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Midweek

Maine Campus

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President Jimmy Carter addresses an audience of about 3000 persons Friday night during Bangor's town meeting at the Bangor Auditorium. Carter spoke and answered questions for an hour and a half before retiring for the night at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Murray in Bangor. Many members of the university community attended the meeting, including Arthur Guesman [seated far right with wife] a UMO professor. [Photo by Robin Hartford].

Police to picket campus

UMO policemen, members of the local 340 Teamsters Union, plan to start picketing university entrances today in protest on what they claim is a breakdown in contract negotiations.

"The mediation between the Teamsters and the university is stopped," police spokesman Gerald Scott said Monday. "They haven't scheduled another meeting for two weeks, and it's been seven months now that we've been working without a contract."

Members of the UMO police department voted to join the Teamsters last summer, and relations between policemen and University of Maine administrators have become increasingly strained since then. Spokesman Scott said the picket lines will be set up at each of the four main entrances to the Orono campus.

"This is going to strictly an informational picket," he explained. "We can't stop any trucks from coming through, but if they'd like to honor our informational picket, they can."

The picket lines, according to Scott, will be manned by off-duty policemen and by student volunteers from several local fraternity houses. University employees are forbidden by Maine law from striking, regardless of their union affiliation.

Scott said the picket lines will be manned during UMO's 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. working hours, until negotiations get back on track again.

Today's picketing won't mark the first time UMO police have employed such tactics. During the break between semesters, they picketed the Orono campus for several days, and a late January meeting of the University of Maine trustees was similarly picketed.

In addition, police at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham have been picketing both campuses at the school since mid-January.

According to Scott, today's picketing came as a result of a meeting of policemen about two weeks ago. After the decision had been made to go ahead with the picket, (continued on page three)

Students, faculty enjoy Carter visit

Ann Harrison couldn't pick everyone she would have liked to Friday night, and some of the people she didn't pick got "very upset" with her. But for Harrison, a UMO sophomore, it was all part of the job—of being a moderator for President Jimmy Carter's town meeting at the Bangor Auditorium.

"A lot of people got very upset that I didn't pick them," said Harrison, one of seven UMO women picked to serve as moderators at the meeting.

Harrison said she fell into the job when the Secret Service contacted her sorority—Chi Omega—asking for volunteers to help coordinate the meeting.

On Thursday night, Harrison and other members of the sorority assisted with the secret service at the auditorium at 10 p.m. At a meeting that lasted until 2 a.m. Friday morning, they were given their choice of jobs. Harrison chose that of moderator.

Friday night, just several minutes before the president arrived at the auditorium, Harrison went to work. "I picked four people, and they all got to ask the president questions." During the short moments in which she was allotted to choose the four, Harrison said she was "oblivious to what was going on at the time. I was just glad to get it over with."

"How can you be fair when you're choosing people?" she continued, adding that "I was just having a great time doing what I was doing."

Harrison's delight at recalling events over the weekend was shared by others around UMO, who all agreed that they were impressed by the president. Arthur D. Guesman, chairman of the journalism department, had the pleasurable experience of sitting in the front row of the town meeting—a mere 12 to 15 feet from the president.

Guesman said his wife and daughter arrived at the auditorium shortly after 5 p.m. Friday, and were behind about 200 other persons in the rapidly expanding line outside the auditorium.

When the gates were opened and the Guesman family filed in, they spotted four seats still untaken in the front row. "I just assumed they were reserved for some VIP's, but my daughter insisted on going up and asking a secret serviceman," Guesman said. "He told her the seats were ours for the taking."

For Guesman, the front row seating held more than the opportunity to see the president from close range: he also got to shake Carter's hand both as the president came in and left.

But Guesman's 17-year-old daughter has what is perhaps the best story to tell. Lee Guesman asked Carter for an autograph as (continued on page five)

550 cans on the wall

Collector searches dumps for beer cans

by Sharon Deveau

The Pilgrims sailed to America from England with three important items: sailors, food and beer. Forty 250-gallon casks were loaded on ship for the journey, but the sailors proved to be a thirsty group.

By the time the sailors reached land they were startled to learn that they had drunk it all. They threatened to mutiny if they did

This incident, says Kurt Anderson, a UMO advertising major, illustrates what he calls the "major role beer played in the history of America." Anderson, a self-described "beer enthusiast," collects beer cans.

Since the day ten years ago when he began gathering cans while walking down the roadside, Anderson has watched his collection grow to 550 cans of many sizes and shapes from all over the United States and the world.

Although he has been offered \$1,000 for his collection, Anderson says it's still "relatively small." When you consider that there have been 14,000 different cans made since their invention in 1935, 550 cans aren't that many," he adds.

The best place to pick up cans, Anderson says, is at a dump but he emphasizes, "By walking along the side of the road you can find a lot of national brands like Budweiser and Schlitz."

Once his interest in beer cans was known, his family and friends pitched in to help him, Anderson recalls. "My father does quite a bit of traveling and I have some friends who are pilots stationed in Korea, and they bring me homes cans whenever they get a chance."

Beer can collecting has risen so much in popularity, says Anderson, that collectors are popping up all over. The American Beer Can Collectors Association holds a convention each year, explains Anderson, "so collectors can get together and trade among themselves." This year's will be held in Milwaukee, Wis.

