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# Maine Campus

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## Compromise at 19?

# The drinking age: Senate wants 20, House leans to 19

by Dan Warren

An influential member of the Maine Senate says enough votes are "already assured" for the Senate to do their part in efforts to raise the legal drinking age to 20 while a knowledgeable member of the House of Representatives says the influence of House Speaker John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake) "can probably cause the House to stand firm at 19."

Both Ralph Lovell (R-Sanford), Senate chairman of the legislative Liquor Control Committee, and Rep. Richard Davies (D-Orono) said Monday they anticipate easy Senate passage of Sen. Walter Hichens' (R-Eliot) 20-year-old bill Tues-

### NEWS ANALYSIS

day, but doubted that it would be received as enthusiastically in the House Thursday. Several other state lawmakers echoed their sentiments.

Whether Maine's legal drinking age is raised this legislative session depends, it seems, on whether the Senate is willing to give a little. Last legislative session the Senate was adamantly in favor of raising the age to 20 and refused to compromise with the House who wanted to keep it at 18.

Some state representatives say now that if the Senate had been willing to compromise at 19, the House might have been willing to meet them halfway. It was just too big a jump, some legislators are saying now, to raise the age to 20.

Despite some opinions to the contrary, Senate President Joseph Sewall (R-Old Town) said Monday the older, more conservative Senate "has a little more experience this time around" and might be ready to "bend a little."

"I think the Senate will compromise if it means getting a raise in the drinking age," Sewall told the Maine Campus. "They learned their lesson last time around. I think a lot of us feel this will help get liquor out of the high schools. I'll be quite surprised if it goes over 19 though."

It appears some compromising will be necessary because indications at this point are that the House appears to be too young and liberal to accept the 20-year-old proposal the Senate is expected to send them Thursday.

Of the six legislators the Maine Campus interviewed Monday, only one spoke of a

House mood receptive enough to favor a raise to 20.

Rep. Sidney Maxwell (D-Jay), House chairman of the legislative Liquor Control Committee said Monday that while he's "not too positive," he senses "a few representatives changing to 20."

Sens. Sewall, Lovell, Hichens and Curtis (R-Orono) indicated that Senate passage Tuesday is likely while tendencies of the 151-member House are too close to call.

"There are a lot of members in the House," Hichens said, "and about 47 of them are new. It's tough to tell how they'll vote." He added, though, that House youth and Speaker Martin's reported advocacy of the 19 year old bill will make that age a favorite in the House. Martin was unavailable for comment.

Davies said the key factor is "senate flexibility." He said senate pride is at issue.

"The Senate can get very uppity at times," Davies said. "They get to feeling on occasion that the House pushes them around too much. So they may not compromise to 19. They may just stand still."

## Women's Center remains active

by Tracey Lilienthal

UMO's Office of Women's Programs and Services is now defunct. Gone also is Linda Monko, the woman who ran the office until the summer of 1976 though she still lives nearby in Bangor. Instead UMO has the Orono Women's Center, run by University and community volunteer women.

The center has attempted to keep active in planning programs with an emphasis on women. For instance, last semester the center sponsored such programs as a coffeehouse, a dance workshop and poetry reading. It also arranged a concert by Kay Gardner, a feminist musician, and brought to the Distinguished Lecture Series two feminist political activists, Rita Mae Brown and Charlotte Brunch.

"With the closing of the Office of Women's Programs and Services, the

Women's Center is supposed to pick up where Linda left off, and to try to do all the kinds of programs Linda did in the office," said Diane Elze, student government vice president.

Elze was hired to work full-time in the office as a work-study student during the summer of '76. Just prior to summer the CEDA funds which had paid for Linda's position ran out, so the position was terminated.

During last semester Teeter Bibber worked part-time as a work-study student in the office. At the end of that semester the office was closed completely. Joyce Henckler, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said the office was to have been kept open with volunteers and work-study students, as long as there was a fair level of interest and enthusiasm in the office's programs.

But after one semester, Henckler said, it was found that there was "little or no reason to continue the office," because there was little interest in or use of the office's resources.

Another problem was funding, she said. (continued on page 3)



A stray horse roams a nearby field, searching for patches of bare grass and, like the rest of us, waiting patiently for the warmth of spring. (Photo by Russ McKnight)

## Estabrooke Hall proposal would reserve some dorm rooms for undergraduates

by Ed Stevens

Estabrooke Hall has been the official residence of graduate and foreign students since 1969 and some residents feel that that status is threatened by an upcoming lifestyle proposal.

The proposal will officially reserve 84 spaces in Estabrooke for undergraduates, a step which concerned residents see as endangering the graduate student housing situation at UMO.

The proposal first came out with a segregation clause that called for the dorm to be split in half, with undergraduates

living on one side and graduates living on the other.

That clause was reworded after assistant director of Residential Life Joline Morrison met with the dorm council Thursday night and the proposal now calls for the 84 undergraduates to be sprinkled throughout the dorm.

Dorm council president Helen Barsky said that she objects to the proposal because it is very limiting and would shut out graduate students who might need housing in the future.

Barsky, one of 74 undergraduates now

living in Estabrooke, said, "We want graduate students to have the first priority to live here."

Neal Davis, assistant director of Residential Life and acting chairman of the lifestyle committee, said graduate students in the future could choose between Estabrooke and University Park, and there would be little risk of displacing graduate students who might need housing.

The lifestyle committee will present eight other proposals to IDB at 4 p.m. this afternoon in the small dining room at Hilltop.

## Short \$600,000 for building Arts Center

by Keith Dutton

The Second-Century Fund is still about \$600,000 short of their \$4 million goal for building the Performing Arts Center.

In a telephone interview Friday Margaret Zubick, assistant to the director of development, said that the Second-Century Fund is still looking for a major donor to contribute \$750,000. The extra money would be used for other projects, Zubick said.

The proposed building is of an original design and would take about one year to build after the plans were finalized.

The Center will be located off the Belgrade Road across from the Commuter parking lot.

