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## Housing fees, overcrowding to rise

by Kendall Holmes

A room and board hike, along with a large increase in the number of tripled rooms will probably greet dormitory residents at UMO next fall.

H. Ross Moriarty, director of Residential Life, has confirmed that plans are moving forward to increase housing fees from their present \$1605 annual level at the Orono campus, based on a 21-meal plan.

"The cost of living and inflation are the indicators we use to plan increases," said Moriarty, who would not reveal the extent of the increase. He did say that the specifics of the increase, which must gain the approval of the UMaine Trustees, will be announced before the end of the semester.

And while room and board rates will probably increase next year, the number of tripled rooms at the Orono campus will also increase to an all-time high.

A multi-part proposal, forwarded Friday by Moriarty to acting Vice President of Student Affairs Dwight Rideout, if implemented, would lead to an additional 250 tripled rooms on the Orono campus next fall.

The proposal would also mean that upperclassmen at Orono would be routinely tripled for the first time and would bring the number of tripled students at the Orono campus next fall to over 2,200.

Concerning the proposal, which also included a number of lifestyle changes, Moriarty said, "This is a recommendation

to the vice presidents and president. They are the ones that make a final decision, but I don't expect that they wouldn't follow our recommendations."

Moriarty said final okays for the proposals will be made by UMO President Howard R. Neville by the end of this week.

The hike in the number of triples at the Orono campus next year, according to Moriarty, is directly attributable to a number of proposed lifestyle changes expected to be okayed by Neville.

The most important among these is a decision to house all freshmen at Orono

next year, rather than spreading them between Bangor community college and Stucco Lodge as was done this year. Moriarty said the freshman housing decision and others came mainly as a result of input from several Residential Life committees.

Among these was a meeting last Thursday of the Life Style Committee of Residential Life, which sparked considerable controversy about a proposal to turn Stodder Hall into an all-male dorm and open University Park to single students.

As a result of the Thursday meeting, the

Stodder Hall proposal was dropped. It was replaced by a plan to change parts of Stodder, Penobscot and Chadbourne halls which currently house women into male sections.

But despite heavy opposition from residents, the Life Style committee persisted after last Thursday's meeting with its plan to allow single students to live in University Park. Moriarty, in turn, included the proposal in his proposal to Rideout and Neville.

Moriarty also recommended: converting one female section each in Oxford and Knox Hall to male sections; that Estabrooke Hall be kept as a center for graduate students, but the number of graduate students living there be decreased; that all foreign transfer students next year be offered housing at Orono; and that the room deposit fee be increased from \$25 to \$50.

Also included were proposals to expand off-campus housing services and increase the number of transfers and re-admitted students housed at BCC.

The aborted Stodder Hall proposal was dropped after it ran into heavy opposition Thursday from students living in the dorm. The Life Style Committee, which is comprised of students, faculty and administrators, cited possible disciplinary problems as the key reason for killing the proposal.

Opponents of the Stodder proposal claimed that an all-male atmosphere often

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### Housing proposals at a glance

- ★ Increased room and board fees
- ★ 250 more triples
- ★ All freshmen housed at Orono
- ★ Sections of six dorms converted from female to male
- ★ Undergraduates at University Park
- ★ Fewer graduate students at Estabrooke
- ★ A \$50 room deposit, up from \$25

## Talking with dummies: a profitable illusion

by Bob Granger

To most people, sitting around talking to a bunch of dummies would probably not seem like a very profitable way to make a living. But for Rick Mitchell, talking with dummies is not only a money-making proposition but a hobby as well.

Mitchell, a freshman from Trumbull, Conn., is a ventriloquist, and performing with dummies is how he hopes to earn his living someday.

"Ventriloquism is basically an illusion," Mitchell says. "You have to use your voice and physical motions to suggest to the audience that the dummy is talking or a voice is coming from a distant spot."

Mitchell, who now has two sidekicks — a monkey named George B. Boon and a

minimum of \$35 and a maximum of, well, "the sky's the limit."

"It all depends on the type of audience," Mitchell says. "Naturally I wouldn't charge as much for a kid's birthday party as I would for a banquet."

Mitchell arranges most of his half hour shows himself but occasionally goes through booking agents. Each program has various topics, again, according to the type of audience that he performs for. For most of his children's shows he uses George, his black-haired monkey.

"Some kids love it and think it's funny, but others get scared and start to cry," Mitchell said. "If I hit George over the head, the kids empathize with him because they think he's real."

But older audiences have somewhat different reactions to Mitchell's performances.

"One time after I performed on a Gerry Lewis telethon a guy came up and asked me if I was a schizophrenic," he said. "He said George seemed so much different from me that he thought I might carry on two different personalities in my daily life."

But that comment was a compliment for Mitchell who says he tries to create sort of different personalities for the dummies in order to make them more realistic.

Mitchell says he'll start using Rodney for older groups because he is trying to give the new dummy a personality with a lust for wine, women and song.

"I want Rodney to have a personality different from most other ventriloquist figures," he says. "Rodney will have a freaky character. This will be different so I think it will go over pretty well."

The new figure took a New Jersey

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Rick Mitchell

### Campus Corner

new ventriloquist figure named Rodney Roach, became interested in ventriloquism when he was nine years old.

"My parents bought me a dummy and an album on ventriloquism for Christmas, and the summer after that I did my first show in a clubhouse."

Mitchell lost his interest in ventriloquism to sports during his early teens, but his interest was revived by the time he was a freshman in high school.

"At that time I was caddying and selling hotdogs but I hated it," Mitchell recalls. "But I had to find some way to make money so I started it back up again."

Since his junior year in high school, Mitchell has been performing at banquets, YMCA's, men's clubs, fairs, shows and birthday parties.

Although his performance price varies with each audience, he says he charges a



# Student cooperative rents university house

by Michael Martin

It seems like the best deal going: eight students are living in an eight-bedroom house within walking distance of UMO, and paying less than \$40 a month for rent. And it's even a nice house with rugs on the hardwood floors, hot and cold running water and other amenities.

There must be a catch, one might say. And there is, of sorts: the house, located on College Avenue in Old Town just across the Orono town line, belongs to UMO.

Known as the Patch House, it was purchased by the university from Edith Patch, an entomologist who worked at the university at the turn of the century. University policy forbids making any profit on university property, so the \$255 monthly rent is calculated to break even.

Before renting the house to the eight single students who formed the Orono Cooperative Housing Corp., the house had been rented for \$110.

John Barry, director of Off-campus Housing, said the increased rent was in anticipation of higher costs due to the more people living at the house, and the necessity to hook the house into the municipal sewage system.

However, it's a "really good deal," in the words of Lucille Poulin, president of the cooperative, and Patch House resident. She said that the original idea, as conceived by her and several other students, was to buy a house.

"We started looking into buying a house

and found we couldn't get any financing," she said. So, they approached the university to see if there were any houses available.

"Residential life was enthusiastic, and they encouraged us but there really wasn't that much they could do," Poulin explained, but they kept trying.

Eventually, through John Blake, vice president of finance and administration, they worked out a deal to occupy a house at 126 College Avenue. This was last spring, and the student cooperative members left the university assuming that they'd move in in the fall.

But they got letters last summer saying they had to make other arrangements, since 126 College Avenue was being converted into office space for, ironically, the Off-Campus Housing Office.

The only alternative was 500 College Avenue—the Patch House. There had been

talk about making the Patch House into office space, too, but Barry said it just wasn't as convenient for the university.

The cooperative's lease runs from Jan. 10 to August 31, and Poulin said she assumes that it will be renewed in the fall, barring any unforeseen problems.

The three women and five men who live in the Patch House share all the chores, according to prearranged work schedules.

A work manager assigns jobs to be done around the house, although Poulin said that there wasn't that much that needed to be done. The university plows the driveway in the winter, collects the garbage, and performs any necessary maintenance needed on the house.

