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Off-campus housing

Tenants do have rights and recourses

by Peg Goyette

Although there has been much publicity lately about the plight of on-campus students, such as triples or Estabrooke, nearly half of UMO's students live off campus. With this in mind, Student Legal Services (SLS) held a workshop session on landlord-tenant relations Friday, March 4, at their office in Coburn Hall, open to all interested parties.

The response from students was "pretty good," according to Tim Dorr of SLS. Several students came early in the session to get answers to questions about evictions, leases and rent increases. No landlords showed up although Dorr said they probably would if they received a formal invitation from SLS.

Dorr said the purpose of the session was to introduce student tenants to the concept that they do have rights and to tell them what these rights are. If enough interest is shown, he said, more tenant workshops will be held at SLS on a regular basis.

According to Russ Christensen, SLS lawyer, the biggest problem in this area is the typical landlord feels he can evict his tenants "without going through the legal process." Many landlords tend to feel they have all the rights and that tenants have no recourse if they're threatened with a speedy eviction. He explained that the shortage of available housing reinforces this belief because the landlord knows he can always get new tenants.

As long as the tenant is up to date on paying his rent, Christensen said he should realize that the apartment is really his because the landlord has agreed to turn it over to him for x number of dollars every month.

There is no "just cause" eviction notice in Maine, which means that tenants can be evicted on a 30-day notice for no reason at all. But proposed new legislation in the form of LD-313, an act to establish a comprehensive landlord-tenant law, will

make a few changes if it passes the 108th Legislature.

A landlord will need a legal reason, in writing, to evict tenants on a 30-day notice. He will, however, still be able to evict someone with only seven days notice, in writing, for any of the following reasons:

Being a month or more behind in rental payments; continually being a nuisance to others after having received a written warning of such; destroying the property either wilfully or through negligence, or causing over \$100 worth of damage; or continued violations of rules and regulations.

No eviction will occur if the tenant can prove the apartment was unfit for human habitation at the time the action was filed. Also, the landlord may not retaliate by evicting the tenant just because he complains of the condition of the apartment to either the landlord or to any public office responsible for code enforcement.

Nor will the tenant's membership in a

tenant union be used against him. Any eviction notice, other than for a specified legal reason, within six months after a tenant has complained will be presumed retaliatory on the part of the landlord and eviction won't be possible.

Regarding rules and regulations, the proposed legislation states they must be fair and must apply to all tenants, who themselves must be notified of the rules before they even begin renting. New rules will need the written consent of the tenant, but he may not withhold consent unreasonably.

This bill, which covers several aspects of rental housing, is presently in the judiciary committee, Dorr said. Another bill in the judiciary, awaiting its bout with the 108th Legislature, is LD-686, dealing with security deposits.

Security deposits will no longer be up to the whims of the landlord. They will be limited to the amount of one month's rent,

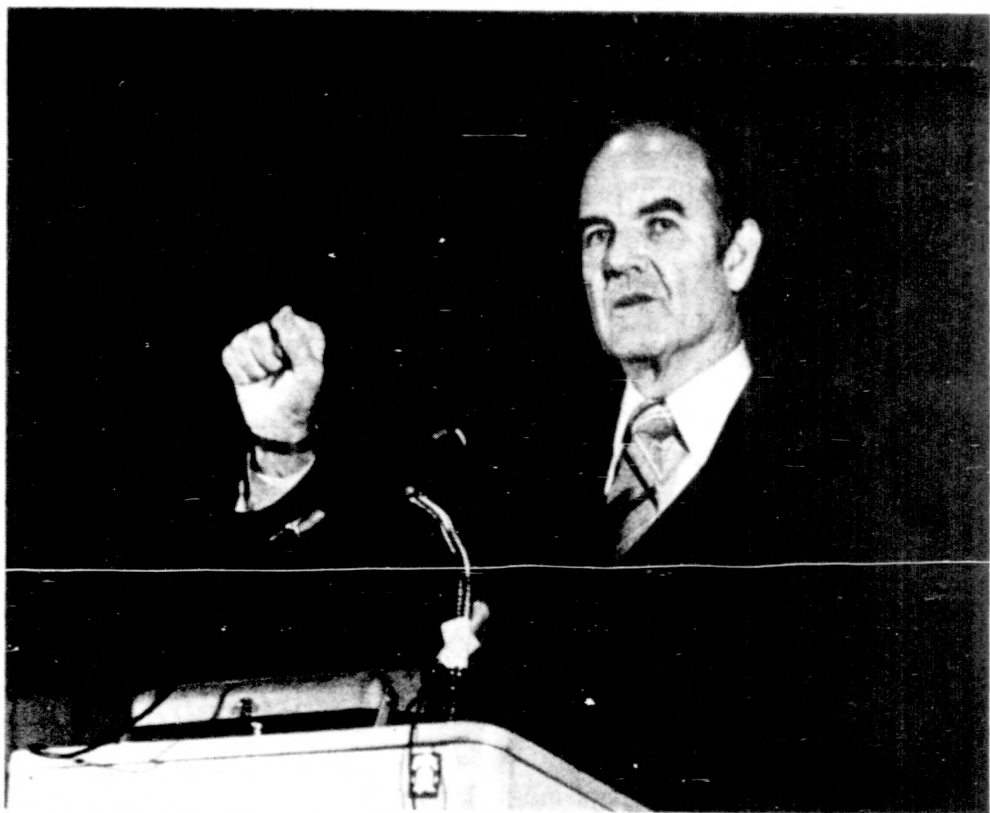
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Midweek

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McGovern says rebuild railroads



by Dan Warren

U.S. Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) said here Sunday night that the U.S. national defense budget should be "greatly reduced" and the savings should go toward rebuilding the "forgotten" American railroad system.

"Rebuilding our railroads could put tens of thousands of people back to work," McGovern said. "I sometimes think we are engaged in this massive arms race because of the many jobs it provides. Well, I would think that this defense money could be more constructively spent on building something we really need—like railroads."

Speaking before 700 students at UMO's Memorial Gymnasium, the 1972 presidential nominee said the U.S. could derive many benefits from a "renovation of our railroads."

"Railroads would provide an inexpensive form of public transportation," McGovern said. "It would result in a great savings of energy. It would ease environmental pollution by cutting down use of private transportation and it would create thousands of jobs."

"America's railroads used to be the envy of every country in the world," McGovern said, "but no longer."

The South Dakota congressman compared his railroad-building proposal to the work projects instituted by the federal government following World War II.

"Following World War II, our economy survived because we had a backlog of things to be done," he said. "Well, the same thing exists after the Viet Nam war. We have things that need to be done and building railroads is one of them."

McGovern, chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, appeared at UMO as keynote speaker during National Nutrition Week. Sponsored by student government's Distinguished Lecture Series, McGovern was paid \$2,000 plus traveling expenses. He traveled alone.

McGovern said the U.S. is presently paying \$130 billion in annual medical costs and could cut this by 25 per cent if Americans would start eating a "sensible, prudent diet."

"As far as health and nutrition are concerned, we are moving in the wrong direction," McGovern said. "The empha-

sis in American medicine is to treat illness rather than prevent it. We must start thinking in terms of preventing illness through eating properly. Unless Americans start getting healthy through a sensible, prudent diet, our present \$130 billion medical costs will quickly rise to \$200 billion."