Watch Friday for

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## LOWDOWN

Tuesday, Feb. 22

12 noon Sandwich cinema—"The Making of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Slick Hare" with Bogart, Bacall and Bugs Bunny. North Lown Room, Memorial Union.  
3:15 UMO vs. St. Dominic's. Hockey at the Alford Arena.  
4 p.m. Meeting of the Maine Peace Action Committee. All interested people welcome to attend. Weisz Room of the Maples.  
4 p.m. 4 p.m. Botany and plant pathology seminar—David Berry will speak on "The Basis of Variation in the Higher Plants." 17 Deering Hall.  
6:30 p.m. Maine Animal Club research lab tour. Rogers Hall.  
7 p.m. Multi-media extravaganza—"Confrontation" and "Stand Up Little Man." 153 Barrows Hall.  
7 p.m. Forestry Club meeting—Max McCormick will speak on "Christmas Tree Production." All S.A.F. student members please attend for formation of a student chapter. Reginald Elwell, chairman of the Maine chapter of the S.A.F., will be present. Refreshments served. 100 Nutting.  
8 p.m. AA open meeting. MCA Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

all day UM Board of Trustees meeting. Student Union, BCC.  
2-8 p.m. Bloodmobile. Maine Lounge, Somerset.  
4:00 p.m. Men's swimming vs. Bowdoin. Wallace Pool.  
6:30 p.m. The Sophomore Eagles, an honor organization of sophomore women, will begin its annual rush. Damn Yankee, Memorial Union.  
7 p.m. "International Employment and You," a sound/slide show presented by Foreign Languages. 120 Little.  
7 p.m. "The Genesis of a Short Story," a talk by Edward M. Homes, professor emeritus of the Department of English, will analyze the production of his story "Beyond Shadow Island," which has been published several times. 304 English-Math.  
7 & 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie—"French Connection II." 130 Little.  
8:15 p.m. Band concert. Hauck Auditorium.

Thursday, Feb. 24

12 noon Sandwich Cinema—"Man the Measure of all Things." North Lown Room, Memorial Union.  
7 & 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie—"French Connection II." 100 Nutting Hall.  
7:35 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Colby. Memorial Gymnasium.

Friday, Feb. 25

Last day when withdrawal from UMO will result in having courses listed for current semester without penalty. Details: Student Handbook and Dean of Student Affairs.

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## Club Canada membership open

by Diane Whitmore

A group of students and faculty in the Canadian Studies program have started a new campus social group in hopes of getting people together who are interested in any facet of Canadian culture.

Keith Citrine, president of Club Canada, said, "Membership in Club Canada is open to anybody in the University community—students and faculty. We don't want to be an elitist group. We want everything to be open to everybody."

Several suggestions for activities were brought up at the first meeting on Feb. 14, Citrine said, adding that the club can "expand in any direction" at this point. The club hopes to bring a wide variety of speakers to campus, from politicians to artists to athletes. "A lot of Canadian cultural groups have asked to come to campus," Citrine said. "Club Canada can serve as a vehicle to bring them here."

The club hopes to sponsor various student trips. A bike trip to the Maritimes, a camping trip to the Laurentians, a trip to Montreal to see a Canadiens hockey game and a trip to Quebec City have all been suggested. "A lot of people were disappointed because there was no trip to the Quebec Winter Carnival this year," Citrine said. "We'd like to start that up again."

"One thing we hope will come out of Club Canada is a better understanding of Canada," Citrine said. "People think Canada is just a United States to the north."

It's been downplayed for too many years." Citrine believes that interest in Canada will grow in the near future because of its supply of mineral resources, and because of the issue of separatism in Quebec.

Club Canada hopes to get funds from the Student Senate. And Citrine said that the Canadian government and Canada House at UMO have indicated they will lend financial support if the Senate does so. The club plans to sell T-shirts, and hopes to bring well-known Canadian films to campus, such as "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz."

## GSS will not dissolve, new senators elected

by Tim Grant

The General Student Senate unanimously voted down a proposal by Sen. Carl Pease (Oxford) to dissolve itself Wednesday night.

The vote came after a lengthy debate concerning the purpose of the GSS, its level of student awareness and the function or lack of it in the various committees.

-\$403.44 for travel expenses for the Maine Animal Club.

-\$200 and a loan of \$100 to the UMO Skating Club.

-\$641 to IDB to put on the Winter Carnival.

Total allocations amounted to \$3440.44.

A Quebec film festival will be held on campus April 11-14, with films in both French and English. Some film producers from Quebec have been invited to speak, Citrine said.

The next meeting, to be held Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Wells Commons study lounge, will feature a debate on French-English relations in Canada between Marc Boucher, director of Quebec studies at UMO and member of the Canada House staff, and Rudi Chernicki, assistant professor of English at UMO and a native of Toronto.

In other business, the GSS allocated the following funds:

-\$300 for the Plant and Soils Club to travel to the National Soil Judging Contest.

-\$70 to the Students International Meditation Society for publicity.

-\$1,726 for referees fees and travel expenses for the Lacrosse Club.

Off campus senators elected in the General Student Senate elections held last week are Jean Edwards, Jay Cromarty, Brian Naylor, Nancy Nicholson, Kent Coffin, Susan Palmer, Mark Hyland, John Smith and John Small.

Kevin Thompson and Craig Hitchens were elected to represent the fraternities.

According to Phil Spalding the senator elected last week to represent Hannibal Hamlin Hall resigned on election day. Anyone interested in the position from Hannibal Hamlin can register as a candidate for a new election in the student government office before Tuesday, March 1.

## Classifieds

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## Band to feature solos Wednesday

Six student soloists will be featured at a concert to be presented by the University of Maine at Orono Concert Band Wednesday, February 23 at 8:15 p.m. in the Hauck Auditorium.

The soloists are Sarah Mochel of Storrs, Conn., piccolo; Michael Gamache of Lisbon, tuba; Joseph DiSalvatore of Brewer, clarinet; Edward R. Carrell Jr. of Augusta, trumpet; Mark Manduca of McLean Va., trombone; and David Demsey

## Eagles planning 'rush' meeting for freshmen

by Natalie Siefinger

The Sophomore Eagles, an honor organization of sophomore women, will begin their annual rush Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Damn Yankee, Memorial Union.