The university also provided some of the furniture, including desks, beds, chairs, bureaus and a kitchen table, plus refrigerators and stoves.

The cooperative pays their own electrical

and oil bills. The oil bill, however, probably won't be astronomical. According to Poulin, the thermostats are kept at 60 degrees all the time. "You get used to it," she said.

Unfortunately, the university doesn't own any more eight-bedroom houses which they can turn over to student cooperatives. Barry said that the other five university-owned houses—including the house at 126 College Avenue which is used by Off-Campus Housing—are being used.

Buying old houses in the area also seems out of the question for the university. According to Barry, they would be too expensive, and thus the rent would be too high to be attractive.

But Poulin and the cooperative think that there still might be an alternative. They are checking into low interest loans available through the federal department of Housing and Urban Development to purchase or renovate old houses.

Dues of \$50 per member are charged to ensure that only those who are seriously interested in the venture join, and to give the group some working capital.

Without any real efforts at recruitment, Poulin said there is a waiting list of people who want to stay at the Patch House next fall who have heard about the place by word of mouth.

And while the Patch House hasn't solved the university housing shortage entirely, it has apparently helped the eight members of the Orono Cooperative Housing Corp. who, after all, helped themselves.

## ● Residential Life changes

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results in increased damages to university property and grounds.

The university's conduct officer, Sharon Dendrent, appraised the situation by commenting that "Co-ed dorms help keep the lid on things." Other drawbacks at the Thursday meeting were listed by those in attendance as: increased antagonism with fraternities; disruption of the brother-sister relationships which are created in co-ed lifestyles; and severe disruption of the current complex lifestyle.

But because the Stodder proposal had been forwarded as a means to help relieve excessive overcrowding of males on the Orono campus a substitute measure was needed. The Lifestyle Committee opted to follow—and Moriarty accepted—an alternative submitted by Stodder Complex Coordinator Douglas Miller.

The recommendation calls for converting three dorm sections in Stodder Complex—first floor south, Stodder; first floor, east, Chadbourne; and first floor, west, Penobscot—from female to male. This will create 49 more rooms for men.

But while the Lifestyle committee modified its recommendation concerning Stodder Complex, it upheld, as did Moriarty, a controversial proposal to allow single students to live in University Park. The committee advocated taking 20 of the faculty's 40 units in the facility and making them available to single students 20 years or older. Moriarty in turn recommended that a committee be set up to come up with procedures for implementing the University Park changeover.

Among other recommendations for housing changes at Orono next year are ones that call for one female section each in Knox and Oxford Halls to be converted into male sections. The proposal was slightly modified, however. Originally, it had specified which sections would be changed in the dorms. In its final form, it leaves the decision up to the officers of the two dorms and the Hilltop complex staff.

In another measure forwarded to relieve male overcrowding, Moriarty is recommending that the number of graduate students housed in Estabrooke Hall be decreased from 116 to 86. In his proposal, Moriarty recommended that "fifty percent of the rooms should be reserved for undergraduate students 20 years of age or older." Graduate students now occupy two-thirds of Estabrooke.

But while the number of graduate students in Estabrooke would be decreased, Moriarty said in the proposal that "Estabrooke should continue to be considered 'the graduate hall.'"

The likely increase in room deposit fees to \$50 next year and a proposal that no room refunds be made after July 14, instead of August 6, were forwarded as means to force students to decide sooner whether they would live on-campus or off.

Moriarty said Monday that both proposals were designed to "encourage people to make decisions sooner," on where they will live.

A final significant change included in Moriarty's proposals for next year calls for

all foreign students who are new to North America to be offered housing on the Orono campus.

Foreign students currently are given no special treatment in housing. "Foreign students had been treated just like everyone else," explained Moriarty about the change. "But they get here and have language, cultural and academic problems and they need quick assistance."

Moriarty, in assessing the overall effects of the proposed changes, said that they will lead to more overcrowding at the Orono campus, mainly because of the decision to offer all freshmen housing at Orono.

### LOWDOWN

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Tuesday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Interview with Jim Henderson—Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress. WMEB-FM 91.9

6:30 p.m. Study skills seminar on exams, Lewiston Hall Lounge (3rd floor), BCC.

7:30 p.m. Dr. Shok, Dean of the College of Forestry at the University of Minnesota, will speak on "Education of Professional Resource Managers," 100 Nutting Hall.

9 p.m. "Off the Beaten Track," WMEB-FM.

Wednesday, March 8

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. International Women's Day table in the Memorial Union.

2 to 8 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile, Oxford Hall main lounge.

6:30 p.m. Study skills seminar on exams, York Hall small dining room.

6:30 to 8 p.m. "Nothin' But the Blues," WMEB-FM.

7:30 p.m. Student Credit Union meeting, general meeting concerning the establishment of a student credit union on campus. All are welcome, 140 Little Hall.

7:30 p.m. Public lecture on "Marine Plants of the Caribbean Sea" by Dr. Robert Vadas. 100 English-Math.

8 p.m. Women's song and celebration, Damn Yankee.

8:15 p.m. Student recital with Joseph DiSalvatore, clarinet, assisted by Gregory Lechey, piano, Mary Bruesh, cello, and the Brass Quintet, Lord Hall recital hall.

11 to 12 p.m. "Last Call" call-in show, topic: sexuality, phone 581-7018 or 7019, WMEB-FM.

Thursday, March 9

12 noon Wayne Newall, developer of the Wabnaki Bilingual Education Project will speak on "Language and Cultural Survival," Hilltop Red Private Dining Room. All interested students and faculty welcome.

1 p.m. Lecture/demonstration by the 5 by 2 Plus Modern Dance Company, Memorial Gym.

5 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly Magazine, WMEB-FM.

6:30 p.m. Study skills seminar on exams, Stewart Complex small dining room.


7:30 p.m. John Stevens, Tribal Governor of Indian Township, and Wayne Newall, Director of Social Services for Indian Township, will speak on "The Real Nature of the (Indian) Maine Land Claims Suit," Bangor Room, Memorial Union.

8:15 p.m. Campus Band Concert featuring the theme from "Star Wars," Memorial Gym. Free admission.

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A lot of backstage planning goes into each Maine Masque production. Here, a student prepares for "Bingo," the first performance of the semester which opens tonight at Hauck Auditorium. A detailed behind-the-scenes look at Maine Masque theatre productions will appear in Friday's Arts and Entertainment section of the Campus. [Photo by Dona Brotz]

## 'Bingo' starts tonight

by Bernie MacKinnon

Maine Masque's first performance of the Edward Bond play "Bingo" will take place on the Hauck Auditorium stage tonight at 8:15 p.m. The play will show each night through Saturday.

"Bingo" concerns the last year in the life of William Shakespeare, when the aged playwright was living in retirement at Stratford. It centers upon the artist's relationship to society and the effect of money on morality.

Professor of Theater Arnold Colbath is director of the play, which casts Timothy Wheeler of Norridgewock in the role of Shakespeare. Other cast members are

Wallace Sinclair of Orono, Susan Swett of Skowhegan, Elizabeth Hale of South Hamilton, Mass., Elsie Dinsmore of Eastport, Dale Phillips of Lisbon, Wayne Merritt of Lincolnville, Ruth Bean of Bangor, Robert Yoder of East Holden, Kevin O'Leary of Portland and Alfred Schmitz of Brewer.

Costume design is by Mary Lou Colbath of Orono and scene design and lighting by Erwin Wilder of Orono. Bryan Ackler of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is technical director. Tickets are on sale at the Hauck Auditorium box office and at the door, \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 general admission.

## Crafts Center request sparks senate debate

by Kim Marchegiani

A request by the Hilltop Craft Center for \$1,250 at the General Student Senate meeting on Feb. 14 led to an hour-long debate about student government funding of Residential Life programs.