McGovern said Americans fail to heed governmental warnings until it's too late.

"Surveys show that the six leading causes of death in the U.S. are related to poor diets. We are eating enough," the senator said, "but not the right things."

Regarding U.S. military needs, McGovern said "a paranoid debate" is now going on in the Senate.

"Some members of the Senate feel we have to stay ahead in the arms race," he said. "Well, I remember when I first came to the U.S. Senate in 1963 the Secretary of Defense at that time, (Robert) McNamara said the 40 or 50 nuclear warheads we had then weren't enough. He said we needed 400 to be capable of destroying Russia."

"Well, now we have 8,500 and we're still building them at a rate of three a day."

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Orono holds elections for council, school board

UMO students can vote in Orono town elections today at the Newman Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Orono voters will choose two councilors and two school committee members.

Running for the two council positions are John Blease, Ann Ross Dorr, Richard L. Smith, Sherwood Tuell and Henry K. Woodbrey.

Blease, a biochemist at the UMO Experiment Station, considers himself to be of Republican persuasion. He favors the uniform property tax over the inventory tax and is in favor of providing means for townspeople to separate their solid waste—paper, glass, cans etc.

Dorr, a 1976 UMO graduate in speech pathology, is currently chairperson of the Orono Housing Commission and a member of the Maine Criminal Justice Planning Commission. If elected, Dorr hopes to work in the area of housing needs. She would

like to see the possibilities of a regional solid-waste system explored. She would also like to coordinate services between UMO and the Town of Orono.


Smith, the current council chairman is seeking re-election, said he would like to see continuity on the council.

Tuell said, at Candidates Night last week, that he is uneasy about over-spending budgets but realizes that you sometimes have to spend money to get money. He said the town of Orono should consider the needs of middle aged, middle income people.

Woodbrey, an Orono dentist said one of his priorities would be to encourage more businesses to stay in Orono. He said he also recognizes that Orono needs more moderate priced housing.

The four candidates for the school board are Lawrence Allin, Thomas Hambrook, Roger Sabin and Dorothy Wilinson.

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Admissions notes rise in business applicants

by Deborah Chapman

The UMO Admissions office has received about 4,700 applications - about the same as last year at this time, according to the director of Admissions James A. Harmon.

There has been a strong increase in business college and engineering applicants. The reason, Harmon feels, may be because of the jobs. "Anybody can see, by looking at the newspapers, where the jobs are picking up," he said.

"And as usual, forestry and the biological sciences are very popular, such as nursing," Harmon added.

The basic consideration when looking at any application is the student's academic record - not just the courses students are taking, but the ones they have taken, Harmon said. Other considerations are the applicant's class standing and the recommendations from his high school.

Harmon said, "We visit high schools in Maine, because 75 per cent of the students we accept will be from the State. We restrict ourselves on out-of-state acceptances, because this is basically a State school," he said.

The Admissions office receives more than 400 out-of-state applications each

year, which means many refusals. About 22 per cent of the students at UMO are from out-of-state, 18 per cent of them in the total University system. "Not many out-of-state students attend BCC or Fort Kent or Machias," Harmon said.

Besides restrictions on out-of-state admissions, restrictions are also set on the various colleges. For example, the school of Forestry and Wildlife, basically Forestry, requests only 160 be admitted to the program. "Among out-of-state applicants, there are hundreds who request this major field," Harmon said.

Another consideration taken in re-

viewing an applicant is the college board scores. "College boards play an important part," said Harmon, "because they are the only tests that give us a National (comparison) to go by."

Maine test scores are higher than the national average, Harmon says, but recently verbal scores have been decreasing, throughout the nation. Maine is still above national averages, though. The College Board services has a committee investigating the problem, Harmon said.

Still another consideration is the student's high school activities.

"We want somebody who might have done something in high school," Harmon said, "like work for the student paper, student government or participated in sports."

Harmon has noted that over the past eight or nine years high school applicant grades have inflated.

"But," he continued, "so haven't the grades here."

Student revives business association

by Tim Grant

Reaccreditation of the College of Business Administration will be the topic of talks by Dean W. Stanley Devino and Prof. Robert Jensen at a reorganizational meeting of the Undergraduate Business Association (UBA). A question and answer period will follow.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, in 101 English-Math Building at 6 p.m.

"Reaccreditation of the business college is very important to any future graduate in

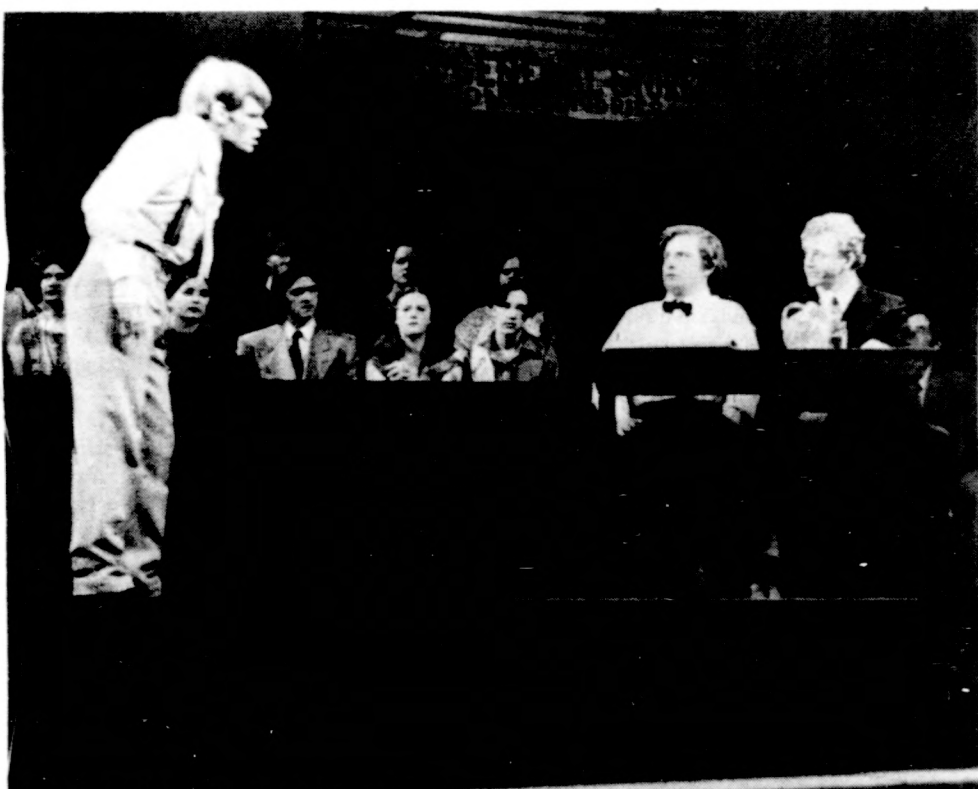
terms of jobs," said Wayne Huggler who is initiating the revival of UBA.

