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Upperclass triples cut from housing decision

by Kendall Holmes

A set of lifestyle changes which drops the provisions for housing all freshmen on the Orono campus and mandatory tripling of upperclassmen were approved Thursday by President Howard R. Neville.

The final document to which Neville gave his approval states that "Freshmen should be assigned to the Orono campus on an overcrowd basis...and the balance of freshmen should be housed at BCC."

The recommendations, which were forwarded to Neville by acting Vice President for Student Affairs Dwight Rideout this week, indicate that all freshmen will be offered housing at Orono in the fall of 1979, providing that a requested 208-bed apartment complex is approved by the trustees and built.

The document further indicates that Residential Life will make a major pitch to

offer and attract students to live in single rooms at BCC, and also to voluntarily live in triples at Orono.

Rideout, in an interview late Thursday, said the five open forums held earlier this week played a major role in the changing of recommendations for next year. "Many students at the forums thought that the recommendations had already been passed," he said. "A few thought that the university was trying to do a p.r. job on them. I think this shows that the university intently listens to students."

Rideout also promoted the concept of voluntarily tripling by upperclassmen housed at Orono. He indicated in his recommendations to Neville that the forums had illustrated "that a number of upperclass students, realizing the severity of our housing situation, would voluntarily triple with either other upperclass students or a freshman. The staff of Residential Life

should actively promote the concept of voluntary triples."

In the letter to Neville, Rideout also requested that action begin immediately on trying to offer singles at BCC to students willing to move away from the Orono campus. The document, however, doesn't say that such a plan will actually be implemented by next year.

"It is recommended that a special Residential Life committee be formed immediately to suggest changes in BCC residence halls which would make them more attractive as a viable, permanent lifestyle option," the report says.

"This committee might consider the modification of lounge facilities; changes in bathroom and shower areas; and improvements in corridors and other common areas. The establishment of a more extensive bus schedule would also be an important element in the acceptance of

BCC's viability as a true alternative housing option," according to the report.

Rideout also said that he has met with leaders of the Orono campus Memorial Union and asked that a lounge be set aside for BCC students, to be used as "a place away from home," where they can meet and relax. He said the committee will decide next month on whether to accept the recommendation, but added that they are "favorably disposed to the idea."

Aside from the freshmen and mandatory triple changes, the final report accepted by Neville contains few changes from the proposals which were compiled by Residential Life Director H. Ross Moriarty two weeks ago.

Under the acceptance, the following changes for next year have been given final approval:

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University, unions compete for votes

by Mark Mogensen

Stories are spreading and stories of altercations and "heated, intense debate" continue as the Teamsters, the Maine State Employees Association (MSEA) and the University of Maine each vie for support from the classified employees who will vote for a collective bargaining representative next Tuesday.

While Director of Physical Plant Alan

...the unplanned debate between MSEA official David Hastings and Teamster Steve Cullen 'got hot and heavy.'

Lewis said he felt union representatives have been trying to divide the men, resulting in "hard feelings in the shop," supervisors and workmen in the shops service area say union representatives have caused little disruption of work or dissent within work ranks.

In recent months, all three parties involved have educated the employees with newsletters, meetings forums or debates particularly in the shops and service area where many classified employees work.

The meetings in the shops area have been the center of a number of incidents involving the MSEA and in particular the Teamster representatives.

Although neither university nor union officials would name a specific representative, there have been rumors in the last two weeks that Teamster representative Steve Cullen has tried to embarrass a UMO employee, antagonize and harass an MSEA official and deface MSEA bulletins, among other things.

Vice Chancellor of Employee Relations for the university Samuel D'Amico said Cullen's alleged harassment of the MSEA official was "a touch of the radical," and he said most of the employees were "highly entertained."

D'Amico said he felt the altercations which have occurred are normal considering the emotional nature of unionization.

Assistant Grounds Supervisor Orman Fowler, who saw the incident, said the unplanned debate between MSEA official David Hastings and Cullen "got hot and heavy." And he added, "one was more aggressive than the other. That was the Teamster representative."

Fowler continued, "I got the general impression some of the men liked it. Quite a few though were upset. Some were turned off by the whole thing."

In an interview Monday, Hastings said Cullen "began making accusations, vulgarities...and saying we (MSEA) were lying and making inflammatory accusations."

