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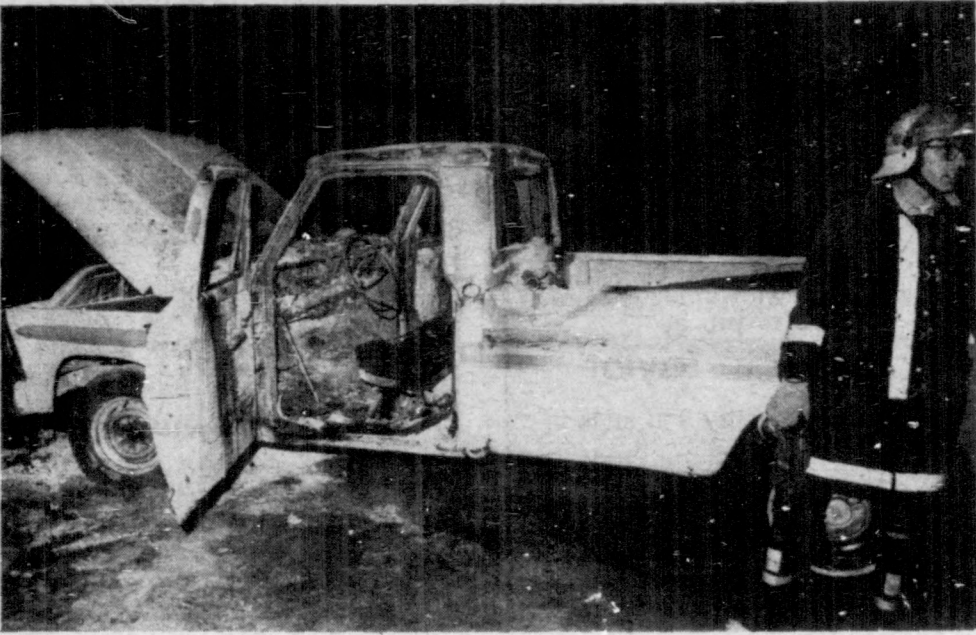
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# Maine Campus

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The remains of a truck, destroyed by fire after being stolen from the Alford Arena, sits behind Somerset Hall late Monday night. The Orono Fire Dept. arrived too late to save the truck. [Robin Hartford photo].

## Fire guts stolen truck, arsonist sought by police

by Keith Dutton and Dan Warren

A stolen pickup truck owned by a 23-year-old UMO sophomore from Belfast was destroyed by an arson's fire last night in an open lot in back of the UMO goldfish pond about 500 yards from Somerset Hall.

The truck, owned by Rand L. Erway who lives now at 43 Pine St., Orono, was spotted at 9:21 p.m. by UMO freshman Gary Speed who said it was empty and driving around in a circle with a flame shooting from the gas tank. UMO police spokesman Lt. LaForrest Dunton said the truck, a 1970 Ford had been left in gear.

The truck had been stolen earlier in the evening from the parking lot beside the Harold Alford Hockey Arena, Dunton said. Rand, a forestry major, had left the keys in the truck, he added.

The truck's gas cap had apparently been removed, Dunton said, and a rag had been placed in the tank and lit after the cap was replaced.

The fire caused an explosion that blew off the cap and blasted out the rear window, Dunton said. The interior was also destroyed, he added.

The site of the fire was an open lot located off a dirt road off Rangely Road, adjacent to the university's Public Information Central Services (PICS) building. The site, known as the "Stump dump," is used by the university to burn refuse.

The fire was extinguished by the Orono Town Fire Department which arrived approximately five minutes before the UMO truck.

The case will be investigated by the office of State Fire Marshal Donald M. Bissett, Dunton said.

Speed, a Chadbourne Hall resident, spotted the burning truck while he was looking out a friend's room in Somerset Hall. He notified the campus police who alerted area fire departments.

Dunton had no estimate of the damage to the truck.

### 100 stricken

## Food poisoning blamed for illness

by Bernie MacKinnon

Food poisoning has been blamed for a brief sickness that hit about 100 Wells complex residents last week with nausea, vomiting, fever and other symptoms.

Although test results from stool cultures are not yet back from Eastern Maine Medical Center, Cutler Health Center officials say salmonella, a bacteria often

## Teamsters want guns; trustees remain quiet

by Mark Mogensen

An official from the University of Maine chancellor's office admitted Monday that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters is seeking guns on the behalf of the UMO campus police.

Vice Chancellor of Employee Relations Samuel D'Amico admitted that there is "no question" that handguns is an issue in the police contract negotiations.

"I think there's been enough about handguns in the press to assume that it is an issue," D'Amico first said before later confirming, "There's no question one of the issues is the gun issue."

D'Amico refused to comment whether though, the university will accept guns at the negotiation table. "Just because the (Teamsters) union puts the issue on the table doesn't mean we have to bargain for it," D'Amico said.

Negotiations between the UM police and the UM administration have halted until Nov. 17 after "making good progress," according to Steve Cullen, organizer of the Eastern Conference of Teamsters.

Cullen said it could be several months before negotiations are finalized.

"It is not reasonable or fair to say we could wrap it up real soon, and we're looking at a couple more meetings," Cullen said.

Student leaders have spoken out against the possibility of police carrying handguns and the General Student Senate has passed a resolution saying the present police gun policy should be retained.

Police can now carry guns when entering vacant buildings, carrying large sums of money, pursuing persons known to be armed or working as bookstore security guards during busy seasons.

Other issues in negotiations will be wages, hours, vacations, working condi-

tions, terms of employment, fringe and medical benefits.

The university "management" first decides whether an issue is bargainable, D'Amico said. Then it is up to the campus or the union to decide if the issue will be brought before the bargaining table.

Although both administrators and police agree the issue of handguns has been placed before negotiators, both units refuse to indicate the administration's decision to accept or deny the issue.

"I'm a firm believer in some confidentiality...such as negotiations between the university and the Teamsters," D'Amico said, explaining the secrecy of the meetings. "I think it (information given to the press) might have some bad effect overall on negotiations."