All freshman women are invited to attend this introductory meeting, which will include skits and a description of the Eagles' duties and functions.

The Sophomore Eagles is a service organization which assists in freshman orientation and in the planning and the carrying out of activities on campus, such as Parent's Weekend and Homecoming. The Eagles, chosen for their qualities of dignity, scholarship, character, friendliness and responsibility, also work closely with the All Maine Women, Senior Skulls, Sophomore Owls, and the administration.

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## ● Women's Center active

Continued from page 1.

The office had no budget for programming or activities, so it tried to work through or with other organizations such as the DLS. "The prospect of the University providing funds for the office is limited," Henckler said.

With the closing of the office, programming was left up to the Women's Center. "The Women's Center had a hard time getting organized last semester," Elze said, adding that women now involved think it was too loosely organized and have been talking during the last few meetings about electing officers. The center hopes this semester to have "more of a structure so that we will be a more efficient and effective organization," Elze said.

Last summer the Women's Center, in conjunction with Dial HELP of Bangor, organized a Rape Crisis Center. "The Rape Crisis Center has been one of the major projects that has come out of the Orono Women's Center," Elze said.

The program involves 12 people, most of whom are community women. There is also one man involved in the program. Rape victims can dial HELP, Elze said, and this organization will get in touch with the Rape Crisis counselor who is on call for that time of day. The counselor will then call the victim back and the two of them will arrange whatever is desired.

Elze said, "The things that we provide for rape victims are: information on the medical attention she will need, emotional counseling, and support not only for the victim but for family and friends as well. We also give information on the legal procedures that would be involved in reporting and prosecuting the crime, and we could accompany the victim to the police, to the hospital and to the courts if she wants us to."

Elze spoke of two major problems the Women's Center has. One is the misconception that many people on campus seem to have of the women involved in the center. "Some people think that we're all a bunch of man-haters, that we're all radicals, that we're bra-burners, that we're all lesbians, and it's not true. Some of us are and some of us aren't," Elze said, "but I think it's the image that has tended to keep some women away from the Women's Center."

The lesbian-"straight" issue is one of the most difficult to deal with, she said. Some women will walk into the center and walk right out again without saying anything if they think that lesbians are present. Elze said, "If they don't tell me that they're feeling uncomfortable being in the presence of lesbians, then we can't talk about it and the bad feelings continue to exist," Elze said.

She added, however, that she could remember times last semester when jokes and comments were made that might have made "straight" women feel uncomfortable. "I guess we have to learn from our mistakes," she said.

A dialogue was held this fall between lesbians and "straight" women to try and avoid that problem. Elze said she thought it was a very valuable experience for all the women who took part. "Afterward we all felt better about being with each other," she said.

The other major problem the center has, Elze said, is not knowing what the women on campus are interested in. To overcome this, the center this semester is co-sponsoring various activities with dorms. This week it is having a literary evening with Kennebec Hall, in which any women are welcome to share poetry or prose they have written. Elze said the center is also planning a program on rape with Kennebec which will include a film and discussion and which will take place during the first week in March.

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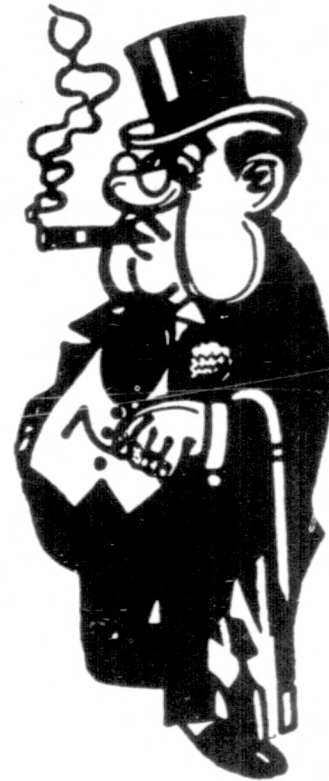
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# editorial

## Neville on Performing Arts...

Ah, the best laid plans of mice, men and universities....

No sooner do they finish one project around here, they start another one. Most recently, it was the Harold Alfond "Multi-Purpose" Arena. After much procrastination, inflation, and deliberation, it somehow metamorphosed into just the Harold Alfond "Ice Arena." The multi-purpose got lost...the whole purpose got lost.

This is called "scaling down."

Now we hear President Neville's new baby, the Performing Arts Center, is looking for a name to go on its cornerstone. Any rich benefactor can see his name in lights. Cost: \$750,000.

Well, anyone with a sense of culture (and acoustics) knows that this project is sorely needed. We applaud its construction. But if we keep applauding it up until the day it finally becomes a physical reality, we will have sore hands, indeed.

There were hopes that an art gallery and an experimental theatre might be a part of this project. Nobody has heard of the experimental theatre since the project was initiated in 1974. We might hear about the art gallery if some other generous soul or souls decide to give us and extra \$500,000.



Already, it's starting. The scaling down of a beautiful plan.

As of now, it will house a large auditorium and stage, and a museum that will be financed separately. What it will have upon completion is anybody's guess...

With any luck, some enterprising person might fall upon another one of Howard Hughes' many wills bequeathing his entire estate to the University of Maine. Then we can build another Ice Station Zebra.



## ...and performing as art...

President Howard Neville is not looking for another job.

(Read: The job might be looking for him...)

He says that his name was dropped by "friends".

(Read: He is not hurrying to pick it back up again.)

Neville was asked if he would take the job if it were offered to him, and he replied that he doesn't answer "iffy" questions.

(Read: He doesn't answer questions, period.)

It is rumored that other college presidents are looking for new jobs.

(Read: They are manning the lifeboats before their ships sink.)

though these other presidents aren't looking for new jobs either, they implied that their colleagues in other institutions were on the prowl.

(Read: Get away from me. Go bother him.)

Face it, they are all in the same boat, and none of them wants to walk the plank alone.

May we suggest that they all throw down their rhetoric and their ambiguous statements and



trade jobs on a trial basis, say three years (the average tenure of a college president).

At the end of this time, let's ask them all the same questions all over again.