"We tried to respond to civil questions," Hastings added, "while they showed little interest in constructive debate."

In response to the charges Cullen replied saying "The MSEA was the recipient of a lot of criticism from myself and the employees."

Cullen said that during that March 2 meeting Hastings made "seven inaccuracies" in his talk to employees. Apparently the meeting and the inaccuracies, which Hastings later refuted, produced "accusations, heated, intense debate...loudness and four-letter words. But I don't think anything was out of hand," Cullen said.

Cullen also said he received responses from two employees present at the incident who were upset with the altercation and the language he used. Cullen said he apologized to them by correspondence.

As Tuesday's election has neared, both unions have accused each other of lack of responsiveness to meet the issues and inform the employees, with each union citing examples to prove their claims.

General Teamster complaints against the small-staffed, local MSEA include its lack of man-power, resources and power to represent the employees, and its staff, which is not 100 percent elected.

MSEA officials say their small staff has the necessary power, and hiring some staff members is a normal union procedure and integral to a smooth-running, well-trained staff.

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Editorial



"Sure we're tough—we want you guys to join the club!"

Teamster corruption

University of Maine maintenance employees vote Tuesday on whether to join the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Maine State Employees Association (MSEA), or no union at all. Of the 600 who will vote at the university's seven campuses, more than 500 work at the Orono and Bangor campuses as carpenters, cooks, maids, plumbers and groundskeepers, and other service positions.

This newspaper prays that the employees will not vote to place themselves under the control of the Teamsters. Time and again over the last two decades, the Teamsters have been exposed as a brutally corrupt and crime-ridden organization, one which exhibits a shocking lack of respect for its rank and file members.

And despite what Teamster organizers are telling innocent listeners on this campus, the union remains as corrupt today as ever, an organization unfit to represent any of the competent, honest employees of this community.

Instead of the Teamsters, employees would be best advised to join the growing ranks of the MSEA or, as a second best, no union at all.

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Magazine chronicles 'salty' Maine lifestyle

by Randy Dustin

When people leave home for whatever reason draws them away, many also leave their home lives and backgrounds behind. But a few students at UMO are working to preserve their culture and heritage.

Herbert C. Baum III, a sophomore journalism major from Kennebunk, has been working on the Salt staff for five years. Salt, according to Baum, "is about the Yankee sea coast and the people who live there. Inland Maine is part of this culture. It's aimed at preserving the culture and pastimes of Maine people."

Baum, a member of the board of trustees, does the bookkeeping and manages the newsstand and subscription sales. He goes home every weekend to work on Salt.

Baum became interested in Maine culture in the summer of 1973, while a student at Kennebunk High School. His father is a fisherman and his grandfather is a retired boat builder. Baum says this background made him aware of his unique heritage.

During the summer of 1973, Baum and a small group of other students attended a Foxfire workshop in Georgia. Foxfire, a

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cultural publication similar in nature to Salt, was the prototype that Salt was developed from, Baum said.

After returning to Kennebunk, the group showed other students how to produce a publication like Foxfire. Photography, layout, design, writing skills, and the business work involved in production were taught in special Salt class of 76 students. An English credit was given to those who participated.

Anne Pierter, a junior Canadian studies major, and Sue Ellen Simpson, a freshman journalism major, are two other UMO students who were part of that class and have been active in the production of Salt. Baum said that they chose to call the publication Salt because it symbolizes the Maine environment. "Salt, sea salt, salt of the earth, salt marshes...a simple name that sums things up," he explained.

Work on the first issue of Salt began in September of 1973 and wasn't completed until January of 1974. Baum says that the first issue took a long time to complete because everyone was new at that kind of work.

Since then, there have been 10 quarterly issues, one of which was a double bicentennial edition. Another issue will be published this spring, Baum said.

Salt proved to be successful and 3,000 copies of each issue are printed which sell for \$1.50 each. 800 of these copies go directly to subscribers.

One of the biggest triumphs came at the end of the first year, Baum said, when it was discovered that the operation was 26 cents in the black.

In 1975, Salt became Salt Inc., a non-profit organization. Baum said that incorporation was necessary in order to protect the copyright.

"The copyright office was questioning our status. We didn't want to put Salt in one person's name, so we incorporated and formed a board of trustees," he said.