Cullen agreed, "The reason we refuse to comment is that it won't aid the development of the collective bargaining process in general, it tends to pre-establish a position on a topic and it removes the flexibility for that topic for collective bargaining."

According to negotiations proceedings, if police representatives demand handguns as an issue during negotiations after university management refusal, an outside arbitrator is brought in to decide the matter.

Student leaders and those concerned with the handgun issue have lamented their lack of voice in negotiations. However, D'Amico said, "The students' voice will have an effect in the long run. It will reinforce whatever the campus policy is."

Cullen responded to D'Amico and the question of student interests: "While it is understood that the interests of students, as an impartial part of the committee, are a principal concern to us, it is unfortunate when a spokesperson encourages to pursue (continued on page 3)

## Budget cuts to blame

University of Maine Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy said Monday that Maine's last place national rank in its percentage increase of state appropriations of higher education could be attributed to "disastrous" budget cuts of two years ago.

A report published in the Chronicle of Higher Education last week showed that the state legislature's allocation for higher education has slipped 11 percent in two years, the largest slip among the 50 states.

The report also shows that Maine's overall legislated appropriation for higher education has

increased only 1 percent in two years.

However, McCarthy said, a careful reading of the report shows that it is comparing figures from two years ago, and that the 1 percent increase is misleading. He said appropriations had actually increased by 12 percent this year.

"Two years ago money was in short supply, and it is now," McCarthy said.

"The budget cut of two years ago was disastrous," he said. "Hopefully, we're coming out of it now."

found in poultry, probably caused the poisoning.

Betsy Battick, nursing services director at Cutler, says the outbreak will result in stricter supervision of food preparation in UMO dining halls.

The sickness hit all dormitories in Wells complex but was confined there. "Either the food was the source or one of the workers was contaminated," says Battick.

Salmonella poisoning causes inflammation of the lining membrane in the stomach and intestines (gastroenteritis), with consequent nausea, dehydration and sometimes fever and chills. The sickness usually lasts three to 24 hours.

Salmonella and staphylococcus bacteria are the two most common causes of food poisoning.

Sick students began trickling into the health center in the early hours of Tuesday, Oct. 25, and were soon arriving at a steady rate. Battick, suspecting food poisoning, contacted Ethel MacLeod, manager of the dining halls, from whom she obtained the previous day's menu. Chicken a la king had been served for Monday's lunch and ham steak for dinner.

A chart comparing foods eaten by sick students indicated that most had had chicken. Battick says she knows of students

who ate chicken and did not become ill, pointing to the possibility that only one or two batches were contaminated.

Most of the patients who had not eaten chicken had eaten eggs or salad. Dr. George Wood, assistant director of medical services, says that in view of this, "it is quite likely there were multiple food sources."

Battick told MacLeod to see that none of the remainder of Monday's food was served. Portions of it were packed in dry ice and sent to the labs of the health department in Augusta for scrutiny.

Battick met Tuesday morning with MacLeod, Wells cafeteria manager Evelyn Hart and complex coordinator Edward Keagle to review the menu and the illness rate of cafeteria workers. Keagle then had food history forms distributed in the dormitories and urged ill residents to go to Cutler.

In a Friday meeting which Battick termed "very helpful," she, MacLeod, health center Director Dr. Robert Graves and Residential Life Director H. Ross Moriarty discussed measures which might prevent future outbreaks of food poisoning on campus.

"This may have taught us something," (continued on page 9)



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# Police chiefs support campus guns

by Dave Billings

The heads of Maine police forces generally support the right of properly trained policemen to carry guns on a college campus. But at UMO, where the police are thought to be bargaining for the right to carry handguns, the police chief still refuses to give his opinion on the issue.

These were the findings of a recent survey of local law enforcement officials, as well as some from other parts of the state.

UMO police Chief Alan Reynolds, citing the fact that the contract negotiations are currently in progress, would not comment on his or the department's feelings about

guns on campus. He would only say that of the people who have contacted him about the controversy, "a majority seemed to think that we are armed already."

The campus police at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham have been armed for about two years. Bud Quinn, UMPG director of police and safety, said there was controversy—"a great deal at first"—but that now "it's a dead issue."

Quinn maintained that "guns are to better protect the campus," and said "if you're police, you're police."

At Bowdoin College in Brunswick, the security police do not carry guns, a situation which does not please Security Chief Lawrence Joy. He said his officers

don't carry guns because of "visions of students being hurt," but complained that "we have no means of protection."

He added, "We're there to protect the students, not to hurt them."

Brunswick Police Chief Dominic Vermette agreed with Joy. He said that before the Bowdoin security force existed, his officers, who are armed at all times, handled the security duties on campus, and that there was never any problem.

However, in Lewiston, Police Chief Lucien Longtin said "the security people at Bates (College) do not carry weapons," and he sees no problem with the situation. If a situation arises where handguns are needed, his officers take care of it, he said.

If the UMO police want guns, Longtin said, they should "make a study and come up with reasons."

The theory that local police can be called in in emergency situations is discounted by Old Town Police Chief Jack Paio. "That does you a hell of a lot of good if you're facing a guy with a weapon," he said. "Any police officer with power of arrest should carry a weapon."

Penobscot County Sheriff Otis LaBree felt the university should make a decision as to what kind of police force it wants. He said that if a full-fledged police department is desired, then "a police officer must carry the proper tools to make a proper arrest."

These sentiments were echoed by Portland Police Chief William McClaran. He admitted a college campus is "a different kind of community" and whether campus police should carry weapons "depends on the role they play."

But if the officers "have the full range of police powers" and are properly trained then it would be acceptable for them to carry guns, he said. However, McClaran said there should be "very, very stringent regulations" governing how they should be used.

Some campuses have apparently made the decision not to have an armed police force. At the University of Maine at Machias, the security guards carry only flashlights and two-way radios, according to Donald Crandemire, the physical plant director, who supervises the guards. He said, "I can't imagine what occasion there would be to need a gun," but that if such a situation did arise, local police would be called in.

Lieutenant Ralph Folsom, head of the Orono barracks of the Maine State Police, declined to make a judgment on the issue, saying he feels the university "has adequate management to make a decision." However, "the society we're living in is getting much more violent toward (policemen)," he said.

