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Weekend

Maine Campus

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McGovern elected president

by Dan Warren

UMO junior Michael K. McGovern received overwhelming support from dormitories, fraternities and off-campus students Wednesday to register nearly 75 per cent of the vote and soundly defeat opponent Robert A. Small for the presidency of the UMO Student Government by a 1,200 vote margin.

McGovern, a junior public management major from Portland ran on a ticket with Gordon A. Lewis, a junior political science major from Freeport. Small ran with James A. Rudder.

McGovern out-tallied Small 1849 to 616. Lewis beat Rudder 1784 to 644.

McGovern, a Somerset Hall resident, won by a better than six to one margin in his own Hilltop dormitory complex (461-69) garnering a better than five to one edge among off-campus voters (190-35) and better than three to one edge among UMO fraternities (198-54).

Off-campus students elected as their Off-Campus Board chairperson Robert W. Caron, a sophomore arts and sciences major from Freeport. Elected vice chairperson of the Off-Campus Board Jean B. McManus, a freshman animal and veterinary science major from Albion.

Selected this month to head UMO's Inter-Dormitory Board (IDB) was Ivy A. Elfring, a sophomore parks and recreation major from Yarmouth. Vice president of IDB is Warren E. Michaelson, a second year civil engineering technology major from Saugus, Mass. Treasurer is David M. Perkins, a junior majoring in business from Dunedin, Fla.

Voter turnout in Wednesday's election was approximately 35 per cent, the highest turnout in years, current Student Government President Dan O'Leary told a Thursday morning "breakfast club meeting" of administration, faculty and students.

A charge by UMO student Katie Thurston to the Student Government's Fair Election Practice Committee (FEPC) that McGovern and Lewis began their cam-

paigning before the legal starting date of April 15 was struck down Thursday by a unanimous vote of the FEPC.

Committee member and first vice president of the University of Maine Fraternity Board, John R. Powers told the Campus Thursday night that McGovern and Lewis' alleged campaigning before the UMO Panhellenic Council on April 4 was permissible because on that date, McGovern and Lewis "were not legally and technically candidates."

If they had talked to the group on April 5, when the campaign process officially started, then they would have been in clear violation of committee rules," Powers said. "But on April 4 they were not legally and technically candidates."

The Panhellenic Council is made up of representatives of UMO sororities.

The major reason McGovern won by a three to one landslide, he said, was the editorial endorsement he received from the Maine Campus in the Tuesday issue preceding the election.

"Gordy and I think we still would have won even if the Campus hadn't endorsed us," McGovern said. "But we think the margin would only have been about two to one."

As for the wide margin he and Lewis received among off-campus voters, McGovern said his and Lewis' announced intention of investigating the UMO police and of having all General Student Senate meetings open to the public appealed to the "liberal" off-campus electorate. He also cited the endorsement of O'Leary as "significant."

His impressive mandate among the fraternities was due to a solid "grass roots" organization, McGovern said, and to a letter-writing campaign by Beta Theta Pi president, Robert J. Barry.

"Bob Barry wrote a nice letter to the Maine Campus endorsing us," McGovern said, "as well as letters to each fraternity president asking that they support us. This was quite helpful."



President-elect Mike McGovern [L] and Vice-president-elect Gordy Lewis. [Russ McKnight photo]

Bumstock hassles over; free beer on April 30

by Tom Cloutier

Bumstock, the annual gala of free beer and music, is alive and well and will be held Saturday, April 30.

After months of negotiations between the student government, Residential Life, police and residents of the UMO cabins who sponsor the event, an agreement was reached Tuesday to hold Bumstock in its original form on the field adjacent to the cabins.

"We are very pleased to have come to an understanding," said Student Government President Dan O'Leary.

Scott Nelson, R.A. of the cabins, said this year's event will be watched closely and if there is any trouble it could effect the future of Bumstock.

Minors will not be welcomed nor will people not affiliated with the University.

"The residents of the cabins put Bumstock on for the people of UMO,"

Nelson said. "We just want everyone to have a good time."

The event, which is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., will feature five bands. There will also be food available and even portable toilets.

Nelson stressed that cooperation is needed so that Bumstock could be held another year.

"If people would park in designated areas and not on Park Street, it would prevent a lot of trouble," Nelson said.

He noted that during Bumstock a student would be able to park in a faculty parking area and not worry about getting a ticket.

I.D.'s of those drinking beer will be checked, Nelson said.

"Bumstock is from the residents of the cabins to the people of the University," Nelson said. "We hope they all come out and have a great time."

UMO's quality: questions still linger

by Jim Sloan

(First of four articles)

In September of 1974, UMO President Howard Neville impaneled a task force on undergraduate education at UMO. The task force, headed by Prof. Stephen Norton of the geology department and composed of 10 faculty members representing all six colleges, one dean, one graduate student and three undergraduate students, was charged with reporting on the general educational opportunities available at UMO.

Two years later that group had drawn an unpleasantly detailed picture of UMO, its programs and its people. UMO, it found, languishes in a stifling atmosphere of academic stagnation, composed of a student body entering the university unprepared for the rigors of post-secondary educational demands, and leav-

ing with a substandard but over-rated college education. Its faculty is more concerned with its own salary level than

TASK FORCE

the quality of the education they help provide. Improvement of the overall quality of the educational opportunities was necessary, the task force warned, or the university would be in danger of losing those opportunities as well as its status as a true university.

Now, nearly an academic year after the task force's conclusions were first publicized, it seems that although much has

been done to improve the university's educational opportunities and that UMO's limitations are now foremost in everyone's mind, many of the force's warnings have gone unheeded. Reasons for the inactivity in many cases only demonstrate why UMO's inadequacies appeared in the first place.

This university exists in a relatively poor state, and often the faculty or administrators have aspirations that exceed the expectation of Maine's taxpayers; the cost of these aspirations often exceed the financial capability of the state. There is a national trend, the task force added, toward shrinking academic standards and UMO's problems, although acute by comparison, are not unique.

The task force, in drawing information from many sources within the university, identified several limitations existing in UMO's students, faculty, academic pro-

grams and general breadth of educational opportunities. Its recommendations focused on the problems of maintaining quality in these areas. The problems the force identified, its subsequent recommendations and the university's response to these recommendations will be chronicled in the following articles.

It is important to note that changes often require time and money, and UMO cannot cure all its ills overnight. Those ills have been diagnosed, but we may have to wait for the cure.

The task force found a general agreement among faculty, administrators and students that compositional skills are less adequately demonstrated by present undergraduates than by those students of previous years. In response to a questionnaire, 37 per cent of the faculty responding said that the verbal preparation of their

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Spring rite to benefit whole campus

A spring time rite at UMO-Maine Day—will be reinstituted this year on April 27 and students will take advantage of a day off from classes to do more than sunbathe.

Current plans call for student participation in the construction of a gravel sidewalk

from the basketball court across from Androscoggin Hall to Murray Hall and the extension of the Fay Hyland Botanical Garden in the area between Sigma Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity houses on College Avenue.

William Carney of Augusta, student

organizer for Maine Day, said civil engineering majors as well as other students would assist UMO's physical plant employees in building the sidewalk and noted that student groups had already raised some \$800 towards the cost of construction. Physical plant will pick up the

additional \$1,000 in costs to finish the construction, according to director Alan Lewis.

Students also hope to plant pines, spruce, fir, hemlock and cedar trees and to construct benches and tables in the area between Sigma Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha as an extension of the botanical garden which was started in 1936. Donations of small trees are being solicited, according to Carney.

All will not be work for students on this day, however. Plans call for a 50-mile Grand Prix Bicycle Race, a canoe race on the Stillwater River, a concert, carnival on the mall, dance marathon, blood drive and a wheelchair awareness program. Money raised in these events will be used to benefit handicapped students on campus.

The bike race will start at 12:30 p.m. and will be over a course consisting of 24, 2.1 mile laps around the campus. Teams of four persons will compete.

Maine Day was originated at UMO in 1935 by President Arthur Hauck as a day in the spring to beautify the campus and bring faculty and students closer together. It has been cancelled four times during the intervening years, most recently last year.

Student found guilty of toxic acid assault

A UMO junior was found guilty in Bangor Superior Court Wednesday on an assault charge stemming from a toxic acid "water fight" last semester in which another student received first and second degree burns.

Mark A. McCully, a junior chemical engineering major from Plymouth, N.H., was found guilty of throwing toxic acid on Craig H. Sheard, a sophomore civil engineering major from Medfield, Mass., setting Sheard's clothes on fire and inflicting first and second degree burns on his face, arms and chest.

Both students were Somerset Hall residents.

McCully received a suspended sentence of 60 days in Penobscot County Jail and six months probation. He was also fined \$300 and ordered to pay Sheard \$200 for restitution. Veteran courthouse observers said the punishment dealt McCully was perhaps the "harshest" ever given a UMO student in Bangor Superior Court. The jury deliberated for four hours before returning a verdict.

A UMO student and former disc jockey at campus radio station WMEB-FM entered a plea of not guilty in Bangor District Court Friday to a charge of receiving stolen property.

Reginald Thomas Lombard III ("Terry") is scheduled to appear in Bangor District Court at 1:30 p.m. April 28 on charges of receiving stolen property. The property in question is 19 record albums, valued at \$95. It is a class D crime.

Masquerade ball will be outdoors with swing band

The mall at the University of Maine at Orono will be transformed in to a Beaux Arts Ball Friday, April 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

A translucent dome of parachutes will cover one end of the mall for the outdoor ball which is sponsored by the Student Art League for the benefit of the Second Century Fund for a Performing Arts Center. Students are being asked to come dressed as a work of art and music will be by Don Doane's 16-piece swing band. Beer, champagne and wine will be available.