(Read: The grass isn't greener at the other fella's campus, is it?)

They will reply that they have no idea what's going on, and they will be very happy to hear what is going on with their lives from other people.

(Read: Would you scoff at \$12,000 extra per year?)

Well, President Neville, we are glad you are staying with us. We know you wouldn't desert a sinking ship. We know you aren't like all those "other" guys. You wouldn't leave us without a Performing Arts Center. You wouldn't go off knowing that the University is up for reaccreditation after ten years of going downhill.

(Read: OKLAHOMA! Where the wind comes sweeping down the plain, And the waving wheat Can sure smell sweet, When the wind comes right behind the rain...)

## guest-editorial

## gil zicklin

Assistant Professor  
of Sociology

### What's good enough for Billy Cohen isn't good enough for me

On November 12, the Maine Campus published a letter from me in which I pointed out what I felt were contradictions and failings in Congressman William Cohen's voting record on foreign affairs, in particular his failure to support the ban on further military aid to Chile and the reduction of military assistance to South Korea. I also mentioned certain votes pertaining to military and foreign affairs which I thought were correct. In Congressman Cohen's reply to my letter, he states his concern about the current human rights situations in South Korea and Chile, and acknowledges that the governments in power there "have severely abridged the personal freedom of many persons residing (sic) in those two nations." Rep. Cohen continues that "our foreign policy must take into consideration our national security and economic interests as well," and therefore, he concludes, we must continue supporting repressive

regimes if and when our national security and our economic interests so compel us.

At this point in his argument, Rep. Cohen and I part company. First, how can we determine what are our national security and economic interests? Let me say this, my security seems little enhanced so far as I can see by my country's alliances with repressive military juntas using torture and clandestine arrests.

We must ask what about "our economic interests" that Rep. Cohen wants to protect? Whenever I see the term *our* used by a politician I feel defensive—it has become a red flag with me ever since I discovered that what is good for General Motors may not be good for me at all, and what is good for the DuPonts, the Harrimans, the Pews, the MacNamaras, may be positively poison to the likes of me. So, I ask, is it my economic interest that is protected when General Electric invests in South Korea in order to increase its profits (women work for about one dollar a day in

South Korea, and for even less in Indonesia) and we support General Park for fear that his opponents might not allow U.S. corporations to invest on such easy terms (tax breaks, no anti-pollution laws, no unions)? In the short run we may benefit from the cheap prices of South Korean goods, but such prices are a result of corporate exploitation of incredibly cheap labor sources and an economic policy in South Korea which, many economists believe, will result in ever increasing economic dependency on Western industrial nations. While it may be crucial for owners and managers of General Electric and other multi-national companies to support the Park regime and to prevent a more nationalistic economic policy from emerging in South Korea, it is not in my economic interest, ethically understood, to support exploitation of the people and land of South Korea.

The issue as I see it: Do we as a people prefer a policy of opposing popular socialist

and nationalist groups in the third world while supporting repressive forces in the name of anti-communism and economic self-interest, forces who will allow U.S. multi-national corporations to invest and take out high profits to finance further expansion of the multi-nationals at home and abroad? I do not support such a policy. Congressman Cohen evidently does. I see a different role for the U.S., one which would not have set us against the Communist Party's effort to end hunger and misery in China, nor against the Cuban, Vietnamese, Congolese, Dominican and Chilean revolutions. Imagine a policy which would have meant no Korean war, no Vietnam war, no blockade of Cuba and near nuclear extinction!

This policy is possible, but only when the forces who control our foreign policy are defeated by a progressive coalition whose interests do not lead to counter-insurgencies and counter-revolution.

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## Turn the channel to 12

To the editor:

Providing an alternative to commercial television is a much needed commodity, not only in Maine, but all over the United States. It is a job that does not bring much fame or glory. Hard dedicated work directed toward the same goal: something different.

Many students may not know about the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. It should be noted that it is situated on campus in Alumni Hall and does provide quality programming for those who want it. Also providing experience for students interested in broadcasting, it is a valuable asset to the University community. Informative shows are produced every week, but who listens? I do not think that even 5 percent of the students have ever watched its programs.

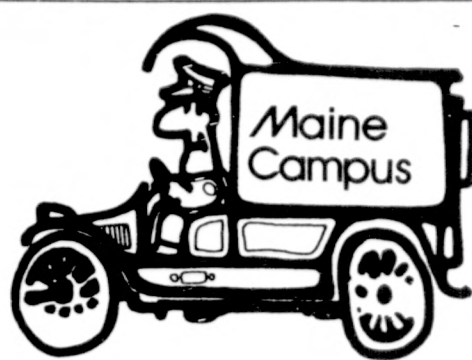
If we are to have something other than police shows and overly violent shows on television, we must support public television. Public television is more than "Sesame Street" and

is more than "Zoom;" public television is something to augment the "regular" television schedule.

I support Bill Legere's contention that MPBN is a separate entity from the rest of the University community and thus should not be considered in the same vein, in regards to job classification, as professors and maintenance workers. MPBN workers are professionals but in another sense. They work hard for what they earn and should be paid more for what they do. Professional integrity is one of the primary reasons they have gone into something other than commercial television.

Some night, when you find that the regular network programming is not providing you with what you want, turn to Channel 12. If you do not find what you want immediately, keep turning back. Eventually you are bound to find something to satisfy your needs.

Crilly R. Ritz  
419 York Hall



## MAIL CALL

The Maine Campus will only consider for publication letters to the editor which are signed and include an address. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters should be limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit all letters for grammar and good taste.

## Grades and credits need uniformity

To the editor:

Spiro T. Agnew left Johns Hopkins University because of poor grades! If this can still be remembered, considering the man's career, grades are certainly important. Whether this is the best system for measuring academic performance is another question, but every hierarchy requires ways to evaluate its members, and this is the only method generally accepted in academia.

The decision to increase dis-

missals and raise the Dean's List in A & S to 3.3 is an effort to make the system a little more fair. Still, however, it's a partial measure, and may even add to the confusion.