The craft center is a Residential Life Program, but is partially funded by the student senate.

The craft center initially requested \$2,000 last spring to operate this year, but was cut back to \$1,100. Most groups which requested funds had their budgets severely slashed.

"I don't know where the problem was, but the budget was just cut too much," Student Services Board chairperson Rita Laitres said. A budget of \$1,100 cannot support 15 or 16 work-study students for a year, she said.

The Crafts Center spent the money last fall and in December, Lee Kachan, director of the center, asked the senate for \$1,550 to pay student employees for the spring semester and to cover the increase in minimum wage. The request did not pass.

"We had spent the \$1,100 on the assumption that it came from last year's funds," Kachan said. "We hoped the senate would get more money this year and then could give us more."

According to Senator Robert Small of Chadborne Hall, Residential Life was not showing any signs that it would continue to support the center. In December, the student senate did not want the entire craft center budget pushed on it.

"Residential Life know it had a responsibility to pick up the rest of the budget," Small said.

On Feb. 14, the craft center asked for \$1,250, \$300 less than December request, and this time the senate gave them the money.

"What changed my mind and others was a letter the center received from Residential Life," Small said. The letter promised continued support for the center in terms of supplies and Kachan's salary. Funding for the student employees would have to come from elsewhere.

Small said he felt \$1,250 was a small price to pay for continued Residential Life commitment.

Students who worked at the center were concerned about losing their jobs, Small said, and this also concerned the senate. "We don't want to be made to look like the fall guy," Small said.

Kachan said the letter also stated that if funding for the employees was not found elsewhere, off-campus fees for using the center would have to go up.

On-campus students pay a lower rate because they pay for the center through room and board, in addition to the student activity fee which all students pay.

"A third of the people who come in are from off-campus," Kachan said. "We're trying to keep prices low for all students so funding (from student government) was important."

In a survey done last February, the center found that an average of 400 people used the center each week, and the number is substantially higher near Christmas.

Student Senator Richard Hewes questioned whether the original \$1,100 was properly budgeted. At the Feb. 14 meeting, Hewes suggested a compromise of \$625, half of the requested amount, but it was voted down.

"We don't want to set a dangerous precedent for the future," Hewes said. "If a group is going to squander all its money at the beginning of the year, they can expect to come back and get more."

## Student president opposes automatic tuition increase

by Dona Brotz

Tuition will increase \$213 for out-of-state students next year, while in-state residents face a \$110 increase. New England Regional students will pay 25 percent more than the in-state rate.

The \$213 and \$110 increases are identical to the tuition hikes this year, and are part of a two-year financial plan the trustees approved last June.

There seems to be some confusion between university officials and student government concerning these budget increases.

When the tuition hikes for this year and next year were proposed on April 27, last spring, the Office of Financial Planning put out a plan calling for budget policy meetings to be held with students in May, according to Michael K. McGovern, president of student government.

But McGovern said no meetings were ever held and he therefore feels that the tuition increases should not be automatic next fall.

"I don't think these things should go through automatically," McGovern remarked. "They said they were going to have budget policy meetings and they didn't have them."

However, three officials, Russell Smith, director of the Office of Budget and Financial Planning; William J. Sullivan,

vice chancellor for administration; and Mary Anne Haas, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, did not recall any meetings. Sullivan and Haas are members of the Staff and Student Affairs Committee.

When asked if they held any meetings, Smith said, "I can't answer that. I'm not on the committee." Haas, who is on the committee, said, "I can't answer that," and Sullivan replied, "I'm at a loss to respond."

McGovern said that he thinks a tuition increase is needed for faculty and staff salaries; however, he does not agree with the automatic increase.

At the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments (UMOSG) meeting on March 4, the trustees will probably be asked to review this, he said.

"Basically I think they (student leaders) will ask that it not be so automatic," McGovern said.

When asked if the trustees would review the tuition increase when requested, Sullivan remarked, "There is student representation on the Staff and Student Affairs Committee, but I'm not aware of any commitment to other meetings. Board Actions can always be reviewed, but I doubt that any omission this much after the fact would require any consideration. I'm surprised I didn't hear sooner."

## ● Dummy costs \$300

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craftsman about a year to construct at a cost of about \$300.

"It's hard to put a figure on something like this since it is handmade to my specifications," Mitchell said. Rodney, the dummy, also had something to say about this. "I'm going to get \$500 worth of life insurance just in case something happens," he said.

Aside from his regular performances, Mitchell also teaches ventriloquism courses, both privately and in conjunction with the Memorial Union Program Board's Education Exchange.

"A lot of people don't think they can learn ventriloquism but it's not that hard," he said. "What I try to do is give people an excuse for talking to themselves."

Mitchell, who will perform in the Bear's Den at noon Wednesday, says he would

like to make a career out of his ventriloquist act someday, possibly starting this summer.

"After this semester it's possible I'll be touring with a circus or a vocalist, but I really don't know right now."

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editorial

# Housing: a dark picture

Many things can be said about UMO's housing woes, but perhaps one observation sums up the entire situation: It's an enigma.

Amidst a great flurry of activity, two all-too-typical news items have surfaced in the last week. First, to the surprise of few, room and board fees will probably increase next year because of that official catch-all explanation known as inflation.

The same rationale was used two years ago to raise the rates to the present \$1605 for a 21-meal plan. When implemented in the fall of 1976, Orono's housing rates were \$200 or more higher than at any other campus in the UMaine system. Among the land-grant universities in New England, only one had a housing fee higher than this school's.

The second news item is that Orono will be more crowded than ever next fall. Almost 5000 students will be housed at Orono in facilities meant for 4200. Estimates are that 2200 or more students will be forced to live in triples, in rooms that average 12 feet wide by 16 feet long—minus

closet space. The additional tripling results from a decision to house all freshmen on the Orono campus. It will mean that some upperclassmen will, for the first time, be forced to live in triples. How's that for something to look forward to over summer vacation?

Digging a bit deeper, the plot thickens and the enigma grows.

H. Ross Moriarty, for example, the man pulling the strings at Residential Life, has steadfastly denied that Orono's overcrowding is attributable to an increase in enrollment at UMO. He correctly points out that enrollment levels are frozen at the university, and maintains that the overcrowding results from an increased demand by upperclassmen for university housing.

On the surface—perhaps—Moriarty might be technically correct. Indeed, the university's enrollment level is frozen. Looking a bit deeper, though, it's clear that while Moriarty is technically correct, he's dead wrong as well.

For while enrollment has remained steady in

the last three years, it grew rapidly in the years before that. It grew fast enough that it created a housing demand which totally outstripped the local supply.

Perhaps the housing problems the growth inevitably created were so obvious as to be overlooked by university planners. But regardless of how it happened, university administration got caught with their pants down, at the helm of an institution with a woeful shortage of housing.

Considering the problem, one might think that some viable solutions to the housing shortage should by now have been forwarded. Solutions, though, seem as lacking as the planning which led the university where it is.

Reshuffling of students doesn't do much. Estabrooke Hall, for example, will house fewer graduate students and more underclassmen next year. University Park will be opened to single students. Changing a number of female dormitory sections to male sections will open up more male housing. But with all these moves, overcrowding will still be worse than ever.

Another loser is a proposed apartment complex. The more one considers that proposal, the more obvious it becomes how little planning went into it. That lack of planning, if the complex is built, will hit students hard. No matter how you slice it, \$560 a month for four students in a small, crowded apartment is excessive.

And even if the apartments were open next fall—which they won't be—their 200 beds wouldn't even meet next year's additional overcrowding, let alone dent the overcrowding that already exists.

Put together, then, these rambling jottings paint a dark picture: a costly, overcrowded housing system, at a university that is not increasing enrollment but isn't projecting any decreases either, for many years to come.

