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Housing proposals anger residents

by David Karvelas

Proposals which would allow single students to live in University Park and turn Stodder Hall into an all-male dormitory were blasted by residents of both facilities at a Thursday meeting.

Residents of the park threatened court action to prevent such a move.

The Life Style Committee of Residential Life came up with the plans to relieve overcrowding of male students on campus. The committee said the problem of overcrowding is more severe for males than females.

The committee presented these and other alternative housing proposals during a highly debated public hearing at Wells Commons designed to determine student reaction and recommendations. More than 100 persons attended the hearing.

The University Park proposal would reduce the number of faculty units from 40 to 20.

The vacated 20 units would then be allotted to single students who are currently housed on campus. Five would be filled by graduate students, while undergraduates would be given 15 units.

Opponents of the measure, mostly residents of the park, argued that a similar proposal was defeated last year in the face of numerous complaints.

"We're willing to go through this fight again and we're confident the outcome will be the same," one opponent said.

Residents claimed there are currently graduate students living in faculty units and questioned whether they would be displaced as a result of this proposal.

Committee Chairperson Neal Davis, assistant director of Residential Life, said that single students would fill only vacant rooms and not displace any persons. The number, if any, of graduate students living under such arrangements is undetermined.

Questioning the legality of this proposal, one University Park resident said opponents would be "willing to take this to court."

Davis said his committee was not equipped to answer questions on the proposal's legality.

Another issue which prompted heated debate was the committee's proposal to convert Stodder Hall to an all-male dorm.

Davis said the committee's intent is to reduce the number of overcrowded males while affecting as few persons as possible.

For this reason he argued against small changes in several dorms in favor of one large change in Stodder Hall.

Stodder Hall residents who were present at the meeting opposed this measure. They claimed that damages to university grounds and property would increase as the result of an all-male dorm.

When Stodder residents proposed turning Ballentine Hall into a co-ed dorm as an alternative, residents of that dorm took up arms.

Davis said public comment obtained at the meeting will be reviewed and passed on to President Howard R. Neville.



Proposals which would change criteria for living in University Park and Stodder Hall met with stiff opposition Thursday. Here, Residential Life's Neal Davis and Debbie Noack, an Androskoggin Hall IDB rep, field questions from an overflow crowd.

Surprise inspection staged

FCC plans to reprimand WMEB

by Deborah Strumello

The Federal Communications Commission is planning to reprimand WMEB, the campus radio station, for a number of operating violations, according to Barry Bohac, FCC engineer in charge of monitoring stations.

Bohac, when contacted in his Belfast office, would not give details of the

violations. But WMEB station manager Dale Spear said the violations are mostly minor and deal with technical problems.

"I think we came out pretty well," Spear said. "There were only a few violations and they were trivial."

Some violations deal with monitoring and keeping operator or transmitter and program logs. Another violation is broadcasting by unlicensed operators, he said.

The forthcoming reprimands are the result of a surprise inspection of WMEB by FCC officials.

But while Spear termed the violations as non-serious, another source said WMEB might have faced some stiff fines, had it been a commercial radio station.

George Wildey, broadcast information specialist with the university's press office, said the FCC's main concern was that WMEB had licensed operators on the air. "Had they been a commercial station, the first time this happened they would have been fined \$500," said Wildey, who has worked in commercial radio and is a stockholder in local station WPBC-FM. "If they ever got caught again, the fine would go way up."

The FCC, which licenses the station, was alerted to the infractions by a complainant who sent a copy of the Feb. 7 Maine Campus to the FCC office in Belfast. That issue contained a story citing violations by the station.

Bohac would not give out the name of the complainant. A report of the complaints and inspection will be filed with FCC headquarters in Washington D.C. when all the data has been compiled, he said.

"We were doing some things wrong," Spear said. "You can't go to a radio station without finding some violations," he said.

All unlicensed people have been taken off the air, Spear said. They have applied for their provisional licenses and during the three-week waiting period, licensed operators have been asked to double up on shifts.

Until the licenses come, WMEB will be operating fewer hours. Instead of staying on the air until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, the station will leave the air at midnight, Spear said.

All radio and television stations in Maine are up for relicensing this year. To be relicensed, the stations must prove to the FCC that they have been operating in the public interest during the past three years. WMEB's license renewal date is April 1.

Welding: a logical philosophy

by Michael Martin

It's all pretty logical: studying the history of logic before and including Plato and Aristotle at Bates College leads to UMO, the agriculture engineering department and a job welding.

Well, it's logical if you're a philosophy major named Lisa Dimock. For her the road to welding with H.E. Sargent's Inc. in Old Town started after her junior year at Bates when she studied her prospects after graduation, and found them to be less than promising.

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"What can a philosophy major actually do?" she asked rhetorically, when she explained her decision to drop out of school for a year.

"I looked at what I knew and realized that I didn't really have anything to offer. The only thing a philosophy major can do is stay in school," she said. "I was a little worried I wouldn't be able to keep myself fed."

So, she made the decision to leave school for a year and look for some real-life work in Bangor. She'd done some carpentry, so she thought she might get on somewhere as a carpenter's helper, but she didn't, and for three months she was unemployed.

Getting a little uneasy doing nothing, Dimock checked with the local Comprehen-

sive Employment Training Administration in Old Town, and they sent her to Sargent's, 'the second biggest contracting company in the state,' she boasts. She worked there as an apprentice welder for a year, and has been promised employment with the company this summer after she graduates.

While the desire to make a living was perhaps the major reason for her decision to go into welding, she admits that part of her motive was rebelliousness. She grew up around Princeton University in N.J. where her father is a physicist, and she said it was always understood that she would go to college.

But she doesn't really regret spending the time at Bates studying philosophy. "It taught me how to systematically think," she said, "but it didn't really prepare me for anything. Philosophy is sort of the ultimate liberal art; it doesn't really lead to anything. But it does make your thinking clearer," she said.

While her interests are varied, she said that she would like to study architecture and design with a Bangor area architect as an apprentice. After she gets some practical experience, she thinks she might like to study architecture formally.

At UMO, she is taking three liberal arts courses, necessary for her to graduate this May from Bates, and two agriculture engineering courses, including Man and Metals. In that course, she is improving her welding skills.



Lisa Dimock

LOWDOWN

Friday, March 3

3:30 p.m. Psychology colloquium with Chuck Rothstein, psychologyologist at the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center. "Psychological Issues in a Community Mental Center," Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

6:15, 7:35, and 9 p.m. IVCF film series "How Should We Then Live?" Episodes 1-3 (30 min. each), 130 Little Hall.

7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "You Light Up My Life," 101 English-Math. 75 cents UMO students, \$1 for others.

7 p.m. Wilde-Stein Club meeting, International Lounge, Memorial Union.

Saturday, March 4

1:15, 2:35, 4 and 6:15 p.m. IVCF film series "How Should We Then Live?" Episodes 4-8 (30 min. each), 130 Little Hall.

7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "The Eagle Has Landed," 101 English-Math.

8 p.m. "The Presumpscot River Bottom Boys," sponsored by MUAB, Damn Yankee. 50 cents admission.

8 p.m. Gay men's dance, MCA Center.

Sunday, March 5

2:05 and 3:05 p.m. IVCF film series "How Should We Then Live?" Final episodes (30 min. each), 130 Little Hall.

6:30 p.m. Weekly magazine WMEB-FM 91.9.

7 p.m. MUAB Film Festival "Mutiny on the Bounty," 101 English-Math.

9 p.m. King Biscuit Flower Hour featuring Rod Stewart, WMEBfm.

Monday, March 6

12 noon Study skills seminar on exams, Walker Room, Memorial Union.

3 p.m. Psychology colloquium, Allen D. Potthoff on "The Relationship Between Endogenous Opiate-alkaloids and Ethanol Consumption," 203 Little Hall. Refreshments will be available.

7 p.m. Maine Peace Action Committee meeting, Virtue Room, The Maples.

7 p.m. Environmental Awareness Committee meeting, guest speaker: Bill Ginn, director of the Maine Audubon Society, 100 Nutting Hall. Public welcome.

8 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, South Lown Room, Memorial Union. All welcome.

8 p.m. Workshop on the Panama Canal Treaty, Newman Center.

8 to 12 p.m. Monday Night Jazz, WMEB-FM.