Rather than change the values of the Dean's List from college to college in the university, why not re-evaluate the grades themselves? To one professor, "C" might mean meeting the course objectives, while another could just as easily call this "B" work. Room for individual expression is

convenient for them. Suzanne Rodrigue Sally Dobres-Spang MaryAnne Felter

nice, but grading practices should be uniform and as objective as possible. Credits are also a matter of concern. Originally, the concept was related to the number of hours spent on the course, but this seems to have broken down the practice. Py 1 (Introductory Psychology), for example, is probably considered to be of lesser difficulty than Pol 190 (Political & Social Thought), yet both are assigned a value of three credits. If this is due to the fact that both meet formally for three hours per week, then how can ChE 163 (Chemical Engineering Lab) meet for five hours per week, require long written reports frequently, and be worth two credits?

Perhaps it would be better to anchor the Dean's List at an equal level for all colleges, and change both grading practices and credit allocations. This would ease "grade inflation" more sensibly. There was a time when being on the Dean's List indicated achievement. Now it's more of an accomplishment to figure out exactly what it means!

Mark E. McLaughlin  
125 Cumberland Hall

## The uncomfortability of MUAB flicks

To the editor:

We are usually satisfied with the entertainment MUAB provides for this campus. We are not satisfied, however, with MUAB's choice of Nutting Hall as a movie-house. We were turned away from *Anne of a Thousand Days* last weekend because the hall was full, and this was only one out of many times this has happened.

Moreover, the acoustics in the Nutting lecture hall are terrible, the seats uncomfortable, and the number of seats few. We recommend that when other large halls like Hauck are in use, MUAB

move their movies to 101 English-Math building, where the accommodations are ample, the seats are comfortable, and the acoustics are better.

We feel that existing large halls should be used and that people on campus are entitled to watch films in comfort and at the particular showing time that is

## In response to snowballs

To the editor:

I am writing in response to S.T.A.R.'s letter (2/15) concerning snowballs and their sources. Although his gripe may in fact be legitimate, I hope he realizes that his letter and the references it makes to fraternities will do nothing to improve the alleged situation.

He easily could have contacted the president of the house involved in order for retribution to be made, but instead he gets more pleasure out of bad-mouthing fine organizations. After all, fraternities don't thrive on the type of publicity he provided.

To top all that, he says the

"sole function of fraternities is being the catch-all for unconstructive adolescents." His rudeness is surpassed only by his ignorance. May the blue bird of happiness poop out his other headlight.

P. Flamingo  
31 Margin St.

## the BCC beat

By this time next year, the services and facilities available at the BCC Student Union may be notably different. Currently in the works are the possible addition of a campus radio station, a student coffee house the closing of the newscounter and the possible closing of the Pub next semester.

Student Union President Sandy Bovard and member Mike Philbrick have been studying the possibility of adding a low wattage radio station to the Union to serve the area within a half-mile of the building, including the dorms.

The total cost of the proposed station would be in the area of \$300, according to Philbrick, which would cover the cost of transmitting equipment. The Union already has other needed facilities, including a sound-proof booth and turntables. The cost would be covered by the SUAB budget.

Philbrick said that the station would require no licensing because of the low power output. The Student Union will be in contact with the Boston Office of the Federal Communications Commission this week to confirm this and other legal questions.

BCC students have expressed much interest in the station and there should be no shortage of volunteers to operate it, according to Philbrick. If everything checks out, he says that the station will be operating within two weeks, probably from 4 p.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

A coffee house stressing non-drinking activities was opened on a

trial basis last Monday night in Dow Hall at BCC. It was organized by several students without the help of any University organization and will feature entertainment by students. The organizers will monitor student response and decide whether or not to continue the program in the future.

SUAB President Sandy Bovard has announced that the newscounter at the Student Union is scheduled to close on Wednesday, Feb. 16. She said that most services previously available there will still be available through other means. Check cashing can be accomplished in the main office of the Union from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. daily, and vending machines have been installed in the lobby to provide students with newspapers, candy and cigarettes.

Bovard cited several factors in the decision to close the newscounter. "In the three years the newscounter has been open, it never broke even," she said. "It was just bad business to try to keep it going. In order to keep the newscounter open, we'd have to raise prices on everything from beer to popcorn."

She said the pilferage has been a problem in the newscounter, just as in the snack bar and pub. "We handle mostly low profit and pre-packaged items in the newscounter," Bovard explained. "and pilferage of just one or two items can make a big difference."

"In the past," Bovard said, "we've lost hundreds and hundreds of dollars worth of food and equipment from the snack bar from employees helping themselves."

We've tightened security, weeded out the bad employees, and I'm confident that this year, we have the highest quality employees we've ever had."

The BCC Pub, a favorite watering hole for Bangor and Orono students, may be forced to close next semester. There have been several bills introduced to the State Legislature to raise the legal drinking age in Maine. If the drinking age were raised by even one year, to 19, the effects on the Pub would be disastrous.

SUAB President Sandy Bovard said that about half of the students

living at BCC are 19 or under, and not only wouldn't the pub get the same brisk business from students that it now enjoys, but SUAB would have trouble getting employees, since they too, would have to be of legal drinking age. She said that the Pub can't depend on business from the Orono students housed at BCC, because they tend to be a mobile group. "They can be here one week and gone the next because vacancies occur on the Orono campus," she said. "If the students want to see the Pub open when they return next fall," Bovard advised, "they had better get busy and write to their state representatives."

## Jim Sanville

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## Task force to evaluate extension programs

The University of Maine at Orono has appointed a Task Force to evaluate the programs and recommend future directions for the Maine Cooperative Extension Service, according to UMO President Dr. Howard Neville.

The Task Force was suggested by the Board of Trustees to evaluate the manner in which the need for new programs is assessed, priorities for implementation are established, and resources are acquired to carry out the total mandate given to the Cooperative Extension Service by its federal and state legislation.