Most collectors keep extra cans on hand so they can trade with others. The association discourages selling them because that way you're helping someone else's collection as well as your own," he says.

Anderson's beer cans come from such

foreign countries as India, Cuba, Japan, Puerto Rico, Sweden, England, Ireland and Germany. The largest can in his collection comes from Lawrence, Mass. Made for a beer company named Hollihan's, the can holds two gallons. In England, Anderson says, it's commonplace for beer drinkers to buy 64 ounce cans and drink them themselves.

Not only does Anderson collect beer cans but he also makes his own every year. "The law allows an individual to brew up to five gallons, so I make my own kind of dark beer. It usually takes about a month."

To keep up with the ever-increasing number of collectors, Anderson says the breweries are now making cans especially for them. Two years ago, he decided to make several tables out of Narragansett and Falstaff Bicentennial cans. "I had to make use 144 cans for each table, glue (continued on page two)

Campus Corner

not go ashore at what is now called Plymouth Rock.

"We have drained all our resources, especially our beer," they are recorded as saying in manuscripts. Thus their hopes to travel farther south were discouraged because of their longing for beer.

LOWDOWN

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 p.m. Study skill seminar on time management, Lewiston Hall Lounge, third floor, BCC.

7 p.m. Dr. John Stanley of the Fisheries Research Unit will speak on "Grass Carp: A Threat to Wildlife," 100 Nutting Hall.

7 to 9 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, Peabody Lounge, Memorial Union. All welcome.

Wednesday, February 22

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders being taken for caps and gowns and announcements, FFA Rooms, Memorial Union.

2 to 8 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile, Corbett Hall basement.

6:30 p.m. Study skill seminar on time management, York Hall, small dining room.

7 to 9 p.m. Social Work Action Corp movie on aging "Pege," a discussion will follow this film, 100 English-Math.

7:30 p.m. "The Martian Trilogy" Hauck Auditorium, Memorial Union. Tickets on sale outside the Bear's Den 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. UMO students, 75 cents; others \$1.50.

Thursday, February 23

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders being taken for caps and gowns and announcements, FFA Room, Memorial Union.

6:30 p.m. Study Skill seminar on time management, Stewart Complex small dining room.

7 p.m. Illustrated lecture "Folk Architecture and Social Revolution" by Dr. Henry Glassie, head of the department of folklore and folklife, University of Pennsylvania, 120 Little Hall.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders being taken on caps and gowns and announcements, South Lown Room, Memorial Union.

Students enrolled in EdB2 and H2 who have not signed up for the required speech test, must report to 105 Shibles Hall no later than Wednesday, Feb. 22, to schedule an appointment.

Notice to 1978-79 student teachers: applications are now available for students planning to student teach during the Fall or Spring 1979 semesters at 105 Shibles Hall, Monday to Friday, 8 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Deadline for the applications is Friday, March 3.

Students protest paying for dormitory damages

by Randy Dustin

A number of students have complained about Residential Life's policy of charging dormitory residents for damage to public areas when the responsible people cannot be determined, according to a Student Legal Services spokesman. Protests from Dunn Hall residents turned out to be successful Thursday when damage charges for broken window panes were dropped.

According to a Resident Assistant, the students had been asked to pay 15 cents each to cover the cost of replacing four panes of glass. A failure to pay the charge would have resulted in a \$3 debit added to the student's university bill.

Several students felt that the charge was unfair because the circumstances of the incident indicated that it was not a Dunn Hall resident who caused the damage.

Billing students for unassigned damage is a university policy, according to Zig Kachan, Wells Complex business manager. "It states on the contract that each dorm resident signs that they may be held responsible for unassigned damage to public areas," he said.

The contract defines public areas as common rooms, corridors, and stairwells.

Kachan said that dorm damage boards have been formed for the purpose of assessing damage and deciding who should be held responsible. The boards consist of a student representative from each section of the dorm.

"The dorm damage board tries to establish who is responsible. If they conclude that the damage was done by a dorm resident, but they don't know who, then a section, floor or the whole dorm may be billed. If it was done by someone outside, I don't ask students to pay," Kachan said.

Kachan said that asking students to pay for unassigned damage is not unfair or unreasonable. "Eventually, if no one paid for the damage it could lead to increased tuition. If a student doesn't pay, he is billed at least \$3," he said. "The policy is

to avoid this by bringing the problem to the responsible party, if possible," he said.

Several students who objected to the billing claimed that the business office had mismanaged funds set aside to pay for unassigned damage. Kachan dismissed this complaint. "Damage done by students is not budgeted into the maintenance budget, but it ends up coming out of there. Any damage to facilities is taken from maintenance funds designed to cover regular wear and tear. We have a lot less money to spend now because much of it is spent on problems discovered early in the year," he said.

Some students expressed doubt over whether it actually costs 24 dollars to replace four 12.5- by 9.5-inch glass panes in the same window frame. Kachan said that the costs include materials, transportation, and labor.