Bangor Police Chief Francis Woodhead refused to comment on the issue, and Orono Police Chief Thomas Landers could not be reached for comment.

## United Way approaching its goal

by John Donnelly

UMO's United Way campaign, winding into its final two weeks, has collected about 60 percent of its \$22,775 goal from the UMO community, its chairman said Monday.

Chairman Murray W. Bain, a UMO associate professor of microbiology, said he is "optimistic" about soliciting the rest of the money before the Nov. 14 deadline.

"We've done well so far," Bain said. "Students, faculty and university employees have been very generous. But we need more work. I'm optimistic, though, because several student groups have activities planned that will surely benefit the fund drive."

The United Way's goal of getting \$22,775 from the UMO community is divided into four parts, Bain said: \$12,377 from faculty; \$5,389 from professional

employees; \$2,224 from classified employees; and \$2,244 from students.

The UMO contribution is part of the Penobscot Valley goal of \$694,422.

The solicitation goals, Bain noted, were done by the local United Way budgeting committee and were based on salary figures and past local collections.

A total of 2,300 pledge cards were distributed to university employees Bain said. "We're trying to make people aware of these (the United Way's) services. The make up their minds with no coercion or pressure."

The Student Senate, Interdormitory Board (IDB) and Interfraternity Board (IFB) are supporting the campaign drive. Senate President Michael K. McGovern said the student government is assisting the organization because "it's a good charity. And no one likes being hit up for a million different things. This way you can

do it all at once."

Student activities such as a fast for one meal will take place "sometime this month", according to Warren Michaelson, IDB vice president.

Students can sign up to miss a meal and a portion of the meal cost will be given to United Way.

Student senators will also be soliciting funds in their housing facilities.

The United Way, Bain explained, is a "people-service industry." Every person in Penobscot Valley is eligible for the 24 supported agencies here.

Bain also noted that even though the United Way is a national organization, the money raised locally remains there.

Before an agency can become a member of the United Way they have to submit and justify their entire budget, he stated. And while the United Way doesn't fully find the agencies they accept, they depend heavily upon the United Way support.

Bain, who has now been involved in the United Way for four years, the last two as campus chairman, said "I believe in it. It's something I get a kick out of doing. It's worthwhile, for these agencies deal with people. They're not wasting money."

He also stressed that "the university is a community. We live, work and eat here. By supporting this we'd be going favors for ourselves. I anticipate we're going to make our goal. I have this gut feeling."

## ● Negotiations continue

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a position which could be exploited by the university at the table."

Students have also voiced concern that "the Teamsters seem to be deciding what is negotiable."

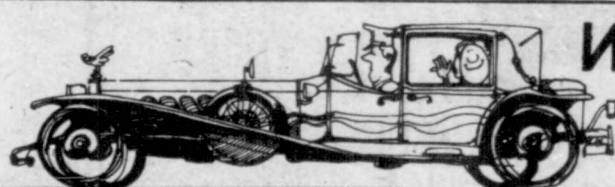
Student Government Secretary Phil Spalding said he feared the police unit may be dictating bargaining issues. "What do we have administrators for then?"

"If the police bargain for a policy that has always been decided by the university administration, does that mean the faculty will then be able to bargain for powers also now reserved for the administration?"

"The Teamster action of making handguns a bargaining issue is telling the

trustees (who gave their power of deciding handgun policy to separate campus administration) to take the power back," Spalding said, "so they can use it in negotiations between police and trustees."

"It makes you wonder who is running the negotiations, the trustees or the Teamsters," he added.



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## The private bargain

Emerging from a confounding maze created by gentlemen's agreements, vague legalities and mysterious, unidentified sources, the Campus is less than satisfied to report that a high-level administrator has confirmed that university police in this state wish to bargain for the right to carry guns. For awhile, it seemed those involved with negotiations would try to avoid confirming the gun request forever, and when fact has to be based on unconfirmed speculation, it creates a paradox. We journalists hate paradoxes.

But it's not so much the methods these professional bargainers have used to protect their clients best interest that irritates us now, because we're more concerned with what particular interests those clients have. Among other very important things, the police want guns, while on the other side of the bargaining table, the administration wants to provide our policemen with a contract as cheaply as they can. Both goals interest us, because if a bargain is made that provided the parties with their favored options, the result could contaminate the cultural atmosphere of this university and cause even more friction between this community and its police force. The furor that has accompanied the ominous arrival of the Teamsters union and the issue of guns to the bargaining table is an example of the alienation the student body on this campus will express toward an armed authority.

The obvious question to ask is whether this university's crime record is such that armed policemen are necessary to protect the tranquility of our campus. It is not.

Records over the last three years show a comforting absence of major class B crimes (which are the worst). The number of reported cases of rape, larceny and arson has shrunk

drastically in the past three years; the figures clearly define UMO's image of a peaceful university. We like the image, but by expressing the need to carry firearms, the police are portraying it as something totally different.

Another question students should ask is what they can do to prevent the policemen from acquiring the right to carry guns. The answer, unfortunately, is: very little. The negotiators are locked up in all too private bargaining battle and despite the direct effect their negotiations will have on those on this campus, students will have virtually no clout whatsoever in reaching the final decision. And the negotiators are not likely to share their priorities with us, because their bargaining position will only be weakened.

So the effort by those on this campus to block the police's request from going through, an effort that already includes a student collective bargaining petition drive, a GSS resolution and a UMO president's firm opposition, should continue to be strong. The only hope is that the administration's bargaining representatives recognize the strong sentiment that is surfacing here.

The police request to carry guns is an illegitimate whim, a curious ego trip, and an item that should not even be considered by the management of the university as a collective bargaining point. Although legal representation has not been provided to the community of this campus, or any campus for that matter, the administration should recognize a moral obligation to hear the public's side to the argument as well as the side of the police.



## Life at the Big O



Dan Warren

### Big band era?

I missed the Aztec Two-Step concert at UMO earlier this semester because I went home for the weekend. I missed Nils Lofgren and The Blend over Homecoming because I had RA duty that night. And I missed Pousette-Dart last Thursday because I had to work here at the Campus.

