said to favor a program based on needs rather than means and supported the idea of granting financial aid to students from higher income families, as well as those from the low income bracket.

On the issue of Nixon's impeachment, Muskie, Hathaway and Kyros were in favor of beginning the proceedings, while Cohen refrained from making a commitment. He said he would support impeachment action if future events warrant it. Cohen is a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

None of the four lawmakers committed themselves on the question of amnesty for those who fled the draft during the Vietnam War. Kyros stated Nixon should

take immediate action since he was the only one who could clear these men, and Hathaway's aide stated the senator was against amnesty in the past, but added that Hathaway might reconsider his position. Cohen was against unconditional amnesty, but did not comment on his position to alternative plans.

Both Muskie and Kyros opposed subminimum wage, but Hathaway was said to favor it if jobs were created that could not exist without subminimum wages.

On abortion issue, Muskie's aide said the senator personally opposes it because

of his religious convictions, but added Muskie would not allow his personal views to interfere with his voting and would probably support abortion legislation.

Hathaway's assistant said the senator viewed the issue as a question to be left up to the woman involved. Kyros held a similar view, and added although he supports the abortion bill, he would not vote at this time. He said he would prefer a bill supporting family planning, but added that he would not propose one. Kyros concluded by saying the abortion issue should be decided at the state level.

## Redford's shallow acting doesn't bother "The Sting"

by Bill Gordon

It's a small cause for rejoicing when a film as enjoyable and captivating as George Roy Hill's *The Sting* can entertain an audience without pandering to its cheapest desires for thrills, and become a box-office moneymaker at the same time.

That it's an obvious sequel to *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, featuring Paul Newman and Robert Redford as a couple of con men becomes unimportant with an above-average, literate script by David S. Ward and the same flashy direction by Hill that keeps the film at a swiftly moving pace.

Set in Chicago during the mid 1930's, Johnny Hooker (Redford) is a "drifter" with an elaborately conceived system of stealing money. When his black compatriot (Robert Earl Jones) is murdered by the syndicate whom he owes money to, Hooker vows vengeance on the ring's leader (Robert Shaw). To concoct his elaborate scheme, he makes Henry Gondorff (Newman) his partner — bringing Gondorff out of retirement after a run-in with the law.

They set up a plush gambling joint, with Gondorff the boss and Hooker acting as the foil for the racketeer by tricking him into believing the casino is for real. When the racketeer thinks he's doing well (Hooker has been tipping him off as to what "horse" will come in first,) the time has come for the "sting."

A fine supporting cast that includes Eileen Brennan, Charles Durning, and Dimitra Arliss adds flavor to the film's accurate reconstruction of the '30's — a period which has nowadays become a cliché but is otherwise unobtrusive in the film's action.

One still has reservations about the acting ability of Redford, although he's called upon to do little more than act cute and smile alot. The scene in which Newman, suffering from a severe hangover, is introduced, allows Newman to steal all the focus from Redford — who can only sit and allow an accomplished actor override a merely acceptable one.

Redford's criteria in choosing a script is the question "Is it a film my children can see?" Since his eldest child is 13, can we all assume that Robert Redford movies are all geared to 13-year-olds? The only Redford film that disproves this point is the flawed but important *Downhill Racer*, which elevated sports movies (in this case, skiing), to the level of serious adult drama.

The upcoming *Great Gatsby* should prove Redford's talents, whether or not he has any.

Yet, as stated before, *The Sting* is good light entertainment and great acting is not necessary, so Redford's shallowness doesn't bother. His next film sounds as commercial as this one, so maybe my point has been already realized by the person whom it was made about.