Membership of the Task Force includes: Austin Bennett, UMO Extension educator; Robert Binswanger, UM vice chancellor for academic affairs; Ingrid Dutch, homemaker, Auburn; Wayne Gile, apple farmer, Alfred; Nellie Gushee, UMO associate

Extension educator; John Leddy, Portland recreation department; James Muro, UMO Dean of Education; William Mortensen, UMPG Continuing Education; Charles O'Leary, UMO Director of Labor Education; Ruth Pearse, homemaker, Union; Richard Rice, UM-Farmington vice president for academic affairs; Roy Shin, UMO chairman of political science department; Lucille Simpson, nutritionist, Alfred; Owen Smith, potato farmer, Mapleton; Frank True, dairy and poultry farmer, East Corinth; Paul Varney, dairy farmer, Exeter.

The chairman is Frank Hussey of Presque Isle who has had experience as a farmer official in USDA, and a former member of the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

At its initial meeting, the Task Force decided to give special attention to

program needs for agriculture, forestry, youth activities, women's programs, community development and marine activities. It was also agreed that a minimum of three public meetings will be held in northern, central, and southern Maine to give the public an opportunity to express their opinions concerning the effectiveness of the Cooperative Extension Service programs and the proper directions for future development.

Neville has requested that the Task Force complete its activities by May of 1977 and that a report be forwarded to him at that time so that it can be delivered to the chancellor and the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

This evaluation of the Cooperative Extension Service, requested by the Board of Trustees, is part of the ongoing evaluation process that takes place continuously within the University.

## Volunteers needed for MPBN fund raising drive

Maine Public Broadcasting Network will conduct its third "on the air" TV fund-raising drive next month, March 6 through 20, and is seeking volunteers to answer the phones and accept the membership pledges.

This year's public awareness campaign, "Festival 77," will feature several area entertainers in 10-minute segments during the telethon. Marta Leipzig, a spokeswoman for MPBN, said that because it is a non-commercial station, it is "dependent on the financial endorsement of its audience."

"The money we get from funds goes into programming," she added, explaining that although MPBN produces some of its

programs, many others must be purchased from Public Broadcasting Service.

MPBN has been at UMO since 1963, on the second floor of Alumni Hall. In the past, it received more support from the state. But with state cutbacks in recent years, Leipzig said the station has had to depend more on financial support of its viewers.

Station managers hope that volunteers will be willing to go to the studio from 6 to 11 on those nights to help in the campaign. Interested persons should call Barbara Kaye at MPBN, 866-4493.

MPBN will also conduct a radio campaign during the last week of February.

## Ski, canoe, bike trips planned by Memorial Union Board

by Cindy Valente

Tripping is for students. Sponsored by the Memorial Union Program Board and the Student Activities Office in the Memorial Union, Tripping offers students recreational events at group rates.

According to William Lucy, associate dean of student activities, the response to trips offered by the program has gone pretty well.

"In previous trips, in general, everyone has had a good time," Lucy said.

The cross country ski trip to Acadia National Park was a huge success and some students had to be turned away because even with extra cars there just wasn't enough transportation, he added.

However, the Sugarloaf ski trip, scheduled for Feb. 19 had to be canceled because not enough students signed up to go. The trip probably fell short since students have more tests and papers coming up now, Lucy said.

Lucy explained how students can save money through Tripping, citing the Sugarloaf trip as an example. Originally the trip was for the weekend, and would have cost each student \$30. A good price but still too high for many. So the trip was reduced to a day and would cost the student approximately \$4.30 for transportation both ways and \$8.50 for an all day lift ticket. Lucy said tickets usually run somewhere between \$11 or \$12 dollars.

A few of the events coming up in Tripping will be:

—campus cross country ski race, Feb. 25 a night race through campus, with two

divisions, expert and beginners. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

—Sugarloaf skiing (day trip), March 5, bus transportation and lift ticket provided.

—toboggan trip, March 6, at a location close to Orono. Toboggan and transportation provided.

—canoe trip, April 16, at a remote Maine stream. Canoes and transportation provided.

—bike trip, April 30, Acadia National Park. Provides transportation for you and your bike to the park.

## 'Course clusters' may strengthen degrees

"Course Clusters" are one of the ideas the ad hoc Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies came up with when assigned to structure a new IDL program for the College of Arts and Sciences.

These clusters will consist of courses with a common focus, although they may be taught by different departments.

For instance, a student majoring in business administration might take a selected course in history (the influence of business on history) and psychology (the psychology of the consumer) in order to strengthen his background in business.

While pursuing these studies, students may also be fulfilling the general requirements of the college.

One idea behind the new program is to increase the students knowledge in related areas of his interest, thereby strengthening that major.

Secondly, the structure may eliminate the smorgasbord of studies that students have been required to take in previous years. This elimination process would allow concentration on specific interests.

Dean Elaine Gershman of the College of Arts and Sciences feels the program can aid students most by improving their credentials for job opportunities.

"Hopefully," she said, "the program will be ready by the next registration. It can only make things better."

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# Maine Campus SPORTS

## Gymnasts win over UMF

The University of Maine women gymnasts won their first meet of the season at the University of Maine at Farmington last Thursday.

The 77.55 to 53.95 win over the Farmington women came after UMO's first two close losses to Keene State College 78.35 to 76.65, and to the University of Rhode Island 80.15 to 77.65.

Coach Barbara Stoyell said the win over Farmington was a good indication of the UMO team's increasing depth and ability.

"I think the team has developed enough to beat both Keene State and URI. We left some of our higher scorers (for the Farmington meet) because of injuries and other reasons, to give our other girls some experience and to keep the score down," Stoyell said.

Sophomore captain Barb Dusty and sophomore teammate Sue Taylor split most of the honors in the Farmington meet. Dusty took first in the floor exercises and the beam with scores of 7.85 and 7.7 respectively. Taylor came in first in the uneven parallel bars and the vault with marks of 7.2 in each.

Dusty, the team's top scorer, and Taylor are two of the ten members on the women's gymnastic team which also includes all-arounders (participate in all events) Peggy Jabar, Donna Caleb, and Lee Haskell.

The women's gymnastics team will travel to the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Saturday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. for their next meet.

## Black Bears bow to URI, next opponent is UMass

by Mike McNaughton

Paced by Sly Williams' 22 point, 13 rebound performance, the University of Rhode Island Rams handed the University of Maine its fourth straight loss, defeating the Bears 95-75 in the Memorial Gymnasium Saturday night.