But what the picture doesn't show is perhaps the ultimate enigma. For while there's a shortage of housing, there's a dearth of solutions to alleviate the problem. The same university administration which created the housing mess isn't doing a damn thing to make it go away.



Commentary

Bernie MacKinnon

## The sad truth—Donald's one dirty duck

"Disenchantment" hardly describes it. Last week a story in the Wall Street Journal shook to the roots my ancient faith that there still exist in the world at least a few bastions of pure innocence.

What I am about to tell you will cause shock and dismay. And I'm sorry. But I believe we must be aware of all the insidious forces encroaching upon our collective morality, even if that awareness saddens us.

The story involved a figurer beloved by each generation since the Depression—Donald Duck. The dateline was Helsinki, Finland, where an alert "youth committee" has pointed out certain aspects of Donald's life style that warrant the startled attention of every right-thinking person.

First, there's his relationship with Daisy. They've been "engaged" for 50 years. What have they been up to all this time? Next, there's the question regarding the parentage of Donald's nephews, Huey, Dewey and Louie. Where did they come from? Finally, there's the matter of Donald's apparel. That sailor suit of his covers nothing below the waist!

The committee naturally dubbed all of this "racy" moved the Helsinki city council to cancel library subscriptions to Donald Duck comic books at youth club libraries.

Donald, the story said, has found a defender in Hans von Storch, a mathematician from Hamburg, West Germany, who is founder of a Donald Duck Club there whose members delve into such vital questions as the length of a "duck step" and the location of Duckburg, U.S.A., Donald's home.

In the face of the youth committee's duck-damning evidence, von Storch has proclaimed Donald "one of the most moral ducks in history" and hotly demanded that the Finnish ambassador take steps to have the Helsinki decision reversed.

But a look at the facts makes it painfully obvious that von Storch is wasting his breath. Donald is one dirty duck.

The implications of Donald's guilt are awesome. Could it be possible that all our cartoon buddies, all this time, have actually been agents of immorality?

It dawns on me now that Bugs Bunny wears only a pair of gloves. How did that

slip past the censors? And what about the coyote's ongoing pursuit of the road-runner? There's something kind of kinky about that, I suddenly find. There's just too much lust in the coyote's face than a mere case of hungries can account for.

Popeye is another case. Hell, the guy's a sailor, isn't he? I'd like to know what he's been doing with Olive Oil between spinach cans. Also, now that I think of it, where did Sweet Pea come from?

Once we surrender to the terrible truth, it becomes clear why depravity surrounds us today. The reason behind the modern BDS (booze-dope-sex) syndrome, of which this university provides a reeking, near-ultimate example, becomes plain as the beak on Donald's face.

Despite the deluge of warnings we received from early childhood on against BDS, many of us have still ended up in its slimy grip. No wonder, I now say. We were attacked from the rear. Who would have suspected that what were supposedly the most innocent sources of pleasure imaginable—the animated cartoons we fed upon while growing up—were the products

of sick but clever minds, minds linked in a sinister conspiracy to destroy, for some unguessed perverted motive, the moral fiber of youth.

Who would have guessed a dozen years ago as we sat holding our popcorn and watching the cartoon feature that mental arsenic was oozing from the screen into our tiny, unknowing heads. The results were inevitable. By osmosis, corruption found a home in our souls.

This is a rough discovery. But it's one issue we can't duck. So allow yourself a good cry, then dry your eyes and write your congressman. Rise up! Demand that our government follow the wise lead of the Helsinki council.

Organize a boycott of any cartoon movies in the area, especially Disney movies. Let's get together an action group for decency in animated cartoons, maybe get Rev. Bubar to chair it. Let's do anything we can to combat this crime against youthful virtue.

God, what a letdown. Donald, you feathery fornicator, if we ever meet I'll use you to stuff a pillow. How could you do this to us?

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### Erosion of a dream

To the Editors,

The following tirade is my own personal response to Mr. Claff's letter which appeared in the Feb. 3, 1978 edition of the Maine Campus.

I read your letter and I think of Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine and an 'insane, unorganized' revolution which resulted in the creation of a new country.

I read your letter and I think of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. 'Rebels without causes' who tried to build a government based on the protection of human rights.

I read your letter and I think of James Baird Weaver and William Jennings Bryan. Two men who jumped 'on the bandwagon' of Populism and tried to bring the government back to a people who believed that they had lost control.

I read your letter and I think of Frank W. Norris and Robert M. LaFollette. They tried to 'buck the system' to break the economic monopolies because they realized that Big Business was just as dangerous to individual liberty as Big Government.

I read your letter and I think of Eugene V. Debs and Norman

Thomas. They found the 'masocism' of an unpopular cause more 'in good taste' than the 'peaceful, quiet, orderly' path to tyranny.

I read your letter and I think of Henry A. Wallace and Eugene McCarthy. They found being a part of the system intolerable and had the courage to act accordingly.

I read your letter and I think of Henry David Thoreau and Martin Luther King Jr. Separated by a gulf of time, yet together in their belief that "rebelliously breaking the law" was, some times, a more than justifiable path to freedom.

I read your letter, Mr. Claff, and I weep.

For it is you 'Cool, Cool Conservative Men' who have allowed the slow erosion of the American Dream.

A Dream that said that each individual had the right to follow their own path, by their own light, to their won destination.

A Dream being destroyed by large corporations who put profits before people.

A Dream being destroyed by large bureaucracies who put power before people.

A Dream being destroyed by

people who don't care.

So, Mr. Claff, I am going to find me a mountain and scream at the top of my lungs at the injustice of a world that doesn't care about each, individual, human being.

I will aim for my Utopia, Mr. Claff, because I have learned that you cannot build a better world without the vision of a perfect one.

I will buck the system, Mr. Claff, because I believe in that cliché; 'If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem.'

I suggest that you ask yourself which are you.

Yours radically,  
Carl E. Pease

### Impetuous changes?

To the Editor:

The UMO administration is now considering the conversion of twenty University Park units to undergraduate student housing. If this was done two hundred student spaces would be found, hundred freshmen either went a lot of objections from the faculty, which is apparently being supported by the administration.

If this proposal is not accepted, the administration will convert Stodder Hall to an all male dorm. This move, the administration feels, would alleviate some of the housing problems on campus. We feel

that this move would be overlooking the fact that UMO's primary housing responsibilities should be to students, not the university staff.

Last semester some two hundred freshmen either went without housing, or are now living in Bangor because of the housing shortage. This seems unfair in light of how many staff members are housed in University Park. Shouldn't more housing like University Park be found before even considering such impetuous changes in a dorm's lifestyle?

David Strange, Dorm President  
and residents of Stodder Hall

### Stingy scoopers

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly register a complaint concerning the parsimonious ice cream scoopers on duty from time to time in the Bear's Den. Thirty cents should entitle one to a reasonably large single scoop cone, not the golf ball sized travesties so often encountered.

If this unfortunate example of institutional stinginess is

actually official Bear's Den policy, then I suggest that such a policy be changed, so that we in the UMO community do not have to wonder whether profiteering goes on in our very midst.

Further, I suggest that a paying customer ought to have the option of refusing a cone on the grounds that it is too small; this, of course, within reason.

A frustrated ice cream devotee

### Standards for officials

To the Editor:

After attending the basketball game with Northeastern last Saturday evening, I picked up the final statistics report on the game and one particular item still rankles.

I noted the very significant difference on the number of fouls called on the two teams: FT—FTA (free throws—free throws attempted) Maine, 33-46; Northeastern, 9-12. It is obvious from anyone who attended the game that this demonstration of officiating is not truly reflective of the way the game was played.

The fine quality of our team, the enthusiastic spirit of the fans and the high standards of sportsmanship demanded by Coach

Chapelle are what make games in the "Pit" such a special experience.