Replacing a pane of glass takes an hour on the average, Kachan said, and the painters who replace the windows get five dollars an hour for their labor. Some residents expressed doubt about it taking four hours to replace four panes of glass. There have also been questions about the price of the glass and transportation costs.

Dan Bowie, a para-legal for the student legal service, says that many students have questioned the billing procedure for unassigned damage.

"We advise them to pay the bill. It's in the contract which they signed and the contract has been upheld in court. Most students don't realize they have signed a legally binding contract. We usually point this out to them," he said.



Kurt Anderson

Can collector

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them together and put them in a glass enclosure." He says, "one of these days they're going to be valuable, they only made these cans in 1976."

Anderson keeps his collection at his home in Andover, Mass. because it would take too much storage space at his fraternity, Theta Chi. But he admits that his mother is less than enthusiastic about the collection. "I keep them on glass shelves and my mother just hates to dust them."

Despite the opinion by some that American college students drink the most beer, Anderson says that this is not so. "The Belgians drink the most beer of anybody. Right now, the average person in Belgium drinks about 56 gallons of beer each year. That's a lot of beer."

State representative to address Student Senate meeting tonight

A visit by State Rep. Richard Davies (D-Orono) will highlight tonight's meeting of the General Student Senate at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Barrows Hall.

According to Student Government President Michael K. McGovern, most of the remainder of tonight's meeting will focus on progress reports from various student government committees concerning their recent activities.

An appropriations request from the UMO Lacrosse club will also be considered by the senate. The amount of the request is uncertain.

Also to be considered by the senate will be a resolution protesting McGovern's actions at recent senate meetings in limiting senators to speaking only twice one each issue of consideration before the senate.

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Veteran numbers decline as benefits end

by Michael Martin

And the veterans dream of the fight fast asleep at the traffic light while the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

-Jackson Browne

Their numbers have been declining since the fighting in Vietnam tapered down, and fewer men were sent to war. Their presence on campus is not as obvious as it was five years ago when they amounted to nearly ten percent of the student body.

And since the official passing of the Vietnam era last January, the percentage of veterans on campuses across the country will continue to decrease, perhaps to less than one percent of all students in two or three years.

The reason for the decline is obvious: anyone enlisting in any of the armed forces before January 1, 1977 was eligible when discharged to draw a substantial stipend each month if they went back to school.

The stipend issued by the Veterans Administration amounted to at least \$311 for a single, full-time student, and more for married students depending on the number of dependents. Many veterans wouldn't have gone to school if it hadn't been for the GI Bill.

"I wouldn't have gone without it," one 23-year-old veteran said. Asked why he came back to school he said, "It's better than working." But he is taking school

seriously: he had a 3.3 average last semester.

Another veteran said that he would have returned to school after the service, with or without the G.I. Bill, but he admitted that it would have been difficult. "I just wanted to pick up another degree," he said, "and I would have come back anyway, but it would have been a lot harder."

Fred Judkins, the veterans' representative on campus since 1974, and at UMO since 1972, has seen the number of veterans on campus drop from the peak of 900 in 1972 to about 500 this year.

The veterans who are coming to college now are usually not Vietnam veterans, Judkins said, and they tend to be younger now, on an average.

"There are more single vets now, too," he said, and more veterans are living in the dormitories. This has resulted in less cohesiveness among the veterans, and the near-break up of an informal campus veterans organization—the UMVETS.

"Back in '74, UMVETS was a lot more active than it is now," Judkins said. There were four or five veterans who belonged to the student senate, and the veterans were represented on all the intramural teams.

The UMVETS center in the basement of Fernald Hall was always pretty busy, with as many as 40 people there during the day between classes.

They had an office in the Memorial Union and, besides Judkins' office, there was the Office of Veterans Affairs, funded by the U.S. Department of Health,

Education, and Welfare. the OVA office closed last June.

Although the basement of Fernald Hall is probably one of the few places on campus where you can get a cup of coffee for a nickel, it's rare to find more than a handful of people there these days.

Last year the UMVETS fielded an intramural basketball team: they won one game and forfeited many because there simply weren't enough people to play.

"There are 20 or 30 veterans living in the dormitories now, when there used to only

be two or three," Judkins said. "Those who might have played with the vets are getting on other teams. There is much less cohesion among the veterans who are left than there was before."

But there is a bright spot of sorts: the UMVETS cross-country track team, anchored by Judkins, took the intramural title this year.

He predicts that he won't have a job at UMO in another two to three years, after the last veterans under the GI Bill have been discharged. Veterans affairs will then be handled by the school administration.

● Police say picket lines may prompt negotiations

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local Teamsters union approval had to be gained. "The decision to go ahead with it was unanimous," Scott said.

Logistically, Scott said, the picket won't be all that easy to maintain. "We just don't have that many people, but we're going to try to keep two at each exit every day," he said.

When asked about what police have to gain from picketing, Scott replied that "I think it informs the public as to what is going on. It's really to tell them that mediation has stalled."

"Until we see some sign that there is progress in the negotiations, we're going to stay out there," Scott said, adding that the recent dismissal of probationary Patrolman Michael Denbow, coupled with the suspension of two patrolmen, had upset policemen at UMO all the more.

Negotiations between the university and the Teamsters Union, representing the

UMO police, have sputtered almost since they began in September.