So it is understandable that I am looking forward with great anticipation to this spring's appearance at UMO of the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, James Taylor and the Doobie Brothers.

They'll all be appearing this spring, with the Beach Boys and Jimmy Buffett kicking things off April 20 on the UMO Football Field.

They'll be followed April 22 by John Prine and Wendy Waldman in Hauck Auditorium and on April 28 by the Doobies, Fleetwood Mac and Van Morrison with another "open air" concert on the football field.

Rounding out the concert schedule (the dates that have been confirmed so far, at least) will be: The Beach Boys and Kenny Rankin, May 4; James Taylor and Traffic, May 12; and the Friday of finals week, May 19, The Stones and a British backup band to be named later.

Is that all human waste and am I yanking your chain? Yes, badly.

And will the Beach Boy groupies, having been emotionally crushed, write nasty letters to our editor, J. Norman Sloan? Probably.

So, we have established that these concert schedule reports are untrue, exaggerated and that concerts of this magnitude could simply never come to UMO.

This is the accepted belief. But why?

Why is it we never or rarely ever get good, big-name stuff up here. And worse than that—why do people accept this myth that UMO will never be the Fillmore North of the far, far north?

I'll tell you why. Because, at least according to student government concert committee people (Susie Leonard excluded), "We could never make enough money on ticket sales to pay for a big name act."

That, in my opinion, is a bunch of brouhaha.

The aforementioned bands—the Biggies, at least—would steal maybe \$20,000, \$30,000 or \$40,000 a night. The Stones maybe more, especially if we had to pay Mick Jagger's admission to the Wilde-Stein dance.

But I am convinced we could really make it work. We could make The Big O the cultural center of the northeast, or at least every place northeast of Newport.

Here's how:

First of all, events would be held on the football field.

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You could sell tickets for \$6, \$7 and \$8 (they sell that high at UMPG and Colby on occasion) and gross anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000 a concert.

And I think there's little question that we could sell out for the Doobies, Springsteen or Seals and Crofts, etc.

Of course, with my commission of 20 percent per concert for the idea student government wouldn't be able to put much money in the bank, but it could take satisfaction in knowing that it was making some good bucks and keeping people happy.

There are snags to this play, I'm sure, snags that we'll probably read about in letters to the editor in Friday's Campus.

But concerts like this are worth discussing. Hell, who knows? Maybe I'd even be able to go to one.





## reader's opinion

*The Campus encourages letters from readers. To be published, letters must be signed and include an address, but names will be withheld upon request. Brief letters are advised, and all are subject to editing for grammar, good taste and available space.*

### The sad history of guns

To the Editor:

Let me first offer my congratulations to Ann Jeffrey, Bill Hammer and the other students who have led the petition drive against guns for the campus police except in extraordinary circumstances. Faculty should endorse the student petition or sign a separate faculty document on the subject. Copies are available from me. There is another item or two worth mentioning beyond the petition discussions thus far.

First, when funds appear inevitably the atmosphere is brutalized. The history of the American frontier is certainly evidence of that as is the great climb in death tolls from guns since their easy availability in this century. A comparison with Britain, France, or Canada is instructive in this regard.

Seconds, guns tend to intensify debate situations which are, after all, something of what the campus is about. If guns had been present on this (and other)

campuses in 1969 and 1970, the tragedies of Kent State, Orangeburg, Florence, Kansas State and Jackson State might very well have been multiplied many times. In a time of political strife guns only serve to accentuate the strife and the results are often final and disastrous. One only has to look at the photos and the telefilm of the last weeks riots at Kent State again to appreciate what guns have done to that campus.

Thirdly, and admittedly this is less likely, but it still is a potential problem when guns appear on the campus, though control can follow. Many Latin American universities, along with such places as the University of Uganda, are institutions where guns in the hands of the "police" have destroyed intellectual freedom within the last year or so. Maine is a long way away, but we should not take this first step to that place, either in the guise of collective bargaining, or to preserve job security, or for any

other reasons thus far put forward.

Sincerely,  
David C. Smith  
Professor of History

### Kent State in Orono

To the Editor:

I was shocked to read in the October 21st issue of this paper, that the campus police have been bargaining for the right to carry guns. Since then, I have been envisioning another Kent State right here in Orono. It has been proven that idle minds produce idle hands and who is more idle than one our beloved meter maids? Have you ever seen one of them without a ticket-book in hand? If they get what they want, a typical Monday newspaper might read:

"Orono student shot while reaching into pocket for driver's license. Officer Bill 'Quickdraw' McGraw stated that the deceased was illegally parked and when he requested the operator's license, he mistook the student's wallet for a 45." I, for one, do not want to become an accident.

Think for a moment about the various meanings for the word "contract." In a criminal sense, a contract is payment upon the killing of a predetermined person. The campus police seem to be using the term in two ways, then. In one way, they are trying to win a contract to keep their jobs and in another way they are taking out a "contract" on the student body by their mere presence as armed protectors on a campus that has no history of student violence.

In Ohio, roughly seven years ago, four students were killed as a result of a person who was given a gun but didn't have the emotional stability to handle it. These students were not protestors, but students after a good education who were victims of someone's decision to arm a militia and bring it on a campus. If we have any say at this campus, and our dollars say we do, we had better see that a decision on this will have our safety in mind and not just the satisfaction of some officer on an ego trip.

Tony Nedik

### In praise of Neville

To the Editor:

In the last few years I have raised my voice against Howard Neville on several occasions; it is my feeling that he, as the administrative head of our campus, should be more visible. Now I would like to raise my voice in appreciation to President Neville for his public proclamation concerning handguns.

The issue here is a difficult one to say the least. If the President remained silent this time many would hear that silence as an approval of guns. To speak publicly against the issue might

be construed as a statement which implies mistrust of the police. At this point it is important that we keep the issues clear. The President has not censured the police; he has spoken against the presence of handguns in our community and this I celebrate.

The public statements of President Neville on this issue are an important step and, I hope, an indicator of more open communications to come.