UBA was originally formed in 1974 to aid in accreditation that was taking place at the time. The organization has been inactive for about a year-and-a-half, according to Huggler. UBA was recognized by the Student Senate last week as an official organization and is now eligible for Senate funding.

"UBA will show the reaccreditation committee that students are interested in what happens to their college," Huggler said, "and are willing to help to bring about that change."

Any undergraduate in the College of Business Administration is automatically a voting member, but anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Other topics to be covered at this meeting will be election of officers and formation and explanation of standing committees which include course evaluations, job opportunities, and student-faculty relations.



Emotions run high as lawyers Clarence Darrow, left and William Jennings Bryant, center, debate the teaching of evolution in public schools in a scene from Maine Masque Theatre's production of "Inherit the Wind." The play, enacting the 1925 Scopes trial, opens at 8:15 tonight in Hauck Auditorium. The actors here are, from left, Timothy Wheeler, Dale Phillips and Francis Parkman.



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Tuesday, March 8

12 noon Sandwich Cinema: "Nanook of the North." North Lown Room, Memorial Union.

12 noon Film strip showing world hunger, sponsored by Maine Peace Action Committee and the International Club. International Lounge, Memorial Union.

4 p.m. Meeting of the Maine Peace Action Committee. Weisz Room of the Maples.

5-7 p.m. "Living on Less" cooking and learning class at the Hilltop Craft Center. Included are low cost meals, oriental meals, food fads, diet desserts, perky breakfasts, salads and casseroles. Eat what you make! Call 581-7300. Registration fee \$5.

6:30 p.m. "Rape Culture" film with discussion following, examining popular films, advertising, music and adult entertainment, records, the insights of rapists, victims, rape crisis workers, authors and prisoners in an attempt to expand our society's narrow concept of rape and to dispell the myths surrounding the crime. Sponsored by Orono Women's Center and Kennebec Hall. Student Union Ballroom, BCC.

6:30 Alpha Chi Omega Spring Rush open house, all welcome, Penobscott Hall basement.

7:30 p.m. Multi-media extravaganza: "Joy to the World" and "Transformation." 153 Barrows Hall.

7:30 p.m. Hunger Hurts Dr. Michael Jacobsen, Center for Science in the Public Interest, will speak on "The American Way of Eating." 120 Little Hall.

8 p.m. AA open meeting. MCA Center.

8 p.m. First class in a course on the basics of photography. The course is oriented to those who have had no previous experience and would like to learn basic camera techniques and darkroom work. Lab time will be offered on Thursday afternoons. A \$5 fee will cover all materials needed. Please sign up in advance in the MUAB office in the Memorial Union.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque Theatre presents "Inherit the Wind." Hauck Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 9

12 noon Film strip showing world hunger, sponsored by Maine Peace Action Committee and the International Club. International Lounge, Memorial Union.

2-8 p.m. Bloodmobile, North and South Lown Rooms, Memorial Union.

7 p.m. Hunger Hurts: Panel of international students will focus on the causes, consequences and possible solutions to the hunger problem. Film. 100 English-Math.

7 & 9:15 IDB Movie: "Logan's Run." 130 Little Hall.

7:30 p.m. Home horticulture: Lyle Littlefield will present a program on "Outdoor Flower Gardening." 135 Eastport Hall.

8:15 p.m. "Inherit the Wind." Hauck Auditorium.

9 p.m. "Rape Culture" film and discussion. See Tuesday. Kennebec Hall Lounge.

Thursday, March 10

12 noon Sandwich cinema: "Protest and Communication." North Lown Room, Memorial Union.

3:30 p.m. Psychology Colloquium: Prof. W. Gibson Wood III, Syracuse University, will speak on "The Effect of Hyper-tension on Behavior and Alcohol Abuse over the Life Span." 203 Little Hall.

7 p.m. Climbing Mt. Everest-American Bicentennial Expedition: Prof. Arlene Blum Wellesley College, will describe her experiences on last fall's climb of Mt. Everest. Slides will be shown. Bangor Room of Memorial Union.

7 p.m. Michael Ward Blues Band: pub night at the Damn Yankee.

7 & 9:15 p.m. IDB movie: "Logan's Run." 100 Nutting Hall.

7:30 p.m. Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. John Lewis, MIT, will speak on "Exploration, Science and the Search for Complete Knowledge." 101 English-Math.

8 p.m. Thinking Writing: Charles Ray, UMass, Amherst, will speak on "Writing as Intellectual Craftsmanship." 100 English-Math.

8:15 p.m. "Inherit the Wind." Hauck Auditorium.

Bear's Den facelift begins this month

by Cindy Valente

Next fall the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union will be completely renovated, offering students a place to go for food, drink and entertainment, but with a much improved atmosphere.

Don Toms, manager of Union food service, is very enthusiastic about the Den's upcoming facelift and says the change will make a big difference in "atmosphere, business, profits—everything."

In January, Residential Life announced plans to loan the Bear's Den \$184,000 for the renovation. Bids from contractors will be taken the first part of March and hopefully work on the ice cream parlor room can begin in March, Tom said.

"It should take about 10 years or less to pay back the loan," Toms said.

Some of the planned changes entail moving the entire food line from the Bear's Den into the ice cream parlor room, so that all food service can be handled in that area. Also, new hard oak tables and custom built booths will be brought in the Bear's Den which will be divided by partition into a dining room and pub. The area will seat about 250 to 275 people, Toms said, and the dining room will be carpeted.

Some people are skeptical about the carpet, Toms said, but with proper care a carpet can last a long time. Scratches on the surface of the new Oak furniture can be sanded down, he added. The tables and chairs in the Bear's Den now are always breaking, he said.

Windows in the Bear's Den will be blocked off and artificial lighting put in. The ceiling will have to come down a couple inches so that recessed lighting can be installed. Other lighting to be

installed has not been decided on, but all will operate on a dimmer system in order to provide daytime and nighttime lighting. The tiled walls will be replaced by wood paneling, Toms said, and a bigger air filtering system will be added.

Toms said the pub, which serves beer and wine, will hopefully have glass mugs instead of paper cups. There will also be a bar with stools and a built-in television set. If the drinking age is changed to 19, I.D.'s will be checked, but Toms said it won't much damage business. However, if the drinking age goes to 20, business will be hurt, he said, but probably not enough to close the pub.

Toms plans nightly entertainment of mostly folk music. He would also like to see more campus entertainment, but doesn't foresee any big bands for the Bear's Den. There are no plans for a dance floor because that would mean the loss of about 70 seating spaces. The partition that divides the pub from the dining room would be pulled back when there is entertainment.

Programs or entertainment are paid for by 25 per cent of the gross income from the pub. This includes the Damn Yankee's programs as well because the Bear's Den and the Damn Yankee are under the same accountant. The Bear's Den is the food

service for the Damn Yankee and the Ford Room. Another 10 per cent of the profit from the pub, as proposed by President Howard Neville, goes to the Second Century Fund, which helps pay for the Alford Arena and the new Performing Arts Center. The Den is presently carrying out the third year of Neville's five year proposal.

"Right now we're a break even operation," Toms said. "If we can draw people during the summer and vacations we could make more money."

He also hopes the renovation will improve business during slow hours from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Profits would pay for the added student labor needed if the Den is to take on more business.