Among the items the two sides are believed to be negotiating include the right of patrolmen to carry guns while on duty, and wages. The failure of the two sides to reach an agreement has led them into mediation, a process in which a mutually-acceptable middleman, appointed by the Maine Labor Relations Board, attempts to help iron out differences. Mediation is not binding to either side.

Throughout the long contract talks, the police have charged university administrators with failing to bargain in good faith—in other words, failing to meet at reasonable times and discuss negotiable items.

During an earlier picketing session, one policeman was even reported as carrying a sign which said, "If good faith were dynamite, the trustees would not have enough to blow their noses."

Student Senate elections to be repeated tomorrow

The second attempt at filling 21 seats in the General Student Senate will be made tomorrow, when another round of elections will be held.

Senate elections were aborted Friday, Feb. 10 when a UMO senior deliberately voted three times to demonstrate the unfairness of the elections.

At the same time, Sarah Clark, a junior off-campus student was omitted from the ballot because the registrar mistakenly said she wasn't a UMO student. Clark, who will be included on Wednesday's ballot, said she would have contested the elections if they had not been called off.

The senate vacancies include nine off-campus, six dormitory, five graduate and one fraternity seat.

"I anticipate no problems this time," Charles Edwards, chairman of the Fair Elections Practice Committee, said Monday night.

The problems a week and a half ago occurred because the election committee was not provided with a complete list of UMO students which could be used to check off students when they cast their ballot.

Because no lists were provided by the registrar's office, it was possible for students to vote numerous times as senior Michael Martin did.

After casting his ballots, Martin sent a letter to the elections committee protesting the validity of the elections. They were subsequently called off and rescheduled for this Wednesday.

The elections committee now has complete student lists and will be able to keep track of students casting votes.

Off-campus, graduate and fraternity ballot boxes will be in the Memorial Union, while dormitory ballot boxes will be in the lobbies of the buildings.

OFFICIAL NOTICE Special Student Senate Elections Wed. Feb. 22, 1978

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Field house: insulation the cure

University officials are guilty of seriously underestimating the intelligence of UMO alumni, students and faculty.

The bureaucracy announced last week that, in an effort to save money and heating fuel, it will soon begin boarding up windows in the field house with insulation.

If the entire project were undertaken—meaning that all the field-house's windows would be blocked over with insulation—an estimated \$35,000 could be saved in heating costs annually.

But administrators, in a type of reasoning in which logic is sadly lacking, have decided to only insulate the south wall of the field house. Their stated reason is that alumni attending athletic events in fields behind the field house might not like the looks of the rebuilt structure. Thus, administrators are reluctant to alter any walls which would be visible from the fields.

Obviously, although this goes unstated, administrators are afraid the predicted dislike of the windowless field house would lead to a corresponding drop in alumni contributions.

To which we say hogwash. We feel, quite simply, that university officials would be hard-pressed to find any opposition to a windowless field house if the annual energy savings which could be realized through such a move were explained.

According to the engineer who designed the structure's insulation plans, the \$35,000 annual savings will be realized on a total investment of less than \$150,000. Electricity costs—as a result of the new need to keep the field house artificially lighted in the day time—would jump less than \$1,000 a year. The conversion, simple arithmetic thus shows, will pay for itself in less than five years.

Simply stated, then, the field house insulation project is desirable in terms of energy conservation. If the university were to go ahead and complete the entire project, it would be showing a willingness to deal rationally and intelligently with the ever-increasing energy costs it faces.

Granted, in the process of making the field house more energy-efficient, a certain aesthetic beauty of the 50-year-old landmark may be forever sacrificed. Such action, though, would also show that the leadership of this university isn't afraid to help itself in saving otherwise wasted money. The field house, in this instance, is a structure built in a day when energy costs were much lower, and when consideration was seldom given to energy efficiency.

Looking at the facts at hand, then, in a clear and rational manner, the UMO administration should realize that very little if any opposition will surface to insulating the field house—especially in light of the savings which stand to be realized.

Alumni, students, faculty and administrators alike should see the project for what it is—a timely, reasonable venture.



BY Y'ALL—HAVE A NICE DAY, NOW...



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.

Watch out for the flu people

To the Editor:

The flu people will get to you!! As I walked into class last week, feeling fine and dandy, I sensed a silence fall over the room. People who were coughing, sneezing, or lying with their pounding heads on their desks, looked up at me. These were the flu people!

Little did I know, that as I walked into that room, healthy as ever, that I would walk out, a total health hazard, another victim claimed by the flu people. I sat in the middle of the room and was ready for another enthusiastic lecture.

Suddenly, there was a slight rustle and movement of some of my classmates. I became surrounded by these people but as yet I did not realize the fatal position I was in.

My classmates began coughing and sneezing and throwing their best ammunition at me—the dreaded flu bug. By the end of the period, my head ached, my throat was scratchy and my nose was a monument of congestion. When the class was dismissed, I headed out of the classroom, completely drained of the energy I once had just fifty minutes before.

As I glanced back into the room, I saw my classmates congratulating themselves and

looking at me with great pride. At that moment, I realized that I had become one of the flu people.