In July of 1977, the Doubleday Publishing Company released a hard cover edition of Salt. The book was divided into two sections: land and water. It was a compilation of the better stories appearing in the quarterly issues.

Baum said that the first book was so successful that a second edition will be compiled and published in the summer of 1980. It's an awful lot of work," Baum said, "not finding stories—we have enough now to write for ten years—but in getting it all organized. They wanted it sooner but we told them they'd have to wait."

The first book sold 35,000 copies and Salt Inc. received about \$20,000 in royalties, Baum said. This money was used to purchase a boatyard from Baum's grandfather, Herbert Baum, a retired boat builder.

Utilizing a large grant from the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), Salt Inc. has begun to formulate plans for turning the boatyard into a trade school for the disadvantaged. The school will teach farming, fishing and boatbuilding.

Recently, Baum said, Salt Inc., has become a point of controversy in Kennebunk. The incorporation and the success of the book has prompted the school board to tighten the restrictions on students working on the project. "I think they smelled money," Baum said, "and they want it to



go into the school, not back into Salt."

The advisor's position has been eliminated, Baum said, and credit for the course will no longer be given. However, Baum said, Salt has a permanent base outside of the school and will continue, although student participation will probably be less. "It's sad when I look back and see how much we've done, the the school wants us out," he said.

Baum said he has become aware of other cultures through his work for the organization. In addition to his initial trip to Georgia, Baum spent a week in Bethel, Alaska teaching eskimo high school students how to produce a publication like Salt.

Working on Salt, Baum said, has been a rewarding and invaluable experience. "I learned more about journalistic skills through working for Salt than I probably ever could at the university," he said.

However, what Baum considers most important is the knowledge he has gained of his own heritage. "Doing the study I found that I didn't even know about my own grandfather. And I had lived next door to him all my life. I've learned to appreciate what he has done."

"This magazine has helped older people to understand that the young do want to understand and preserve their culture. Many people we talk with are so proud of what they are doing that you can feel that pride in yourself," he said.

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Friday, March 17

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

7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "Wizards," Hauck Auditorium.

8 p.m. Contradance with the Stairwell String Band, Memorial Gymnasium. Students \$1, others \$1.50.

8:15 p.m. 20th Century Music Ensemble concert, Lord Hall recital hall.

Saturday, March 18

11:45 a.m. University of Maine Motor Club Road Rally. There will be three classes with trophies and dash plaques. First car starts from the steam plant parking lot at 1:01 p.m.

2, 6 and 9 p.m. Oak-Hannibal DAB movie "Cool Hand Luke," 101 English-Math. 50 cents admission.

6:30 and 10 p.m. MUAB movie "Dr. Zhivago," Hauck Auditorium, Memorial Union.

8 p.m. Danville Junction Boys at the Dam Yankee, Memorial Union.

9 to 12 p.m. Dance with 20th Century Music Ensemble, Stodder Hall.

Sunday, March 19

11 a.m. Karate tournament, Memorial Gymnasium. 50 cents admission.

3 p.m. Graduate recital: John Beard, viola, with Mike Ikemiya, Lord Hall recital hall.

6:30 p.m. Weekly Magazine, WMEB-FM 91.9.

7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB Film Festival "The African Queen," 101 English-Math.

8 p.m. "Magical Fantasy Show," featuring Bob Fellows, sponsored by MUAB, Hauck Auditorium. Students: \$1.50, others: \$2.50.

8 p.m. Student recital: Eileen Radke, clarinet, with Clayton Smith, piano, assisted by Janice DiBiase, viola; Lord Hall recital hall.

9 p.m. King Biscuit Flower Hour, "British Biscuit" featuring "Be-hop deluxe" and "Rush," WMEB-FM.

Monday, March 20

3 to 5 p.m. Discussion on the needs of older undergraduates (come late or leave early if you have scheduling conflicts), Coe Lounge, Memorial Union. For more information, call Sharon Dendurent at 581-7579 or Joan Cooper at 945-9880.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Prof. Diane Antczak will present a movie and informal discussion on the roles of women in our society, Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union. All are welcome.

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

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

8:15 p.m. Classical Concert Series: Tokyo String Quartet, Hauck Auditorium, Memorial Union. Students \$3.50, others \$6.