Booths featuring wares from the non-performing arts will line the mall and there will be entertainment by student groups, according to Judith Cooper of the Student Art League.

The masquerade ball is partially funded by the UMO cultural affairs committee and Student Government, Cooper said, but the Art League will need to sell 500 tickets before they have final approval for the event.

UMO student tickets will be \$2 and others without university identification will be \$3. A limited number of reserve table seatings will be available for \$5.

Bike-a-thon to aid crippled children

Sixty miles for \$1,000 is the goal of the Bike-a-thon sponsored by Theta Chi Fraternity at the University of Maine at Orono Sunday, May 1.

Theta Chi members will be riding their bicycles for the benefit of the Pine Tree Camp for Cripple Children, and appropriately the riders will be traveling the distance between the Pine Tree camp at Rome and the Theta Chi house on the Orono campus.

During the next few weeks the members will be soliciting sponsors and pledges for their riders in order to achieve their \$1,000 goal.

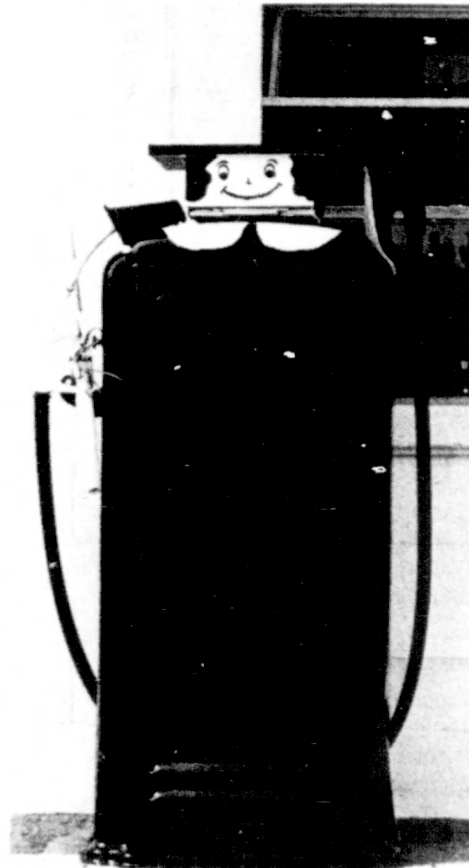
Canadian professional and local star added to ice show cast

A professional and a skilled Old Town skater have been added to the cast of skaters that will perform for "An Evening On Ice" Saturday, April 23 at 8 p.m. at the Alford Arena.

The ice show, the first such event in the new facility, now includes 18-year-old professional Henri Theriault of Shippigan, N.B., and Peggy Foster of Old Town. Theriault is noted for his Russian splits and double jumps, while Foster is a fluid skater who features several spins in her routine.

"Peggy has good artistic flare and, with her fine technical skills, is an entertaining skater," says Charlie Cyr, the show's director. "We are very pleased to add both Peggy and Henri to what we feel is an outstanding cast," he adds.

More than 20 Canadian professional and amateur skaters, ranging from peewees to juniors, will perform Saturday evening. Members of five Canadian skating clubs and several independent skaters will perform in pairs, singles and precision teams.



With the coming of spring comes graduation, and apparently this old gas pump out in front of the Bookstore Annex just can't wait to leave UMO. [Keith Dutton photo]

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Lowdown

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Friday, April 22

7 p.m. Meeting of the Wilde-Stein Club with guest speaker Burton Throckmorton from Bangor Theological Seminary. Throckmorton will discuss the Maine Human Rights Act. International Lounge, Memorial Union.

7 p.m. The Fortnightly Film Series presents Coffee House Films with: Marx Brothers, W.C. Fields, Little Rascals, Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy. Free admission, reception afterwards. Newman Center, College Ave.

7 p.m. President of Westminster Theological Seminary Edmund Clowney will speak on Christian meditation: C.M. versus T.M. 101 English-Math.

7 & 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie: "Obsession." Hauck Auditorium.
7:30 p.m. Torchlighting ceremony. Steps of Fogler Library.

8 p.m. Outdoor concert with the group "Magic." Football field, or Stodder Cafeteria if bad weather.

8:15 p.m. Katahdin String quartet recital. Lord Hall Recital Hall.

Saturday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Greek car parade starts in the Memorial Field House parking lot.

12:30 p.m. Greek games begin in Lengyel Field.

8 p.m. Ice show featuring the Canadian Amateur Nationals and several professional performers. Alford Arena.

9 p.m. Greek formal in Stodder Hall.

9 & 10:45 "Welcome Back, Beatles" movie. Hauck Auditorium.

Sunday, April 24

Bike trip to Acadia National Park, with transportation for you and your bike. Details available at the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union.

10 a.m. Quaker meeting for worship. MCA Center College Ave.

10:30 a.m. Raft races on the Stillwater River.

7:15 p.m. MUAB movie: "Jeremy" starring Robby Benson. Hauck Auditorium.

7:30 p.m. Opening and reception for the artists in UMO's Art Students Exhibition. Galleries One and Two, Carnegie Hall.

8:15 p.m. Skating instruction for all UMO Skating Club members. Alford Arena.

Monday, April 25

7 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous meeting. Bangor Room, Union.

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Senior bash given run-around

by Elizabeth Butterfield

To all you seniors who didn't think you'd have a Senior Bash—you almost didn't.

The lack of "acceptable" facilities for such a big event almost had it bumped off the list of senior traditions.

At different times during the semester the bash was scheduled to be located—at

the field behind the PICS building, in the Alford Arena, behind Stewart Commons and in the Lengyel Gym.

But now, Earsel Goode, director of space and scheduling, has finally decided that the best location for senior bash would be Memorial Gym.

Ironically, Memorial Gym was one of the first choices of senior bash chairperson

Jean Edwards.

"I wanted this thing settled a long time ago," Edwards said. "But it seemed as soon as it was settled someone would throw another wrench in the works."

Senior bash will now be held in the Memorial Gym on May 20 with Bill Chinnock playing in the gym and with the beer on the side near the tennis courts.

According to UMO Police Lieutenant LaForest Dunton, the field behind PICS is a cow pasture filled with pot holes which are not conducive to dancing. Also Edwards cited the problem of security because of the field's open access.

It was found that having senior bash in the Alford Arena could also cause a problem. If the weather is inclement, and graduation is forced inside, both the bash and commencement would be held in the same place within a 24-hour period.

"The bash usually last to 3 or 4 in the morning," Goode said. "We'd have a tremendous clean-up problem before commencement."

Dunton suggested to Edwards that they hold the bash in the parking lot behind Stewart Commons. But that suggestion was turned down because beer cans might be tossed into the woods and because it had no alternate place in case of inclement weather.

The bash then moved to Lengyel Gym. But the police, Edwards said, felt that there were not enough toilet facilities or parking spaces.

Edwards preferred the Lengyel site to the Memorial Gym site because less police would have to be hired to \$7.50 an hour. This is because Lengyel has less exits than Memorial Gym, Dunton said.

Machine for scheduling could save money, time

by Laura Stanko

Earsel Goode, director of space and scheduling at UMO said that the University's investment into an optical mark reader could save the University a few thousand dollars. The new machine would be used for a revised method of student scheduling.

Under the revised method, if UMO invests in the optical mark reader, students would register for classes by filling out a sheet which looks similar to a "computerized answer form for a test" instead of the present cards. Goode said that money would be saved in this way because the scanner could read the sheets directly. At present each registration card must be key punched into the computer.

Goode said the scanner could read all the registration cards in less than two hours while now it takes between two and a half and three weeks to do. In the present method alternate courses must be re-scheduled by hand, while the scanner Goode is considering would be capable of this.

Goode said the savings would come from not having to pay people to key-punch the cards, less computer time needed and eliminating the need to mail schedules to students after they have gone home for the semester. Under the new method students would receive their schedules within two or three weeks after they are submitted.

Add-drop would be simplified and take less time, Goode said. Students could do add-drop through the mail during the summer or as soon as they receive their schedules.

Goode said it would cost the University

about \$13,000 a year to rent the machine. This money paid for rental could go toward the purchase of the machine, about \$70,000 according to Goode.

He said as much as \$6,000 a year could be saved in not having to pay key-punchers and about \$2,600 could be saved in mailing costs, if schedules could be returned to the students before the end of the semester.

Revenue could also be made on the machine, Goode said. He said at present the University sends out work to be done elsewhere that could be done on the machine. There is a scanner on campus, Goode said but "it is an old antique and not sophisticated enough to do the work for registration."

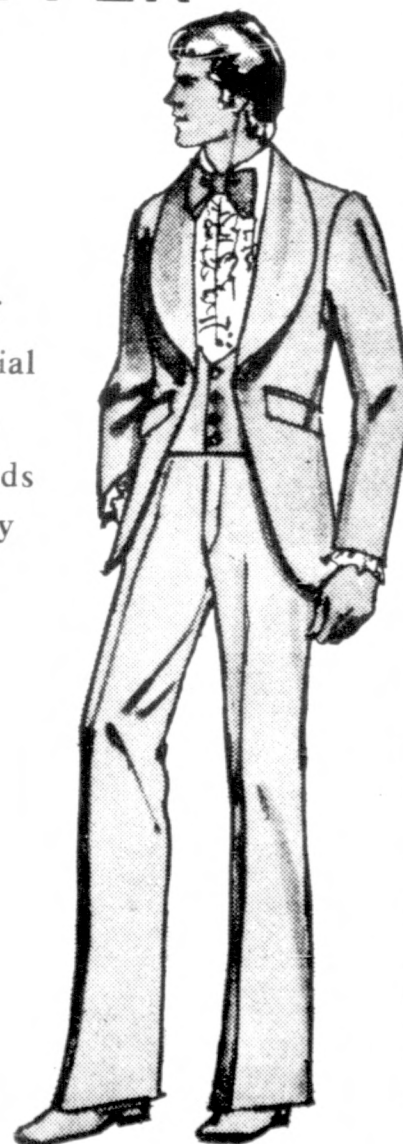
Goode said other campuses could also make use of the scanner and other businesses could buy time on the machine making it a money making project for the university.