Robert J. Cronin

To the Editor

This letter concerns the apartment building which will be built in York Complex. Since the size of this building seems to be a very dark secret and the proposed vacant lot is very small, we feel the adjoining field is in danger of also being destroyed.

We take great pride in our complex and its activities, many

Thank you Tri Delta

To the Editor:

I have just received a copy of the American Cancer Society, Maine Division, Annual Report of 1976-77. This report states that through the efforts of thousands of volunteers and the generosity of Maine people, a record-breaking \$326,854 was raised this past year.

Of course, the report does not mention, and most people probably do not know, that included in those thousands of volunteers are the members of the UMO chapter of Tri Delta Sorority. In fact, for the third year in a row, Tri Delta Sorority has volunteered to assist in the Orono Cancer Crusade which is to be held in April.

Through their efforts, the members of Tri Delta Sorority

have helped the American Cancer Society reach more than 1,200 Maine cancer patients with information, guidance, transportation, sick room supplies, Reach to Recovery, ostomy and laryngectomy rehabilitation as well as reach 22,204 adults and 64,618 youths with various health education programs during 1976-77.

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, the past and present recipients of its services, and the estimated 3,700 new cancer patients in Maine who will be needing help, I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the members of Tri Delta Sorority for their past and continuing support.

Katherine E. Lewis
Orono Crusade Chairman

Save our field!

of which are held on that field: softball, volleyball, soccer, football, croquet tournaments, complex cookouts, and once even a skating rink.

That field is one of the few places left on campus where one can get away from the crowded classrooms, dorms, and cafeterias, and enjoy some wide open space. We like our complex the way it is—reasonably

uncrowded! Why ruin something that works well?

There are other places on campus to build apartment buildings, so why must our complex or any other become more overcrowded because of the administration's continuous insistence on accepting more students than there is room for?

Four concerned students
of York Complex

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A question from the audience brings a smile to the face of Jimmy Carter at a town meeting in Bangor Auditorium Friday night. [Photo by Robin Hartford].

● Audiences impressed at Carter breakfast

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he was leaving. Secret service agents were trying to hustle him out of the building, and Carter reached out and touched her cheek, saying, "Sorry, these guys won't let me stop."

The experiences of the Chi Omega moderators and the Guesman family weren't unique among the UMO community, however. Scores of UMO Administrators, faculty and students attended the Friday town meeting.

Many UMO students who attended the town meeting reportedly gained entrance into the event when advance organizers discovered that very few students had submitted applications.

When the discovery was made, History Professor David Smith, one of the event's prime organizers, began distributing applications in his classes.

UMO was also well-represented at Saturday morning's Husson College breakfast for Democratic party workers.

"I was impressed by his grasp of the issues affecting Maine," James Clark, vice president of academic affairs said. Clark attended a breakfast at Husson College held to raise funds for Sen. William Hathaway's campaign for re-election.

Clark called the breakfast a "pep rally"

for party supporters, and said that Carter outlined an election strategy for workers to use to help Democratic candidates in the upcoming campaign.

John Blake, vice president for finance and administration, also attended the breakfast. He noticed Carter's knowledge of local issues and his memory. He spoke for awhile at the breakfast without notes, reeling off names new to him and even dates, Blake said.

Blake also said that the president indicated that Mrs. Carter would like to be invited to Maine this summer for the Potato Festival in Arcoostook County.

Walter Schoenberger, professor of political science, also attended the breakfast. He said that he felt the visit helped Hathaway a great deal, particularly financially. He said the talk at Husson would mobilize the party members.

One student who attended the breakfast said the "the thing that impressed me at the breakfast was when I heard this resonant voice in the background say 'ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.' So out comes this little pip-squeak of a man, who you know is the most powerful man in the world. It just sent shivers through me."

About 60 enroll in new course

Sign language creates bond with the deaf

by Dona Brotz

"It gives you chills all over," Polly Earl said. "When you can sign to a deaf child, even if you can only say 'Hi', they stare at you in amazement as if to say, 'You can sign?', and they quickly start signing to you."

Earl, a graduate student in speech and instructor of a sign language course at UMO, said it is the same with adults. "They're really thrilled that you know how to sign, and it makes a real bond."

This is the first semester sign language has been taught at UMO. Earl said she suggested the course because there was nothing dealing with the deaf here. "I just thought it would be really good for undergrads and graduates to get some exposure and there was no one else who would teach it."

About 60 students enrolled in the one credit, pass/fail course; about one fourth of these are speech majors. Most of the students are there out of interest, Earl remarked; however, one girl has a deaf sister and one man wears a hearing aid.

"I thought about 10 people would sign-up," she admitted. "I just can't believe the turn-out. It's great!"

"The class right now is doing really well," she said, explaining that each student should be able to converse slowly with a deaf person by the semester's end.

"I still can't sign as fast as I talk, and by the end of the semester I hope to. That is my goal," she added. "It's just something you have to practice."

"A lot of the students seem to know each other, and they can practice together," Earl said. "You can see some running around Estabrooke signing," she added, laughing.

Earl learned sign language following her sophomore year at Idaho State University, where she received her undergraduate degree. "The first exposure that I had was at a children's camp for the handicapped at Martha's Vineyard," she explained. "There was a little deaf girl who wanted to learn how to sign, and her mother wouldn't teach her. I wanted to, so I had to learn out of necessity."