Shalom  
Phillip S. Crane  
Chaplain/Director, MCA

## Commentary — Terry Lombard

### We can't all be Renaissance men

When I fill out my course schedule, I consider my post-college endeavors first: career, graduate studies and self-fulfillment. After eliminating all courses that meet on Fridays, I find that I wind up with a mixed bag of subjects that happen to strike my carefully programmed fancy. In the process, I feel (in my senior year) that I have received a fairly (but not perfectly) well-rounded education.

Imagine my chagrin when a professor (who shall remain anonymous) trumpeted by well-meaning ignorance in front of an attentive art class. By selecting most of my own curriculum, the prof warned, I was blithely designing a haphazard educational quilt. At the very least, I had sentenced myself to a life of helter-skelter intellectual impotence. Worse, according to him, I wouldn't even realize what I was missing.

It turns out that there was one hope for salvation: If I marched over to the dean's office and demanded my rights to a liberal education, my mind would be set free. Through the carefully controlled application of judicious amounts of history, philosophy, science and the arts, I could become whole again. Inasmuch as it was Sunday and the middle of the summer, I decided instead to point out some of the absurdities in the professor's statement.

First off, it is precisely the type of required curriculum he calls for that stifles intellectual creativity. The true "gut" courses are designed to comply with academic requirements. They are usually watered-down creations pursued not for their intrinsic worth but to comply with the registrar's balance sheet. As for me, the prospect of being forced to submit to a twice-weekly lecture on

"the Philosophy of Art as Reflected in Western Thought"—along with 150 fidgety, chem majors—boggles the mind.

Required courses tend to be dull, stolid affairs because of the lack of initiative on the part of both the teacher and the student. The professor is generally a junior member of the faculty, or he wouldn't have got stuck with the unenviable assignment. His tenured colleagues happily while away their hours researching and teaching their specialties, while he battles the uninterested hordes. The student is resentful because he is force-fed intellectual tidbits, and so he approaches the courses with the idea of exerting minimal required effort.

I hereby confess. As I eagerly await my bachelor's degree, I will not have taken a course in philosophy or art, as such. Although this is a necessary "curriculum vitae" for an education individual in the unnamed professor's plan, I believe I will be able cerebrally to limp along without it. Perhaps it was the pragmatism expressed by William James that was taught in history. Maybe it was political philosophies ranging from Plato to John Locke and up to Gary Wills that we analyzed in political science, that gave me the confidence to forego a straight philosophy course. As for requiring art (or music), it is not only pompous but insufferably banal to inflict another person's aesthetics on an unfortunate student.

The educational reforms won by campus rebels in the 1960s had a definite point. "Relevant" courses are far more likely to parallel real-life situations than purely academic material. Granted, watching soap operas for credit might be carrying

relevancy a bit too far. Yet countless millions of Americans are far more concerned about the disappearance of Mary Hartman! Mary Hartman! than the paucity of Ming vases.

Students must take into consideration the unemployment rolls when planning their education. In 1957, when strict course requirements were in vogue, only a modest three million students were pursuing a college degree. Today, there are over 10 million eager young minds chasing a sheepskin, with an eye on a career. The classifieds are chock-full of listings for engineers and computer specialists, but contain precious few solicitings for "liberal-arts persons." The number of students seeking their degree in the letters has taken a steady nosedive in recent years. From 1970 to 1975, according to figures from HEW, the number of liberal-arts degrees

awarded dropped by 21%.

The problem is that my professor and others view college as a sheltered way-station between high school and the adult world. For them, freedom of choice should be made available to hamburger-stand patrons—but not to tomorrow's leaders. If this professor found out he could not independently plot out a liberal education for himself using a class schedule and a pencil with a sturdy eraser, I feel very sorry for him indeed, particularly since he has wasted 15 grand and 4 years of his time.

Still, his effort to make Renaissance men and women out of us all is not appreciated. "Let the value of everything be determined afresh by you," is Nietzsche's reminder. Intellectual flexibility cannot be enforced by dredging up outdated standards.

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## Analysis:

# Marxist economist speaks

by Linda Kellman

Paul Sweezy, a well known Marxian economist and co-author of "Monopoly Capitalism," spoke recently to a capacity crowd of about 150 in Little Hall. Using "American Capitalism in Crisis" as his format, he outlined the chronic cycle of crises that have plagued our economic system since the Civil War.

According to Sweezy, this is a very sick system indeed. Unable to sustain a healthy level of production, American capitalism is dependent on outside help to counteract depressions. These external stimuli come in the form of wars (the bigger the better), and, "epoch making innovations" such as the steam engine, the railroad, and the automobile. But alas, no such "blessings" are presently in sight to bail us out of the present crisis which Sweezy refers to as a "crisis ridden stagnation" and is a distinct phenomenon of the twentieth century, a different animal altogether than the old-fashioned depression of the preceding century.

Looking at the present economy, Sweezy pinpointed the start of the decline with the Southeast Asian fiasco, followed closely by Nixon's New Economic Policy in which the Dollar-Gold convertibility scheme of Bretton Woods conference was suspended. With the decline of our International Trade and Monetary system, we are already seeing the first signs of a trade war between the industrial states. An important point stressed by Sweezy is the fact that capitalism is a global system with ramifications that reach into every corner of the "free world." In fact, Europe has had to come to grips with the present cycle much sooner than we.

But, not only are we in the midst of a business cycle, Sweezy pointed to some ominous indicators that make the present economy comparable to the 1930s. 1977 is the third year of a cyclical upswing, and yet investment is below the peak reached in previous cycles. Using steel as a key indicator, he noted capacity has been reduced, something "unheard of in a previous period of cyclical upswing."

But there is still hope for the beleaguered bourgeoisie. Looking again at Europe, Sweezy noted that increased pressure had forced the ruling class to better organize and plan its production under a central authority. Yet it's easier for Europeans to make the move toward "State Capitalism" with their centralized government which is not beset with (and controlled by) vested interests.

Even if capitalism is incapable of producing its own "pump priming" devices, Sweezy did concede that the powerful sector of American society which benefits from the system (even during stagnation), has ample resources, military, political, and economic, with which to hang onto power. This sector will continue to exert a retarding influence on any move either towards socialism or the attempt to make capitalism more rational.