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—Sir Walter Scott
Life of Swift

Ah, spring. Classes move to the grass on the mall. Bumstock. Paul Bunyan weekend. Bar Harbor--er, Maine Day. Frisbees hit the sky like a flock of fluorescent crows. Daydreams mingle with the humid air in the lecture halls. It is the optimum atmosphere for student wackiness.

Last Friday, something that started out as a joke got a very serious twist. A student started dancing in front of the Student Union with a pair of tree branches in his hands, trying to collect money. It wasn't long before some very civic-minded person had called in a complaint to the police, asking them to encourage the student to curtail his sundry activity. The student, who now hailed as "Woody the Dancing Tree," became outraged and vowed to "keep doing it until I get arrested or they leave me alone."

Well, they didn't leave him alone. David Rand, the courageous director of the Memorial Union, marched out with finger pointed and politely told Woody to get himself hence. And Woody kept dancing...

Monday Woody was back, and the police received about 13 complaints in five minutes. But there really wasn't anything to charge Woody with; dancing trees do not constitute disorderly conduct or a public menace. And

Woody kept dancing...

Wednesday, Woody obtained support from the staff of the Student Paper and their friends, who, always ready for a good time, swept up handfuls of branches and took to the lawn in front of the Student Union for a "Tree-In." Unfortunately,



Woody was not present for this festivity; no one could find him at the time.

The thrill of it all only lasted a few days, but it might serve to encourage other student uprisings. True, these fads only last a fleeting moment before they become old hat, like

streaking and swallowing goldfish; but, they serve a purpose. Not only are they a breath of fresh air, but they just go to show you that some people around here have no sense of humor.

And may the Almighty help us if we ever start to take ourselves *too* seriously around here.

In this rather harmless episode, the Student Union director thought for sure that he was protecting the best interests of the students. Everyone thought for sure that the slightest hint of abnormal behavior must be against the law. What a shame that these righteous agents of peace and order should come out looking more abnormal than a dancing tree...

And why pick on a student who dances for hours in one spot? We have all kinds of people on this campus who engage in this activity for years at a time. They put themselves in prominent places to win attention and rally support for their cause, but they get a lot more than a few cents in a tin cup; they get salaries. They are some of the administrators on this campus who have been attempting to block student craziness all semester.

Now who's looking for the forest through the tree? At this rate, we'd better forget the police and send for the Marines...

...and speaking of being at the top...

He kind of slouches when he walks. And he's kind of paunchy. His battered sneakers cling tightly to his feet and he kind of shuffles when he walks. With a little hat on his head, he'd be a dead ringer for Buster Brown of shoe box fame. He looks anything BUT a student government president. He looks more like the guy who checks out your books at the library.

So much for looks.

Michael King McGovern will be the next president of the University of Maine at Orono Student Government, having recieved a mandate from an eye-opening 75 per cent of his fellow inmates, at least those who chose to vote.

Next Tuesday, April 26, Mike McGovern will accept the gavel from current ringleader Dan O'Leary and will step behind the podium in 153barrows Hall to begin a presidential term that he hopes will be a bit more inspiring than the previous few.

And he will do this, charisma or no charisma. He and his sidekick, one Gordon A. Lewis, have some definite plans. So did their predecessors. They have bright, interesting and enthusiastic ideas. So did their predecessors.

They have the backing of a pretty respectable chunk of the student body. Herein lies the difference. We hope.

Some 35 per cent of the student body turned out Wednesday to cast their votes.

To have 35 per cent of the eligible voters turn out for an election, at any level, is pretty healthy --healthy at most levels and perhaps unprecedented at UMO.

We're encouraged.

And we're hoping that Mike and Gordy are right when they say this high turnout indicates a bunch of students that are ready to work for them.

They're going to need them.

Ask Dan O'Leary and Jim McGowan.

Commentary

Ron Brown

The third world: 'Send them here'

To die once is not terrible, what's terrible is to die every day.
—Rabbi Ephraim Oshry

Our story opens in the abject poverty and squalor of the hut owned by Emillio Ben Siddupe and his wife Eileen. Emillio and Eileen, steeped in benign neglect, live on the outskirts of Koumra, Chad, in a one-room hut near a drainage ditch containing stagnant water. The hut is made of mud, has a thatched roof, and is furnished with dirt, disease, and filth. It is just after supper on Friday night. Emillio, Eileen and their 18.6 living children have just finished their dinner of 12 grams of carbohydrates, 14 grams of fat, and 9 grams of protein. The children have gone outside to play kickball. Emillio and Eileen are alone. Emillio picks up a chunk of dried buffalo dung and throws it on the fire as the flames start to flicker low.

"Well, kid," Emillio says, "I've got some bad news. You know the raise in my salary I was supposed to get? Well, it's been canned."

"Oh well, dear, if it's been canned, then that's that. We'll just have to go on living on your current weekly salary of 87 cents. I guess this means we won't be able to afford

that transistor radio this year. Well, maybe 1978 will be better."

The two are quiet for some time as they stare into the flames of the fire. Eileen speaks.

"You know, Em, I've been doing some heavy thinking lately."

"About what?"

"About us. Do you realize that we were born here in Chad, but we could have been born in Canada, the U.S., Norway, Israel, Japan, Britain, or Switzerland? Do you know what that would have been—*FAT CITY*. Freedom from political oppression, cradle-to-grave security, junk food, even a car for you, a toaster-oven for me, and a college education for the kids."

"Yeah. But what's the use of thinking about it? We were born here. We've got some things those people in the wealthier nations can't even imagine."

"Like what?"

"Like rickets, and open sewers, and tuberculosis, and polio, and..."

"You know, Em, it's of fair. What did we do to deserve this and what did they do to deserve that?"

"Nothing. But what's your point, Eileen?"

"Well, if you want to know the truth, Em, there's about 750 million

people in the neighborhood having the same problem we have making ends meet, and, you know, we really should get together."

"And do what?"

"Get all the arm surplus weapons

we can and then overrun the developed world."

"And then what would we do? Kill them all?"

"No, worse than that, Em."

"What?"

"Send them here."

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Revengeful professor?

To the Editor:

I am a freshman student in CH-12 and am writing this letter regarding prelim #3. I consider myself relatively bright, but I was extremely unhappy with this prelim because I studied many long, hard hours. I have a couple of things to say to the Chemistry department:

First, I overheard a remark tonight that Professor Georgitis made the test difficult in order to "get-even" with those that elected him his well-deserved honor of Undistinguished Professor. Mr. Georgitis, perhaps your students were trying to tell you something. Why not take it as constructive criticism, instead of taking it in such a childish manner? Chemistry students have enough trouble trying to battle an almost impossible course, without having to decipher "grudge" exams. If this rumor is true, then Georgitis is, in fact, tampering with the grades of each student in CH-12. If this is any indication of his ethics, I for one, would certainly cast a vote for him as an undistinguished

professor. It's almost as if he shows delight in seeing his students fail.

Secondly, bear in mind, chemistry professors, that most of the students in CH-12 are not chemistry majors. Also, would it be too much to ask you to test us on material we have studied and learned, instead of testing us on how well we have memorized?

Anonymous

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.



The question: To endorse or not to endorse

To the Editor:

I'd like to know where the Maine Campus, supposedly representing the student body, gets off endorsing Student Government candidates the day before the election. Such action is reprehensible.

Last year the Maine Campus pulled the same thing, condescendingly saying Bob Small showed a lot of promise, but for a future date. This year, the Maine Campus has the gall to suggest that Bob Small's campaign is an "annual regularity." Since when does running only two years in a row for an office suggest "annual regularity?" Last year Diane Elze was a breath of fresh air; this year Jim Rudder doesn't have enough experience.

Bob and Jim have been doing exhaustive campaigning this past week; Mike and Gordy have also been campaigning. Has the Maine Campus pre-supposed the student body to be so ignorant that it cannot make up its own collective mind given the facts?

Prefers Bible over Prism

To the Editor:

The Prism yearbook is in serious financial trouble and the editor, Steve Greer, attributes it to student apathy. He's right, but there are other reasons which keep me from purchasing the Prism.

First of all, how do I know I will like it? It just doesn't make sense for me to invest in a book I haven't seen.

Also, at this time of year, money is tight for all of us (that \$15 textbook was purchased 2 and a half months ago).

And as far as it being "something you'll always have", would rather spend \$10 for a Bible; it has all the "color" I need.

Thank you,
Susan A. Dubay

Have we the students been the unwitting victim of a snow job? I refer to the page titled "Letters to the Editor." This section could have been re-titled "Free Advertising Space Dedicated to the McGovern-Lewis Campaign." There was one letter from Bob and Jim, one letter concerning an oppressive administration, and 6 letters supporting McGovern-Lewis. In the words of the immortal Hamlet, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

I look forward to hearing your

justification of such irresponsible behavior.