Toms doesn't see any increase in food or drink prices because of the renovation.

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Sudden student illness at Stewart Complex wasn't food poisoning

The sudden illness of approximately 100 Stewart Complex students last week cannot be attributed to food poisoning, Dr. Robert Graves, director of the Cutler Health Center, said Monday.

Graves said the cause of the illness was something that the students passed among themselves. He said students continued to become ill three to four days after the initial outbreak.

Students who were ill had symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. No students were admitted to the Health Center, Graves said.

Graves said that after reviewing all the food histories that were done, there was no one food eaten by all the students affected.

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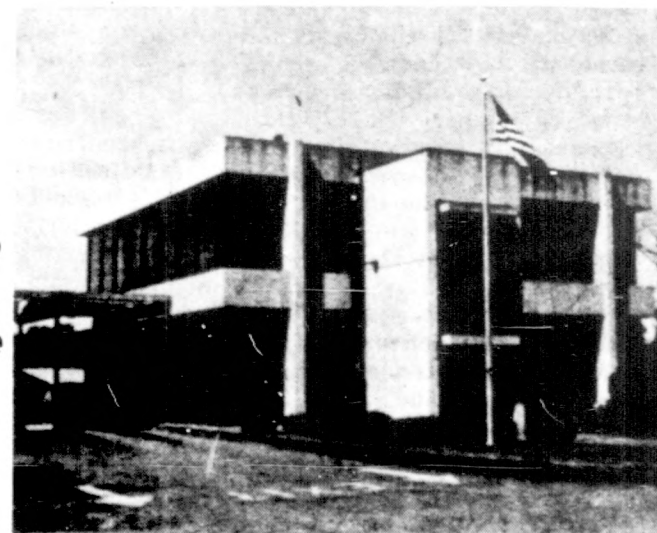
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Parking:

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As much as we editorialize about bringing the UMO community together and starting a bit of a revolution around here, it is becoming increasingly apparent that you can't do a thing unless you find everybody a place to park first.

Lord knows, by the time some of the campus firebands have walked from their cars to their destinations, they have lost half their fire, much less a few pounds.

Let us for a moment go back to the days of yesteryear, when everybody paid a dollar for auto registration and parked according to their status: faculty, staff, resident and commuter, in descending order. Can't remember that far back?

Well, it was during those bygone days that President Neville tried to implement a plan that would put everybody on the same status as far as parking stickers were concerned, and you would pay a fee for the privilege of parking in certain preferred areas, such as Lord Hall and behind the Union. Trouble was, it would cost you a cool \$60 to put your car in one of the aforementioned lots.

Then, thank heaven, somebody dug up an obscure Maine law which said only the Board of Trustees are empowered to change the rules on such matters. As the trustees had better things to worry about at the time, they agreed to raise the registration fee to \$5. With over 7,000 cars

registered on campus this year, it is estimated that the Education and General budget will get over \$41,000, including ticket fines.

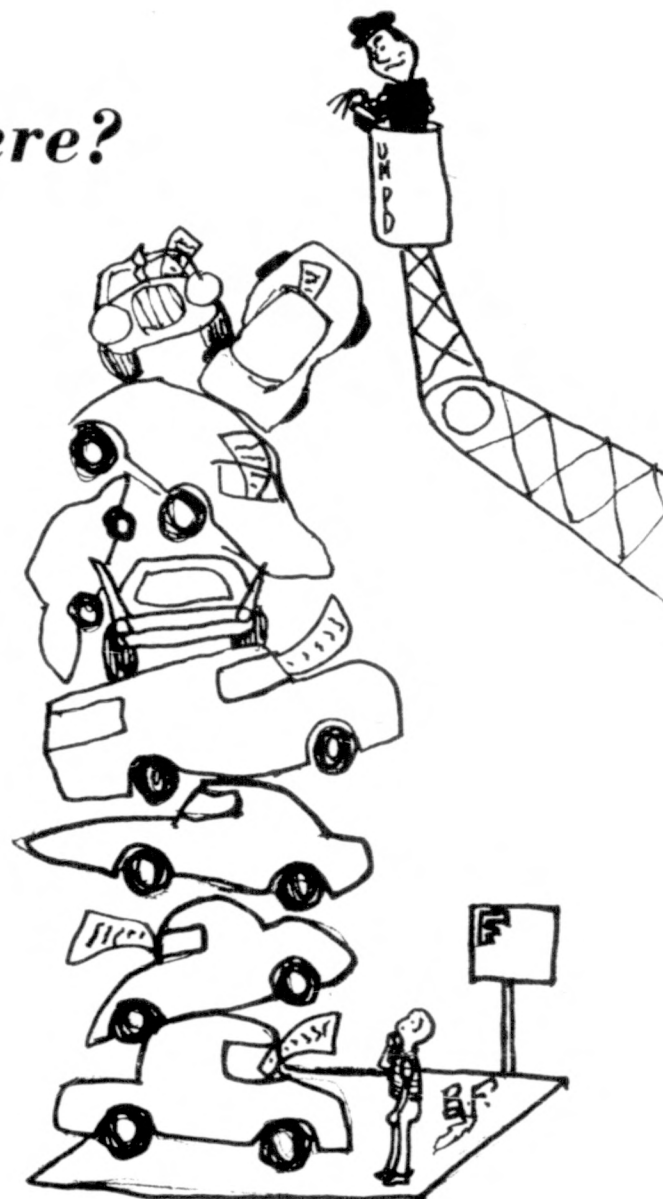
When one of the police officials was interviewed last year concerning this problem, he attributed the great amount of fines to the fact that people were too lazy to walk, and parked in the wrong lots. We were tempted to ask him where he parked his car.

No, we aren't all lazy, but still we want to know... why is there segregation among the ranks? Why are the commuters forced to walk the longer distances to campus?

Well, it's about time that the caste system got broken down around here, and everybody gets their parking space just the way nature intended: First come, first serve. It's the only fair alternative.

Instead of Neville's original proposal, calling for the creme de la creme lots netting a \$60 sticker donation, the medium lots \$30, and the rest \$10, why don't they throw it down to \$10-\$5-\$2, with color-coded stickers indicating how much money you were willing to foot so's you wouldn't have to walk?

The collected revenue would be almost the same in the long run, and everybody would just have to get up earlier. It's good for the soul, anyway.



guest editorial

Doug Allen

Consume less so that more can

Several groups and offices on campus should be commended for planning a series of informative programs as part of Nutrition/Hunger Week. In addition to the Sunday talk by George McGovern, there are a Tuesday evening talk by Michael Jacobson, a Wednesday evening panel discussion, films and discussions on Thursday and Friday evenings, and various exhibits.

The India People's Association in North America (Maine Unit) and the Maine Peace Action Committee have prepared a special newsletter on world hunger. The focus of this issue is on hunger in India. Although India is the society most often cited for its conditions of hunger and starvation, the analysis of the causes and conditions of hunger presented in these articles is applicable to the situation in most of the world.

The articles attempt to debunk the popular myths about over-population, birth control programs, the Green Revolution and modernization, as well as to suggest the real causes and conditions of hunger and the real solutions for overcoming hunger in India and the Third World.