*Editor's Note: Linda Kellman, a senior, is an international affairs major and president of the International Relations and Politics club.*

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## Congressional internships available

by Kate Ramsay

UMO students will have the opportunity to participate as congressional interns in Washington D.C. during the spring semester, according to Kenneth T. Palmer, director of the program.

"Five or six UMO students will have the chance to work in Washington for members of Maine's congressional delegation," said Palmer, a UMO associate professor of political science.

The program is set up so interns work in Washington for a period of five months—from February through June—while receiving nine credit hours from the university for the work they do while they are there.

Each intern is responsible for finding his own place to live, Palmer said, but the program provides a modest stipend for the student who helps equalize the costs of living in Washington with the comparable cost of living at UMO.

The program is open to all UMO juniors and seniors regardless of major, Palmer said. He added that in the past, applications have primarily been political science students, although no one type of student tends to do any better than another.

The selection committee, which is made up of faculty and interns from the past year, looks for the well-rounded student, Palmer said. "We look for those students who have the ability to do the work of a congressional staff person. We like to pick students who can be flexible and who will be able to do different kinds of work," he said.

Applications for the program are now available in the political science department office on the second floor of North Stevens. The application deadline is Nov. 3.

## Presque Isle senate elects new president following "fraud"

by Andrea Cronkite

Andrew Colby was elected University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) student senate president Wednesday after the former president, David Coffey, resigned.

Coffey resigned Oct. 20 after learning that there had been "ballot-box stuffing" on his behalf during last spring's presidential election, said Steve Smith, senate secretary.

Before Coffey's resignation, two petitions had been filed this semester by student senators asking Coffey to resign because some senators were disturbed with his involvement in "the Way," Smith said.

The Way is a religious organization which emphasizes personal Biblical research and principles rather than formal religion.

"He didn't try to force his religion on the senate, he just became too involved with it," Smith said. "He was disagreeable and wouldn't work with the senate." Coffey did not answer the petitions, and he had no plans to resign until he learned of the election fraud, Smith said.

"They would have had to impeach him," Smith said, but no impeachment proceedings had been started.

Coffey could not be reached for comment.

Colby was the only candidate printed on the ballot in Wednesday's election, but UMPI student Mark Atkins said Coffey received about eight write-in votes.



# Student affairs vice president search begins

by Mark Tremblay

A search committee for a new vice president for student affairs has been established to replace Arthur B. Kaplan, who resigned the post several weeks ago for another job.

Committee members include Dwight L. Rideout, acting vice president for student

affairs; James M. Clark, vice president for academic affairs; John M. Blake, vice president for finance and administration; Charles Grant, counseling center director; Neal Davis, Residential Life assistant director and Betsy Battick, Cutler Health Center nurse administrator.

Also, Guvenç Alpander, professor of management; Richard Emerick, anthro-

pology professor; Donna Evans, associate professor of education; Ruth Nadelhaft, associate professor of English; Oscar Weigang, chemistry department chairman; John Wolford, animal and veterinary sciences department chairman.

Also, Inter-Dormitory Board President Ivy Elfring; Student Government President Michael K. McGovern; BCC Student Government President Linda Caron and Don Morency.

The committee's primary responsibilities will be to choose a new vice president for student affairs, based on qualifications that have been determined by the committee and President Neville. The committee is advertising the position through the media, the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Equal Employment Office and other areas of employment information.

Applications for the job are being accepted until Nov. 15, and Jan. 1, 1978 is the preferred starting date. About 30 applications for the position have presently been received, "but we expect well over

100 before the Nov. 15 deadline," says James Clark, secretary of the Standing Appointments Committee.

Minimum qualifications for the job include an earned doctorate or the equivalent, at least five years experience in higher education teaching and administration, evidence of successful experiences in working with students—or student organizations, experience in budgetary planning, fiscal administration and program and staff evaluation.

The committee is also looking for an individual who possesses leadership ability, professional creativity and effectiveness in interpersonal relations.

The vice president for student affairs reports to the university president and is responsible for the planning, development and evaluation of all student services, programs, staffing and budget, overseeing a professional staff of 110.

The salary for the position is negotiable depending on the individual's experience and qualifications.

## ● Contamination causes illness

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says Battick. "I think we will be having more in-service education on food handling and preparation. We'll make sure the cafeteria staffs know where the handwashing stations are. There will be more careful inspection of machinery.

"And we'll further encourage the reporting of illnesses among workers," she continued. "The health center will be taking a more active role in monitoring the health of cafeteria workers."

While checking up on the workers Battick found that their compliance with the regulation requiring a yearly stool sample from each of them "left much to be desired." The samples are tested to find if the workers are in adequate health. The rule will be enforced more strictly from now on, Battick says. An annual sample is not required of student workers but she

says that "a decision has to be made on whether to change this."

At the Friday meeting, they also discussed simplifying procedures by which a worker may report an illness. Workers have also not been adhering enough to the rule requiring a physical examination after an illness, Battick adds, and this will not be better enforced.


Forty to 50 students were treated at the health center during the outbreak. Wood says, "I am sure there were at least as many who were sick who we didn't see because they weren't as bad as the others." There is a lot of variation in individual reactions to the bacteria.

Seven patients had to stay overnight at the health center. While the majority of those treated were sick for less than a day, a few cases lasted two days.