Katy Thurston
311 Chadbourne Hall

It is the responsibility of an independent newspaper such as the Maine Campus to present its viewpoint in an editorial. The editorial endorsing Mike McGovern & Gordy Lewis was a consensus opinion of the editorial staff. The Student Paper, being the official organ of Student Government, could not ethically offer an endorsement.

The night of the dancing trees

To the Editor:

On Wednesday night at 2:27 a.m. the campus police were alerted by an anonymous informant of a breach of the peace by thousands of dancing trees behind the Ram's Horn Coffee House. An initial investigation showed the campus police force, a mere 29 men, was inadequate to handle the thousands of agitators, so faculty and senior students of the forestry school were called in to assist, and the coast guard alerted.

Unsure which species they would have to deal with they approached the scene armed with both chainsaws and teargas.

On arrival it was found the disturbance was caused by the wind blowing through the stand of silver birch trees, and that this time, there was no cause for alarm. Director of Police and Safety Alan Reynolds said al-

though it was a false alarm this time it shows the desperate need for a stronger police force. The four men on duty could not cope with such vast numbers of agitators, and it is unfair to have

All letters to the editor that I received concerning the election were printed in the interests of fairness. In this case, all would run or none would have run; to print only a portion of them would have been unfair representation, and would have been subject to my own personal bias.

As far as things being rotten in Denmark, no one ever had to deem Hamlet a kingmaker...

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to call out faculty, students and the Coast Guard on such occasions. This need would be averted if we had a strong force Reynolds said.

Sam

Hats off, Woody!

To the Editor:

I would like to extend my sincerest admiration to "Woody" for showing how foolish UMO, along with a greater majority of mankind, can be in its attitudes towards that which cannot be readily explained by common values. It is a very real and human reaction, unfortunately, to regard those and that which are unfamiliar as dangerous or immoral.

Within a few hours, rumor of "Woody's" activity had spread

throughout campus like wildfire. I found it most interesting eavesdropping conversations of professors, students and employees in discussion of him. Some felt sympathy; he was not sane. Others (i.e. Ms. Cannon), became so bent out of shape as to desire his removal from their view, or made rather taunting direct criticism of him. And there were also those who found him delightfully absurd enough to at least enjoy and at most join him in whatever his personal celebration may have been.

For whatever he was doing, he served me the purpose of reminding me of my own insecurities and hang-ups regarding the "acceptable." He made me smile as I watched him dancing in the sun, while I scurried off to feign participation in my next class wondering which one of us could better account for ourself.

Hats off, Woody.

Berry Manter

Thanks for your votes

To the Editor:

An open letter to all students:

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the Student Government elections. We are of course quite happy that so many of you decided to place your confidence and faith in us. We look forward to serving all of you

in the upcoming year. We are most anxious to have all concerned students to stop by the Student Government office and talk with us.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Mike McGovern
Gordy Lewis

Commentary

Russ McKnight

Writing on the wall

Mr. Neville, the Board of Trustees, and Chancellor McCarthy all commonly complain that they never get input from the majority of students. Well, if they really want to know how we students feel (they probably don't), they should look in the right place - the bathrooms of UMO. I have come to believe that some of the most intelligent (along with some not so intelligent) people on campus take out all their frustrations and complaints on the bathroom walls. The true mood of a university can be measured by its graffiti.

If the writing on the walls of our bathrooms is any indication of how we feel as a whole, some of the

important people on campus had better start taking notice. Many of the messages, limricks, and jokes inscribed on these walls complain of everything from dissatisfaction with life in general to a specific frustration. For instance, on the wall of one bathroom a student scribbled "This university is like a whorehouse, you pay to get in and then you get screwed." Aside from the obvious humor, I wonder if this student is just a little dissatisfied, maybe even angry at paying higher prices for fewer services? In another bathroom I read the words "We want Bumstock now" (rather self-explanatory); I could not have missed those words for they were carved one-

quarter of an inch into the stall door. One of my favorites had to have been written by a senior; it read "UMO diplomas - take one" with an arrow pointing to a roll of toilet paper. Possibly this person and many others are finding it hard to get a job, despite their all-important diplomas? Many of the etchings on our bathroom walls are almost humorous and they give you a little smile; but it is an uneasy smile because you realize that so many students are unhappy with this place. It is scary to think that the majority of students here don't voice their complaints because one day the lid is going to blow off the pot.

The next time you have the urge to

take your frustrations out on the walls, don't; instead write a letter, voice your complaint, start a petition, or even organize a good ole fashion protest, you would be surprised at the results. It does no good to scribe on bathroom walls because those important people (I use the term loosely) wouldn't get caught dead using the same bathrooms as us common folks. Besides, it gives university an excuse to charge us more money.

Perhaps all you important people who run this place had better start taking notice of what the students want; if you don't all of us will loose in the end. Remember what happens to people who can't read the writing on the wall.

Ex-Nixon aide says

Republican party is an old and aging elephant

by Bernie MacKinnon

The Grand Old Party is in trouble, a former special advisor to President Richard M. Nixon said here Wednesday, and America's two-party system along with it.

Speaking before an audience Wednesday night in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union, political columnist and former Nixon advisor Patrick Buchanan referred to the Republican party as "the sick man of American politics." He blamed its present state on its apparent domination by "countryclub conservatives." In the past, they've failed to live up to their ideals. Buchanan affirmed, however, that the GOP could stage a resurrection in 1980 if it makes significant changes and takes advantage of Democratic weaknesses.

"If the Democrats hold on in the 1978 and 1980 elections," Buchanan said, "the Republican party may be gerrymandered into a permanent minority party." The result, he explained, could be the death of "the two-party system as we know it." He told of a recent incident in Washington when Vice President Mondale advised visiting school children to attend a meeting of the Republican National Committee rather than the King Tut exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. "The Tut exhibit will be around longer," Mondale is supposed to have said.

Buchanan listed failures of the Nixon and Ford administrations to "live up to promises and the Republican philosophy." Nixon's wage and price controls, he said, went counter to "the free market theory" he espoused during the 1968 presidential campaign. Nixon and Ford also promised the world's strongest defense system, he added, but neither ever sought the active support of the people via television.

Under Ford, Buchanan said, the U.S. debt grew more than it did under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations combined—hardly a reflection of the usual Republican distaste for deficit spending.

All is not lost for the elephant, however, he stressed, since the country seems to be "on a trend toward conservatism." Buchanan predicted a grave challenge for Carter in 1980. He said that certain decisions by the president will soon alienate the basically conservative South, whose regional pride did much to elect him last year. Carter's 30 per cent tumble in the polls prior to his election was caused by a gradual perception of him as "a free-spending liberal," said Buchanan. Heavy deficit spending will continue, he said, and in 1980 it will be Carter who must explain the economic situation. Finally, the greatly diverse coalition Carter engineered

for the election has already undergone "ruptures." Pivotal members of that coalition, including three very different Georges—Wallace, Meany and McGovern—have already expressed discontent with Carter.

The president's current popularity in the polls, according to Buchanan, is "almost meaningless."

To take advantage of Carter's position three years from now, Buchanan said, the

GOP must first erase its image as "lackeys of big business." It must increase support for small businessmen. "Let the boys at the country club take care of themselves," he urged.

Buchanan acknowledged some "inherent disadvantages" for the party, such as the generally liberal leaning of the national media. Also, Republicans are "not as articulate" as Democrats, who are often more adept at dealing with the press.

Another weakness, he said, was the fact that "Republicans treasure their respectability" and like to avoid "political brawls."

Asked what Republican leader would be likely to receive the 1980 presidential nomination, Buchanan said either Howard Baker or Ronald Reagan. But Buchanan said Baker is "perceived as having no real basis of conviction" while Reagan's age will count against him.

MPAC group gives 'peace' a broader scope

by Cindy Valente

The key word is "action."

The Maine Peace Action Committee (MPAC) is an involved organization with a broad perspective. Its interests stretch from feminism to world hunger to stopping the B-1 Bomber campaigns, to name just a few.

"We don't just talk about peace," said faculty advisor and philosophy Professor Doug Allen. He added that most people use the word peace in a very narrow sense. To MPAC, hunger is not peaceful. Neither are different forms of oppression, exploitation and racism.

The group, which consists of about twenty members, has no specific political line. It is an extremely democratic and heterogeneous organization. Having such a broad perspective gives MPAC the problem of what exactly should the group focus on, but on the other hand, a wider range allows for more involvement. For example, there are people who join MPAC for religious and ethical reasons. Some members are dedicated Marxists and some have never even heard of Marx. There are also those who are interested in ecology, militarism, imperialism and the third world.

"We try to unit around the things we have in common," said Allen, "such as educating people about what's going on in the world and their own lives."

The group does this by having speakers, movies and slide shows open to the general public. MPAC also has a library in Maples Hall, which contains about 10 to 15 journals that Folger library doesn't have. The MPAC newsletter, which comes out once a month, is distributed across the nation and is a very respected journal. The organization's activities are funded mostly by student government, however, MPAC also receives money through donations and fund raisers.

Besides education, the group is interested in action. This includes demonstrations and campaigns against the funding of the B-1 Bomber. MPAC also feels ROTC should not have such priorities in the freshman orientation process and is currently trying to make their stand against it known.

"It's the best thing I've ever been involved in," said member, Gary Borders about MPAC.

He added that the organization is a really "positive thing" and said people, partic-

ularly from New England, are very impressed by MPAC.

Diane Elze, who has been a member since 1975, said she has learned a lot from MPAC, especially from the newsletter.

"The newsletter is considered one of the major journals of the peace move in New England."