But what about most of the readers of this newspaper who are Americans? What does hunger have to do with us?

Most of us would claim that we

favor establishing a peaceful world. But what violates peace? One first opposes the overt and brutal forms of killing and torturing. But then one realizes that there are many ways of "killing" a human being. There are many economic, political, social, and psychological ways to commit violence against other human beings.

In this regard, we see world hunger as doing incredible violence to much of the world's population. And when much of that suffering can be analyzed as unnecessary, when we see that we are contributing to and maintaining those causes of world hunger, then it becomes imperative that we act to overcome that suffering if we are to establish a more just and peaceful world.

What does world hunger have to do with America? First, we should emphasize that our domestic record on hunger and malnutrition is not very good. We have a very uneven distribution of resources in which the system feeds those with money. Although the U.S. is the most affluent society in the world, a good percent of Native Americans, blacks, Chicanos, and poor whites suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

The most important point for us to understand is that the U.S. is a major cause of world hunger. We must begin to understand the relationship between conditions in our own country and in the rest of the world.

One illustration will render this relationship clear.

We in the U.S. constitute 6 per cent of the world's population and yet we consume between 30 and 40 per cent of the world's annually consumed resources. Could the world support another U.S.? Can it continue to support one U.S.? If only 20 per cent of the world's population consumed what we do, there would be absolutely nothing left for the remaining 80 per cent. Thus we see the incredible unequal distribution. More for us means less for the rest of the world.

In terms of our consumption, life style, and waste, this also means that one American can not be "counted" the same as one Indian or one Chinese. One American consumes roughly 25 times as much energy as one Chinese.

Now what we must understand is that our socio-economic structures are necessarily linked up with the socio-economic conditions in the Third World. For example, to maintain our style of living, we must get most of our resources from the so-called underdeveloped/over exploited countries of the Third World. To get such raw materials cheaply, we must have a socio-economic structure in the Third World that serves our interests. This usually means supporting military dictators (with massive military and

economic aid), getting maximum returns on our corporate investments, maintaining a cheap labor supply, etc.

In short, we must see that we have created many myths about hunger and overpopulation and that the most basic cause of world hunger is a situation in which the economic and political orientation of the Third World serves our high consumption and other created "needs" rather than meeting the needs of the majority of their own hungry people.

What are a few things that we as Americans can do?

1) Change our own priorities and our social and economic structures. Consume less. Simplify our life styles. Reduce false needs which do not bring happiness. Become more cooperative. Become more ecologically concerned. Become more conscious of our diets. Work for more equal distribution of resources. Focus on human development, working with others, and meeting real human needs.

2) Support the self-determination and democratic struggles of other peoples.

3) Work to end our support of military and economic aid to Third World dictators.

4) End the domination of our multinational corporations over the economic and political affairs of Third World nations.

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Dial 0 for no answer

To the Editor:

This is a warning to everybody who is a member of the resident campus, urging that from now on, everybody will do everything in their power to avoid accidents, mishaps, suicide attempts and any serious injury that might require use of the operator's services after 12 p.m., seven days a week. I also request that if any student or faculty information is needed by anyone, including parents, that they call during the hours from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

Now, does something seem almost ridiculous about this request? The answer should be yes, but certain administrators don't seem to think so. If the current plans go unrestricted and unnoticed, the campus resident will soon be asked to heed this warning. The reason is that the campus switchboard (dial "0" from a campus phone) closed down from midnight to 7:30 a.m., about two weeks ago for any and all types of service. If one were to call the University from "off-campus" you would, at least get a recording which briefly explained the situation and gave you a number to call in case of emergency.

I'm sure everybody can ascertain the implications of this situation. This is just the result of another Longley budget-cutting

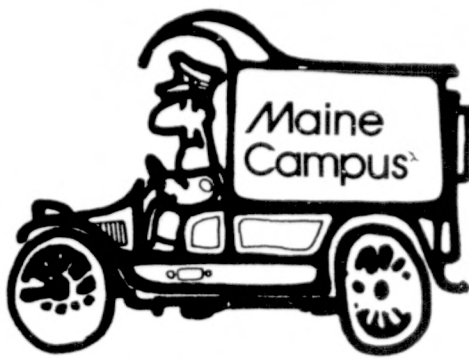
spinoff. The higher-ups on this campus have again seen fit to "shave the fat" at the student and basic services level rather than at the "higher" level where all the really high-cost, high-salary "fat" is.

What is there is some sort of emergency? Who would you call?

I could give you many examples of emergencies, such as fire and attempted suicide to intensify the point, but as a student night operator, the importance of my job is obvious to me, and by now, is probably plain for you to see. In order to be completely honest about this, however, I must confess that the closing of the campus switchboard does mean a 50 per cent cut in pay or hours for me, but I am of the seemingly fading belief that human safety and welfare come before any possible monetary savings.

It just seems to me that if budget cuts have to be made, the departments that have to do with direct service and safety to the campus community should be the last to be slighted! The operator service/hr., for which each student pays (whether directly or indirectly) is being cut by roughly 30 per cent. Isn't the welfare of the student what the educational process is all about?...that's what it is to me.

Steve Abbott
Campus Student Operator



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.

to Neville in support of WMEB

Ed.'s note: Write to President Howard Neville to show your concern for your campus radio station, WMEB-FM. You can clip and sign the form letter below and drop it in Campus mail or write a letter of your own.

President Howard Neville
Alumni Hall
Campus

Dear President Neville,

Recognizing the contribution which WMEB has made to the university community, I would like to express my support of WMEB. The radio station provides educational, cultural and informational services valuable to the university. The services of the station reach beyond just students, to both faculty and staff.

I hope that you will meet the request of the General Student Senate and match the funds which they have pledged. These funds will allow the station to operate over the summer and purchase some equipment. This will avert the problems which will result if it is forced to close for the summer.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Your name and address

Do-it-yourself letter

guest editorial

Reaccreditation

James Clark

Vice President for Academic Affairs

On March 13, 14, and 15 the University of Maine at Orono will host a delegation of faculty and staff members from higher education institutions in New England. The delegation will represent the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the regional accrediting association which reappraises its member institutions every ten years or less.

This visitation will be an important event for University community.

Since the last visit in 1967, the University has changed considerably: enrollment has increased by a third, academic programs have been added and dropped, research and public service have expanded dramatically, and governance structures and procedures have been transformed. The signs of improvement in the academic quality of the institution are evident. Nevertheless, problems of funding, student housing, library materials, and

others will concern the delegation as they do us.

Preparation for the reaccreditation has been the responsibility of the Steering Committee for University Reaccreditation composed of faculty, staff, and students with dedicated assistance from Dr. JoAnn Fritsche. The report and recommendations of this Committee have been transmitted to the visiting team and will be given full consideration as they prepare their report.

Members of the team will fan out across the campus on Monday and Tuesday speaking to members of the University community, by appointment and at random, and inspecting facilities, records, and other aspects of the University. I know that they will be given a cordial and helpful welcome. Anyone in the UMO community may speak with members of the team at the Open House on Monday, March 14, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Peabody Lounge.

guest editorial

Donald R. Vickery

A call to arms is in order

It is often said when problems come they all come at once, and this university is no exception. Budget cuts, faculty flight, and a general downward trend in the quality of the university are definitely problems, and they are big problems. However, the biggest problem is not the budget, or faculty, but apathy. This institution of higher learning continues to be barraged with problems, and nobody wants to do anything about it.