Saturday, March 11, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at Gulf Hagas. Bus provided, contact Office of Student Activities for registration and details 581-7598.

Neville made honorary juggler

by Mark Joyce

President Howard R. Neville received an award and a warning when he spoke to the General Student Senate Tuesday night.

During a question and answer period, Douglas Hall made Neville an honorary member of the Maine State Juggle-Bug association and offered him free juggling lessons at the Memorial Union on Friday.

After a brief presentation, Hall, an avid juggling enthusiast and president of the state Juggle-Bug Association asked Neville for his opinion on the prospect of offering juggling classes for credit at UMO. Neville suggested that he talk to the physical education department about the matter.

Lauren Noether, however, had more sobering news for Neville—and a warning. Noether, a member of the UMO women's track team has been denied access to the university's Nautilus weight-lifting

machine, as have all women, because of its reported danger to women athletes.

She said that arbitrarily denying women the use of a UMO facility was inconsistent with the university's "Loyalty to ideals", a phrase which ironically adorns the entrance to the Memorial Gym. She warned Neville of a possible investigation by the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

"I feel I should tell you that a complaint has been filed with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's department of civil rights in Boston," Noether said. "They will be conducting a full investigation into the matter."

"I'm not surprised," replied Neville. "The university is currently facing 11 suits and investigations."

Neville announced that exam schedules will now be published on the first day of classes so that exam conflicts can be resolved through add/drop. He also commented on the showing of X-rated movies on campus by IDB, calling them inappropriate and unnecessary.

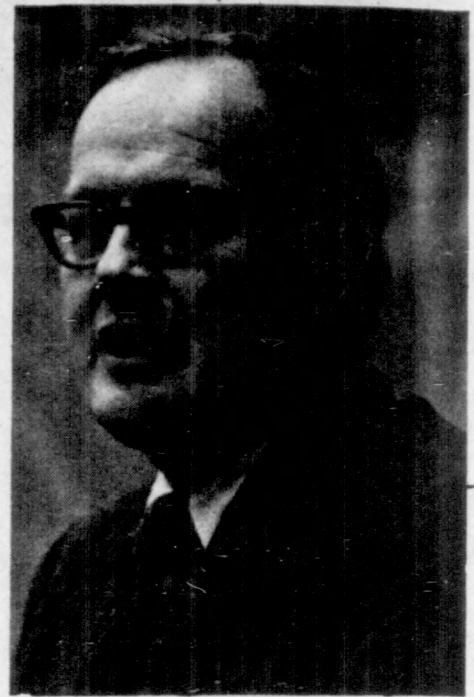
Before yielding the floor, Neville also defended the university's policy of admitting more students than it can house.

"If we only admitted as many students as we could house, which is about 5,000 students, we would have to seriously restrict enrollment," he said. "If that were the case, half of you would not be here today."

He also said that there were purely economic reasons for the policy. Since approximately \$10 million of the university's \$26 million budget comes from tuition.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, Michael K. McGovern, student government president, reported the recommendations of the Residential Life committees for consideration by Neville.

Those recommendations include housing all UMO freshman on campus in



Howard Neville

overcrowds; converting Stodder Hall into an all-male dorm; not guaranteeing students who live within a 15-mile radius of Orono on-campus housing (current residents to be covered by a grandfather clause); opening half of Estabrooke Hall to undergraduates who are at least 20 years old; eliminating faculty and staff housing at the University Park and setting it up to accommodate single students who live in the Orono area; and converting Stucco Lodge into a year-round residence for students.

In other business Vice President Jay Cromarty announced plans for the proposed student credit union to join the faculty credit union. McGovern also announced plans for a winter carnival this year, to be held the weekend of March 18.

Men assault photographer

The UMO police department is investigating an incident in which Maine Campus photographer Robin Hartford was assaulted by two college-age men Wednesday evening.

The incident occurred at about 6 p.m. when Hartford photographed the two men in front of the Stodder Hall dining complex. According to Hartford, the two were accompanied by third man who was naked.

Hartford said that after he had taken the picture, the two men rushed him, forced him against the wall, and hit him several times in the face and body. The two men then left.

Police detective Terry Burgess said the picture Hartford took of the two men, along with statements from several eyewitnesses to the incident, gave police "very good descriptions" of the two.

Burgess said the film would be developed early Friday, after which, he said, "we are going to have suspects."

Hartford has indicated that he is "very anxious" to press charges if possible. Under Maine law, the incident will be classified as assault, a class D misdemeanor crime.

Even cement can float —if it's part of a canoe

by Kevin Burnham

It sounds like a soap box derby. Participants make their own vehicle in secret, only certain building materials are allowed, and prizes are awarded to the winners of the race.

But the vehicles the participants race in aren't quite as light as soap box cars. They are concrete canoes.

The civil engineering department is making plans and a concrete canoe, for the fourth annual UMO Concrete Canoe Race to be held April 29 on the Kenduskeag Stream in Bangor.

The civil engineering departments of many New England universities including Maine Maritime Academy, build their own canoes and participate in the event, Mary Ruksznis, vice chairman of the race, said.

The rules of the race, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, allow a certain amount of wood and styrofoam to be used in the construction of the concrete canoes, she said.

Ruksznis said that school race anywhere from one to five canoes and there is no limit to the number of canoes a school can race.

Each year most schools build one canoe, and fix up the old ones that may have been damaged," she said. "The canoes range anywhere from 175 to 800 pounds."

She said that design of the canoes varies with each school.

"What we're doing is putting a reinforced, light-weight wire inside a form, made of wood and shaped like a canoe," she said. "Then the cement is pushed into the form to complete the shape. The wire will make the canoe porous."

The civil engineering students started working on the canoe during the first week in February and will probably finish it sometime next week, she said.

"We will let the cement cure until race time," she added.

Dan DuPerry, chairman of the race, said the course runs for about eight and one half miles.

"We have three trophies; one team trophy and two individual trophies for first and second places," DuPerry said.

Ruksznis, a sophomore civil engineering major from Guilford, worked last year in the timing of the event but said she hopes she will be one of the paddlers this year.

"It all depends on who puts in the most time working on the canoe," she said. "We won't know who will race in the canoes until race time."

Last year, one woman, Deidre Tozier, got a place in the canoe during the race, Ruksznis said.

Ruksznis added that four or five other women are working on the canoe this year.



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Senior class faces 'very good' job market

by David Karvelas

Experts say job prospects for college graduates are looking up, and UMO's class of 1978 will be first in line to test this optimistic appraisal when they graduate in May.

Adrian Sewall, director of career planning and placement at UMO, said the current job market for college graduates is "very good."

"It's better than last year and last year was an excellent year," he noted.

The years prior to 1976, he said, were "pretty rough."

Commenting on some of the major fields of study at UMO, Sewall said that engineers of all disciplines face a bright employment picture when they graduate. There are now more than 200 engineering seniors.

Teaching, a profession which has gained notoriety as being glutted, has "quite a few jobs available," according to Sewall.

There are about 450 seniors this year

who will be eligible for teaching certificates.

Sewall said career opportunities for the 92 persons soon to graduate with forestry degrees are "not so hot," but added that "it is a good field."

Sewall said two of the larger growth areas are the business and health fields. He also cited dental health technology, computer sciences and electrical engineering as areas of considerable opportunity.

Although job opportunities seem to be available only in these specialized areas of study, Sewall is against liberal arts students "forfeiting their primary interest for the sake of finding a job."

He said his office does not discourage students from enrolling in a field which might prove difficult to match with a career when they graduate.

"We're not a vocational school, we're a university and that implies we give people a broad education," he said.

Praising the benefits of a liberal arts background he said, "We found many

people in the higher echelons of administration who are liberal arts graduates."

He conceded that it may take arts and science majors "longer to get to the top," but that in seeking their degree "they're not wasting their education and time."

Seniors asked for \$5

Pledges double in value

Each \$5 contribution that a senior makes to the General Alumni Association this year will be matched by a second \$5 from an anonymous alumni source, up to a total of \$20,000.

"You're not just donating \$5; you're really donating \$10," Elizabeth Schuster, president of the Student Alumni Association, said.

The General Alumni Association "Five for Five" drive, a program asking seniors to pledge \$5 a year for the next five years, may raise much more money because each pledge is now double in value, Schuster said.