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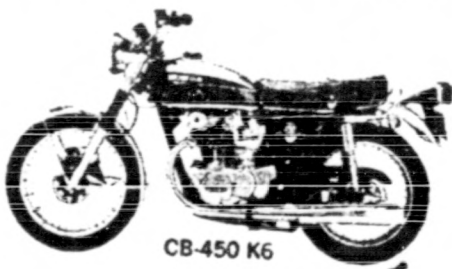
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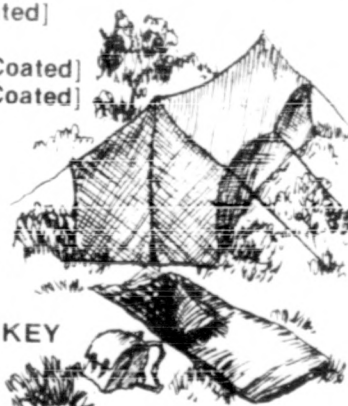
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## Shawna Barnard named Miss UMO '74

Shawna Lynn Barnard is Miss UMO 1974.

The junior history major also won the talent competition, bringing her evening's scholarship winnings to \$350.

Other trophy winners were: second runner-up, Denise Hill; first runner-up, Morita Tapley (who also received \$150); and Miss Congeniality, Suzanne Borodine.

Barnard, 5'7" tall with brown hair and eyes, does not have the glamorous, sophisticated appearance or attitude that one would expect of a pageant winner.

"I'm still going to wear my orange work boots, my overalls and my army fatigues. No, I don't think it's changed me," she said.

Entering wasn't completely her idea—"I sort of felt roped into it," she said. She had casually discussed the pageant with friends in her home and in her sponsoring dorm, Kennebec Hall. The next thing she knew, she was visited by members of pageant sponsor Delta Upsilon fraternity, who persuaded her to enter. Once entered in the competition, she decided to stick with it and "get it over with." Now, she's glad that she did.

"For one thing, I can really use the scholarship money. Besides that, I've gained good experience and seven good friends," she said. "A pageant is a good opportunity for a well-rounded girl to further her education."

Tom Drew, chairman of DU's pageant committee, echoed Barnard's opinion that a well-rounded woman involves more than womanly curves.

"In this pageant," Drew explained, "talent counted for 50 per cent, with the swimsuit and evening gown competitions making up the other half. Sure, beauty figures in to a certain extent, but talent is stressed."

"The judges also look for intelligence and maturity," Drew continued. In answer to a hypothetical question, he replied, "It would be entirely possible for a so-called ugly girl to win, if she were outstanding in the other areas."

He dismissed criticisms of pageants as being akin to dog shows. "That flak usually comes in connection with the swimsuit competition, which is one reason we held it behind closed doors. Actually, if that competition wasn't required by the national pageant guidelines, we probably wouldn't have held it," he claimed.

by Diane Genthner



Shawna Barnard, Miss UMO 1974, is crowned by Carlene Quimby, Miss Maine 1973. Sharon Oliver, a contestant in the competition, looks on.

Drew explained the fraternity sponsored the pageant because "the state committee was eager to see the Miss UMO pageant started up again." (It was last held in 1969). "The fraternity discussed the idea for a long time before deciding to go ahead with it," Drew stated.

"We're also glad that we had the opportunity to offer the scholarships to the girls, and the chance for Miss UMO to go on further," Drew commented.

Barnard has the opportunity to enter the Miss Maine pageant, but has not yet decided if she will.

Each contestant had varied reasons for entering the pageant.

Ann Mersereau, a freshman philosophy major who is an instructor of transcendental meditation, said "basically, I had some spare time and I thought it would be fun and a challenge. I'd say the challenge was the most interesting part of it to me."

Suzanne Borodine, a sophomore in home economics and winner of the Miss Congeniality award, entered because "I'd never done anything like this before, and I thought it would be fun."

Sharon Oliver, a freshman and, at age 18, the youngest contestant, entered after "what started out as a dare."

"If it hadn't been for the joking amongst my friends, if I had been on my own, I never would have done it. But don't get me wrong, I didn't do it to make fun of it."

The sponsoring fraternity didn't make money on the pageant, and spokesmen say they may not have broken even, but they plan to go ahead with the contest next year.