Bowling Tournament begins Monday, March 20, men's and women's total pin fall for three strings, Memorial Union Gameroom. For information and registration contact the Memorial Union Gameroom.

Tuesday, March 21

12 noon, Dialogue on Rye: James M. Benson, associate professor of biological sciences will speak on "World Population," Coe Lounge, Memorial Union.

Seniors: If you haven't been measured for your cap and gown please go to the service desk at the bookstore and be measured. Extra graduation announcements have been ordered. They will be sold during the last week in April in the Memorial Union. Gowns will be distributed during finals week.

Police: Report clears director of misuse of funds charge, but finds morale, internal communication problems

by Bob Granger

The UMO police department is plagued by a low state of morale, a lack of communication and mutual respect between patrolmen and their superiors, as well as a bookkeeping system with Residential Life that is an "abomination," according to a report released Tuesday by President Howard R. Neville.

At the same time, however, the report cleared Police Director Alan Reynolds of an alleged possible misuse of Residential Life funds through "chicanery."

"There is no conspiracy, no wrongful scheme, no corruption whatsoever in this respect," the report stated. "What there is a bookkeeping arrangement between the Police Department and Residential Life that is an abomination. It should be abolished."

The misuse of Residential Life funds was only one of 22 allegations brought against Reynolds and Lt. Charles Chandler a January "vote of no confidence" letter sent to Neville by a group of 21 UMO police officers calling themselves the Police Association.

In response to the letter, which implied a lack of confidence in Reynolds' leadership, Neville ordered an investigation of 13 of the complaints not dealing directly with police collective bargaining mediations in progress. The other nine were left to be handled by the Teamsters Union, the certified bargaining agent of the police.



Howard Neville

Neville appointed Howard Foley, chairperson of the law enforcement program at Bangor Community College, to look into the charges.

Foley spent a month investigating the complaints, which ranged from misuse of residential life funds and inflated crime statistics, to closed door policies within the department, before presenting his findings to Neville on Friday.

"I do think the report was conservative but I had to bear in mind that it would be made public," Foley said Thursday. "I didn't want to stray into things that might

be harmful to the university but I still came out honest in the report."

Representatives of the Police Association said they were pleased with the results of the investigation as well as the way it was handled.

"I think there are problems and this report points them out," Detective Mildred Cannon, spokesperson for the group said. "I agree that there has been no criminal wrongdoing but through mismanagement, problems did come up."

In the report, Foley said he found "a lack of respect for others throughout the chain of command in both directions." He also said he found that "the objectives of a line of communication in the police department are in a state of disarray."

One allegation by the Police Association, representative of Foley's findings, accused Reynolds of unwillingness to accept recommendations from the department members. The Association cited one occasion where an overwhelming number of department members signed a request to have an oxygen resuscitator unit placed in a police cruiser.

In response to the request, Reynolds was quoted by the police as saying, "This department is not run by petitions, it is run by me."

Along with unwillingness to accept recommendations, the police also charged Reynolds with making himself inaccessible to police officers.

Foley said that this allegation was evidence of strong communication problems within the department.

In other parts of the report, Foley disclosed that there was a substantial lack of morale and a great deal of frustration within the departmental goals and objectives. Cannon agreed.

"The administration does not annunciate

ate to its employees where they want to be next year," Cannon said. "We think that every department should have its goals."

As a result of the investigation, Foley compiled a list of recommendations to improve the situation. President Neville said all the recommendations were implemented or would be implemented in the near future.

Cannon said that the Association was now in the process of trying to clear up the existing communication problems. "We're hopeful that this report will begin to open the lines of communication," Cannon said.

Reynolds was also optimistic about the situation.

"We're going to attempt to open those lines of communication and alleviate the problems they (Police Association members) feel are there," he said Thursday. "Right now we're doing everything we can to do just that."

Student gov't elections

Students wishing to run for student government president and vice president will have five days next week to get the required 425 nomination signatures.

Nomination petitions will be available Monday, March 20 at 8 a.m. in the student government office and are due back in the office Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

Petition signers must be UMO students.

Candidates will address the senate on April 4, and elections for president and vice-president will be held on April 12.

The new executives will take office on April 18.

Unions stress differences as election approaches

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Meanwhile, the Teamsters consider their strong-point to be their national strength of 2.3 million members who can be called on for necessary support.