It is difficult to believe nobody cares; students care, but seem at a loss to provide solutions. A feeling of helplessness prevails, as if we are subject to the whims of something supernatural, and are powerless to do anything about it, except drain another bottle of Old Duke and try to forget.

It is equally difficult to pinpoint a single cause for this apathy; perhaps it is exposure to our budget problems to the point of overkill. A typical student, when asked about the budget, merely shakes his head and opens another beer. He has heard all about it before; he does not particularly want to hear about it again. Also, academic pressures occupy much of the student's mind the budget is placed permanently on

the "back burner" as students struggle with the academics. More likely it is a combination of these factors and others.

No matter the cause of this apathy, it is the results we must worry about. If we continue to do little or nothing, this university will keep on sinking, complete with the education of those attending. It is clear we are going to have to solve our own problems, and we cannot solve them by running away from them.

It is time to stop bemoaning our fate and start fighting for this university. It is time to voice our concern to the representatives in Augusta and to the governor himself. It is time for us to speak out, to make ourselves heard, to let everybody know how we feel. In short, it is time for a call to arms.

No one in politics is going to ignore an avalanche of thousands of letters and Longley is no exception. It is not necessary to tell him where to go and what to do there; all it takes is a note expressing your concern about the university. No one in politics is going to ignore large groups of people, either. Get some concerned students together, go to

Augusta, and try to see the governor. If that does not work, talk to some of the legislators while you are there. Tell your representative to take a more sympathetic attitude toward the university, and if he does

not, you will vote for someone who will in the next election. When you go to Augusta, dress up and be businesslike. The results will surprise you.

We have not yet begun to fight.

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● Off-campus tenants have rights, recourses

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to be returned to the tenant within 21 to 30 days after he leaves, unless he owes back rent or utility bills.

No security deposit will be retained to cover normal wear and tear (defined as deterioration due to normal living and not to negligence, accident or abuse). And if a full or partial deposit is retained to pay for damaged property, the landlord will have to itemize, in writing, the exact reasons for keeping the money. Landlords who retain deposits illegally will be liable for double the amount they wrongfully withhold.

These bills also cover other points. Further questions can be directed to SLS, which handles several areas besides housing such as how to apply in small claims court, how to defend oneself in traffic violation court cases, how to draft contracts, and generally how to interpret and "de-mystify" the language of the law.

"Our society is full of foreign languages," Christensen said, pointing to medical language that the average patient can't decipher and therefore may not know exactly what he has or what medication he's taking for it, only that it's costing him money; a legal language that requires a lawyer to decipher just so the citizen can know what his rights are.

Student Legal Services is not trying to form a tenants' union per se. Dorr said student tenants could be covered by the Greater Bangor Tenants Union (BTU), which also handles Orono and Old Town. It is a non-profit organization which asks a basic membership fee of \$3 so it can pay its own rent at 44 Central St. in Bangor.

Al Smith of BTU was at the workshop session, explaining to students the various aspects of rental agreements. His union has, among other things, helped the New Capehart residents form housing cooperatives so they can buy the houses they're living in; stopped an Old Town landlord from unfairly evicting and increasing the rents on his tenants; secured passage of

bills which prohibit discrimination against families because of income, and which provide for tenant representation on local housing authorities.

According to Smith, it's not just the apartment dwellers themselves who are hurt by substandard housing. It's the whole neighborhood as well, because dilapidated apartment houses are unsightly and decrease the value of the neighborhood. Only nine per cent of Maine's towns have a housing code to enforce against substandard housing.

It's not easy getting tenants to organize to alleviate this situation, Smith said, because tenants tend to be transient, isolated from each other, and have never been in the habit of bargaining for better housing. Another BTU worker said their office has, for example, helped to keep tenants from being unfairly evicted but as soon as the problem was solved the tenants were never heard from again. They never bothered to join the union.

She said this is unfortunate because it reduces the union's chances of becoming more viable. A tenants' union is glad to be of assistance in individual emergencies, she said, but it needs long-term commitment from those individuals if it can be expected to help others better their living conditions, because there is strength in numbers.

Student Legal Services also sees its share of emergency situations concerning various areas of the law. Christensen said a student may come in with an immediate problem that he wants SLS to solve for him. This is fine as far as it goes because that's partly what SLS is there for, he said. But he added it's even more important to teach that student how to handle his own problems in the future by equipping him with some knowledge of how the legal system works.

About 50 tenants of Elfman's apartments in Orono are learning how the legal system can work for them. With help from

Tim Dorr, and from Mark Schneider, tenant advocate of Off-Campus Board (OCB), the Elfman tenants formed an association early this semester.

Schneider said even though it's a landlord's market, tenants shouldn't feel intimidated about exercising their rights. He said the law can be used from both sides, and compared the situation in today's housing market to the early struggles of labor unions in the days of cheap and plentiful immigrant labor.

"Students really are very good tenants," Schneider said, explaining that they don't want to cause trouble about their living quarters because "it's home to them. Besides," he said, "they're going through enough hassle already just getting through school, exams, and term papers." He added students are usually willing to meet a high rental cost if they can double or triple to split the costs. Of course in some cases students must pay "by the head," which means that doubling up won't cut the rent costs at all.

NASA scientist to lecture

Dr. John Lewis, associate professor of earth and planetary science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be a speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of Maine at Orono.

Co-sponsored by the Student International Meditation Society, Lewis will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in Room 101 of the English Math Building.

Lewis is a member of the Principle Planning Committee of the National

Aeronautics and Space Association and has been actively involved in aerospace exploration for the past decade.

The author of more than 100 articles in scientific journals and books, Lewis received the James B. McIlwaine award in 1975 in recognition of outstanding contributions to geophysical science. Recently, he has been doing research in the mechanics of actualizing the full potential of human consciousness.

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● McGovern appearance

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Partly, I think, because they provide jobs for so many people."

Other subjects McGovern discussed at either his UMO appearance or at a press conference earlier in the day at Bangor International Airport were:

--Idi Amin: "I think President Carter's handled the Uganda issue just right. I think when you're dealing with a nut like Amin who's an unprincipled demagogue, a brutal killer, that the best way to deal with him is not to elevate the crisis any more than you have to.

--Indian land claims: "We have a similar situation in South Dakota. It's a difficult, complex issue. I think both states will eventually go to Congress for settlements."