It is not necessary for this Maine team to gain tarnished victory via the foul line. Let's return the game to the players where it belongs before teams visiting the "Pit" find it as notorious a place as the UMO team found a certain Virginia University last year.

The same high standards of performance that are required of players should also be required of those who officiate and steps to achieve this should be taken. Perhaps the pool of officials could be enlarged by including properly qualified women or enlarging the area from which they may be chose. This latter may require

the worthwhile investment of additional travel funds.

The Northeastern team and coach are to be commended for their performance — this kind of loss is especially disappointing when one loses, not to a good team, but to the 11th and 12th men on the floor.

We have a great team that can win on its own — but let's not continue the illusion that they play faultless basketball. An illusion that was discovered by one of the team's alumni when he returned to the "Pit" on the other side of the official's table.

Sincerely yours,  
Herman DeHaas  
Professor of Biochemistry

### Bottle life-styles

To the Editor:

Greetings. As we are all aware, the bottle bill has been in effect for one month now. Do you realize the economics of the people of Maine can be accurately predicted by who does what with returnables.

I work as a janitor in Coburn Hall. This building is multipurposed, with a day population of about 40, not including the lecture hall. After collecting cans/bottles in various areas, I began to see a pattern of economics. Listed below are my findings:

1. Student Legal Services: the staff there is socialized in that they all save together to sell at one time for "something for all to use."

2. Office Secretaries: they all keep a tight grasp on the individual cans and bottles. It is obvious they know the real value of the dollar.

3. Administrators: this is where I make a killing. Who needs to return these, with above \$10,000. So I say well done, and thank you very much.

4. Students: I can appreciate their position. Who, after all, wants to drag these things around all day. And with no redemption center on campus, this poses a real problem to some. I know Coke products are collected at various places here, but Coke is not all that is consumed.

I do not criticize anyone, but it is apparent who does what with their life-styles, just read through the bottle bill.

Thank you for reading this, and no, I'm not available for lecture.

Erik Townsend

### Left-overs

To the Editor:

Attention! Attention! The student government of the University of Maine is currently offering for your enjoyment, a wide variety of materials left over from the "rebellious student years" at UMO (they were hidden in a secret sub-basement in Carnegie Hall).

Yes, even the apathy and unawareness which the students exhibit will succumb to the thrill of hearing your very own letter bomb explode or to the joy of

lighting Wingate Hall on fire. Afterall, the great years of student involvement also were the years of riots, hate, and "down-with-the-establishmentism".

Hell, I paid you my required activity fee, leave me alone. Let the SG president take his little trips and make his little pleas—I can't hear him over the sound of the band. Cheers!

Who cares?  
Frank Bashie  
Aroostook Hall

### Nautilus fight

To the Editor:

I was encouraged to read that the female athletes on this campus are still fighting for the right to work out on the Nautilus weightlifting equipment. The university has been trying to sweep this issue under the rug for a year now, and it's about time they recognize that women have every legitimate right to use those facilities.

Title IX legislation of 1972 dictates that educational institutions receiving federal financial assistance must provide "comparable" (not necessarily equal) facilities for both sexes. In the university's eyes, these requirements are being met because the women have access to Universal-Gym weight equipment of comparable quality.

Last year, several member of the womens track team disagreed, and filed complaints of discrimination with the university. As a result, an 11 member committee was formed to study the comparability of the two sets of equipment.

According to an article in the December 6 Maine Campus, "Data was received from physiologists, coaches, and training experts around the country... including reports from Syracuse University, West Point, and Olympic training experts." From that information, the committee concluded that, "Nothing

indicated the Nautilus was a superior piece of equipment. At the moment, it looks as good as any other piece of equipment, such as the Universal."

As I understand it, the impressive array of cams, chains and gears that are designed into the Nautilus, provide a constant, even resistance through the entire range of motion for each exercise. This was billed as a unique feature of the Nautilus that supposedly resulted in dramatic increases in strength when compared with conventional resistance-training methods.

Perhaps there is no hard scientific data which proves the Nautilus is a superior system; but the growing number of professional, collegiate and Olympic teams that have switched to a Nautilus program out to raise some questioning eyebrows. If Maine's athletic department saw fit to purchase Nautilus, when it could have purchased 4 or 5 Universals instead, they must have had their reasons.

Whether the Nautilus is eventually proven superior or not, women on this campus should have the same rights as men to use that equipment. It's time President Neville and this administration recognize that fact, and bring about a long overdue change in policy.

Sincerely,  
Matt Kirchoff  
307 Murray Hall



# UVAC:

## Merger with Orono rescue squad proposed

by John Donnelly

A proposal that is in the discussion stage could mark the end of the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC), says its president, Dennis Annear.

The proposal, which was brought forward by John M. Blake, vice president for finance and administration, would make UVAC a part of the Orono Volunteer Rescue Squad, (OVRs).

Essentially, the proposal states that:

-the responsibility of UMO ambulance would be reassigned from the University of Maine Police Department and UVAC to OVRs.

-the university would build a garage, at an estimated cost of \$30,000, according to Robert F. Tredwell, chief of OVRs, to provide quarters for the attendants and space for OVRs's and the University's ambulances. The site for the garage would be on Park Street, near the university cabins.

-the town of Orono would replace the university ambulance, which reportedly is in poor condition.

-the combination of OVRs and UVAC would serve UMO, Orono, and Veazie.

UVAC is a student organization that provides emergency medical care. However, because of insurance restrictions, it can not run its own ambulance. The campus police drive and dispatch the ambulance. On the other hand, OVRs, which was founded three years ago, is a private, non-profit, and self-supporting corporation that also provides emergency care but has and operates its own ambulance.

Also, OVRs charges \$30 per trip to the hospital while UVAC charges nothing. An arrangement with the university would have to be made to cover the cost for OVRs, Tredwell said.

Tredwell, a UMO professor of philosophy, said OVRs is essentially directed by its chief, although it is overseen by a 15 member board of directors.

### An organized club

Annear, a junior civil engineering student, said UVAC has more input from its members. Both Tredwell and Annear agree UVAC is run on a more democratic basis.

'OVRs is governed by its users,' Tredwell said, referring to the board of directors. 'It was decided that our current structure would be more beneficial to the users.'

Tredwell said the proposal would have some benefits to UVAC. In a prepared statement to the Maine Campus, Tredwell stated, 'UVAC is a club organized to work for an ambulance service (meaning UMPD) that does not provide its own attendants; the proposal is that the university's attendants manage the ambulance service.'

However, according to Annear and UVAC vice presidents Cary Stratford and Howard Dunn, the majority of UVAC opposes the proposal.

Annear said, 'I disagree with it very strongly, due to the fact it would take something away from the university. There are not many student organizations that serve the whole university population the way we do. That's one of the reasons students join. It's an educational experience. That's not so in OVRs. Here everyone has a say on administrative decisions; you don't in OVRs.'

### UVAC's problems

Gus Bombard, a campus patrolman who has worked with UVAC since its inception four years ago, agreed with Annear. 'I want to see UVAC exist as its own organization, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the best training available. I want to see young people working with young people,' he said.

Bombard, who also teaches an advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course for faculty members and physical education majors, added: 'Students should be in a learning organization; they shouldn't be shuffled around.'

Stratford and Dunn, though, are in favor of the proposal. They noted that in its present situation UVAC has problems. Stratford said, 'There's a need for a better ambulance, a heated facility for the attendants, and an improved, efficient administration.'

He said these reasons, plus the fact that the UMPD does not want to drive the ambulance, have resulted in a reduction of UVAC's membership.

'I think UVAC's primary purpose is to train attendants and give them experience,' Stratford said. He added that UVAC's purpose would be preserved in the proposal.

'We can't continue to run an ambulance service the way it is being run,' he said. 'Administratively, it's operating as a failure. OVRs has an excellent administration.'

Dunn added simply, 'Their (UVAC's) ideas work.'