General MSEA complaints with the Teamster organization include its self-serving misuse of funds which the U.S. Labor Department is now investigating, its antagonistic stance and its inexperience with public employee unionization.

Teamster spokesmen deny any antagonism or misuse of funds, and feel the 20 Maine labor contracts it has signed in the public sector in the last year are proof of its experience.

Finally, the MSEA considers its strength to be in its strong lobby in Augusta and its legislative knowledge of public finance.

The unions, at one time or another, have charged the university with being a poor employee representative, unresponsive, intimidating and a poor employer in relation to wages and benefits.

University officials responded saying they are good representatives, and that wages paid classified employees are almost comparable to state classified employees performing the same job.

Also, university spokesmen as well as a growing number of students, are concerned that the demands posed by the unions in the bargaining process might force the university to spend more than it has, necessitating more legislative funding or an increase in tuition above already planned increases.

While the Teamster organization says the university can reallocate funds from other areas in the university budget to pay for any increase in benefits, and the MSEA says its political lobby experience will help obtain state funds, with issues like wages, medical plans, retirement plans, wage insurance and other fringe benefits being bargained for, administrators and students continue to show concern.

"Where's the money going to come from, that's the \$64,000 question—or should it be \$64 million," D'Amico said. "Well, we can't reasonably cut the work force...or ask them to work more for less. It would probably have to come from the E&G (Educational and General) budget. That means more from the legislature...or tuition."

Apartment designs

Three Maine companies are being considered for a contract to design the proposed university-owned apartment complex, according to Alan Lewis, director of Physical Plant.

The plans and costs projected by Webster, Ebbeson, Baldwin and Day of Bangor; and two Portland firms, Stevens Architects from E.C. Jordan Inc. and Group Design Associates, will be presented to the board of trustees on Tuesday and Wednesday by president Howard Neville.

The Board is expected to take action to approve or kill the proposed complex at its formal meeting on Wednesday at UMO.

Lewis said he is confident the

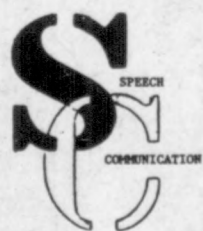
apartment complex will gain trustee approval. "I don't see any reason in the world why the apartments shouldn't pass," he said.

All three firms stayed within the \$2 million limit set by the trustees in their January meeting. Plans presented call for accommodations for approximately 200 students, with 4 to 6 students to an apartment.

If the apartments are approved, the firm which gets the contract must have blueprints ready by July 1, Lewis said.

The firms were selected from 17 New England companies, after a screening process this week by Lewis, H. Ross Moriarty director of Residential Life, and Neville.

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Teamsters leaders: a corrupt bunch

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The MSEA is an Augusta-based union, which represents some 10,000 public sector employees throughout the state. It offers workers an honest, understandable hierarchy that has a vital interest in the affairs and future of this state.

The Teamsters, by contrast, couldn't care less about this state, much less about 600 university employees. For while the MSEA offers local control under a union that sinks or swims with the fortunes of this state, the Teamsters give local workers no more self-control than a ventriloquist gives his dummy.

The Professional Drivers Council, for example, in a 1976 report entitled "Teamster Democracy and Financial Responsibility," illustrated clearly the lack of local control union employees retain. They wrote that, "Although considerable autonomy is vested in the Union Locals, Local officials can easily be made to toe the International Union's line....The General President has constitutional powers that allow him whatever degree of power or control over Locals he chooses to wield. The officials who actually run the Union and represent the many Union political entities above the local level are accountable only to the International Union bosses who in turn are not accountable to the rank and file."

And lest anyone harbor any doubts about the nature of the Teamsters' top union leaders, they're no model of purity and virtue.

In May last year, Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons and three others formally resigned from the Board of Trustees of the \$1.4 billion Central States Teamsters Pension Fund, under threat of legal action by the government. Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall said the resignations were necessary to insure the integrity of the fund, which over the years has loaned millions to reputed underworld interests, and to ventures that no commercial banks would touch.

One such loan, of \$142 million, went to a 33-year-old Las Vegas casino owner. When NBC news asked a pension fund trustee why the loan had been granted, he was informed "It's because he was a nice kid." A nice kid squandering millions of pension dollars over which rank-and-file members have no control, that is.