There were about five other deaf girls at the camp who knew sign language and taught Earl. "The kids were really good," she said. "They would explain if I didn't understand and fingerspell words."

Sign language is a combination of gestures for words or phrases and fingerspelling, where each letter in a word has a symbol. You sign much more than fingerspell, she commented, adding that proper names are generally fingerspelled.

There are also slang gestures, Earl said. For example, California can be made with a 'Y' near your hair, signifying yellowhair. "These are made up by the kids and adults wouldn't always understand them," she added.

Earl completed two years of sign language courses at Idaho State University following her experience at the summer camp, and she feels advanced courses are useful; however, she is uncertain about the future of sign language courses at UMO.

Whether or not she teaches another course depends on how many people are interested and her time available, Earl said; however, she mentioned there was another student who might teach next fall. "Jeanelle Tripp often comes in and helps me in this class," she explained. "She might teach a course next fall."

Tripp had a deaf friend who taught her

how to sign, and she also learned from a book in front of a mirror, Earl said. "She can sign as fluently as she talks."

As for herself, Earl said, "I was always really interested in deaf education and I still am. When I get out with my graduate degree, I'll work awhile and then go back and get my master's degree in deaf education."



Polly Earl, instructor of UMO's first sign language course demonstrates some motions involved in "signing." [Photo by Dona Brotz].

Bike path ordinance may ban motorized vehicles

by Randy Dustin

The bike path between Stewart Commons and Perkins Avenue in Old Town may soon be declared by a city ordinance to be off limits to all motorized vehicles.

A public hearing held on Feb. 6 by the Old Town City Council gave initial approval to an ordinance forbidding the operation of motorized vehicles on the UMO bike path.

A second hearing, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 at the Old Town Community Center, will determine if the proposed ordinance will be adopted.

Stanton L. McGowen, Old Town city engineer, said the ordinance was proposed because the existing law did not specify

what constitutes a motor vehicle. The ordinance being considered will cover any motorized equipment, he said.

The bike path was constructed last year through the cooperative efforts of the towns of Orono, Old Town, and the university. It was funded by a federal grant and was officially opened in a dedication ceremony last fall.

McGowen said that the primary aim of the ordinance is to help preserve the bike path. The bikeway is constructed with two inches of asphalt on a gravel bed.

It is wide enough to accommodate motorcycles, snowmobiles, and cars. The main problem involves snowmobiles because they drive the frost into the subgrade base of the path. This results in bumps and

surface cracks that ruin the surface of the path, McGowen said.

"There is also the problem of disrupting cross-country skiers," McGowen said. "It is conceivable that there could be an accident if snowmobilers are allowed on the path. We're concerned with the bike path because it's easily accessible to snowmobilers."

Philip "Bud" Folger, head varsity ski coach, said that the area surrounding the bike path has been posted as off limits to snowmobilers, but the signs were torn down and a conflict still exists. Folger said that snowmobilers destroy the cross country ski trails in many places, making it difficult for skiers.

Because of the snowmobile problem,

Folger has his cross-country team train on his property on Bennoch Road in Orono, where there is no conflict with snowmobilers, he said.

At the present time, people who trespass on the university property with motor vehicles are given a warning, according to Alan G. Reynolds, director of police and public safety at UMO. A second offense may result in court action.

"The bike path isn't constructed for motor traffic. It's a dangerous situation because people who are cross-country skiing, or bicycling in the summer, are confronted with motor vehicles that move at a higher rate of speed. We've had complaints from students and staff," Reynolds said. If the ordinance is passed, it will be difficult to enforce, Reynolds said.

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Folk music: Concert provided instrumental music, then more singing followed in tavern

by Michael Martin



Stairwell String Band members, from left, Robert Marden, Sarah Crafts Willis and Michael Hughes revived the tradition of British Isles folk music Sunday. Their offerings ran the gamut of Irish, Brittish and Scottish fiddle tunes. [Photo by Michael Martin].

The Stairwell String Band stole the show at Sunday's benefit concert for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra; at least they did until Wild Mountain Thyme wrapped it all up.

Wild Mountain Thyme is Maine's top folk music group, according to some. They've played together for years, with an impressive array of instruments which they play well.

Perhaps the best tune of the afternoon was "Sasquatch" a mandolin piece written by Joe Barth, who played banjo, mandolin and guitar for Wild Mountain Thyme. The fiddling by John Cooper on "The Rose Tree," a traditional tune which the Stairwell String Band also played, was a close runner-up.

Fiddling, picking and singing: That's what it was all about, and where last year's Folksongs in February lacked something in the instrumental department, this year's Folksongs for Symphony made up for it.

And anyone who missed the singing should have followed the performers to the Rivendell tavern in Orono, where emcee Sandy Ives, David Kennedy, Robert Marden and Michael Kressge all offered sing-alongs and the Stairwell String Band played on into the night.



Steve Best is learning the sixth sense of fiddle playing early. Steve, age six, showed his talents with a French fiddle tune, accompanied by Leo "Murph the Fiddler" Murphy and instructor Janet Ciano. [Photo by Michael Martin].