Two students, David Johnson and Mary Blaschke, have worked for both volunteer units and feel differently towards the proposal.

Johnson said he thought the proposal would be best for both parties. 'It would form a bigger corporation and give us a bigger voice. It should be looked at more closely. I feel it's an opportunity that can't be missed,' he stated.

Blaschke, who helped start both UVAC and OVRs, though, feels UVAC should remain intact. 'It wouldn't be a merger, it would be OVRs taking over UVAC. I don't want to see that happen, for we have worked very hard to develop UVAC, having students working for students.'

Another factor in the proposal is whether it would provide better emergency care. Tredwell said, 'The medical care has to improve. Why else would the university want to look at this proposal?'

Blaschke, however, disagrees. 'I don't think it would provide better medical care. It would be the same as it is now if

provided under the name OVRs.'

Duane Brasslett, Fire Marshal and UVAC advisor, agreed with Blaschke and stated, 'Truthfully, I can't see where it would improve the service.'

For the proposal to become a reality it must be approved by the University of Maine Chancellors, Board of Trustees, UVAC, UMPD, and the townspeople of Orono have to vote to buy a new ambulance, Annear said.

He predicted that the proposal has a better than 50 percent chance of going through.

Tredwell commented that Blake's proposal is solving both groups' problems. He said that the university would eventually have to construct a garage to house its ambulance and would also have to buy an ambulance soon. It would help OVRs out by paying for the building, which is desperately needed, he said.

Annear stated, 'I don't think Blake is looking towards the proposal from the students' viewpoint. I think the proposal is just making more problems.'

## Senate to discuss Nautilus

Restricting the use of the Nautilus to male students will be termed "blatant discrimination" by the student senate if a proposed resolution is passed at the senate meeting tonight.

The Nautilus has been the subject of controversy at UMO since last year, and last week President

Howard R. Neville was told that a

complaint concerning its males-only status had been filed with the regional Health, Education and Welfare office.

The senate will also consider changes in election guidelines, and proposed constitutional amendments which will be presented to the student body for approval.

The student senate meets at 153 Barrows Hall at 6:30 p.m.

## Student Action Corps lacks student involvement

by Stephen Ham

The future of the Student Action Corps (SAC) at UMO is somewhat uncertain because of a lack of student interest over the last few years, according to Rita Laitres, chairperson of the student government's Student Service Board which oversees SAC.

Laitres gave two explanations for the lack of volunteers. 'There used to be about 250 active members in SAC back in 1973,' she said, 'and now there are only about ten. One reason is that I think students are looking for other social activities. Also, almost all our volunteer programs are off campus and people just aren't willing to leave campus for an afternoon anymore.'

Laitres said she held four meetings last semester but only 20 to 30 people showed up for them and most of those people didn't want to get too involved.

SAC recently sold one of its three cars 'because it was costing us (SAC) \$86 per

month even when it wasn't being used,' Laitres said. The \$86 was being placed in a savings account and was only to be used for car repairs, she said, but since the car hadn't been used since last semester it was considered wasteful to keep it.

'We didn't sell the car because we needed the money,' Laitres said. She added that the car sold at book value for about \$950 bringing the SAC budget up to a total of \$2,400.

SAC is involved in many activities in the Orono-Old Town area, including tutoring at rural schools and Penobscot County Prison, visiting patients at the Eastern Maine Medical Center and working in the Big Brother, Big Sister and environmental awareness programs.

Laitres said, 'It bothers me to spend so much time and money on a group that's been so inactive on campus lately. I would hope for it to continue though, because it used to serve a good purpose in the Orono-Old Town community.'

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# Tenure: Students organize petition drive in support of sociology professor

by Douglas Bailey

Gilbert Zicklin, assistant professor of sociology at UMO was denied tenure by the university despite a unanimous recommendation from his department that it be granted. Now a group of dissatisfied students is planning a petition drive to have Zicklin re-instated.

One of the organizers of the drive, Carol McCallum, said many students consider Zicklin to be one of the best teachers on campus.

"We plan to act and get our voice heard," she said. Leaflets and petitions will be used to publicize the issue, she said.

Zicklin said he felt tenure was denied him because he has not done enough independent research.

"I was upset with the decision because it could have gone either way," he said. "I think this is another example of the university taking power away from the departments."

Gordon Haaland, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and one of the members of the tenure committee, said the criteria for determining if a teacher will receive tenure are teaching ability, scholarly activity, and public service.

Haaland said he recommended that Zicklin not be given tenure, but would not say why.

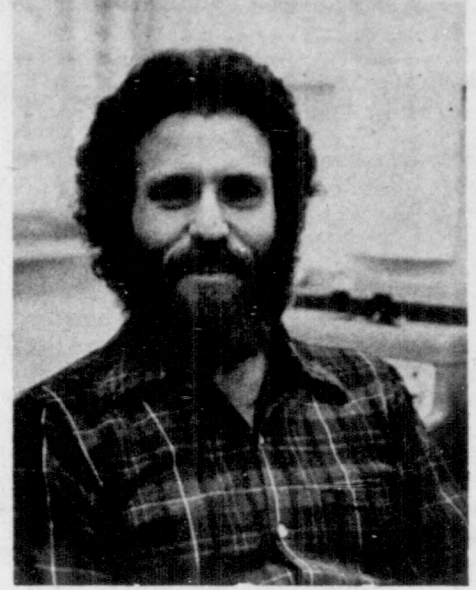
"It is a confidential matter," he said. "It would not be fair for me to comment on the reason. I think Gil knows the reason and if he wants to talk about it he will."

Zicklin began teaching at UMO in the fall of 1971. He came here from the University of California at Davis where he was a graduate student in sociology.

Faculty members become eligible for tenure, a guarantee of permanent employment, before the end of their sixth year of teaching.

At that time recommendations are sent to a tenure committee from the candidate's department. The tenure committee either affirms or vetoes the recommendations and sends them to President Howard R. Neville for final action.

Zicklin said he was not aware of any student effort to re-instate him. "I'm glad to see students take an interest in their education whether it involves me or not," he said.



Gilbert Zicklin

# March blues are lion, while vacation is lamb

by Kim Marchegiani

If you're sick of your roommate, sick of studying or sick of being sick, you're not alone. For many students March may be the peak time for mid-winter blues.

Students and staff disagree on whether March is a big "depression month."

"No," said Dr. Charles Grant, director of the counseling center in Fernald. "In fact, in past years we've seen more people in February and April than in March." But several resident assistants said March was a bad month.

One RA said this spring was the worst ever. "I've had two suicide attempts and a threatened drop-out on my floor in the last two weeks," he said.

An unusual amount of illness has caused most of the problems. "So many people sick at the same time has caused a vast amount of tension in the dorms," said Elizabeth Schuster, an RA and a member of the counseling center's advisory board.

Students are hemmed in more than ever and are tired of seeing only the same faces. Several complained about not being able to study because they were waiting on sick roommates and then falling further behind when they themselves got sick.

Most students have been unable to travel because the weather and freezing temperatures have made it difficult to enjoy even a walk outside.

"There's been such a long stretch of harsh cold," one student said. "It's like spring will never come."

Grant, however, said there seems to be little correlation between the weather and prolonged depression. He does have a theory, although unproved, that second semester blues are a carryover from Christmas break.

"Holidays can be a particularly depressing time for some people," he said. The four week vacation is the longest period some students spend at home, he said.

With little to do or no money to spend on activities, students became bored and returned to school with poor attitudes, he said.

Some students said exactly the opposite is true. There is a long stretch between Christmas and spring break and they said a vacation is just what they need.

Academic problems, many caused by the flu epidemic, are another area of concern. There is the constant pressure of studies, made more difficult because many students who were sick must now catch-up.

There is the pressure of the first tests of the semester, and Schuster said, there is

often parental pressure to improve on last semester's grades.