And while Fitzsimmons' conduct is questionable, so is the conduct of his acquaintances. A Teamsters dissident group even charges that he "actually tends to single out corrupt individuals and lend them his active support."

Fitzsimmons, for example, has appointed or arranged appointments into Teamster posts of a long list of individuals with reputed underworld ties. They include:

—Roland McMaster, a convicted labor racketeer.

—Donald Fillette, who was appointed as a Teamster organizer after his release from prison for soliciting payoffs.

—Chuck O'Brien, who remains a general organizer after convictions for payoffs.

—Will Buffalino, a general organizer, described in a Congressional report as "one of the most ruthless and powerful leaders of the Mafia in the United States."

And the list goes on. Anthony "Tony the Pro" Provenzano, a highly-paid secretary treasurer of a New Jersey Teamsters Local, was the man with whom former president Jimmy Hoffa was scheduled to meet when Hoffa disappeared.

Hoffa himself, whose body has never been found, was no model of decorum, having served time in jail on a jury-tampering conviction.

Provenzano's record is even less inspiring. Provenzano has served time for labor extortion, and now faces charges of conspiracy in arranging a kickback on a \$2.3 million loan from a Teamster's pension fund. He was also indicted for the third time in December in connection with the 1961 murder of "Three Fingers Brown" Castellido, who, by the way, once held the Teamster post now occupied by Provenzano.

These, then are the leaders of a union which already represents the police department of this university, and by next week hopes to begin its corrupt domination of yet another 600 workers.

With this domination, the Teamsters will exercise a fearful amount of control over the entire university community. Consider, for example, the glimpse the university has been granted already into the tactics of Teamsters—domination. Policemen in January formed informational picket lines and urged Teamster truck drivers to stay away from campus. The picket was successful—truckers stayed away. And if classified employees had been Teamsters,

they too would have stayed away, effectively crippling the university.

As other newspapers have observed, what a neat trick. Under such a scenario, if the university refuses to accede to Teamster contract demands — however unreasonable they might be — union workers simply shut down the university. The university then would stay locked up until it submitted.

And lest anyone think otherwise, such a lock-up is bound to happen. Teamster police at UMO have already told reporters that they can't wait until the classified employees become Teamsters, "because of the dictatorial powers the police and the classifieds will then hold over the university."

As the clincher to such a prospect, neither police nor classified employees would have any say in whether such an "informational" picket would be set up. It's obvious that leaders of this union, with their grizzly history of crime, violence and murder, won't need to speak twice to force employees into organizing an informational picket.

It goes almost without saying, too, that Teamster employees who do cross such informational lines — against union leadership wishes — would be foolish. One has only to recall that Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in the midst of challenging the incumbent leadership of the Teamsters, and that he has not been heard from since.

This is the type of corrupt leadership and bargaining the Teamsters offer classified employees. They tyrannize local employees, and squander their union payments into pension funds that are being tapped by the underworld.

But university employees deserve far better—and can have it for the asking. The 600 employees, who are trying to better their lot in a university where pay tends toward the stingy side, will fare far better in the long run if they choose the MSEA.

With the MSEA, they will gain union representation while preserving their freedom of choice and integrity as both workers and human beings.

In contrast, employees should recognize exactly what the Teamsters have to offer them: all the "benefits" that come with a domineering, corrupt, mafia-affiliated organization that shamelessly abuses its rank and file members at will.



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reader's opinion

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Nautilus—reverse discrimination?

To the Editor:

The uproar over women being excluded from the Nautilus clouds an equally important issue—reverse discrimination. I would like to cite a specific example: males are excluded from using the Universal at Lengyl gym.

I can speak from experience when I claim reverse discrimination is present at UMO. Twice I have been excluded from using

the Universal at Lengyl because the women's gym is closer to my dorm and is much more convenient.

I respect the right of women being able to use the Nautilus; but then shouldn't men have a similar right to use a similar facility? I believe all facilities should be opened and equal treatment should be given to both sexes.

I see no reason for males to be excluded from the girls Universak for it is seldom used. Once when I attempted to use the weight machine, only two or three girls

were present in the weight room.

On another occasion the weight room was locked tighter than the local jail. Several times I have seen women using the men's Universal at the field house, no one requested that they leave because it is for males only.

Possibly I'm a chauvanist, but until reverse discrimination is eliminated, I will maintain my position. I'm all for women using the Nautilus, but they must share their equipment with males also. It works both ways.