Knox Hall raffle prize to be Bermuda vacation

by Kim Marchegiani

An off-the-cuff remark made by a former RA will send two Knox Hall residents to Bermuda for a four-day weekend next month.

"When Tim Radsky was an RA here last year, he thought we all ought to take a trip to Bermuda," said Donna Keirstead, an RA involved in planning the weekend.

"The idea appealed to me so we came up with the idea of holding a raffle—the Bermuda Extravaganza—and sending a couple of people on an adventure," explained Knox resident Brain Seaward.

Seaward, one of the primary planners, called the Bangor Travel Agency to book two round trip tickets, and got the Dorm Activities Board interested.

Many of the arrangements for the trip have been made by the Knox "Travel Agency," a group of students who plan a variety of trips. Earlier this year, they sponsored a weekend in Boston for Knox residents.

Tickets for the Bermuda Extravaganza went on sale Feb. 3, and are \$4 each. Knox residents may purchase as many as they like, and they may buy one \$5 guest tickets for someone outside the dorm. Tickets are on sale until March 3.

The prize includes "a round trip ticket, breakfast and dinner, a four-day hotel stay in Hamilton, Bermuda and \$100 spending money," Keirstead said. "Even transport-

ation to and from the airport in Bangor is provided," she added.

"We tried for the lowest price possible, like getting a discount from Delta airlines, but government regulations don't allow it," Seaward said.

All ticket holders will attend a drawing party to be held on Thursday, March 9 at midnight. The plane for Bermuda leaves at 7:30 a.m., March 10.

Everyone is expected to wear summer clothes to the party, Keirstead said.

"It's all built on suspense," Seaward said. "No one knows who will be going, and when they do find out, there's not much time before departure."

The person with the winning ticket must be present at the party or another name will be drawn immediately. The winner then chooses one other ticket holder to go.

"We hope that between Knox resident and their guests we can sell 200 tickets," Seaward said.

The raffle does not require a license from Residential Life because it is non-profit, according to Associate Dean William Lucy. All money will be poured back into the trip.

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Women swim away with NE crown

by Julie Smith

The women's swim team left for the New England Championships on Friday with much excitement and anticipation, and returned home Monday exhausted, but elated at having made their dream of becoming New England Champions a reality.

In what Jeff Wren termed a "showdown of endurance and spirit," the women won the contest by more than 120 points with a score of 602.5 with Yale and Boston College placing second and third. Six New England records were broken, four of them by Maine swimmers, and six new school records were also set.

When asked what one word would sum up the entire meet, Coach Wren did not say speed, but rather spirit. He said overall times were not that fantastic and attributed this to several factors:

—The pool design did not make it a "fast-moving" pool.

—The meet timetable, which had finals ending at 11 p.m. and trials beginning the next morning at 9, was very strenuous.

—Evidence of the flu was prevalent as many swimmers were either getting sick or recuperating.

Wren said, however, that the swimmers, adorned in Maine hats and T-shirts,

carrying signs and noisemakers and yelling cheers were "very intimidating." Because this spirit continued incessantly, Wren said, "We completely psyched the other teams out to the point where they couldn't swim fast."

Maine's great depth was another important factor as they accumulated many points from placing in the top 16 spots.

Julie Woodcock took the first of her seven gold medals by winning the 400-yard individual medley, setting new school and New England records with a time of 4:39.14. Jill Puzas swam an excellent race, finishing second at 4:46.01, less than a second ahead of a Yale foe.

On Saturday, Julie Woodcock continued to shine by breaking her own pool and New England records in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.06. Anne Lucey placed tenth and Dee Dee Daniels thirteenth. Maine's 400-yard medley relay won their event with new school and New England records, with a time of 4:09.45.

In the 50-yard breaststroke, Beth Carone had her hands full fighting off two Yale swimmers. She placed second, finishing less than one second behind and ahead of her competitors.

In the 100-yard individual medley, one of Maine's strongest events, Julie Woodcock broke the school and New England record



Jill Puzas

with a 1:01.43. Freshman Beth Carone finished slightly behind at 1:02.70. Mia Sette finished eleventh and Linda LaRue sixteenth.

Jill Puzas finished off the individual events by winning the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:29.44. Then the 200-yard freestyle relay finished fourth. The divers had a super weekend as three of them, Patti Ward, Tricia Redden and Janice Wight, placed third, sixth and twelfth respectively.

Coach Wren voiced one regret about the meet, saying quite a few women worked extremely hard all season, only to be hit by

the flu at the New Englands. They swam their best and were often disappointed, but they were capable of doing better, he said.

For everyone except Julie Woodcock, who will compete in the Nationals held at Duke University in March, the 1977-78 swimming season is over. The welcome home banner will soon be taken down, but the memories will remain of the year that dream of a championship was realized. On the long-awaited, soon-to-be-displayed plaque in Jeff Wren's office are the words, "speed, grace, and excellence", and yes, these Maine swimmers have it all.

Seven score in 8-2 win, Colby next

by Charlotte McAtee

Larry Page stood at the blue line, waiting for the faceoff in the Bridgewater State zone. Gary Conn swept the puck backwards and Page swung his stick forward to meet the pass, connecting on a low slap shot.