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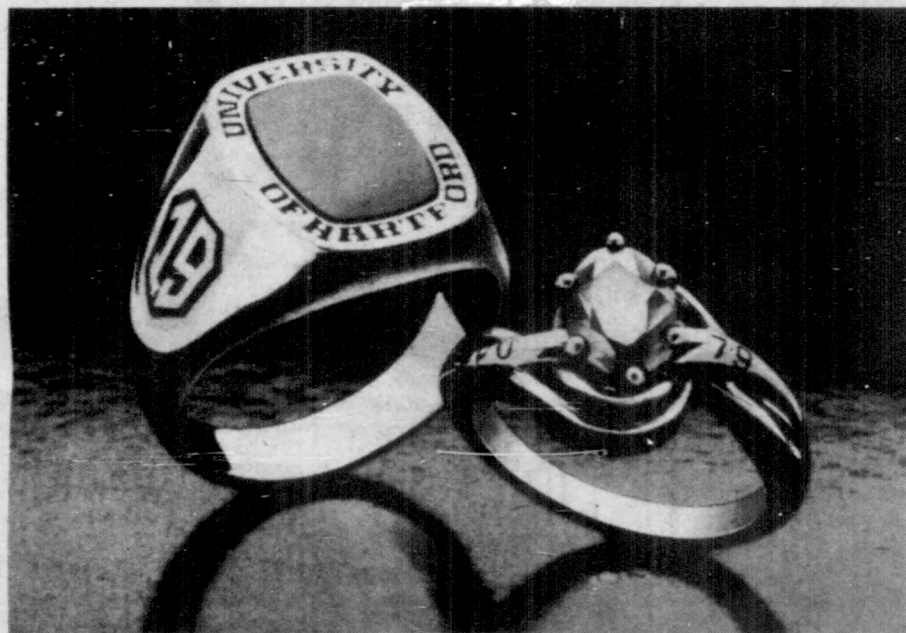
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## Vandalism and thefts plague student autos

by Bernie MacKinnon

Vandals throwing chunks of asphalt broke windows at spots along College Avenue Sunday night, police say, causing \$800 damage, mostly to cars in campus parking lots.

In addition, thieves who "knew what they were doing" stole four tires and their wheels from Stodder parking lot and the lot of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) building sometime the same night.

In the parking lot adjacent to Alford Arena, the windows of a station wagon were shattered. Damage was \$325, police estimate, while the broken window of another car cost \$75.

A \$100 car windshield was also broken in the West Chadbourne parking lot. Four window panes totaling \$50 were put out at the steam plant, and in its parking lot the \$175 windshield of a Thunderbird was shattered. Another car had its \$75 rear windshield smashed.

Thieves stole two tires and their wheels from different cars in Stodder lot. The first tire and its wheel were worth \$100, police say, while the other tire, a retread, was worth \$45 with its wheel.

"I don't know how professional they were but they knew what they were doing and what they were after," says UMO Detective Mildred Cannon. "It seems they chose the tires and worked fast."

More theft and criminal mischief takes place in Stodder parking lot than any other on campus, due to its close proximity to College Avenue and poor lighting. Police say they are compiling crime statistics relating to the lot.

Two tires and their wheels, worth \$240, were also taken from a car in the USDA building parking lot across from York complex.

The tires were different sizes and could not have been for the same car, prompting Cannon to say, "It almost looks like they were stolen to order."

Police could not say whether a \$150 car windshield broken in the USDA lot was the work of the same vandals who struck along College Avenue.

## Lowdown

Tuesday, November 1

7 p.m. Informational meeting for fall semester on Study Abroad Opportunities. Members of the UMO Study Abroad Committee will be present. All interested students and faculty are welcome. 100 English-Math.

7 p.m. Meeting of the Orono Young Democrats. Plans for the upcoming Y.D. Convention will be discussed. All members are asked to attend. South Lown Room, Memorial Union.

7 p.m. Forestry Club meeting: Dick Griffith, chief forester of St. Regis, will speak on "Forest Management and Logging Practices of St. Regis." 100 Nutting.

7:30 p.m. Two films presented by the Maine Peace Action Committee: "Last Grave at Dimbazwa" and "A Lutta Continua." Admission is 50 cents and child care will be provided. 101 English-Math.

6:30 p.m. Free-Live Performance—Peter Griffith. This show will be taped tonight in the studios of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network beginning at 6:30 p.m. The studios are located on the 2nd floor of Alumni Hall. There are a limited number of seats available.

Thursday, November 3

7 p.m. Ecknagar, the ancient science of Soul Travel, meets in the International Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Equal Time discussion: "Atheism." Canterbury Room (across from MCA).

8 p.m. DLS Jeremy Rifkin—"Who Should Play God?" Hauck.

Friday, November 4

Advance ticket sale for David Frye begins in the Memorial Union, and will last all next week until the November 11 show.

8 p.m. Bill Chinnock Band and TBA. Memorial Gym.



# Maine Campus SPORTS

## Hockey team making progress for season opener Nov. 18

"We gave a good account of ourselves and gained valuable experience," University of Maine at Orono hockey coach Jack Semler said after last Saturday's controlled scrimmage against powerful Merrimack.

Semler, head coach of the Black Bears in their first varsity campaign, reported that pre-season practice is progressing very well as the squad gets closer to the season opener against Acadia Nov. 18 at the Alford Arena. The freshmen-laden Bears took on a Merrimack squad that captured the ECAC Division Two title last winter and Semler liked what he saw.

"I was pleased that our freshman defensemen played well in a demanding scrimmage. While our defense needs more discipline and our forwards must improve in our defensive zone, we hustled, passed the puck well and played as a team," Semler points out.

Semler singled out goalie Jim Tortorella for his fine performance, as well as goalie Jeff Nord, who saw limited action.

Semler said the Bears will not elect a team captain this season, but instead will name game captains.

The Black Bears will host Acadia both Friday and Saturday (Nov. 18-19) and will entertain Salem State on Nov. 26 before competing at Northeastern Dec. 1 in the team's first road meeting of the season.

The Bears' home rink, the Alford Arena, will be dedicated prior to the first Acadia game at 7:30 p.m. After opening remarks by UMO President Howard R. Neville, Harold Alford of Waterville, for whom the arena is named, will be introduced and will drop the ceremonial first puck before the Bears take to the ice against their Canadian opponents.



UMO Men's swimming coach Alan Switzer, talks over strategy with, Left to right; Peter Farragher, Mark Lazuk, and Jimmy Farragher in preparation for Friday's Rookie-Veteran swim meet. (Phil Roy photo).

## Men rookies, veterans face off in swim team's opening meet

by Brian Seaward

The Black Bear men's swim team will take to the water Friday Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Stanley Wallace Pool, with their first pre-season meet as they prepare for the fourth annual "Rookie-Veteran" meet.