Maine played well in the first half and led through most of it. Kevin Nelson's short jumper with 8:20 to play in the half gave Maine its biggest lead, 29-21. URI grabbed the lead for good with just three minutes to play on a Williams jump shot. Rhody led 43 to 29 at halftime.

The second half was no contest as Rhode Island's superior height advantage and aggressive style of play simply wore Maine down. A spectacular slam dunk by Stan Wright and the hot shooting of "Jiggy" Williamson highlighted the second half in which URI outscored Maine 52-36.

## Woodcock wins four events

# Naiads take third in N.E.'s

by William Wallace

Julie Woodcock won four individual events and set three New England records as the UMO women's swim team captured third place at the 1977 New England Women's Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association Championships last weekend at the University of Rhode Island. Springfield College and UConn were the only teams to finish ahead of UMO.

Springfield, the pre-meet favorite, while winning only one event, scored heavily in nearly every event. The top sixteen finishers in each event gain points at the NEWISDA Championships.

Julie Woodcock, defending New England Champion the 50-freestyle and the 200-individual medley, retained her titles in the two events. She added wins in the 200-freestyle and the 100-individual medley. Not only was Julie victorious in her four events, but her times in the 200-freestyle, 500-freestyle, and 100-individual medley event broke New England records.

The 500-freestyle was the first swimming event of the meet, and it may have been UMO's best. Julie Woodcock won the race by a pool length, while teammate Anne Lucey dramatically came from behind to capture third place by out-touching UMass' Deb Schwartz. Colleen Trainor placed eleventh for UMO.

Eileen Sherlock placed fourteenth in the 50-breaststroke and Louanne Dodge took sixteenth in the 50-butterfly. These two events turned out to be strong ones for UConn and Springfield.

The 100-freestyle was a strong event for UMO with Nancy Kurt taking sixth, Eileen Sherlock ninth, and Anne Lucey twelfth. The event was also strong for UConn and Springfield.

Denise Small, as expected, scored well in the 100 and 200 backstroke. The slim dorsal swimmer placed fifth in the 100 and sixth in the 200. Nancy Kurt placed sixteenth in the 200.

The 200-butterfly saw UMass' Deb Schwartz and Springfield's Bonnie Morse out-touch UMO's Jill Puzas by less than a second at the finish. Louanne Dodge placed sixteenth for UMO. UConn scored big points in this event by placing three swimmers in the top six places.

The 100-individual medley was the most exciting race of the first day. Everyone expected a New England record to be broken with a field consisting of such speedsters as UConn's Mary Schmidt, Sue Langenhan, and UMO's Julie Woodcock. Langenhan and Schmidt led through the first 50 yards, but on the breaststroke leg Julie overtook the two UConn girls. A strong freestyle leg finally gave the race to Julie with a New England record time of 1:01.45.

The 200-individual medley was another big event for UMO. Julie Woodcock and Jill Puzas made it a one-two UMO sweep as the two Black Bear swimming stars finished four seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Jill Puzas won both the 100 and 200-breaststroke for UMO. She later revealed that her closest challenger Cheryl Poirier of Springfield and she have had a rivalry going on since age-group swimming

days. "She gets so mad every time I beat her," Jill disclosed.

The 200-freestyle was another strong event for UMO. Julie Woodcock breezed to victory by four seconds with a time of 1:56.91. Teammates Nancy Kurt and Anne Lucey placed fourth and sixth respectively.

Diver Patti Ward had her best meet of the year, taking first in the one and third in the three-meter diving. Her score in the one-meter event qualifies her for the AIAW (Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) National Swimming Championships next month.

Another of UMO's strong suits was the performance of their four relay teams: the 200-freestyle relay, 200-medley relay, 400-freestyle relay and the 400-medley relay. All four finished within the top four teams.

Several factors led to UMO's third place finish. First and foremost reason UMO did not finish higher was the talented depth of Springfield and UConn. To win UMO would have needed to have several more swimmers place in the lower scoring positions.

The season is over for all but three of the UMO Naiads. The 1976-77 team compiled a 9-0 record and topped that off by a third place finish at the NEWISDA Championships.

Julie Woodcock, Jill Puzas, and Patti Ward will attend the prestigious AIAW National Swimming Championships at Brown University on March 17, 18, and 19.



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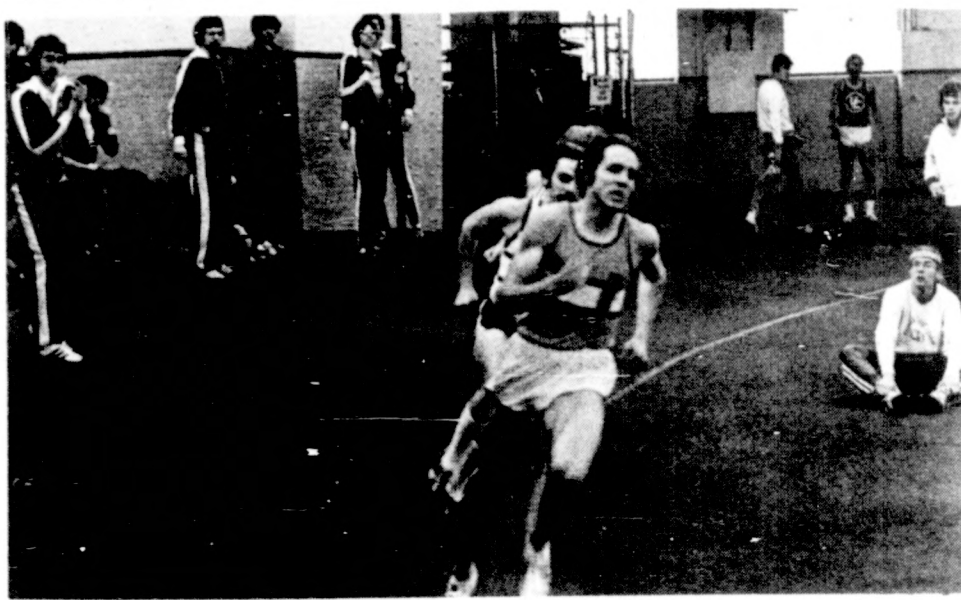


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Nick Tupper anchored the mile relay team to a new UMO record [Steve Vaitones photo].