K.D. 149 York Hall

Compliments

To the Editors:

Copious compliments to C. Stewart Doty for his colorful comments. Collegians commonly consider crudity compelling, contributing clarity to conversation. The case is quite the contrary, however.

Getting f----- by a bluebook exam or tuition increase isn't half as fun as the same operation performed by a friend of the opposite sex. In other words, be specific, not explicit.

C. ya,
C. Cindy Hebron
109 Somerset Hall

Freedom

To the Editor:

Was the quote in large print (Maine Campus, March 14, Page 10) attributed to Mr. C. Stewart Doty a correct quote? If so, is it due to his "academic freedom" as a tenured faculty member?

With quotes of this type from faculty, who would expect a student to consider the use of the English language as it is intended.

Maturity, I thought, comes with age and responsibility. Which one is lacking Mr. Doty?

Classified Employee

Hired help

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the letter about the maids. I also have the permission of my co-workers, the maids in my complex, which is more than I can say about the letter that was printed in Tuesday's Campus.

We are hired to do this type of work summer and winter and do not need to be patted on the back for the things we do.

We know students appreciate the things we do for them and if we don't like this type of work, we should look elsewhere.

Thank you,
Priscilla Twitchell
York Complex

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points about Thursday's student demonstration at President Neville's home, and the events preceding it.

Wednesday, March 8, the women of Androscoggin met with their RAs and head resident Rae Matthews. We were reminded of the proposed 13-15 percent increase in triples for dormitories next year...and then came the bombshell. Rae read the forty rooms which would be tripled.

What happened to the proposed increase? On my section (2N), four of the five rooms tripled were inhabited by juniors, which means that next year eight seniors will be forced to triple up. The fifth room designated is at present occupied by two seniors.

I was not one of the girls tripled, but my good friends were and I shared their anger, as did most of the women in the dorm. We asked Rae where we should go to best protest the action. She said that Residential Life's hands were tied and that the next step was to contact President Neville and the Board of Trustees.

A lot of emotion needed venting that night, and as the Maine Campus accurately depicted, a group of women largely from 2N picketed President Neville's home. Later that night we gathered at Sambo's to plan our next step.

The next day, we met with President Neville. I thought the meeting informative. For instance, Mr. Neville adamantly informed us that he would not house freshmen at BCC. Most of the women present saw housing some freshmen at BCC as a viable alternative to the "proposed" increase in triples, and were angered by his obvious determination to house all freshmen at Orono.

We were not rude, and in my opinion, he was not. Toward the end of the meeting we were mutually frustrated, but the meeting ended on a courteous note, as duly reported by the Campus.

Again, we decided to picket Mr. Neville's home. We wanted Mr. Neville and the general

Peaceful demonstrators

campus population to see that we were not going to go back to our rooms and accept the change in life-style.

I agree with Mr. Neville that demonstrations are not the most effective method of changing existing policies (proposed policies). But they symbolize discontent, and believe me, we are discontented. Sometimes, when you are not sure which course of action to take, a demonstration gains time. And we needed it.

To the Editor:

After reading Elsie Grant's article in Tuesday's Maine Campus, I have but one question. If York Complex favors putting the incoming freshman at BCC, then where would the incoming freshman favor putting York residents?

I really get a laugh out of the way people play with the interests of a group that can't represent itself yet. Democratic society or

To the Editors:

Being about to graduate from the University of Maine, and finding no employment prospects in sight for people in my discipline ("I'm sorry, son, but you should've applied four years ago. Need lots of people then"), I've decided to apply what I've learned and find my own way to get rich quickly.

Come tomorrow afternoon I get out of lab, I'm going straight to the bank. Using my old books as collateral (God knows, I paid enough for them, so they ought to be worth something!), I'm going to get myself a loan.

With this money, I plan to buy a lot in Orono, and build me a huge motel/restaurant complex. Being a good businessman, I ain't gonna stop there, neither. I'll be real shrewd.

Prices at my establishment will be set at the same rate as those of

To the Editors:

Here it is again. Spring semester and I'm facing dropping out of school again. I'm short of funds and bills are piling up and I'm finding it hard to keep my grades up. It's hard on me wondering where my next meal is coming from and finding a place to sleep. Why are the hardships placed on myself and many other veterans?