She added that MPAC is the only group to have shown interest in having speakers at UMO that represent radical political viewpoints.

MPAC meets every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 in the Maples.

WMEB transmitter move to Hilltop will increase number of listeners

by Tim Grant

WMEB, the "voice of the University of Maine at Orono," will operate this summer thanks to a grant of \$2000 from the Student Government.

"Our current plans are to be in operation from 12 noon to midnight, Monday through Friday," said Barry Singer, station manager. "If we can get enough DJ's to staff the radio we will extend the hours into the morning and into the weekends."

The station will also expand its area coverage by moving the transmitter from the roof of Steven's Hall to the top of Somerset Hall. This will enable WMEB to reach the Bangor-Brewer area as compared to the Orono-Old Town area that it reaches now.

The cost of moving the equipment will be covered by the Dance Marathon to be sponsored by the Panhellenic Council April 27. All proceeds from the benefit will go to the radio station and the disabled veterans of UMO. According to Singer the cost of the move will be about \$4,000.

Included in WMEB's summer programming will be several syndicated shows. "Off the Beaten Track" will be underwritten by Sherman Homes of Bangor and Merrill Bank will pay the cost of the "Mighty Memory Program", a nostalgic look at music and personalities of years past. The King Biscuit Flower Hour, the sounds of current music, will also be broadcast.

"We're a music station," said Singer, "but these programs will give the listeners an alternative to 12 hours of a music."

One new show being put together by WMEB is called "Live from the Gates Room". This will feature Orono-area musicians performing live in the studio one night a week.

"Anyone who will be in the area and would like to perform," said Singer, "or would like to try being a DJ or help in the administration end of the business this summer is encouraged to come up to the station."

Concrete canoes race tomorrow

by Sue Leonard

The third annual national concrete canoe race will be held tomorrow on the Kenduskeag River in Bangor.

The eight and one-half mile race sponsored by the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is the only race of its kind in the United States according to race chairman Dan Duperry.

Duperry, one of 10 UMO entrants in the race, said while other colleges and organizations sponsor flatwater concrete canoe races, the Kenduskeag race involves whitewater as well and tests the maneuverability of the boats and paddlers.

This year 30 entries have been received from 13 schools with boats ranging in weight from 160 pounds to 300 pounds. In previous years the boats have weighed from 200 to 700 pounds but due to improved construction techniques the weight has been drastically reduced making the boats easier to paddle, carry and maneuver.

UMO will enter five canoes in the race, four rejuvenated boats used in last year's race and one newly built called the "Blue Streak".



Two disappointed UMO paddlers take a swim at Kenduskeag's Six-Mile Falls in last year's concrete canoe race.

Duperry said that it cost \$175 to \$200 in materials and 170 man-hours to build the "Blue Streak". Donations for the project were received from the General Student Senate, President Howard Neville and many private firms throughout the state. The time and energy to build and repair the boats was volunteered by civil engineering students.

Duperry explained that those spending the most time working on the boats are given first option to race them.

Tomorrow's race begins at 8:30 a.m. at the gauging station on Broadway St. in Kenduskeag. A good place to watch the race is at Six Mile Falls approximately three miles downriver from the start. Most of the spills will occur there.

The finish line is just above the Maxfield Hill Dam and below where I-95 crosses the river. At 8 a.m. professional engineers from the Bangor area will judge the canoes on the basis of construction and appearance and present the American Concrete Institute award to the best entry.

Life Insurance: *Are all those seniors getting what they need?*

by Jim Sloan

If you are a college senior, either at the University of Maine at Orono, or any other school in the country, chances are good that someone has recently tried to sell you life insurance. And according to a recent Consumer Report article, the chances of you buying a policy are also good because many college seniors do. But if you did, the same report claims that the chances of you having made the right decision are slim.

In reporting on life insurance policies that are commonly sold on college campuses in the March issue of Consumer Report, Consumer's Union found most of these policies inadequate for students in many ways.

While criticizing campus insurance policies on the whole, Consumer's Union was especially critical of Fidelity Union, and in particular, that company's college Master plan. Fidelity Union is the largest selling insurance company that works exclusively on college campuses in the country, and probably the most active on the UMO campus. Fidelity Union has seven full-time salesmen working UMO alone, and according to Forbes magazine, one out of every 20 graduating college seniors in the country buys life insurance from the company.

Last year the company sold over four million dollars worth of insurance on the Orono campus, primarily to graduating seniors and graduate students. This year, Orono office manager Dave Theriault expects that the number to be even higher.

The report stressed that the need for life insurance is created by economic dependency—usually a family—and that few students have this type of responsibility. But even if a student does need life insurance, the report continued, the size of the policies commonly sold to students are too small.

Insurance agents are quick to point out, though, that college students face the same risk of premature death as anyone else and that the best time to purchase life insurance is at a young age when premiums are low. For either short term insurance or whole life, or permanent insurance—the two varieties insurance companies usually sell—benefits are often built into a policy that would allow the purchaser to expand the size of the policy in later years.

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The Consumer's Union also criticized most insurance companies for purposely selling the wrong type of policy to college students. In an effort to increase their revenues, the report claimed, insurance companies often push small whole-life policies to students even though it leaves them under-insured. Term insurance is often ignored, the report said, because the premiums for whole-life policies are three or four times higher than those for term policies at the time of initial purchase.

UMO professor of Finance Neil Murphy explained that the premiums in a whole-life policy could be considered high when the person is young because he or she is less likely to die than one who is older. In view of this fact, he said insurance companies may be eager to sign young people on to whole-life policies because less will be paid out and good cash flow will result.

"From a practical point of view, (life insurance) is an expensive luxury for someone who is so young," Murphy said. "But you can't generalize. Like any kind of service like that it has to be evaluated according to the individual's needs."

"...I think if a young person were going to buy something, term insurance would be the best buy. I don't think that a college student would need a lot of protection," he continued. "I think the cheapest way to take care of his needs in the short term would be term insurance."

In a recent survey of 300 bank executives from 12 of the largest cities in the U.S.,

nine out of 10 ranked permanent life insurance as their most commonly used form of investment. Keith Wegener, regional manager for Fidelity Union also argued for the value of permanent life insurance. Most companies, Wegener said, make most of their money on term insurance because such policies are rarely renewed when the purchaser becomes a high risk. The size of the premiums for term insurance increase as a person grows older, while premiums on whole-life remain the same throughout life.

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"Most life insurance salesmen buy permanent life insurance," Wegener said, "why not buy what the salesmen buy? They're on top of the business!"

The report criticized Fidelity Union's CollegeMaster plan, the one most often promoted to college students, as a gimmicky, overpriced, inadequate policy that is used primarily as a money maker for Fidelity Union. The CollegeMaster is a whole-life policy that requires a \$10 down payment. Fidelity Union often lends the student money to pay for the first year's premium, which must be paid back within five years at eight per cent interest. At the end of the first five years, the policy holder may draw on the equity he or she has built up in the policy from four years of annual payments to pay off the loan. Consumer's Union claimed that many students don't realize they're taking out a loan.

Wegener argues that the purchaser is

made aware of the nature of the loan at least five times throughout the application procedure. According to Wegener, the Truth in Lending Act demands that the terms and conditions of a loan be explained in writing and that the borrower must sign the document.

The report also claims that although certain gimmicks make the policy unsuitable for conventional methods of cost comparison, the CollegeMaster is still high-priced in comparison to other policies issued by major companies.

Fidelity Union agents argue, however, that the methods used in the Consumer Report article to judge the College Master were not reasonable. Using a model approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Fidelity Union has shown the CollegeMaster to be among the lowest-priced permanent insurance policies in the industry, on or off campus.

Wegener explained what Consumer's Union thought were gimmicks were actually benefits built into the CollegeMaster plan. Benefits such as a guaranteed insurability option which would allow a policy holder to expand his coverage in

future years, and accidental death and disability benefits found in the CollegeMaster are often unavailable in other policies, he said.

Although he was concerned over the impact the Consumer Report article might have on the estimated 267 new policy holders at UMO, Theriault felt that the article presented insubstantial arguments. He urged anyone with a complaint about either the company or their policy to call the Orono office, or Fidelity Union's toll-free number; 800-527-4777.

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Americans 'shortchanged'

Canadian newsman sees need for newsflow

by Diane Whitmore

A noted Canadian journalist appearing as guest lecturer at a special week for the UMO journalism department calls for greater news flow between New England and the Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Labrador.

Harold T. Shea, editor-in-chief of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and the Halifax Mail-Star in Nova Scotia, is the Peter Edes lecturer this week of the journalism department.

In a public lecture Tuesday in the Memorial Union, Shea said, "It is frustrating for Canadians traveling in the United States to find such a lack of news content in American papers. Most American papers don't look northward. . . . If American readers are not acquainted with what is happening in Canada, then they are being shortchanged."

Shea believes that increased news flow about such items as research in diverse areas would be beneficial to both sides of the border. "We can work together in terms of solving problems," he said. "Instead of duplicating effort, if there was a reasonable interchange it would save us a lot of money, it would save you a lot of money, and it would upgrade the standard of living."

Shea was commended in 1974 for providing the world's best coverage of the Law of the Sea conferences which have been going on at the United Nations since 1958. He cited the problem with the law of the sea as an example of the need for increased communication between Canada and the U.S. "It we aren't advised on the law of the sea, we aren't on other things," he said.