Sewall said a majority of students are able to apply their education in the working world. He cited a 1975 study by the university in which 75 percent of recently graduated students found work related to their field of study.

Following an introductory letter, phone calls were made to seniors asking for their pledges.

"So far, the drive is doing very well," she said. "Of the 100 people contacted, about 50 percent have said yes."

That is an excellent percentage, she pointed out, considering that when other universities have tried the approach, they got only a 60 percent turnout for the entire drive.

The alumni association is hoping for 500 pledges by the end of their fiscal year in June.

Two more phone-a-thons will be conducted on March 7-9 and March 14-16.

Wage brings cutbacks

by Kim Marchegiani

The 35 cent raise in minimum wage which took effect Jan. 1 has had varied effects on campus employers. There have been no massive student layoffs or overly serious budgeting problems for most, but for some problems have resulted.

"There has been very little disruption over the change," said Assistant Director of Financial Aid David Baxter. "I'm surprised and pleased that it went so well."

"There will have to be cutbacks, of course," said H. Ross Moriarty, director of Residential Life. Funds needed to cover the increase in wages, about \$18,000, will have to be taken from Residential Life funds already budgeted, Moriarty explained.

"However, we are talking about a Residential Life budget of \$10 million," he said, "which should make things easier."

Moriarty said essential jobs such as food service workers will remain intact, but others, such as the crafts center or the Ram's Horn, will have to cut back.

Mike Butler, business manager for Hilltop Complex, said the use of work-study students in his complex has taken away some of the financial pressure.

"We only have to absorb 20 percent of expense," he said. "Barring any unforeseen problems, the increase won't cost us more than \$1,000."

For James C. MacCampbell, director of Fogler Library, the problem is somewhat different. "It's one big headache," MacCampbell said. "We were hit with no warning and with horrendous effects."

The library is the second largest employer on campus, MacCampbell said, and it depends on student help.

"We can only cut back so much," he said. "Certain hours need to be filled, and our regular staff is already down. I'm not sure what we're going to do."

The increase was not incorporated into the budget which was prepared two years ago, MacCampbell said.

Baxter said the Student Wage Committee will meet soon and review problems connected with the increase.

The committee oversees pay rates for student employees. The members will have to recommend a pay scale for students with two or three years seniority in their jobs, and will have to anticipate the increase in minimum wage to \$2.90 in January 1979.

Earlier this year, the committee recommended to President Howard R. Neville that student wages be raised to \$2.65 an hour.

The federal wage and hour law does not apply to all employees, so the university can decide its own minimum wage.

Classified employee pay rates are determined for the entire university system by the state, while student employee pay rates are determined by a committee on each campus.

"We can ask permission from the Office of Education to only pay students 80 percent of the minimum wage," Baxter said. "But we want to comply with the full raise."

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editorial

Document of compromise?

Howard Neville and Mike McGovern have invented a new term. They call their term a 'document of compromise.' Translated, this means the compromise that wasn't.

The word compromise implies that both sides in a dispute give a little and both get something in return. But in a recent 'compromise' concerning student appointments to the numerous advisory committees at UMO, McGovern and students came up with nothing, while Howard got his way.

Ever since he took office last April, McGovern had been upset about the absolute veto power Neville held in appointing students to the various committees. The committees, which are comprised of a mix of students, faculty and administrators, advise Neville and other administrative elements at UMO.

Traditionally, Student Government leaders—lacking any hard and fast guidelines—had appointed their own choice of students to the committees, with only a perfunctory approval needed from the university president. Through a mysterious set of moves over the last two years, however, Neville conned student government into accepting a plan requiring submission of two names for each student spot on each committee—with no guarantee that Neville would accept either name. Often he didn't.

McGovern and other University of Maine system student leaders tried to gain back some of their lost power, with no success. In desperation, they turned to the Board of Trustees, which passed a resolution stipulating that in the future student government and administration leaders would have to compromise on the appointments—ironing out a mutually-acceptable method of appointment.

Well, the compromise—if it can be called that—has been reached, and Howard Neville has won again.

Under the terms of the new agreement, the requirement of two nominees per committee post is gone, replaced by a system under which Neville is forwarded one name per spot. He's free, however, to reject the nominee, as long as he gives a "proper explanation," a nebulous term meaning nothing, especially in light of the final portion of the new agreement: Rejections are confidential—students will never see them.

As for committees Neville feels are really important, the old rules still apply. These committees, the Conduct Code and Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Board exercise power without the president's approval.

It's thus hard to deduce how things have changed at all: Neville retains his absolute veto power, while students remain powerless in appointing their own ranks to committees.

And while it's hard to detect any real changes, it's even more puzzling to guess why McGovern would stand blindly for this so-called compromise. The agreement, clearly, makes a mockery out of the entire concept of having students represented on the committees. Now, as before, Neville is free to usher in the student appointees he wants, as opposed to the independent student voice which is so desperately needed if this university is to operate in the best interest of its students.

Perhaps the entire chain of events through which students lost the power to appoint their own choices to the various committees can be summed up with one observation: UMO student leaders were outsmarted by one thoroughly foxy campus president.

True enough, Mike McGovern went down fighting. But towards battle's end, he gave in when he should have stood his ground, insisting on the right to a free and independent student voice on the committees. McGovern, quite clearly, fell for Neville's tricks and lost much for students in the process.

Neville, meanwhile, will probably pat himself on the back in public for his noble compromise. Indeed, he should be proud of himself—he's managed to swing a deal where he's given up none of the power which shouldn't be his in the first place.

Logically, if student representation is to mean anything, students must be free to appoint their own choices to any and all of the committees. If students lack this power, Neville will be free to toy with appointments to the committees in any way he sees fit. Any doubters of this assertion should more closely examine the already-transpired chain of events.

But perhaps student leaders can learn a lesson in the devious dealings of administrative power struggling. If the tricks needed to successfully usurp power can be uncovered, one plan already has been forwarded as a way to beat the administration at its own game.

Here's the plan: Let Neville appoint any students he wants, to any and all of the committees. The only stipulation students will attach to this favor is that faculty and administrative nominations must be okayed by students.

It's only a logical compromise...

Mark Mogensen Washington: all work, no play

One thing's for sure. Nobody comes back a dull boy from a Washington D.C. internship.

Granted, you could be a physical education major and easily fill out the application form. And previous interns say the interview process performed by six or seven university officials rates along with opening the electric doors at the local A&P in difficulty.

Yet most people who haven't been through the intern experience feel there must be more to being a Washington D.C. intern with a "respected" politician than completing a simple application and partying in the big pomegranate. Most people think the interns work hard just to be picked as interns, and that the going gets steadily tougher once in Washington. Well...that may be, but it's only part of the story.

Have a brief talk with any intern about their Washington experience and names like Cyrus Vance, Bert Lance, Hubert Humphrey, Frank Church, Richard Schweiker and Ken Holmes will be bantered about. Tales will be told of close encounters with "stars" like Robert Redford and the political likes of Edward Kennedy and CIA Director Stansfield Turner. And the stories will come from professional contacts as well as after-hours socializing...Oh, how they socialize.

"One night we went to a party up on the hill," relates one intern. "There are always parties and dinners sponsored by lobby groups most of the time. And frequently the lobbyists are inexperienced in the ways of Washington, so you can usually walk right in whether you're invited or not. So some friends of mine and I went to this party and got pretty smashed. (During this conversation, the intern tells me—off the record—of particular pot-smoking or always-drinking bureaucrats.) Sometime during the evening we somehow managed to get across the street to the Gandy Dancer bar, where we got our second wind. By the time we got out of there we couldn't see. We might as well have been in Panama. My two friends went on their way to their apartment and I proceeded to get lost trying to find my bus stop a block and a half away.

"About 12 midnight I found it, and lied down on the grass beside the sidewalk (in the crime capitol of the world)."

The bus came without incident and the intern managed to climb on board and fall back to sleep. He said he woke up (out of habit?) just before his stop.

What's even more amazing is that the next evening the performance was repeated with more names and stories. They go on and on...

And so do the the stories of what it's like to live in the city of Washington D.C. UMO's most recent intern Dan Warren relates an illuminating story of how he ended up in ballet tights down in Washington.