--Recent congressional pay raise: "I would've voted for it. I've had people write

to me and say, 'A \$13,000 raise! I don't even make that in a year!' And I tell them, 'So what?' You don't have to do the things we have to do. We need the raise to keep and attract qualified people to government

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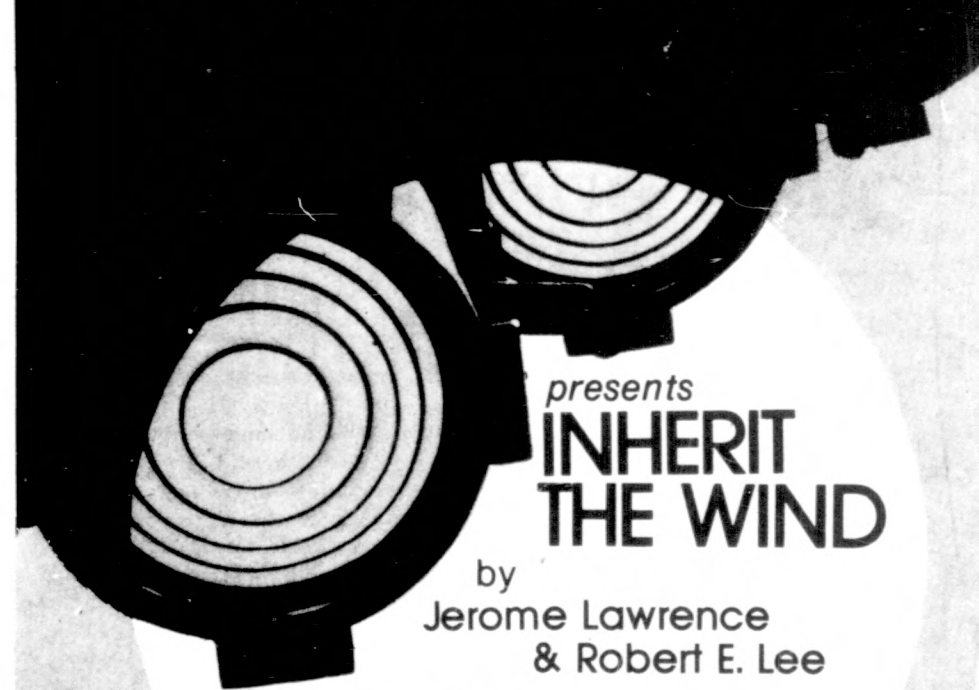
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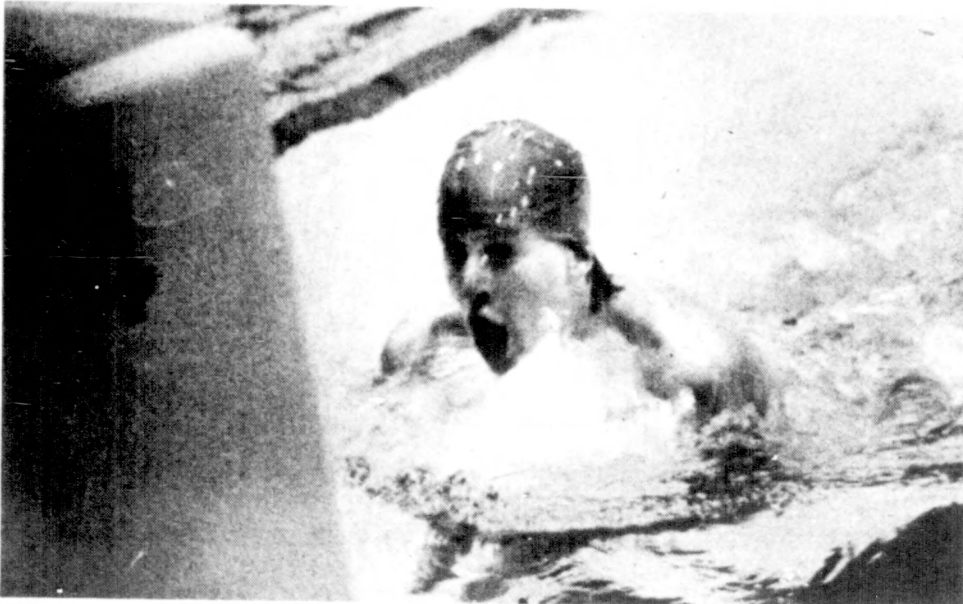
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SPORTS



Freshman John Judge won two silvers in the breaststroke. Story on page 8. (Phil Roy Photo).

Wrestlers fail to place at New England's

by Bob Granger

UMO's wrestling team failed to place in the New England Championships this weekend at Boston University as only two Black Bear wrestlers were able to enter the competition out of the scheduled four.

UMO's Mike Sirois and Steve Rockhill were the only two Bears to compete in the New England's. Tom Page and Pat Daigle were crippled by injuries.

Sirois (158) lost his first match by decision to Tom Griffen of the University of Massachusetts 8-4. In a consolation match

Sirois lost a close 8-7 decision to Boston College's John Pane.

Rockhill (heavyweight) also lost his first match as he was pinned by Boston University's Paul Davis in the second period. In his second match Rockhill was pinned in the third period by Brown University's Bob Wallace, a three time New England champ in the 190-pound class.

The University of Rhode Island finished first in the championships, followed by BU and UMass.

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Divers, backstrokers star

Swimmers take second in N.E.'s

by Charlotte McAtee

Despite an impressive comeback after a first-night relay disqualification, the UMO men's swim team finished second to Springfield College by a margin of 6 points, 287-281 at the New England Championships last weekend.

Outstanding performers for Maine included backstroke Jim Smoragiewicz, breaststroke John Judge and divers Roy Warren and Rolf Olsen. Smoragiewicz was unbeatable in the backstroke, breaking his own record in the 200 yard with a 1:55.786. The sophomore swimmer also won the gold in the 100 yard backstroke and copped a silver in the 200 yard medley.

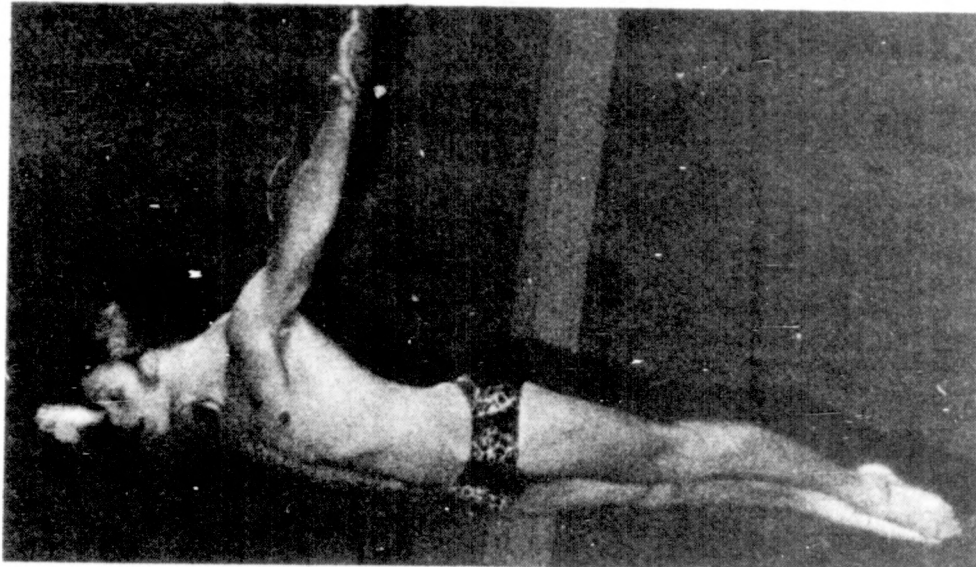
John Judge added two silver medals, gaining seconds in the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes.