He cited the problem of the 200-mile limit and such questions as definition of boundaries, oil drilling on Georges Bank, and discrepancies in fishing regulations such as mesh size and total catch. He added, "Our government has been a little more forceful than yours in arresting violators of the 200-mile limit. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont should pay attention to more than the state of the marriage of the Trudeaus and the state of affairs in Quebec," he said. Shea's papers will be establishing a New England news bureau, and he hopes to raise the issue of interchange of news with the Maine Press Association.

On the other side of the coin, Shea said, "We (the Canadian press) are often criticized for being overly interested in American events. . . . I don't think that's true with our paper."

Except for the lack of Canadian



Harold Shea

coverage, Shea regards the American press highly. "The American newsman has a tremendous ability to personalize news. Jimmy Carter is not just a cardboard person. The style I find very, very appealing. It's gutsy, very educational, very informal, and yet very concise. The British press writes copy as if the whole world knows how Britain thinks. . . . you're a lot more daring. We're very old-fashioned,

you know, in a lot of ways."

On the subject of Quebec and separatism, Shea said, "I think it will do (the Maritime Provinces) no good whatsoever. There will have to be a union of Maritime Provinces" to ward off the "severe economic blows."

Shea hopes to interview Quebec Prime Minister Rene Levesque. According to Shea, in Levesque's Monday night speech in Charlottetown, P.E.I. he evaded the issue of the effect of a divided Canada on the Maritime Provinces. "He talks only of goods—and there's much more to it than that," he said.

"Most Canadians now are dedicated to the proposition of keeping Quebec as part of the federation," he said, yet at the same time there is growing "sympathy now in the West for the growing aspirations of Quebec." The western provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are currently fighting the federal government for more provincial control of natural resources.

According to Shea, the trouble with Trudeau's plan to utilize French and English both at the federal government level was "the way it was put before the country. The concept was good, but the way it was done was wrong." Shea thinks a better solution would have been to start with instruction in both languages in the public schools, instead of forcing civil servants to take a year off from work for a total immersion course in French, as was the case.

"We (Shea's papers) have never been a real fan of Trudeau," Shea said. He is displeased with the fact that the share of government funding allocated to the Maritime Provinces has declined 10 to 12 per cent in the last three or four years.

Veterans discouraged from school

by Tom Cloutier

A new VA pay policy that goes into effect June 1 is going to put those veterans who plan to attend summer school "in a hurt," the director of the Office of Veteran Affairs said recently.

Carl Estabrooks explained that the new policy requires confirmed enrollment of the veterans before benefits can begin and that the benefits be paid following the month the vet attends classes.

What this means to the veteran on continuous enrollment through summer school is that his benefits won't begin until July if he starts classes in June. There are currently 106 veterans enrolled for summer school. Nor will he get his benefits in September when tuition for the fall semester is due.

"A veteran cannot be confirmed that he

UMO woodsmen scheduled to compete in regional meet

UMO's woodsman's team, consisting of three six-person squads, is scheduled to compete April 29 and 30 in the Northeast Regional meet which will be held at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

UMO's contingent includes two male squads and a woman's squad and they will compete in such events as canoeing, crosscut sawing, buck sawing, pulp throwing, log rolling, speed chopping, splitting, pole felling, relay roll, fire building and chainsawing. Other schools expected to participate are Paul Smith's College, Colby, Syracuse, University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth, University of Vermont and University of Massachusetts.

Since its formation in 1947 the UMO woodsman's team has gathered more first and second place finishes than any other northeastern school.

is enrolled in the fall semester until the first day of classes," Estabrooks said. "Then it will take about 40 days before the veteran gets his money."

One way to get around this would be to request advanced pay. However, a calendar month must elapse between terms before advanced pay can be given. Thus, a veteran in school in August will be ineligible for the advance pay in September.

"I can't believe the VA," Estabrooks said. "It almost looks like the VA doesn't want them (veterans) going to summer school."

Estabrooks added that since the veteran is in summer school he probably isn't working. Therefore, in September he isn't going to have any money when he needs it the most to pay for tuition, books and living expenses.

The business office has refused to give extensions to the veteran, saying that to do so would take trustee approval.

Fred Judkins, VA representative agreed that the new policy compared with Catch-22. A veteran can't get paid until he gets into school, but he can't get into school until he gets paid.

"The policy does seem to discourage the vet from going to summer school," Judkins said.

One solution that Judkins offered was for the vet not to go to school the month of

August, thus making him eligible for the advanced pay in September.

This would mean that the veteran would get a check for two months benefits in September, but he would not receive another check until December.

Judkins said that the veterans will be getting all their benefits. It will be up to the veteran on what he decides to do as to when he will receive the benefits.

Veterans with any questions concerning the new policy should contact either Fred Judkins or Carl Estabrooks.

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Recycles them

Freshman collects old papers

by Andrea Cronkite

Some people collect stamps, some collect matchbook covers, but a resident of 411 York Hall at UMO collects old newspapers and used notebooks.

Sanford Smith plans to send the waste paper he has collected from other students on his dormitory floor to a paper recycling plant.

"My main reason for the project is concern. So much paper is being thrown away, and we should start saving our resources," said Smith, a freshman majoring in plant and soil sciences.

While students have shown an interest, Smith said, many of them are so used to throwing paper out that they forget about his project. "I want to make recycling a habit with people," he said.

The recycling process breaks paper down into fiber, which is made into corrugated cardboard, paper plates and other products.

Recycled paper is not as high quality as new paper, but Robert Illingworth, a



Sanford Smith—a connoisseur of fine papers...[Mary Hamilton photo]

chemist for the Garden State Paper Co. in Smith's home state of New Jersey, has perfected recycling so that the fiber obtained can be used for various kinds of paper, Smith said. The paper company has "made recycling profitable for themselves," he said.

"My family has always recycled paper," Smith said, "and now we also save bottles and cans. Smith plans to take his collection to the Effluent Society, an organization of UMO students.

Marc Gilbert, a member of the society, said the paper members collect is taken to a plant in Waterville to be recycled. They are paid \$25 a ton for paper, Gilbert said, and the money is used to pay operating expenses of the group and hire work study students.

The Effluent Society collects paper from Fogler Library, classroom buildings on campus and dormitories, Gilbert said, as well as conducting a recycling pick-up in Orono the first Saturday of each month.

The handicapped

Access to Memorial Union needed

by Brian Seaward

Students may complain about walking from Hilltop to Carnegie Hall or from the Memorial Gym to Lengyel Gym, but handicapped students at UMO probably voice the loudest gripes.

Their biggest problems are mobility, getting from one end of the campus to the other and getting inside the buildings where their classes are held.

Pre-registration, add-drop, classroom changes and obtaining academic help with their courses, are other problems of handicapped students that are slowly becoming recognized at UMO.

Daphne Sprague, coordinator of the Disabled Student Program, a branch of Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Onward program holds the responsibility of trying to solve these problems with handicapped students and to make their

lives a little bit easier.

Sprague, a 1976 UMO psychology graduate, manages this by changing classrooms to accessible buildings, changing students courses during the add-drop period, helping students pre-register for classes in the upcoming semester, providing personal counseling and tutoring for the students.

Within the past year she has also been involved with the organizers of the Maine

Day activities, to help raise money to construct a ramp for the Memorial Union.

Sprague said Hauck Auditorium in the union is her main focus, to be made accessible for handicapped students, because of the classes and activities held there.

The accessibility to Hauck Auditorium and the Memorial Union would benefit all disabled students, she said.

When the word handicapped first enters one's mind a picture of a person in a wheel chair might be associated with it, however, there is a percentage of disabled students at UMO who have undetectable handicaps.

Sprague said some handicapped student who she comes in contact with have heart conditions, visual handicaps or are amputees.

There are approximately 55 handicapped students at UMO and the number of disabled persons to attend the university will increase in the coming years.

Sprague said the university is taking affirmative action regarding the accessibility of classroom buildings.

Fraternity bound to serve others

by Alan Audet

On May 13, 1977, a chapter of the world's largest service fraternity will celebrate its 10th anniversary at UMO. The fraternity is Alpha Phi Omega and the chapter is Sigma Xi here at UMO.

Since its first organizational meeting some 12 years ago, APO has attempted to spread its three cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service throughout the campus and local community.

According to the chapter president, the group tries to help others.

"APO is a group of young men bound together through a common cause of being useful to the campus community in the interest of serving others," Dave Moser said. "We enjoy working together for others in an effort to serve and then reap the benefits of a fraternal organization."

Prof. William Stearns, advisory chairman for Sigma Xi chapter, is one of the original faculty advisors. He was approached by a chapter of the Boy Scouts in Bangor early in 1965 and asked to try to start a chapter here.

"Alpha Phi Omega," he says, "is an extension of the scouting program." Scouting was the basis in the founding of the fraternity more than 50 years ago. However, Stearns added, APO is not really connected with scouting although it tends to perpetuate its goals and ideals.

Alpha Phi Omega is currently very busy at UMO. During the first two weeks of each semester, members run the APO Used Bookmart, which gives students an opportunity to set his own price for a book, and then to let APO sell it for him.

Another service many students don't realize as APO's is the yearly distribution of desk blotters. These blotters list UMO sports schedules as well as advertisements for local pizza places or where to get a bicycle fixed.

Service vice-president Rick Erb says there is a big difference between Alpha Phi Omega and social fraternities.

"Unlike the typical social fraternity where the emphasis is on working with each other, we're always going out to look for others to work with, as well," he says. "We're always meeting new and different types of people. I think that's what makes our brotherhood so strong—the working together in service."

Although the emphasis is on service, Alpha Phi Omega also has a very strong social aspect. APO does not have a house, but weekly sunners and occasional weekend parties give members an opportunity to socialize as a brotherhood.