"If a student maintains a self-image of being smart, it's a loss of self-esteem when things don't go well," Grant said.

Personal relationships are also an anxiety causer. Couples break up as restlessness sets in. Tension over other problems erupt into fights.

"Right now I'd like to strangle my roommate," one student said. "Not for any particular reason. I'm just sick of it all, sick of endless days of insignificant conversations which go round and round."

And, she concluded, she wasn't the only one who felt that way.

Students feel more estranged from their parents during the winter. "Families are

around more during the fall," Schuster said. "Now, many are in Florida or don't like to travel during the bad weather."

Seniors who have applied for jobs and have been getting rejection slips have their own blues. "You suddenly realize that everything you've worked for just isn't going to come true," said one senior. "And you don't know what to do."

Grant said a distinction must be made between clinical depression and the commonplace blues.

Depression involves continuous low self-image, guilt for imagined wrongs, a significant loss such as parent or loved one or anger turned inward, Grant said. Severe cases often become incapacitating.

In contrast, the blues are a temporary

low, caused by a poor showing on a test, for example.

There are no magical ways to avoid feeling depressed, Grant said, but keeping active is a good start.

"If you're feeling down, get up and do something," he said. "If you feel you will never get caught up, that you can't accomplish anything, pick up a small project and finish that. Slowly build up a feeling of accomplishment."

Learn to express anger, he said. If something is upsetting don't turn it inward and against yourself. Take steps to prevent tension, he said, by keeping up to date with studies, for instance.

"Things done a little piece at a time are much less overwhelming," he said.

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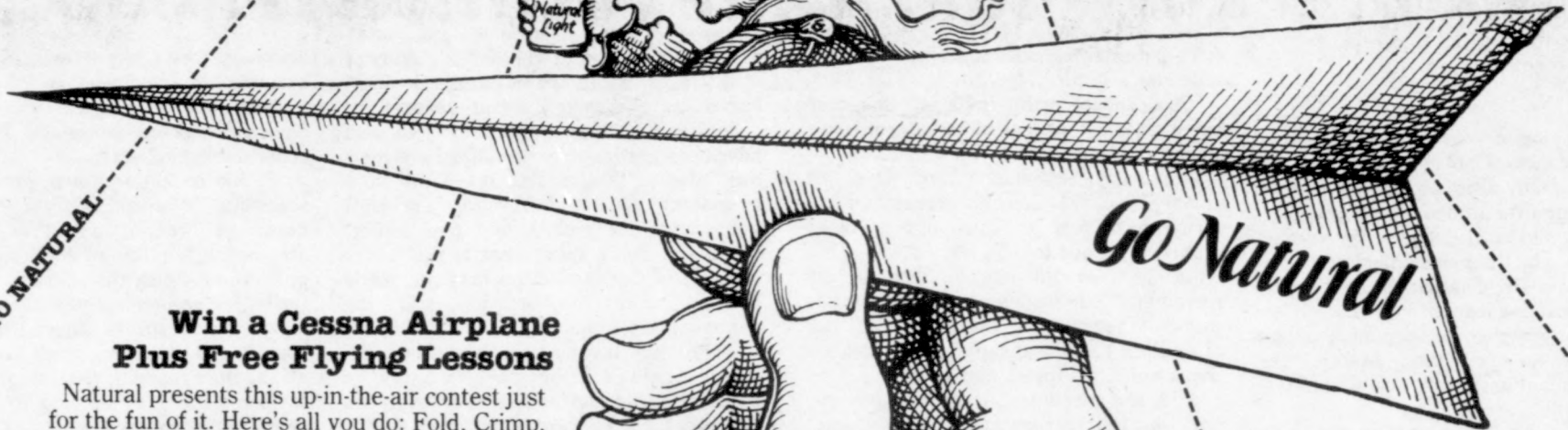
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**72-hour requirement**

**Senior completes work outside English major**

by Sharon Deveau

Things are looking up for Linda Card. Card, whose graduation plans were threatened because she failed to meet a College of Arts and Sciences rule requiring students to take 72 hours of courses outside their major, will join her classmates at May commencement exercises.

Through the help of an American History CLEP (College Level Examination Program) test that gave her six extra credits, Card now has enough hours outside of her English major to fulfill the rule.

Card's troubles began last November during pre-registration when she and her roommate, Diane Rothstein, discovered that Arts and Science required 72 hours in

outside courses as a stipulation to graduate.

At the time, both Card and Rothstein admitted that they were totally unaware of the 72-hour rule, despite the college's insistence that information on the rule had been made available to most UMO students. Although Rothstein's graduation plans were never in serious doubt, Card's were and she contended that nobody, including her advisor, had notified her of the rule's existence.

Fortunately for Card, her situation had a happy ending. Not only will she graduate, but she has since found out that had she not broken the 72-hour rule in the first place, she would have been ineligible for application to the several Canadian graduate schools where she hopes to go for

her Master's Degree.

"The University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia each require a minimum of at least 60 hours in your major before they'll even consider your application," she says.

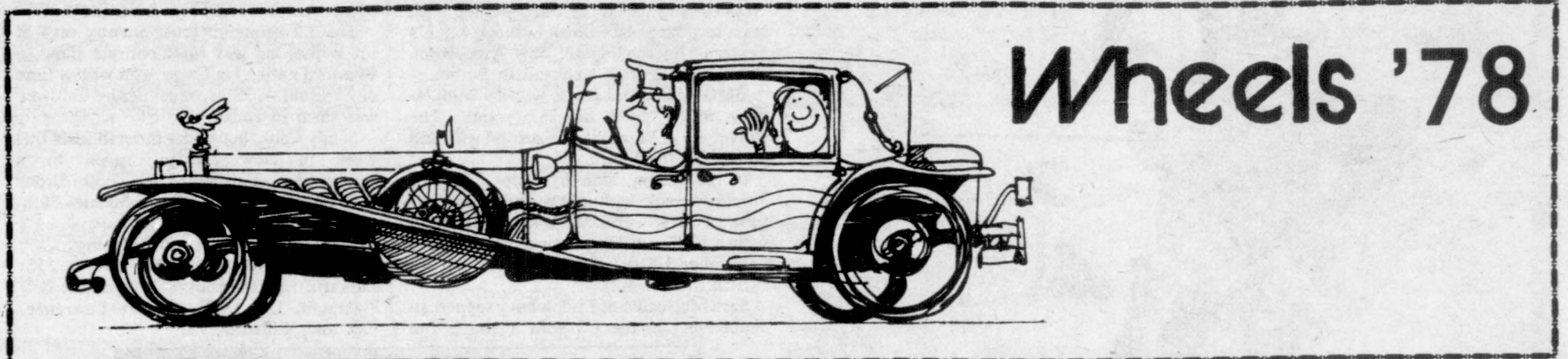
Card also reiterates her position against the rule. "I'm glad I broke the rule because I got exposure to other English courses that I otherwise wouldn't have got," she says. And, she adds laughingly, "Toronto is where I want to go, so I'm darn glad I broke the rule."

College of Arts and Sciences Assistant Dean Elaine Gershman says one reason the Canadian universities have higher credit requirements is their inter-disciplinary nature, since Canadian-American studies are involved as well.

"We do check carefully the requirements of other schools," she said. "The faculty at this university are from all over and they do their best to keep up with what other schools require. We do look out for the students' best interests."

But Card advises, "Be sure to write to the graduate school you want to attend a year ahead of time to find out if there's a minimum number of credits that you have to have."

Once her predicament became known to other UMO students, Card relates that "a lot of kids came up to me and told me that they had never heard of the rule either. Many were glad to hear of it since they could rearrange their schedule to meet the rule."