"I'm living at SAE fraternity house at George Washington University...and I'm also next to the gym so I can catch up on some leisure.

"In order to use this beautiful, multi-purpose gym, you have to be an enrolled student and have a picture ID card. So I figure I better enroll. So I went to get a class schedule and found out it was a whopping \$125 per credit hour. But, I did want to use the gym, so I thought I'd try to find a one credit course and drop it before the Feb. 3 deadline, getting 80 percent of my tuition money back. Classes were pretty much full in everything, so I ended up looking at physical education. Well, I ended up signing up for Beginning Ballet Technique, which made me somewhat of a laughing stock around here for a while. I followed through with my withdrawal plan however, and had \$87 back before I knew it. I hated to give up my little blue ballet slippers, though...."



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Shocked and angry

To the Editor:

I was shocked and angry after reading the article in the Feb. 24 issue of the Campus regarding a suit by M.F. Sobel against the University. David Karvelas' report regarding my responses was inaccurate and misleading.

When the reporter asked me about Sobel's charges pertaining to a position advertised by a non-UMO unit of the University, I specifically and repeatedly said that I could not affirm or deny anything relating to that charge, for I am not at all involved in recruitment conducted by non-UMO offices of the University.

It was, therefore, shocking to me to read the very misleading interpretation that I did not deny the possibility of discrimination in the Sobel case.

In fact, when speaking with Karvelas, I expressed no opinion whatsoever regarding the merits of the case, for I did not want my opinion to affect the case.

Furthermore, the quotation attributed to me in that article is one that I never uttered. As I explained to Karvelas, the status of the case is unclear at this time, since it is not even certain that the judge will agree to hear the case.

For that reason, as well as for other reasons, the statement incorrectly attributed to me (by the use of quotation marks) is factually wrong.

When Mr. Karvelas questioned me about EEO/Affirmative Action recruitment policies, I emphasized that what I was

explaining was a general EEO guideline. I never said nor meant to suggest that the potential applicant pool guidelines would determine whether there had been a "violation" (not my word) in the Sobel case.

When he was talking to me, it was quite clear that Mr. Karvelas wanted me to make assertions—or even guesses—about the validity of Sobel's charges, including those pertaining to aspects of the case with which I am not familiar.

I refused to deny, to affirm, or to guess about the validity of any aspect of the case.

I deeply resent the fact that a Campus reporter has attributed his interpretation to me. Furthermore, I seriously question why any responsible reporter would enclose in quotation marks a statement that does quote precisely what the person to whom the remarks are attributed actually said.

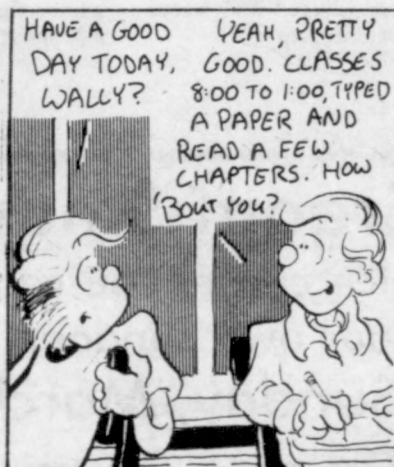
I am particularly distressed and angered by those misleading and erroneous statements attributed to me because in my position as director of EEO, I have always strived to be absolutely fair in my relationship to those who have felt aggrieved and also to this university, which is working collectively to remain in compliance with Equal Opportunity laws and Affirmative Action executive orders.

Sincerely,

JoAnn M. Fritsche, Director,
Equal Employment Opportunity

Editor's note:

The original quote to which Ms. Fritsche refers says that "Whether or not this is a violation will depend upon the size of the applicant pool of women and minorities in Maine." We stand behind the accuracy of the quote.



Commentary

Jill Hansen

A month of transition

The coming of March brings a sigh of relief—relief at having survived the worst of another bitter Maine winter. Besides the obvious change in weather, March means an equally notable change in attitude. Students become more extroverted, gradually lazier, and happier for no particular reason.

It was difficult to make friends in the winter. They were just a bunch of neuters shuffling about campus in Bean boots, down jackets and jeans. Could it be that the fat girl in the down vest is really slim and svelte? Is that husky hunk of man in the down jacket really a toothpick? All these suspicions are resolved on the first 50 degree day in March.

This is a month of transition. The dormant campus slowly responds to the

curious sounds and smells of the change in seasons. A few premature frisbees are tossed above the melting snow, muddying the commons for future keg-ball enthusiasts.

It won't be long before the green beer of St. Patrick's Day results in green faces the next morning. Legs, the color and texture of goose flesh, begin to appear on both males and females. Armpits and legs will be carefully shaved. The hair is no longer needed for insulation.

Soon the stereotypes will be blasting, and girl-gawkers will perch on the library steps, mentally rating passersby on a one to 10 scale. Red-faced joggers and bicyclers will try to shed that spare tire in anticipation of Bermuda or Florida at Spring Break.

The tide is seldom as high as the sunbathers at Cumberland's Muscle Beach. Dorm residents will soon huddle near the brick walls, in hopes of obtaining an early tan without freezing their derrieres in the process. Slats in the fence surrounding the Hart sunbathing area are mysteriously broken. A ROTC helicopter hovers over Androscoggin as bikini-clad females jockey for position.

The first black fly is hailed as a sure sign of hot, blissful days ahead—the second and third are squashed mercilessly.

The dog population increases dramatically at the onset of mild weather, possibly rivaling the student population. Modest coeds are constantly plagued by the sight of indecent canine activities on the mall. The aroma of defrosted excre-

ment under foot is misery added to the moment.

The attempt to study outside in the grass and sun is futile at best. Books end up under heads instead of in front of noses. Get that studying done early while the ground is frozen, unless you can resist the delights of a balmy 65 degree day. Spring prelim results confirm that motivation is a function of temperature.

But before you put that down parka in mothballs, remember Mother Nature is a tease who fondles us with warmth and

sunshine. You can be sure that when our guard is down, she'll gleefully dump enough snow to touch the bottoms of our Bermuda shorts and freeze our knobby knees.

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Orono councilor to run**Area's state senator not seeking re-election**

State Senator Theodore S. Curtis, representing UMO along with Orono, Veazie, Bradley and Milford, announced this week that he will not seek re-election to a fifth term in the Maine Legislature.

Curtis, 37, has been a state senator for the last four years, and was state representative representing Orono for four years before that.

Curtis said his decision not to seek re-elections was based on financial considerations and the feeling that most of his legislative goals have been achieved. He also indicated that he wanted to spend more time with his family and devote as much time as possible to Senate Majority Leader Jerry Speers' bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Among the goals Curtis listed as having been achieved were adoption of the 18-year-old vote, establishing annual sessions of the legislature, abolition of the Executive Council, ratification in Maine of the Equal Rights Amendment, increasing job opportunities for Vietnam Veterans and gaining a collective bargaining law for University of Maine employees.

Curtis' announcement that he will not

run for re-election follows closely the announcement that Orono resident Pat Clark will seek the local state senate seat.

Clark, a democrat, is the wife of UMO Vice President for Academic Affairs James Clark. She said she had decided to seek the state senate seat, upon the urging of friends, after deciding not to run for re-election to the Orono Town council.

"I asked myself, 'Do I want to make this commitment,'" said Clark, who is the

mother of three teenagers. "The answer is yes," she said.

She said she has been well-received throughout District 26 and that many legislators have been enthusiastic about her campaign. Her children have also encouraged her. "I have a reputation as a hard worker and of doing my homework," she said.

Clark, whose post on the Orono Town Council will end next month, decided not to

run for re-election because she believes that six years on the council is enough. She said that people should participate in government, but once a person has made his contribution another should have the opportunity.

This is one of her reasons for running for the senate. "Ted Curtis (Republican), who now holds the senate seat, has represented District 26 adequately, but it's time for a change."

Historian studies scalping origins

by Michael Martin

It's been fashionable of late for well-meaning white liberals to blame their own ancestors for the practice of scalping.

But this revision of the traditional cowboy and Indian story doesn't square with the evidence, according to James Axtell, a visiting professor of history at Chicago's Northwestern University.

The first time anyone suggested that the white man taught the Indian to scalp was in 1820, Axtell said at a history symposium Thursday afternoon.