## UConn wins Conference; relay teams break records

by Steve Vaitones

The University of Connecticut scored points in every event except the mile relay on their way to their second straight Yankee Conference indoor track and field championship Saturday at UMO despite school-record breaking performances by UMO's relay teams. UConn, with 71½ points, easily outscored second place Massachusetts, who had 50.

Following were Boston University with 31, New Hampshire with 22½, Rhode Island with 22, Maine with 16 and Vermont with 13. Many records (six meet, six fieldhouse, and two University records) fell in the meet which was highlighted by the performances of UConn athletes Bruce Clark and Pat Augeri. The two accounted for 23 points between themselves, with Clark winning both the mile and the 1000 yard run, and Augeri taking first in the high jump, third in the triple jump, and fourth in the hurdles. UMO's Nat Tupper, Kevin Dyer, Ed Gott and Nick Tupper won the mile relay in 3:19.1 for a UMO record.

Competition was keen in every event, as many athletes had their best performances ever but still could not score. Aided by the good facilities, new meet or fieldhouse records were set by Tom Mahan of B.U. in the 60 yd. hurdles (7.3 sec., MR, FHR), Buck Easton of B.U. in the 60 yd dash (6.3 sec, FHR), Clark in the mile (4:06.2, MR, FHR), George Reed of UNH in the two mile (8:55.2, MR, FHR), Rich White of UConn in the shot put (52 feet 10¼ inches, MR), the Maine mile relay (3:19.1, MR, FHR), and the UMass two mile relay (7:41.5, MR, FHR). The two mile relay record was smashed by a whopping seven seconds.

Every race was close, the quality best seen in the mile and two mile as three milers were under the old fieldhouse record, as were the first six two milers. The 600 and 1000 proved to be the closest races as Demers of UNH in the 600 and Clark of UConn in the 1000 both had margins of victory of just .3 seconds, neither getting the lead until the final turn. In the field events, four weight throwers tossed the 35 pound ball and chain over 50 feet with Lou Porazzo of UNH hurling it 58 feet 8 inches for first. The pole vault, won by Bill Hartley of URI at 14 feet 7 inches, had three other contestants over 14 feet. Also, UConn took four of five places in the shot put.

In finishing sixth overall, Maine scored points in only five events. Steve Rines scored first with a third in the weight, with a career-best throw of 55 feet 8½ inches. Mike Roddin captured fourth in the mile with a 4:11.2, his best this season. Peter Cumpstone cleared 6 feet 6 inches in the high jump, good for fifth.

The big performances, though, were in the relays as both of UMO's foursomes set school records. The mile relay four of Nat Tupper, Kevin Dyer, Ed Gott, and Nick Tupper carried the baton over the distance in 3:19.1 for first place. Freshman Nat Tupper and Dyer stayed just behind the leaders in the first two legs, running 50.8 and 49.7 respectively. Team Captain Gott

took the lead on the third leg with a 49.7 and Nick Tupper held off UMass with a final 48.9 quarter mile.

Finally, the two mile relay team, with three freshmen, placed second to UMass's record performance as they lowered the UMO record by three full seconds to 7:48.5. Jim Boyle led off with 1:59.7, giving the baton to Jon Howland, who went 1:57.7. Running third, Myron Whipkey moved into second place with a 1:56.1 split, and Mike Roddin held off three other anchor men with a fast 1:55.0.

Maine's young squad (only five seniors) performed well overall. Because the Black Bears do not have the one or two super stars needed to grab a bundle of points in a meet of this nature, the score was not really indicative of the improvement shown by the squad members over the course of the season. With more experience against athletes of this caliber, UMO should place even higher in the future.

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## Wrestlers victorious over Plymouth, MMA

by Bob Granger

UMO's wrestling team boosted their season record to 7-2 Saturday as they defeated Maine Maritime Academy 33-21 and Plymouth State College 25-18 in a tri-school meet at Castine.

John Devin (126) lead off Maine's score against MMA as he won by fall over Pat Lancaster 1 minute into the first period. According to UMO wrestling coach Paul Stoyell it was the fastest pin of the season.

Maine's Jim Kiser (142) and Mike Sirois (150) also won by fall over Guy Mossman and Berney McGowan at 1:43 and 1:09, respectively.

In the 167 pound matchup UMO's Fran Hanley won a close decision over Dan Norton 9-8. Black Bears Tom Page (118) and Pat Daigle (134) topped off Maine's score, winning their matches by forfeit.

Maine Maritime Academy scored as Dave Sapone (158), Dave Bobbie (177) and Doug Gilbert (190) all won by fall over Eric Hill, Mark Cullenburg and Larry Whiteley at 1:31, 4:11 and 2:37, respectively.

MMA's only other score came in the heavyweight division as Paul Soper won by decision over Steve Rockhill 5-0.

In their second meet UMO came from behind to edge Plymouth State by 7 points in what Coach Stoyell described as a seesaw match.

Starting in the 118-pound division Maine's Tom Page won by fall over Bill Vermouth at 4:47 and Pat Daigle (134) won by fall over Tim Myers at 3:08. Mike Sirois (150) added to Maine's score as he squeaked past Bruce Gabriel in a close decision 7-6.

Plymouth State rallied as they won five matches by decision. Tony Serra won by superior decision over Maine's John Devin 22-7 in the 126-pound match up and Kevin Rowlette (142) won by decision over Jim Kiser 11-0.

Al Potter, Mark Staples and John Thomas also won their matches by decision over Black Bears Eric Hill, Fran Hanley and Mark Cullenburg, 7-1, 5-0 and 8-1. This put Maine behind 18-15 with only two matches remaining in the meet.

Larry Whiteley clinched the match for Maine (19-18) as he won an 8-0 decision over Mark Saffian. Steve Rockhill then pushed UMO's score to 25 as he won the heavyweight class by forfeit.

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