Divers Roy Warren and Rolf Olsen each won a gold and a silver, with Warren

seventh in the 100 yard backstroke.

Warren and Olsen again went to work in the three-meter springboard, with Olsen finishing first. The junior diver edged out his teammate for the gold medal by less than three points, and was the only competitor to score two nines.

Winning the diving moved Maine temporarily to the lead, but the best they could do in the final relay was to finish seventh by winning the consolation final. The Black Bear 400 free team missed qualifying for the championship final by 1/1000 of a second, and their time in the consolation final would have gained them at least a sixth in the championship final. A sixth-place finish by Springfield College would have ended the three-day meet in a tie for first place between Maine and Springfield, but they swam fast enough for a third-place finish in the relay and a first-place ending to the meet.



Rolf Olsen had clutch performances in the diving competition (Phil Roy Photo).



Jim Smoragiewicz won two golds (Phil Roy Photo).

winning the one-meter and Olsen the three-meter springboards.

After the first night of competition, Maine was in thirteenth place out of the sixteen teams competing. Tom Sarson scored the first Black Bear point with a twelfth place in the 1650 yard freestyle. Ritchie Palmer and Jay Donovan placed ninth and tenth respectively in the 400 yard individual medley.

Maine's 800 yard freestyle relay team was disqualified when the UMO team miscounted the laps between the second and third leg. The Black Bears, boosted by the opening leg of Jim Smoragiewicz, had over a lap lead with Bob Stedman swimming the second leg. But Maine lost all hopes for a 32-point first place finish when Ron Pospisil entered the water two laps too soon. Williams College was also disqualified when their third swimmer followed Pospisil into the water. UMO ended the day with a total of eight points. Southern Connecticut was leading with 66, and Springfield College was in second place.

Maine scored 161 points in the second day of competition, with the deepest crew of backstrokers in New England leading the way. led by Smoragiewicz' first place, the dorsal swimmers scored 52 points in the 200 yard backstroke. Jay Donovan was second, Kevin Bucy fifth, Bruce Eppinger seventh, and Bryan Peters tenth.

Bob Marshall with a seventh and Ron Pospisil with a third place in the 200 freestyle moved UMO into a tie for second with Springfield College going into the one-meter diving.

The diving standings at the start of the final round showed Roy Warren in first place and Rolf Olsen in seventh with three dives remaining. Olsen scored consistent scores of eights (out of a possible ten) to pull himself into second place.

Smoragiewicz with a second in the 200 yard IM and a third place by the 400 yard medley relay team of Eppinger, Judge, Reader and Stedman ended the second day with Maine in second place, 190-169.

Ron Pospisil and Bob Marshall struck again in the 100 yard free style to lead off the last day, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. Pospisil set a new UMO record with a time of 48.492.

More points were put on the board by the backstrokers, with Smoragiewicz grabbing first, Bucy sixth, and Donovan



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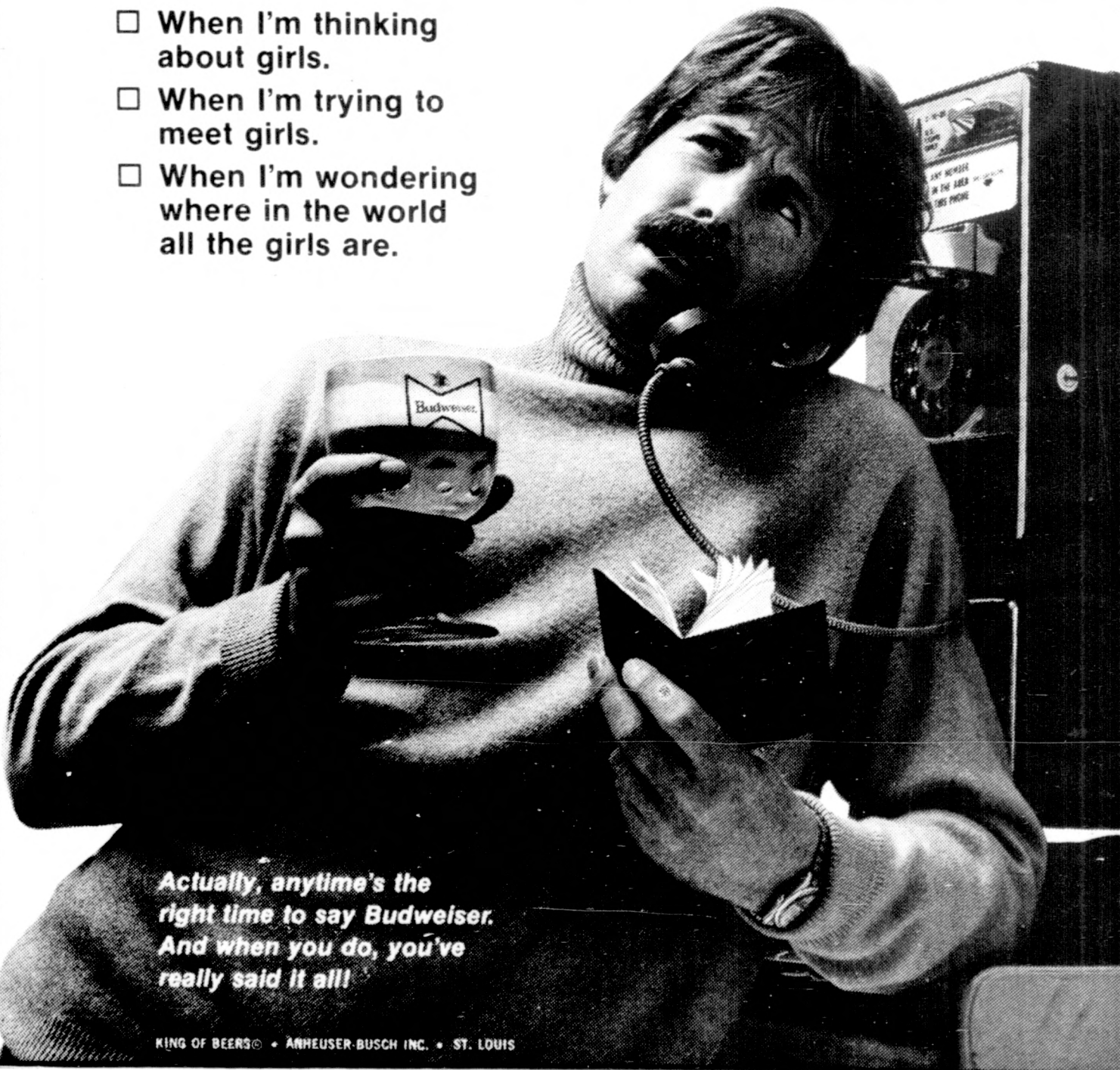
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by Laura Stankov

A team of representatives from the New England Association of Colleges (NEASC) will be in Maine from March 13 to 15 to evaluate the UMO's reapplication for accreditation.

Members of the NEASC team include students, faculty, and community representatives. The team will be evaluating the UMO's progress since its last accreditation in 1967.

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