At that time, a Seneca chief named Cornplanter had a vision in which he was told to give up war and return to the peaceful existence the Indians knew before the British and French came and provided sharp knives which could take the skins off of other men's heads, Axtell said.

This theory took on greater popularity in the 1960's, Axtell said, as whites took up the Indian cause. One story has it that the first scalps were taken in Maine in the 17th century, when the Massachusetts government offered bounties for Penobscot Indian scalps. Another story claims it was the Dutch in New York.

The whole idea is clearly erroneous, said Axtell, who is an ethno-historian educated at Yale, Cambridge, Harvard, and Oxford. Historical and archaeological evidence indicates that Indians were scalping other Indians before Columbus, he said. Early European explorers saw scalps hanging from poles in Indian villages and wrote about what they saw, he said.

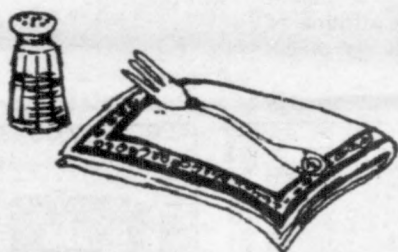
"They had reed knives, sharper than any steel knives, which they used to cut the skin away from the skull," he explained. Early explorers recorded the taking of scalps all along the east coast.

But Axtell confirmed that the white man did take up the practice with a certain amount of relish once they had learned the operation.

The British were apparently the first to offer Indians a bounty for the scalps of other Indians, while the French first offered bounties for the scalps of whites, presumably Englishmen, Axtell said.

Axtell's talk was based on a paper he co-authored, a portion of which has appeared in American Heritage. He said that he did the research because he was 'burned up' by what people were saying about the origin of scalping, when all the evidence indicates that it was an old Indian custom.

It is part of a bigger research project he is doing on the interaction between the French, British, and Indian cultures, and admits that his sometimes macabre report was mostly a 'fun' project.

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Unknown flu strain leaves area

by Betsey Shirley

The flu epidemic at UMO is finally on the decline, according to Dr. Robert Graves, director of the Cutler Health Center.

"During the outbreak, 300-400 students were stopping by the health center daily and now the number has declined to less than 200 per day. Of course, a few of these people came in for reasons unrelated to the flu," said Graves.

The strain of influenza has not yet been determined, but two sets of blood samples have been sent to the State Health Laboratory in Augusta and the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Results should be obtained within three weeks. Because of a backlog of blood samples from around the state and country, it has taken the centers longer to make tests and report their findings.

"There are two types of influenza strains, A and B," said Graves. "The outbreak here was type A which is usually more serious. The odds are pretty good that these cases were probably the Texas flu, although I have a hunch that there was probably more than one type of virus."

Graves says that the flu broke out soon after students returned from the winter vacation. Students were scattered around the country and probably contracted different types of flu virus and brought them back to Orono.

"Some cases could have been the Russian flu which attacks young people under 25 most severely," Graves said. "If we do determine it was the Russian flu, people who have had it will be immune next year and for the remainder a vaccine may be obtained."

The symptoms included chills, aches and fever which usually subsided within three days and a cough which sometimes lasted up to two weeks. About 100 cases of secondary infections such as bronchitis, pneumonia and ear infections are now being treated at the health center.

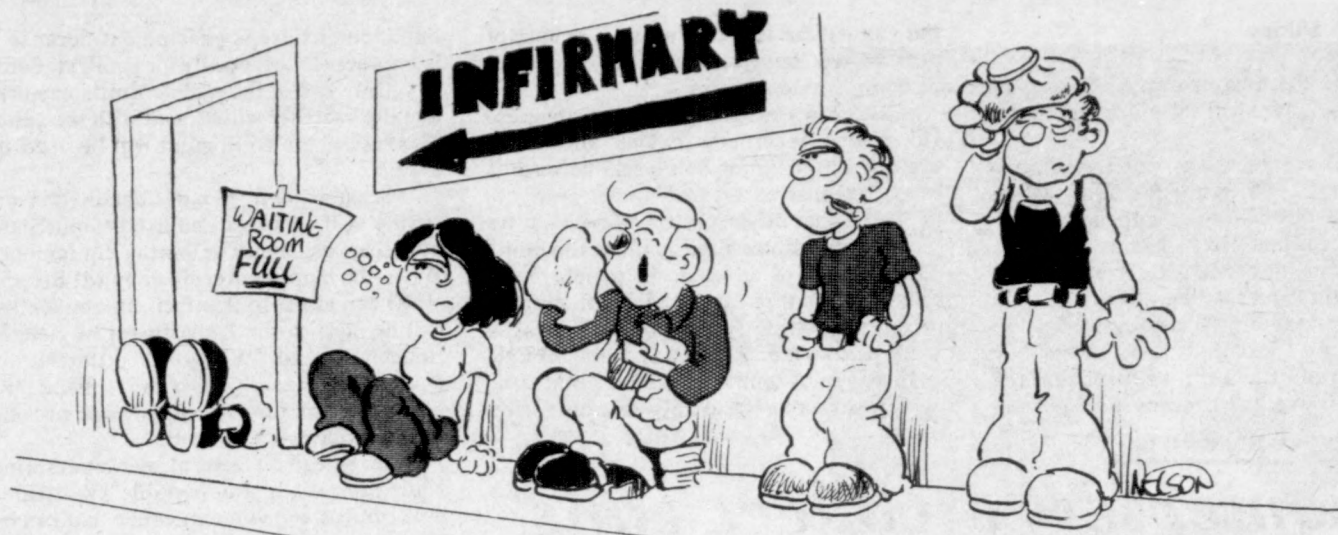
During the worst of the epidemic, the center admitted a capacity load of 15 patients per day suffering from complications due to the flu. But of the 2,000 to 3,000 students treated during the epidemic only eight to 10 percent developed bronchitis and less than one percent developed pneumonia and ear infections.

"Antibiotics are given for secondary infections, but will not combat the flu, therefore the only things that could be prescribed were liquids, analgesics, cough medicine and plenty of rest," said Graves.

With the flu outbreak, many students missed classes and some missed tests.

Richard Emerick, chairman of the anthropology department noted that about one third of his students were missing from class last week.

"Of course, this is not uncommon in



large classes, and I really have no way of knowing how many people were sick," said Emerick.

Emerick said he scheduled make up tests three to four days after the original at a time that will not conflict with other classes, usually at 7 a.m.

"I don't do this to punish students and I'm usually lenient about rescheduling a student who cannot make the 7 exam," he said.

Associate Professor of History Ronald Banks said he had not noticed very much absenteeism in his history classes during the past couple of weeks.

Candy stolen

by Randy Dustin

Thefts in public places are a continuing problem on campus and are very difficult to investigate, according to Detective Mildred Cannon of the campus police department.

In the past week, three theft incidents occurred at the Memorial Gym and Alford Arena.

A red down parka with a set of car keys in a pocket valued at \$35, was stolen from the field house between 5 and 5:05 p.m. on Thursday. A wallet containing \$1 and a number of identification cards also was stolen from the Memorial Gym on Sunday.

In a locker room theft at the Alford Arena during a hockey team practice Sunday, several people lost cash in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$30. A checkbook and credit card were also stolen.

Sometime between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, \$23 was stolen from an unattended wallet in Lord Hall.

"We have a continual problem with thefts of that type in public places. There are so many people walking around and people leave things unattended. This makes it difficult for us and easy for a thief," Cannon said.

In another weekend theft, a vending machine in Hannibal Hamlin Hall was broken into sometime early Sunday

I gave a test last Thursday where only two out of 110 students were missing," Banks said.

Professor Ulrich Wicks, chairman of the English department, said he noticed "a lot of hacking, coughing and sneezing" in his classes. Wicks, who teaches small graduate courses, said, "I can sympathize, I've had a cold myself."

Lorilie Pottle, a junior medical technology major who was sick for five days, said she dragged herself to her labs even though she was sick. "It is difficult to make up what is missed and very easy to get behind," she said. "My instructor was

quite understanding because she was sick herself."

Erin Corbett, a junior food and nutrition major, missed three days of classes and a test because of the flu.

"It was a bio-chemistry test and I didn't have any problems in scheduling a make-up. The instructor was considerate, he didn't give me any hassle," Corbett said.