Alpha Phi Omega does not have any type of hazing, but the traditional pledge/brother "bags" are held once a semester with each new pledge class. The pledge class "kidnaps" a brother and then gives clues to his location. Bags usually succeed in getting the pledge class and the brotherhood to work together, members say.

Moser notes that APO has some similarities as to other fraternities, such as the fraternity shirt, brotherhood circle, and pledge period, but adds that the emphasis is on service.

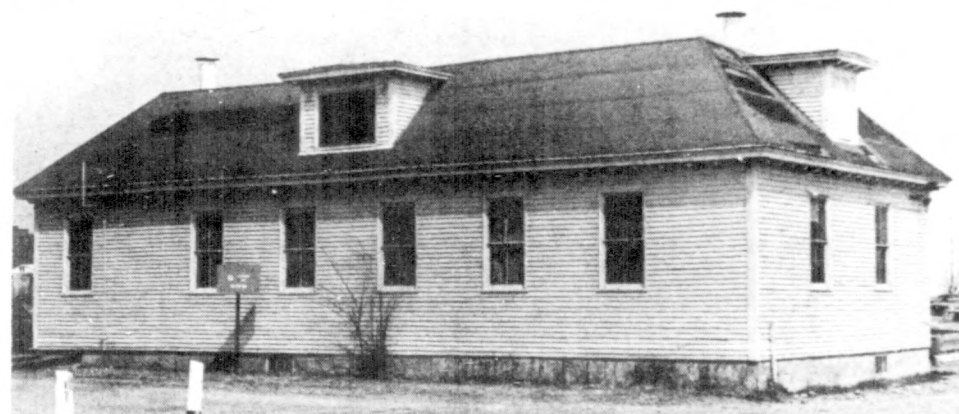
In its 10 years as a chapter on the UMO campus, Alpha Phi Omega members are still taking care of many campus-wide services and programs. For instance, they maintain the Ride Board in the Memorial Union, run coat checking at all Maine Masque productions (donations being sent to CARE) and work with their sister service sorority, Gamma Sigma Sigma, at the weekly Red Cross Bloodmobiles. (Alpha Phi Omega recently received one of only five state-wide awards from the Red Cross for its help in last year's blood drive.)

Prof. Stearns adds that the chapter was instrumental in establishing a chapter of

APO at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine four years ago.

Moser gave his view of what APO is all about.

"In ten years at the University of Maine, APO has offered a unique experience," he said. "Without having to move into a house, we're geared to men that want to be involved with others in a fraternal sense."



Faculty get more parking spots

by Tim Grant

Finally, UMO is getting more on-campus parking spaces.

But before student commuters start celebrating by going down to the police station to purchase that little black sticker they'd better hear the whole story.

All the new parking spaces will be for faculty and staff.

The space will materialize when the 36 x 75 foot yellow building behind Shibles Hall is torn down later this spring.

The recommendation to tear down the building was made to the administration by Alan Lewis, director of physical plant at UMO.

"The heating system in the building failed about a year ago," Lewis said, "and

it would be too expensive to repair. Also, the reasons for the building being used have disintegrated."

The building was used by Student Activities for a storage area for bicycles, canoes and sailboats and also by the Bookstore for storage. Student Activities has since been given permission to use the Farm Machinery Building behind Hitchner Hall for their storage area.

The Old Town Fire Department has volunteered to tear down the building for lumber. They plan to use the wood for a fire tower for fire fighting practice. The only expense to the university will be for removing the foundation and later for grading the area.

On campus

Vegetarian programs increase

by Dorothy Johnson

Vegetarians are rapidly growing in number on campus and more and more provisions are being made for them.

Vegetarian meals are now being served at a dining hall on campus and the Bear's Den is offering vegetarian sandwiches. There is also a vegetarian restaurant in the area and a vegetarian conference is planned for April 23.

There are many reasons why vegetarianism is becoming so popular. Cindy Smith, a freshman who has been a vegetarian for four years, changed because of her respect for life, as well as her concern for her own health.

Jaye Herrick, a freshman who decided to become a vegetarian nine weeks ago, said health reasons and the world food problem were the reasons for her decision.

Vegetarians say a healthier life can be achieved because there is less fat and cholesterol in a vegetarian's diet. They also say animals raised for commercial use are injected with or fed possibly dangerous chemicals.

The belief that a vegetarian's diet is protein deficient is false, they say, if care is taken to combine the right foods. Beans and grain, for instance, should be eaten together for complete protein requirements.

Vegetarians cite the fact that they use less food, in the long run, because producing one pound of pork consumes six pounds of grain and soy, and producing one pound of beef consumes about 16 pounds. So vegetarianism decreases the food shortage, they say.

Other reasons they state is that a vegetarian diet is cheaper and less energy is consumed raising vegetables than meat. Line 3 at Wells Commons serves a vegetarian meal every week night, and

Kennebec Hall to eat at the vegetarian line, said "the vegetables are cooked better than in the other lines, the salad bar has more variety, the peanut butter tastes better and the sunflower seeds and nuts are good."

But many of the students who eat at this line are actually vegetarians, and these vegetarians range from those few who will eat no animal products to those who exclude only red meat from their diets.

The line was first started by a group of interested students, who later became the

protein rich spreads such as tofu and chickpea.

Future activities of the vegetarian society include workshops, given by the members, on tofu, yogurt and granola making; using chopsticks; and how and why to become a vegetarian. These will take place on Food Day, April 21.

The society also plans to have a Food Day Awareness Meal, at which one can buy a completely balanced supper for about 25 cents. The meal will consist of beans and grain to show just how simply people can eat.

On April 23 there will be a vegetarian conference, sponsored by the vegetarian society. Workshops will be given throughout the day by professors and others from the area on energy conservation, energy supply, agriculture, food and marketing.

In the evening there will be a forum discussion entitled "Which Way the Future?" with Chaitanya York, executive director of Maine Organic Farming and Gardening Association; Jay Robbins, MOFGA consultant; David Yale, professor of economics at Bowdoin; and George Burrill, director of the Food self-sufficiency Center in Burlington, Vt.

Food will be catered for those off-campus people attending the conference by Pinch of Love, a vegetarian catering service.

There are many services on and around campus to accommodate vegetarians as well as on campus.

Tofu sandwiches and nutty burgers have recently been added to the selections at the Bears Den. Don Toms, food service manager of the Bear's Den, said that he started having them because of the demand by vegetarian students.

"There are a lot of vegetarians on campus," he said. "They're (tofu sandwiches and nutty burgers) selling right along with the double cheese burgers and the 'black bears.'"

Fig of My Heart, a natural foods vegetarian restaurant at 33 N. Main St. in Old Town, was started one year ago because of the number of vegetarian students. The restaurant is owned by Sarah Grant, a sophomore at the university, and Bobbie-Lynn Hutchins, a former student.

There are many vegetarian restaurants in the state, but Fig of My Heart is the best

in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, according to the Natural Foods Guide to Northern New England.

Vegetarianism has only recently been gaining popularity at the university, but Henry David Thoreau practiced it in the mid-1800's for many of the same reasons students are choosing it today.

Scott and Helen Nearing, who spoke on Food Day here last year, have been vegetarians for over 40 years. The Nearings own a farm in Harborside, Maine where they grow their own vegetables, fruits, berries and herbs without machinery, animals, commercial fertilizers or insecticides.

Scott Nearing, 94, and his wife Helen, 71, authors of many books, including "Living the Good Life" and "The Maple Sugar Book," have seen the interest in their way of life grow.

"Young people come to find out what we're up to," Mrs. Nearing said. "In our early years in Maine they drifted in by ones and twos. By the 1960's they were coming in dozens. In the 1970's they are coming in hundreds."

Scott Nearing spoke here at the 23rd World Vegetarian Congress, the first held in the western hemisphere, in August of 1975.

Vegetarian leaders, delegates and visitors from dozens of nations gathered at the university to listen to the views of vegetarian speakers from many parts of the world.

Regardless of the background of the speakers, most agreed that vegetarianism makes the most sense in today's society.

"I can't see the incompatibility of our beliefs with decent, sane survival," Helen Nearing said. "After all, is anyone going to survive without planning?"

The Latin word "vegetare" means "to enliven."

approximately 115 to 120 students from all over campus take advantage of this meal.

Besides the same vegetables served at the other lines, Line 3 offers such main dishes as eggplant parmesan, bean sprout sukiyaki, tofu burgers and whole wheat pizza with mushroom sauce. Sprouts, wheat germ and sunflower seeds are always available and often nut cups, artichokes and fresh fruit.

Some students who eat at this line just like the food better. Karen Gagne, a sophomore who frequently walks from

Orono Vegetarian Society, in the fall of 1975. The meals were first served in the Damn Yankee to between 20 and 25 persons. But these meals rapidly gained popularity and the line was forced to move to Wells Commons where there is more space.

The vegetarian society didn't stop when the "veggie" line became successful. Under the leadership of their first president, Doug Fabrey, they moved on to other projects concerning such matters as homesteading, alternate energy sources, and world hunger.

The members of this society don't think of vegetarianism as just excluding meat from their diets. As one of their posters tells, the word "vegetarian" comes from the Latin word "vegetare" which means "to enliven." When the Romans used the term "homo vegetus," they referred to a vigorous person.

The vegetarian society, under its new president, Jeffrey Zabik, was responsible for the bread and spread sale and the book sale held at Memorial Union during Nutrition Week, March 7 to 11. They sold over \$75 worth of whole grain breads with

Three UMO students win \$1000 scholarships

Three \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded to UMO English and journalism majors for their creative writing entries in an annual competition at the Orono campus.