Bridgewater's goalie covers up the puck as Gary Conn skates in too late and Dan Sweeney is checked against the net. [Ed Stevens photo].

Cold shooting ends streak

by Greg Betts

No one could have expected the Maine Black Bears to continue playing as well as they had against Massachusetts and Connecticut for the rest of this season. But no one ever dreamed they'd throw it all away in New Britain, Connecticut either.

A fired up Central Connecticut Blue Devil squad played the role of the giant killer Saturday night as they knocked off Maine 82-71. By snapping the Black Bear's winning streak at seven, the Division II Blue Devils ended Maine's hope of a post-season appearance in Providence next month.

The Bears fell behind in the opening minutes, but then rallied behind the hot hand of Roger Lapham (still hampered by that ankle injury) going out on top 28-20. Maine continued to control the tempo of the first half as Rufus Harris started to hit, helping Maine grab a 34-26 lead at intermission.

The 3,000 Blue Devil fans in attendance were treated to a dynamite second half as their team refused to quit against the heavily favored Black Bears, resulting in

The goalie, screened, never saw the puck enter the net. The red light flashed on and the Maine players raised their sticks in celebration. All except for Page.

The blond defenseman stood stock still for a moment, utter disbelief written all over his face. Then realization struck, and

Page broke into a crazed war dance, marking the first goal of his college career.

Page's reaction seemed emblematic of the entire season for the rookie Black Bear ice hockey team. After Saturday's win, only Colby College stands between the team and what appeared to be a mere hope at the outset of the season, the ECAC Division II playoffs.

Saturday night saw Maine getting scoring contributions from seven different players, three of them defensemen, to beat Bridgewater State 8-2 before a full house at the Alford Arena.

Bridgewater scored the first goal of the night after a defensive lapse in the Maine zone, the only real defensive mistake of the game for Maine. Bridgewater's lead was brief, however, as the Black Bear power play went into effect when Pete Lucia was sent off the ice for slashing.

Brian Hughes won a faceoff in the offensive zone, drawing the puck back to Tom LeBlond at the point. LeBlond threw the puck over to Don Mason at the other point. Mason hesitated for an instant, then gave LeBlond a return pass. The defenseman slipped the puck to Conn, who took two strides toward the net and let rip with a low slap shot for the score.

Maine went into the lead to stay less than two minutes later when Brian McKiernan blasted in a low slapshot from the point.

Conn got his nineteenth goal of the year in the third period as a result of a shorthanded situation. The flashy center blocked a shot at the point and got a half-stride jump on the defenseman in a race down the left side. Conn increased his lead, broke in to the center, and flipped a shot over the Bridgewater goaltender. pads. Maine outshot Bridgewater in the game, 36-24.

Now Maine faces the most crucial game of the year, Monday night in Waterville against Colby College. Colby's record is 7-9-1 in Division II. Maine's Division II record is 7-9. The top eight teams go to the playoffs; Colby is sitting in the number eight spot and Maine is ranked number nine.

"Everyone's psyched," said Marc Son. "We're really looking forward to it. We have a whole week to get ready, so there shouldn't be any excuses. Everyone's feeling fine; they're all over the flu. It should be a good game."

Earlier in the season, in a game played at the Alford Arena, Maine dominated Colby, beating them easily 4-1. It was a different story in Portland when the teams next met. Colby won that contest, 5-4, in a game that saw the Mules come back from a two-goal deficit.

Sports in brief

Harvard stops men

The Maine swimmers came up far short of Harvard Friday, losing 72-41 at Blodgett Pool.

Top ranked Harvard won nine of the 13 events, including two wins apiece by Olympic silver-medalist Bobby Hackett and Julian Mack.

Maine's firsts came from Peter Farragher (1000-yard freestyle), Don Winant (200-yard butterfly), John Judge (200-yard breaststroke) and the 400-yard relay team of Jim Smoragiewicz, Bob Stedman, Bob Marshall and Jamie LaRochelle.

Women cagers fourth

The UMO women's basketball team beat undefeated Bowdoin 75-59 in a game Friday at Lengyel Gym.

Maine is now 8-2 and ranked fourth in the ELAW New England Division I.

Barbara Cummings dominated underneath, scoring 21 and grabbing 13 rebounds, while Carol Lamontagne provided additional offensive power, adding 18.

Rifle team wins two

The rifle team put in some hours on the road Saturday, travelling to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology first, and then to Dartmouth, winning both matches to up their season record to 10-0.

Maine took first place in a morning meet at Cambridge, downing the MIT, Rhode Island, and Providence teams.

Maine then beat Dartmouth that afternoon, 2193-2165 at Hanover, N.H.

Tim Tobin led Maine in both matches with 575 totals.

Wrestlers edged

Plymouth State, hosting the Northern New England Invitational Wrestling Championships, nudged out UMO to win the tournament on Saturday.

Maine's 69.50 was not quite enough to take Plymouth, 74.50, but earned them second place, ahead of UMPI, Norwich University, Maine Maritime Academy and Bowdoin.

Good showings came from UMO's John Devin, Pat Daigle and Peter Plourde, winners in the 118, 142 and unlimited weight divisions.