Graves praised the students for handling the situation so well. "They were able to take things in stride and pull through without too many problems," he said.

Thefts, vandalism reported to police

morning and all the candy it contained was stolen. The break was discovered by the night watchman at 4:54 a.m. It has not been determined if any money was taken during the incident.

The only reported incident of vandalism last week was a broken window in the east

entrance door to the Student Health Center. A rock was thrown through a two and a half by six foot thermal plate glass window at about 2 p.m. Sunday. Cannon said that a young boy was observed running from the scene. Damage was estimated at \$160.

Fall Homecoming celebration to emphasize Canadian lifestyle

by Jane McDowell

"Maine Salutes Canada" will be the theme of UMO's annual Homecoming celebration next fall. Associate Dean of Life Sciences and Agriculture Winston Pullen, a Homecoming committee member, said the theme was chosen to give students and alumni a closer look at the Canadian people and their lifestyles.

At a meeting Wednesday at the Canada House, interested students, staff and faculty members discussed possible activities for the celebration, including performances by musical, dance and theatre groups from Canadian provinces and a hockey game between Canadian and American teams.

Plans include exhibits on the mall for

each of the country's 10 provinces, displaying various crafts and local foods. Several Canadian writers, artists and political figures may also be invited to attend Homecoming weekend, October 7-9.

According to the director of the Canada House, Ronald Tallman, a Canadian conference, scheduled for Oct. 1-3, will bring more than 100 Canadian educators and civil servants to campus. A few may remain in Orono to take part in Homecoming.

Susan Surette, a Canadian student, who attended Wednesday's meeting said the Homecoming plans are "a great opportunity to show that Canada is not the snowbound, backward place that so many Americans still think it is."

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MPBN decides mobile van is too expensive

by Betsey Shirley

Within the next ten days, if all goes according to plan, MPBN will be minus its mobile unit.

The van, which was purchased from RCA for \$500,000 five years ago, will be sold to an out-of-state independent producer, according to Thomas Strauss, general manager at MPBN. Strauss would not name the buyer or the amount the van will be sold for until the deal is confirmed.

"Several months ago when we decided to sell the unit, we went through the usual university procedure of putting

Redemption center

Somerset to collect cans

by Kim Marchegiani

In an effort to cut down on students' trips to off-campus bottle and can redemption centers, Somerset's Dormitory Activity Board (DAB) is setting up its own center for returnables.

"We're trying to provide a needed service," said Co-President Heidi Howell. She stressed that the center is open only to Somerset residents.

Somerset's DAB buys cases of soda from three distributors and sells directly to the residents.

"The DAB sells a lot of soda," Howell said. "One reason is that there is only a paper cup soda dispenser in the dorm and no can dispenser like in other dorms."

The redemption center for the cans will be set up in the basement or lobby of Somerset once or twice a week depending on demand.

The three distributors, Bangor Beverage, Coca Cola Bottling, and Pepsi Cola Bottling, will pick up the cans from the DAB.

The distributors will redeem cans of the

the van out for bids. We had a couple of perspective buyers, but the deals fell through," said Strauss.

The van contains five color cameras, video tape recorders, cables and other remote equipment, is being sold because it is too expensive.

It has not driving cab, so one must be rented and a driver hired to move the unit. Also, a crew of at least six people must spend the entire day before filming a production setting up equipment. This takes needed crew members away from MPBN.

This type of unit was used a great deal by networks a few years ago, Strauss said,

but added its use is phasing out because it is impracticable, especially for small stations.

Only two of the mobile unit's cameras and the switcher will be sold with the van. The rest of the equipment will be used by MPBN.

Strauss said money obtained from selling of the van will be used to purchase new electronic news gathering equipment. When the money is received by MPBN and UMO can attest to this fact, an application will be sent to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to obtain an equipment grant. HEW will provide 75 percent of the funds if MPBN can provide the remaining 25 percent.

Technically, electronic news gathering equipment is a highly portable TV or video tape camera and video recorder that can be

used by one person. Sometimes more than one camera is used plus a switcher which might require a mini van for transportation purposes.

"We have two correspondents in Augusta who are using ENG (electronic news gathering) equipment to cover the legislative session," said Strauss. "This type of equipment is so much easier to transport and cheaper than the mobile unit."

The mobile unit was used to cover UMO sports events and was on the scene to cover President Jimmy Carter's town meeting in Bangor last week. The van, which was usually parked behind Alumni Hall, has been used regularly since last fall and is now located behind the Memorial Gym.

Winter carnival aims for student participation

by Stephen Ham

Winter carnival, scheduled for the weekend of March 18, will include snow sculptures, a bonfire, winter sports events and a dance Saturday at which a winter carnival king and queen will be named.

The events are being planned this year by co-chairpersons Mike Routhier of Alpha Tau Omega and Ivy Elfring of Stodder Hall. "We're planning on having a good carnival this year," Routhier said, "and we're hoping that there'll be a lot of student participation."

Elfring, who's also president of IDB, said a lot of people have been asking about winter carnival and that there's a lot of interest in it this year.

There won't be any major differences in this year's carnival from those held in the

past, Routhier said, but he thinks this year's festivities will be a big success. "The Greeks are definitely interested in it this year," he said, "and I think the dorms are getting psyched up about it."

Student Government President Michael K. McGovern said student government would probably allocate some money to this year's winter carnival, but he didn't know how much would be given.

"We'll probably be giving some financial assistance to the carnival for things like police and security, and prizes for snow sculptures and games," he said.

Fraternities and dormitories will also make snow sculptures, Routhier said, with prizes being awarded to the best fraternity, best dormitory and best overall sculpture.

A cross-country race, toboggan pull, snowshoe sprint and skating at Alford Arena are also planned.

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Rock 'Stampede' mixed success

by Terry Lombard

If the success of a concert is measured by paid attendance then Tuesday night's throng of 3,586 fans at the Rock 'n' Roll Stampede at the Bangor Auditorium meant success to promoters Govatos and Utsick.

I would have considered it a success if Sealevel were the only band on the bill. Between the solo non-act of Bill Lamb, an unconscious offering by the Blend, and the Outlaws' reliance on past performance, one was easily lulled into a trance-like stupor only to be awakened by a cop frisking you for who knows what.

Extremely poor mixing of the sound equipment cast a dark shadow on the "extravaganza." Monitoring Bill Lamb was no problem as there were only two mikes the crew had to toy with during his act. The three following bands—and audience—tolerated sound board mistakes like "he's moving his lips but where's the sound," way too much drums with the Blend, lost guitar solos, and the virtual non-existence of the organ in Sealevel. If it wasn't the mixing it was the overscaled volume that accompanied the Outlaws. It left the fans with a numbing deafness and the feeling they'd been cheated out of the necessary articulation normally associated with this name-brand band.

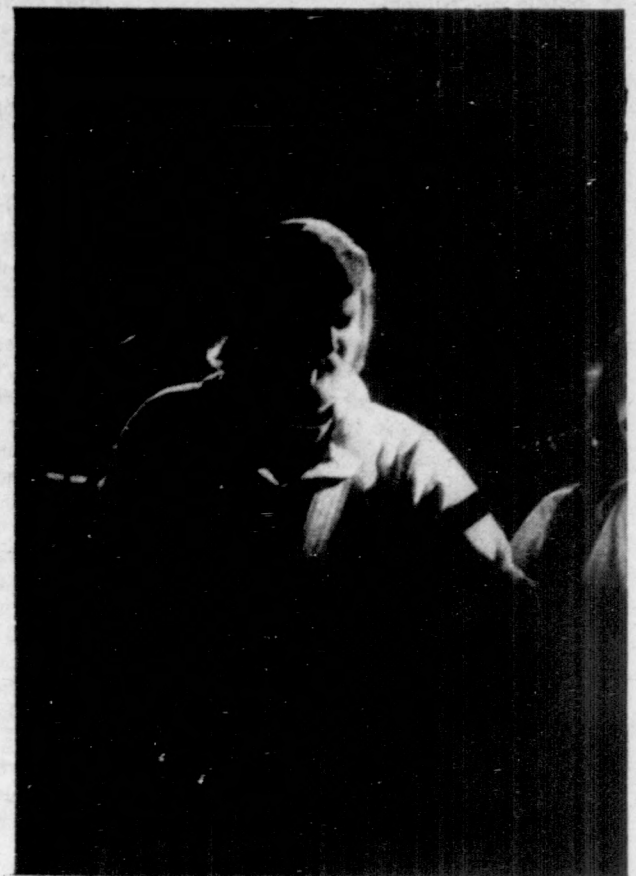
The Blend's arrival on stage, met with a barrage of firecrackers and sparklers from their followers, was probably the rowdiest part of their forty-minute set. Time restrictions like this hurt bands with such explosive potential. Their performance Tuesday night was truly char-

acteristic of recent appearances. They seemed so wrapped up in their spreading popularity that their song interpretation was too damn calculated, leaving almost no leeway for the spontaneity on which they built a reputation. Still, a couple of flashy trademark guitar riffs traded off between the lead players broke the mold on several occasions.