The scrimmage will divide this year's freshmen and transfers against last year's second place New England swim team, and according to head coach Alan Switzer, "The outcome is unpredictable."

In last year's meet, the freshmen pulled a startling upset over the former New England swimming champions. This year the veterans hope to regain the coveted title.

Providing the nucleus of depth for the upperclassmen are: seniors, Bob Stedman (freestyle) and Jamie LaRochelle (freestyle and butterfly); juniors, Jim Smoragiewicz (backstroke), Ron Pospisil, (freestyle), Don Winant (breaststroke and individual medley); and sophomores, Bob Marshall (freestyle) and John Judge (breaststroke).

The Rookie roster includes; sophomore transfers Mark Lazuk (distance freestyle) and Bob Hopke (freestyle), Freshmen Jim Chuidioni (breaststroke and individual medley), Bob Grealy (distance freestyle), Peter Farragher (backstroke and freestyle) Greg Brett (breaststroke) and Ed Colbert (butterfly).

The diving events will be strengthened by National Junior College Diving Champion Lance Graham, and Wright Ferguson who will compete against senior Rolf Olsen to fill the vacancy left by Roy Warren.

Both the rookies and the veterans have been putting in many hard hours to prepare for the Penn State Relay Championships to be held Dec. 3.

UMaine will make its debut at the championships with strong freestyle and breaststroke relays in an effort to gain regional recognition throughout the East coast with strong competition from Harvard, Bucknell University, North Carolina State and Yale University.

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Tight end Dave Higgins looks for daylight after receiving a kickoff in Saturday's action against Albany State. [Phil Roy photo].



UMO safety Dave Harrison wrestles down an Albany State player in Saturday's game. Looking to help Harrison are No. 86 Jay Kelly and No. 89 Chris Keating. [Phil Roy photo].

## Last second field goal nips Black Bears

by Kevin Burnham

Albany State's Larry Leibowitz kicked a 19-yard field goal with one second remaining in the game Saturday, as the UMO Black Bears lost a close but wide open football game, 42-39.

The field goal came after Maine's Mike Cosgrove blocked a previous attempt but the play was nullified because of an offside call against Maine.

It was a heartbreaking loss for the Black Bears, who were hoping for a winning season. The best they can hope for is .500 campaign with a 3-5 record and two games remaining.

Albany State took an early 6-0 lead in the game as they marched 69 yards in eight plays with running back Glenn Sowalskie taking a pitch from quarterback Brad Aldrich and running 18 yards for the score. The two-point conversion pass was incomplete.

Maine then went to work themselves as they scored on a 54-yard drive with Rudy DiPietro going over from the one. Mike Hodgson's extra point kick was good giving

Maine a 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

DiPietro ran for 118 yards on 29 carries and scored one touchdown in the game.

Maine scored twice in the second quarter on touchdowns by receivers Stan LaPointe and Robbie Carmichael. Carmichael's touchdown came on a deflected pass from quarterback Jack Cosgrove. The ball popped into the air and Carmichael was in the end zone waiting for the ball to come down.

Albany State countered with a touchdown and a field goal in the second quarter as Maine held on to a slim 21-17 halftime lead.

Cosgrove, who had one of his finest days at quarterback completing 14 of 23 passes for 277 yards, came out throwing in the third quarter. Passes to Hodgson and LaPointe keyed a 75-yard touchdown drive with fullback Pete Keenan scoring on a four yard run.

Mousterback Mike Gerber kicked the extra point as Hodgson was injured.

A pass from halfback Bill Ziemann to split end Scott Lusher covering 47 yards

keyed an Albany State scoring drive in less than two minutes after Maine scored. The two-point conversion run made the score 28-25 with Maine in the lead.

Two more touchdowns by Albany State, one on a 66-yard run by running back Sam Halliston, gave them a 39-28 lead with 2:23 left in the third quarter.

Cosgrove went to work again against the Albany State defensive backs as Maine scored on a 35-yard pass to wide receiver Rich McCormick. A two point conversion run by DiPietro made the score 39-36 at the end of the third quarter.

Maine tied the score with 11:39 to go in

the game on a 36-yard field goal by Gerber.

From then on, it seemed as though both teams were trying to give the game away as Maine was intercepted twice and Albany State fumbled twice in the remainder of the game.

An interception by linebacker Don Hyde at the Maine 40 yard line keyed the game winning drive by Albany State with just 2:24 to play.

Maine plays at Northeastern on Nov. 5 and then returns home on Nov. 12 to face Boston University in the Bears final game.

## Men harriers fourth in conference meet

The cross country team finished fourth in the Yankee Conference meet Saturday at Rhode Island, Massachusetts again winning the team title.

UMass, with 29 points, easily beat Connecticut (61), who was also the runner-up last year. New Hampshire, with 78, was third, followed by Maine (99), Boston University (116), Vermont (166) and URI (174).

Mike Quinn of UMass won his second straight individual title, running a 24:12 over the five miles to beat UNH's Gary Crossan by eight seconds. Frank Carrol of UMass and George Reed of UNH came next, with former Maine runner Tim Kane of UConn sixth, behind his teammate Pat O'Neill.

As usual, Pete Brigham led the Black Bears, coming in twelfth. "I lost all my distance background during my recent illness," said Brigham. "It was tough to keep up with the pace the leaders were setting." Phil Garland was 16th, and Sam Pelletier, who injured his hip in a fall at the start, was 22nd.

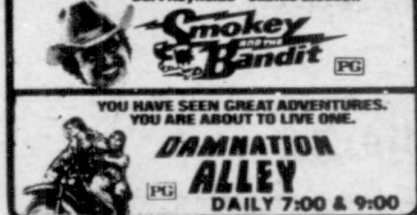
Sam Hamilton (23rd) and Mike Westphal (26th) were the other Maine scorers.

The Bears return to action this Saturday at the New England championships in Boston. They will have teams entered in both the varsity and sub-varsity races. Providence is the favorite in both divisions with the biggest challenge to them presented by UMass and Northeastern.

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