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# Black Bear skaters end season above .500 mark

by Charlotte McAtee

The UMO ice hockey team finished the season in awesome style over the weekend, beating Division II opponent Cortland State 8-1 and 9-3 at the Alford Arena.

Center Gary Conn scored his 20th and 21st goals of the year and defenseman Don Mason scored his first of the year as almost everybody got into the act to totally dominate the visiting Red Dragons.

Maine skated almost at will around the ice, with Saturday night's first period the best example of the series. Conn scored 50

seconds into the period with some beautiful stickhandling around the Cortland defense.

Goals were popping in as if the Maine skaters were equipped with machine guns. Dan Sweeney, Jon Leach, Tom LeBlond, Jim McTernan, Joe Crespi and Dave Walsh all scored before the period ended to put Maine up 7-0.

Sweeney and Mike Vigue added to the total in the second period as play got rougher, then goalie Jeff Nord lost his try at a shutout when the Red Dragons finally got on the board. Ron Hansen broke in alone and Nord had no chance.

The rough play continued in the third period; Cortland's Dyke Shaw and Marc Son were sent off with matching roughing penalties and Jamie Logan was called for a trip on an attempted hip check. Cortland scored two more goals in the period but it was a little too late.

Friday night's game was almost a parallel to Saturday's with the Black Bears outgunning their opponents 43-11. The goal scoring was again spread out, with contributions from Leach, Sweeney, Paul

Wheeler, Walsh, Mason, Conn, Rob Day and Art Demoulas. Bill Demianiuk picked up two assists.

Maine's season will go into the books as a successful one, despite missing a playoff berth. In Division II, the team finished at 10-9, 15-12 overall. Top scorers were Gary Conn, 21 goals, 27 assists, Bill Demianiuk, Brian Hughes, and Jon Leach.

In Division II playoff action Saturday night, Bowdoin downed Colby 7-4.



Falling, falling, falling... Jon Leach gives a Cortland State player a knock, as Maine held back nothing and took two over the weekend.

## Women skiers finish third

Kristin Wiese's fourth place in the giant slalom (GS) and Sandy Cook's sixth in the cross country paced the UMO women's ski team to a third place finish in the Women's Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships last weekend in Bethel.

UMO hosted the meet, won by Middlebury which piled up 257 points. The University of Vermont was second with 258 and UMO third with 156.

In the slalom, won by Colby-Sawyer's Jill Firstbrook with a two-run combined time of 91.18 seconds, Wiese was ninth with a 95.53 clocking. Laurie Monico, the only other UMO finisher to stand up for two runs, was 40th.

Sara McNealus of Middlebury topped all challengers in the GS with a single run

time of 69.43 seconds. Leading UMO was Wiese's fourth place of 72.27, Laurie Monico's 18th, and Linda Guerette's 27th.

The 7.2 kilometer cross country race at the Bethel Inn was Middlebury's show as Rumford native Liz Carey won with a time of 27 minutes, 32 seconds; Jenny Caldwell was third in 28:33.

Sandy Cook, bound for the nationals this week in New Mexico, raced to a season-best sixth place in 29:50. Brook Merrick was 13th and Betsy Martin, 20th.

Team results were: Middlebury, 257; UVM, 238; UMO, 156; Colby-Sawyer, 155; Harvard, 152; Dartmouth, 135; Bates, 121; Plymouth, 120; UNH, 108; St. Lawrence, 103; and Williams, 77.



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# Swimmers romp at New Englands

The UMO men's swimming team put on a show at Springfield, Mass. last week. Maine dominated competition at the New England Meet, running up a score of 675 points and leaving second place Williams College (338) and defending NE champs Springfield College (333) to dry off in awe.

Maine captured 14 gold medals out of 18 events, broke UMO records 22 times, and set six New England records during the three day meet, which ran from Thursday to Saturday.

Coach Alan Switzer had nothing but praise for the team. "As far as a total team effort, in all my years of coaching, and that includes football, basketball, and baseball, I've never seen a team so thoroughly ready. Performances were superlative," he said.

The stage was set Thursday night when freshman Peter Farragher finished second to Springfield's Mike McCoombs by less than three seconds, while setting a UMO record of 16:28.

Then Don Winant and Jim Smoragiewicz place one-two in the 400

individual medly. Winant's time of 4:08.5 set a New England record.

"From there the excitement increased, and never stopped," Switzer said.

The next two days saw Maine stun their opponents in the rest of the events, winning some close races.

Jamie LaRochelle had a part in three golds, winning the 100 butterfly and aiding the 400 medley and the 400 freestyle relay teams.

Winant took three golds, winning the 200 IM, and 400 IM along with the 200 butterfly.

In the backstroke events, Jim Smoragiewicz led a sweep in the 200, ahead of Peter Farragher and Bruce Eppinger, and set a NE record, 1:54.9. In

the 100, Smoragiewicz placed first again and set another NE record, 53.2

Lance Graham and Rolf Olsen put together stand out performances in the diving competition, finishing one-two in the one meter and one-three on the three meter diving.

The meet, however, was not won by just capturing the golds. Depth was a key as all 19 UMO members scored, including Kevin Riley, Bob Greely and captain Jim Farragher.

Relay splits were also very fast as Maine's Smoragiewicz, John Judge, LaRochelle, and Bob Marshall set a NE record in the 400 medley (3:30.2), and Bob Stedman, Marshall, Ron Pospisil, and LaRochelle placed first in the 400 freestyle (3:09.8).

Winning the NE meet in such a strong fashion ends the season for the team on a sweet note, rubbing out the loss to Harvard two weeks ago. What if Maine had peaked during the Harvard meet instead of the New Englands?

Switzer was realistic. "We could have come close," he said. On the other hand, if Harvard had also peaked against Maine, they would have won, Switzer surmised. "Harvard is still stronger," he conceded.

Although the season is over, the AAU nationals are coming up. Divers Graham and Olsen will compete in the pre-qualifying meet at Penn State next week and may have a shot at the Nationals. There is also a possibility some Maine swimmers will compete in the Nationals, held April 5-8 in Austin, Texas.

## Defense shines, shooting bleak

by Christopher Winters

The University of Maine's women's basketball team participated in the Women's EAIAW Championships Friday and Saturday at UMPG and came away empty-handed, as they lost to Providence College 58-44 in the opener Friday night and to Northeastern University 57-40, in the consolation round on Saturday.

The problem for the women in both games was scoring. In the Providence game, Maine shot only 33 percent from the floor and in the Northeastern game, only 24 percent. Maine's defense was excellent, probably the best of any team there, according to Coach Eileen Fox, who received many favorable comments concerning the team's defense.

The leading scorer in the Providence game was Sharon Baker, with 13 points. Barb Dunham, who excelled against Providence earlier in the season was next with nine points. Denise Blais was the leading scorer against Northeastern with 10 points.

One of the reasons for the early elimination from the tourney, according to Coach Fox, was the caliber of teams Maine faces during the regular season. Fox said that Maine does not play enough games against good out-of-state teams and are thus at a disadvantage when tourney time comes around.

She also said it was tough for the women playing against a team where up to ten of the members are on scholarships, as is the case at Providence. If Maine can get a tougher schedule in the future and can get more scholarships, it would be more competitive on the tourneys, Fox said.

The season is not over yet for Coach Fox's squad. Maine still has regular season games against Husson and UM Farmington, and will play in the State Championships at Husson, March 16-18.

## Marksmen capture third straight crown

The UMO Rifle Team broke their own New England record en route to winning their third straight NE crown Saturday at Cambridge, Mass.

Maine totaled 2238, ahead of host MIT and Norwich, the only school that beat Maine this year. Maine ends the season at 17-1.

Tim Tobin led all scorers with a 571 total, and ended up the best shooter in New England with a season average of 575.5.

For Maine, Dave Wellman, 562; Wayne Wood, 554; and Steve Murphy, 551, scored for the team, coached by Robert Bernier.

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