The next act, Sealevel, churned out such an incredible set that Duane Allman might just have twitched in his grave. This newly acclaimed seven-man group, hailing from Macon, Ga., ably displayed a brazen mixture of jazz and slick southern rockability rarely featured in this area. An offshoot of the original Allman Brothers Band, Sealevel ventured beyond the tradition of their earlier bonds with latin beats levied by the heavy use of conga drums and other percussive strains.

Playing standards like the "Swampville Boogie" and "Statesboro Blues," the band showed a reverence for detail by tastefully employing tight double leads in the Allman-Betts style. Outlaw Freddie Salem did his best job of the night joining Sealevel for the necessary third lead guitar with his tender yet assertive style during their finale and hoarse cries for the Outlaws.

And the Outlaws were the band they all came to see. Arms flailed and hands clapped the instant the houselights went dim, slowly giving way in volume to a recorded musical buildup marking the Outlaws' strut on stage. Pandemonium simply broke out as the band swung into



Jimmy Nolan of Sealevel plays slide guitar at Tuesday night's concert. [Photo by Ed Stevens]

action in their inimitable and gritty style, cranking out number after number. The audience, dulled by an already lengthy concert, was further bludgeoned by the onslaught of sour guitar notes and the unintelligible pounding of the P.A.

It was refreshing, though, to learn that the Outlaws haven't gone the way of Pure Prairie League and forsaken the use of steel guitar, as "Man of the Hour" reveals, for the full glory of a power band.

If you're impressed with volume, see them in concert. If you're into adjusting your own volume, buy their double live album released this week, entitled "Bring it Back Alive," on the Arista label.

Spectrum

an arts section

Cartooning: Just some ink and imagination

by Stephen Ham



Evariste Bernier oversees the work of a member of his cartooning seminar. [Photo by Ed Stevens]

Many people read cartoon strips and enjoy them, but only a few people take those funny little characters seriously.

One person who does is Evariste Bernier, a sophomore English major concentrating in creative writing. Bernier has been drawing cartoon characters and strips ever since he was bitten by the cartooning bug six years ago. "I used to read a lot of James Thurber books," he says, "and I got interested in doing my own characters."

His interest in cartooning extends to teaching. He is presently teaching a six week seminar entitled "Cartooning for Fun and Profit." The course is part of the Memorial Union Program Board's education exchange. "I'd like to teach everyone some different styles involved in cartooning," Bernier says, adding, "The least I would expect anyone to get out of this course would be the ability to draw a birthday card for a friend, or something similar to that." He noted that finding time to draw and do school work was difficult sometimes, but teaching cartooning helps solidify ideas in his mind and gives him the motivation to keep drawing.

"I'm working on something of my own right now," he says. "It's a book of sorts and I'm illustrating it myself." He also remarks he has a lot of ideas and would like to get them syndicated. "You have to have a large volume of

ideas because a lot don't get accepted. If I could get one of my strips syndicated, however, that would be my life's work."

Bernier indicates his first attempts at drawing cartoons were pathetic. "I was really bad," he says, "but I kept at it until I developed a certain style." The hardest part of cartooning, he says, is coming up with ideas. "Without an idea there's nothing to work with." After coming up with a lot of ideas, however, he says "anyone can learn cartooning in time. If a person has the spark or inner drive to spur him on he can be successful."

Bernier adds, "The best advice I can give to anyone who wants to draw cartoons is to practice drawing all the time and know your market. In other words, if you want to draw for New Yorker magazine, know what type of cartoons they print."

Of the progress of the budding cartoonists in his group, Bernier says, "I think they've been doing pretty well. We've been coming up with some funny cartoons, and people are coming up with their own characters. By the end of this I think we'll have a few finished products that can be sold."

Bernier ranks Thurber as his favorite cartoonist and has almost all of his books. "I also like George Booth. He's done cartoons for the New Yorker. As for comic strips, my all time favorite was 'Pogo.'"

Pupil active ballerina

by Bernie MacKinnon

When members of the Ralph Robinson Ballet Company take the stage at BCC's Portland Hall tonight and tomorrow night, among them will be an energetic UMO sophomore who has made dance central to her life.



Amy Farrar-Duym

Amy Farrar-Duym, an elementary education major from Brewer, has been performing with the ballet company since its birth more than a year ago. Before that, she had appeared with the Maine State Ballet in productions such as "The Nutcracker," "Giselle" and "Strange Woman."

Ironically, Farrar-Duym's first contact with the art form now so important to her was a sour experience. Her mother enrolled her in dancing school, she says, when she was very young. "I started taking ballet and tap and I hated it, really despised it." Soon, an indignant refusal to continue with dancing terminated her lessons.

At age nine, however, she had second thoughts and resumed ballet. This time she "got hooked." By age twelve she was performing with the Maine State Ballet and by fifteen was giving demonstrations. Now she finds time away from books and rehearsals to teach ballet at the Thomas School of Dance in Bangor.

Speaking of her future, Farrar-Duym says she hopes to become a certified teacher of dance. "I'd also like to have my own dancing school sometime," she adds. "Somewhere along the coast."

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Three men and nine women comprise the Ralph Robinson Ballet Company, a group which combines classical and modern ballet. The presentations at BCC, beginning at 8 p.m., will include ten separate ballets, each roughly ten minutes long. Colored lights, elaborate costumes and dynamic dancing will be featured. Tickets are \$3 for students and senior citizens, \$4.50 for others.

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And seeing it through a ranger's eye.
Slicing through plywood wind
With buzzsaw wings,
I watch the sawdust
Scatter in a tornado
Which passes quickly and clogs in the drain.

Touching down
I skate like fury
On ice cobblestones
Which flash
In the sun
Like blue lightning.
Sparks crack from my
Blades
Like fireballs from a welder's

Torch. And
I'm awaiting
The grail's appearance.
As the disgruntled crowd
Disperses like disappointed
Patriot fans.

Then on the right
I do see my darling—
Waving like a battle flag.
She's got the secret of the sun
In her eyes. And
As we love
In the shadow of the wing,
A sigh escapes
Like a canyon of harmony—
Embracing the time and
Saturating the space
With the melting moment.
Like a chunk of butter
Running down—
Going down.

Jeff Beckerman

Jazz band to appear

The Presumpscot River Bottom Boys, a nine-man Dixieland jazz band of long standing in Maine, will play in the Damn Yankee at 8 p.m. Saturday.

This group has been together since 1954 when some workers at Portland's S.D. Warren Company decided to pool their musical talents on a part-time basis. Some newer members have replaced original ones since then, but a nucleus of Warren employees remains.

Besides giving local concerts, the band has played overseas, representing the United States at Expo '67 in Montreal, at the Octoberfest in Germany and at the American embassy in London.

On their last visit to the Damn Yankee, the group lead a large audience in a hand-clapping, chair-standing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

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Colby turnaround crushes Black Bear hopes

by Charlotte McAtee

The impossible happened. Bowdoin College, the number one team in the Division II ECAC ice hockey league, lost to Colby College, destroying Maine's chance to make the playoffs in its first year.

Intramurals too popular; need larger staff, funds

by Kevin Burnham

The only loser in intramurals is the non-participant, according to a poster outside the intramural office in the Memorial Gymnasium.

The intramural athletic association at UMO compares well with any other intramural program in the country, Dave Ames, intramural director, said this week.

"Our staff is the only aspect of the program that doesn't compare with others," Ames said. "A budget cut by the university has limited our staff."