The three scholarships went to Raymond X. Welch Jr., a senior English major from North Grafton, Mass.; Thomas P. Brooks of Milbridge, a graduate student in English; and Patricia Murkland of Bethel, Conn., a junior journalism major.

Funds for the scholarships come from the Steve Grady Perpetual Memorial Endowment Fund for Creative Writing

established by UMO alumnus Roy J. Gavin. Grady, a resident of Belfast when he died, and Gavin, a resident of St. Paul, Minn., were both members of the Class of 1934 at the university.

This is the second year that Welch has received one of the \$1,000 awards. Brooks received honorable mention last year for his entries.

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● UMO's quality: questions linger

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students had weakened noticeably in recent years. Declining SAT scores reinforced that conclusion.

"There are many ways to write effectively, but many students today can't," Prof Norton, chairman of the force, said. "If there are two students who know the same amount of information but one can write better than the other, the one who can write better will get the better grade. It doesn't help to just know the facts, you have to be able to articulate them."

"These students who come to UMO with poor secondary school preparation are limited in their ability to articulate what they know," he continued. "It's a crime for which they are doubly punished."

The task force recommended that all colleges consider establishing requirements like those imposed by the College of Arts and Sciences. Under the college's new requirements, all new students at UMO, except those in the College of Engineering and Science must now pass Eh 1 (college composition).

In their report, the task force urged all instructors to use care when marking, analyzing and criticizing their student's written work, essays or exams. If the class size is too large to allow this, they suggested it be reduced.

Although it is difficult to judge whether faculty have become more concerned with their students' written work, Vice President of Academic Affairs James Clark feels that the Norton report received so much publicity that the problem of poor compositional skills has been brought closer to the faculty's consciousness. Although this may be favorable, Clark admits that many UMO faculty don't feel comfortable correcting composition because they don't think they are qualified.

It had also been suggested that UMO can alter its admissions and placement standards to convey the importance of teaching compositional skills to the secondary schools. This would help demonstrate UMO's expectation that these skills in the future would exceed those presently displayed.

"We can influence the high schools in two ways," Norton explained. "One way is to tell them that we will have certain criteria for admissions. This would be the direct approach where we'd say 'thou shalt teach composition' . . .

"The second method," he continued, "would work in a more direct way in the sense that most secondary school teachers in Maine are products of the UMaine system. If we improve the teachers we produce, we will improve our secondary schools."

Director of Admissions James A. Harmon feels, however, that UMO's expectations are already adequately communicated to the secondary schools in Maine. Using the declining verbal scores to indicate poorer preparation, he added, may be misleading because that drop only indicates a national trend.

Harmon explained that the admissions office tries to visit every school in the state of Maine and relate to instructors and guidance counselors what UMO's standard are. Nationally, he said, the standards of post secondary schools are often related by the College Board, of which UMO is a member, and the press. By comparing students' high school grades to their respective SAT scores, the admissions officers learn which high schools have tougher grade scales. This information, Harmon explained, is often related back to the schools and allows them to compare their programs to other schools.

The task force also determined that

many UMO undergraduates enter UMO with reading difficulties and have little opportunity once they get here to improve that disability. The force recommended a screening process where by all students with verbal scores below a certain level be isolated by admissions and that these students be required to take a reading test. According to Harmon, no such mechanism is presently being employed.

The task force also suggested that students who may have reading difficulties be referred to the UMO reading clinic and that the availability of such clinics be made better known to faculty and students.

Presently the only formal instruction given in UMO's only reading clinic, located in Fernald Hall, is a six-week graduate education course taught by Professor Robert Lowell during the summer. According to Lowell, the clinic is only used during the year on an individual referral basis and that no faculty positions exist to run the clinic.

Cutbacks made in the college in the past six years eliminated the two faculty positions that were designed to run the clinic. Although there are faculty members within the college who are able to teach reading, none of them have been hired for that purpose, Lowell said.

Students with reading difficulties are sometimes referred to the clinic but since there are no full time instructors, most of the students must work independently.

"We show the students who seek help what equipment we have and the material available to them, but they're entirely on their own," Lowell said. "I'll meet with them occasionally but it is very independent. And this is risky, because if a student is reluctant, he won't learn much. I know we've lost a lot of students because of that."

Lowell pointed out that where the clinic used to serve 50 to 60 students a week before the cutback, that number has dwindled to "almost nothing." There has not been a noticeable increase in the use of the clinic since the Norton report was published, Lowell said.

According to Lowell, one full-time instructor and two graduate students would be enough manpower to revive the clinic. But since the money for this is not available, Lowell suggest something else.

"One idea would be to get a fraternity or sorority to take on the project," he said. "We could teach 12 or so fraternity members the techniques for reading improvement and have them work with the other university students."

The task force concluded that a more complete development of general intellectual skills would require that mechanisms much like the one employed in the college of Arts and Science for compositional skills be used to test all incoming freshmen and upperclassmen on their mathematical skills. Norton explained that the quantified nature of our society demands that a knowledgeable person be well versed in mathematics.

"I don't ask that students know calculus," Norton said, "but I've had students who don't know how to multiply or divide . . . If students don't go into a discipline with rudimentary skills in math, they're limited in what they can achieve."

According to Prof. John Mairhuber, chairman of the mathematics department, such a program is not even being considered by his department. "Unless some policy is adopted by the university to authorize us to test students, there is nothing we can do," he said. He suggested that the Council of Colleges would be the authority that would have to approve the program.



Maine downed Vermont in UMO's only home track meet this spring [Steve Vaitones photo].

LaCasse wins pole vault

Tracksters demolish UVM, 102-50

by Steve Vaitones

Sweeps in the four throwing events lifted the UMO trackmen to a 102-50 win over Vermont at Alumni Field Wednesday afternoon. Maine gained an early lead over the Catamounts and were never really challenged.

The Bears took 1-2-3 in the shot put, discus, hammer, javelin, and pole vault. Al Sherrerd was the big point getter, winning the shot(45 feet 4 inches) and discus (145 feet 4 inches) and placing second in the

hammer. Steve Rines tossed the hammer 156 feet 10 inches for a win after placing runner-up to Sherrerd in the discus. John MacInness threw a fine 193 feet 9 inches in a stiff wind to lead the javeliners, and Dick LaCasse won the pole vault at 13 feet.

In the running events, Maine won both hurdle races and all races a quarter mile or longer. Ben Reed took the 120-yard high hurdles in 15.5 and Jon Simms set the only meet record in capturing the 440 intermediate hurdles in 55.9. Nick Tupper ran 51.1 to just win the 440, while Jim Boyle came from behind on the last turn to win an exciting half mile in 2:00.5. Mike Roddin and Bill Pike won the mile and two mile respectively in wind-slowed times (4:24.2, 9:45.2). Wrapping it up was the mile relay

four of Mike Burns, Nat Tupper, Ed Gott, and Nick Tupper who easily outdistanced the UVM foursome in a time of 3:36.6.

Coach Ed Styrna's charges end their meager dual-meet season undefeated at 2-0, having only the state meet and the Yankee Conference championship remaining for the full squad. A selected few will be competing this weekend at the Boston College Relays.

Maine Campus SPORTS



UMO's Rocky Carzo (left) scored a goal for Maine in an upset victory over Colby, 14-8 [Russ McKnight photo].

Black Bear lacrosse team upsets Colby, 14-8

by Charlotte McAtee

The UMO lacrosse club scored in the opening minutes of play against Colby and never trailed in defeating the visiting Mules 14-8 yesterday afternoon on Lengyel Field.

Kevin Colley drew first blood for the Black Bears on a bounced shot after a behind the goal centering pass. But the first quarter ended tied at 2-2 when a Colby goal was scored with 2 seconds left in the half.

After knocking a post to begin the second quarter, Maine received a man advantage on a Colby slash. A good overhand shot through a crowd resulted in a 3-2 Maine lead.

The advantage was short-lived, however, as Colby scored on an off-the-post rebound.

Another overhand shot resulted in UMO taking the lead again, 4-3. Then attackman Jim Kelley went to work, scoring three goals in a row. The first was scored on an excellent effort by the UMO veteran when he leapt into the air for a popped-up rebound and batted it in, outmuscling several Colby defensemen.

Kelley struck again on a shot over the Colby goalie and scored another after a pass from Larry Rousseau. The first half ended with Maine leading 7-3.

Rick Smith scored for Maine two minutes into the second half on a 25-foot bounce shot. Mark Humphrey made the score 9-3 Maine seven seconds later when he took a pass from the faceoff and raced down the left side for the goal.

A penalty to Maine resulted in a Colby goal, but Lenny Van Gaasbeek scored another for Maine on a shot from 25 feet in front to make the score 10-4.

A fast hard shot by Rocky Carzo and an alert pickup by Jeff Deacon in the Colby zone added two more goals to the UMO total. The third quarter ended with Maine leading 12-4.

Colby came back with four goals in the fourth quarter but Maine replied with two to make the final score 14-8. Damon White whipped a hard bounce shot past the Colby goalie from 25 feet out early in the quarter, and Kevin Colley closed out the scoring with his second goal of the game.

Maine's next game will be tomorrow against Nason College at 3 p.m. The game

will be played on Lengyel Field.

Goals: McAhane-1, Colley-2, Kelley-3, Smith-2, White-1, Van Gaasbeek-1, Deacon-1, Carzo-1, Humphrey-2.

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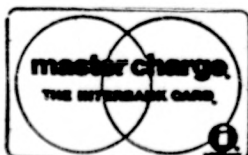
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