The program has only one employee other than Ames. UNH and UMass both have larger staffs than UMO with five and seven staff members respectively, Ames said.

"The university should fund the intramural system so we could have a bigger staff," Ames said. "But they just don't have the money. When we run out of money to pay certain bills we have to go to the physical education department to get it."

Ames added that many schools have their students pay an activities fee, sometimes \$80 or \$90, that would cover additional fees like career planning and placement, health fee, and others.

He said that in the future that UMO students will have to pay a fee that will help fund the activities and pay for facilities, like paying referees or building additional raquetball courts.

Ames said that he used to have three men on his staff, but after the budget cut he has only one this year. Bob McCormick, a graduate assistant, works 20 hours a week, supervising games and making sure all activities are run on time.

Ames added that he has two football assistants, Orfio Collilouri and Kevin Lampa, and one senior physical education major, Russ Quetti, to help set up for games but they are not paid for their services.

The intramural program offers 26 different activities for both men and women, from broomball to water polo.

Ames said there is more participation every year. He said the women's program is growing five to ten percent in participation every year while the men's participation grows anywhere from one to ten percent.

Ames added that raquetball participation has grown at a tremendous rate over

"We beat Colby twice," said goalie Jim Tortorella. "That's all that counts. If that isn't enough to put us in the playoffs, there's something wrong somewhere."

Coach Jack Semler took a more conservative view of the situation. "You've got to give Colby credit," he said.

"They beat the number one team after a tough game against us."

"It's the close games against (Division II) opponents like St. Anselm's and Salem State that killed us," defenseman Don Mason said. Tortorella agreed. "The real key was New Haven," he said. "If we had beat them, we'd have no problem."

"We were so psyched to play Bowdoin," Mason said. "We had a real chance of making Bowdoin look bad. We surprised a lot of people, doing this well for a first-year team."

Because of the upset, Colby, instead

of Maine, will play Bowdoin Saturday night in the first round of the playoffs. Maine will finish out their season with two home games against Division II opponent Cortland State, Friday and Saturday night.

"These games will give us a chance to have an overall winning season," Semler said. "They are the last appearance of the year for us, so hopefully the players will carry some of their playoff emotion into it."

"The games should be good ones," affirmed Mason. "We want to end up the season on a winning note."

Better teams await gymnasts

The gymnastics team will face some stiff competition this weekend in the tri-state meet at Keene, N.H. Maine goes against UNH, UVM, and Keene State College to conclude their schedule of team meets this year.

Coach Barbara Stoyell said UVM and UNH will probably steal the show, leaving Keene and UMP to battle it out for third place.

UNH and UVM are the top two," Stoyell said. "UMH is a qualifying team and we

can't really compete with them. We are just looking for the best performances of the year from the team members."

Stoyell said the contest with Keene should be close, because they have been averaging the same scores as Maine.

After this meet, the next competition will be the state individual meet on March 11. Last year Maine gymnasts took 11 of the 16 places, and Stoyell is looking for more of the same with a team improved by some good freshmen, she said.

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Hampered by injuries**Former AAU champ is making a comeback**

by Stephen Ham

When most people think of the Olympics they think in terms of a spectator. When Ann Turbyne thinks about the Olympics however, she thinks in terms of a competitor.

A junior physical education major, Turbyne hopes to compete in the 1980 Olympics in the shotput. "The 1980 Olympics is definitely my goal right now," she said, "but whether or not I can improve enough to make them remains to be seen."

Turbyne is not just someone with a dream. She has an impressive record. In 1976, she won the senior national AAU championships with a toss of 51 feet, 5 1/4", the second best alltime throw in the U.S. She also represented the U.S. women's team on their tour to Russia that year, placing third against international competition.

Training is an arduous, time consuming chore for Turbyne. When training for the national in 1976, she was throwing the shot and lifting weights for two and a half hours every day. She is presently lifting weights one hour a day and throwing five days a week.

"I sometimes find it hard to find the time for both training and schoolwork," she said, "but my schoolwork definitely comes first."

Injuries have caused some problems for Turbyne. Shortly before returning from the USSR in 1976 she broke her wrist while lifting weights. She said, "It was a marginal fracture, but with the 1976 Olympic trials coming up in five weeks there was no way I was going to give up and stop throwing."

Throwing aggravated the fracture and the injury plagued her until last August when a specialist finally put her wrist in a cast for three months. She started throwing again in mid-December and has been getting in shape ever since. She is undefeated so far this season but considers her performance to date "terrible." "I also hurt my knee recently," she said, "and that's slowed down my improvement."

Turbyne first became interested in shot putting when she was a freshman at Winslow High School. Because of a shortage of physical education teachers, she was allowed to teach some classes under supervision. Her supervisor also happened to be the girls track coach and

urged her to try the shot put, and she's been throwing ever since.

Turbyne has qualified for the nationals this year, but is uncertain about her chances of winning. "I'd like to think I could go right in and win," she said, "but realistically, it would be very difficult for

me considering how I've been throwing this season."

Her best throw this year was against Dartmouth, a toss of 46 feet, six and one-half inches.

She said however, that there are almost two years until the next Olympic trials and she hopes to be ready for them.



Ann Turbyne—aiming for the Olympics.

Fencing team peaks at NE's

The Maine Fencing Club sent a six-member team to Dartmouth for the New England Conference Championships last weekend, and came home with a fourth place overall finish.

The foil team of Jerry Bauer and Mike Edwards took a first place to lead the team; while Kenneth St. Amand and William Lawton, sabre; and Stephen Eastwood and Ecton Espenlaub, epee also did well.

Coach Shelly Berman said it was an outstanding accomplishment for the four-year-old club, which was competing

against schools where fencing was a varsity sport.

"We really made an impression on the coaches with the quality of competition we showed," Berman said.

Maine has only been fencing foil for four years, and sabre and epee were only started last year and practiced competitively for the first time this year, Berman added.

The foil is a very narrow, light sword and the epee is similar, but heavier. The sabre is a bladed, cutting weapon.

In competition, points are scored when contact is made with the point of the foil or epee while any contact with the blade of the sabre counts. In foil competition, the chest is the target, anywhere on the body counts in epee, and everything above the waist counts in sabre.

MIT and Dartmouth tied for the championship title last weekend with a 39 team total. Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.) was next with 36, and Maine followed with 31.

Berman, who fenced at the University of Wisconsin and still competes individually, ranked 40th nationally out of 6,000 fencers, said "considering the top three who beat Maine, it would have been virtually impossible to do any better."

Cagers stand at 11-3, face Providence again

The UMO women's basketball team completed regular season play Wednesday with a win over UMPI at Presque Isle, 77-60. Their record now stands at 11-3.

Today the team travels to the Portland-Gorham campus for the preliminary round of the EIAW Division I playoffs.

Maine takes on Providence, who just beat Maine last week in a game played at Memorial Gym. UMass faces Northeastern in the other game Friday. The two winners will then square off for the right to compete at Queens, N.Y. in the final rounds, March 10-11.

In Wednesday's victory UMO was led by Jeanie White, Lana Ladd and Cathy McGuire, all scoring 14 points.

Week in sports

HOCKEY—tonight and Saturday vs. Cortland State at Alford Arena, both games, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—today at EIAW playoffs at UMPG.

WOMEN'S SKIING—Today and Saturday at Sunday River.

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First loss wounds riflers

by Kevin Burnham

The UMO Rifle team lost its first match of the season last weekend at the hands of Norwich University in action at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Maine is now 11-1.

Both UMO and Norwich were tied at the end of the match with a score of 2200 apiece, but because Norwich scored higher than Maine in the standing position event, they won the match. USCGA finished third with a score of 2159.

UMO rifleman Tim Tobin was the overall winner with a shooting total of 577. Tobin continues to lead all New England shooters in average (575.5) this season.

Other UMO totals for the match were

Dave Wellman (552), Wayne Wood (538), and Tom Tobin (533). Steve Murphy usually shoots in the top four but he wasn't shooting well last week, Coach Robert Bernier said.

The loss puts Maine in a tie with Norwich for the New England crown. The match this weekend against Norwich and other New England teams, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will determine the New England championship which Maine has won 14 times in the last 18 years.

The other teams in the New England Collegiate Rifle League include: Providence College, University of Rhode Island, USCGA, Dartmouth, MIT and the University of Vermont.



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