The veterans are frustrated and angry. A walking time-bomb would be a mild description of one. They go to the VA Rep on campus to tell of their hardships.

They might get sympathy from him, but they won't get any sort of action to relieve the hardships. The VA Rep will promise him a check. The veteran leaves his office, expecting a check within the next week. A week later, nothing! Two, three, weeks go by and nothing.

How long are these conditions going to continue! It's high time the VA takes care of the veterans and forgets about itself for awhile. I wonder how people at Togus and VA reps on campus

can sleep at night.

It must be a sick feeling to leave your job for the day, knowing there are hungry and tired vets who can't go home to a home. We hope you think of us while you are eating a good supper while we're spare-changing for a hot dog.

If there are any veterans out there who also have grievances, come to the Memorial Union on Wednesday, March 22 at 6 to 9 p.m. The Organization of Disenchanted Veterans (DOV) is holding a meeting to help get the Vet's problems recognized.

The following people were invited to attend: The Maine Congressional Committee, American Legion,

V.F.W., and someone from Togus. We would also like to invite any person who would be interested in knowing how the vet is being treated. So come and support us; we need some support.

Thank You
DOV member
Gary M. Greenleaf

A hurtin' pup

what?

Students scoff at the idea of BCC as an alternative. A bribe they call it. Let's face it boys and girls, the university is a hurtin' pup when it comes to housing. And it's not going to get any better in the foreseeable future.

I would hazard a guess that 80 percent of the students in Orono have never even seen the Bangor campus, let alone lived down there. So how can they make any intelligent remark about it?

Rapid wealth

the university, and all the occupants of my motel will be required to eat at least fourteen meals per week at my restaurant. Of course, the food will be poor and the portions tiny, but this will encourage my guests to dine at my new pizza-haven across the street—for a small extra charge, of course. I will, however, have free parking for the first ten cars.

As the university insists on admitting more students than its dorms and ration halls can possibly serve, I'll get all the overflow. I'll pack 'em in four to a room, but I just might give the crowded ones a small discount. What the hell, I'll be makin' the bucks, man!

As an added feature, I'll buy up a lot of old vending machines that don't work. These I'll stash in halls throughout the building. A man will be sent around every other day to collect the change and take down any "out of order"

convince all involved to accept them, next year senior friends of mine, and others like them, will not only face a hike in room, board, and tuition, they will have less living space to show for it.

To those who would say this is largely an issue of senior dissatisfaction, we seniors marched arm in arm with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. They know their turn is coming.

Connie Merrill

What, move down to Bangor? That pit? Why you'd have to be soft in the head. Right?

You people keep thinking that way, and when you're packed in up there tighter than dog food in a can, I'll be thinking of you; in my single at BCC.

What this place really needs is dorms, not ideas on student packing.

Bill Crowell
Lewiston Hall, BCC

signs that might appear.

Furthermore, those who want rooms in my complex will be required to pay a percentage of their rents (non-refundable, of course) at least five months in advance. The interest on this money alone should pay off both my loans and my taxes. Should I decide on a nice vacation in Tahiti with Jo next year, this room deposit could always be doubled.

I'm gonna be rich! A profit margin of 99.9 percent ain't bad for a beginner to the world of business like me, a beginner who only yesterday was basking in the caring and liberal air of academia. Who says college don't prepare you for the outside world? I might even be able to spare a one for the Alumni Fund.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Flagstaff
111 Somerset Hall

● Housing proposals given final approval

(continued from page 1)

overcrowding at Orono between males and females, one female section each in Knox Oxford, Corbett, Stodder, Chadbourne, and Penobscot Halls has been changed to male sections. According to the approved document, these changes will provide 125 additional male spaces at Orono.

—One floor of Cumberland Hall has been allocated to the Living/Learning Center, to permit the merger of the academic and residency components of the program.

—Upperclassmen will be permitted to stay in Corbett Hall, which this year was converted into the health professions students' dormitory.

—Fifty percent of the space in Estabrooke Hall will be reserved for graduate students and the dorm will remain the graduate center on campus. The other 50 percent of the facility will be open to undergraduate students 20 years of age or

older.

—Stucco Lodge, in Veazie, will have ten units reserved for graduate students, and 10 units for undergraduate students. The report states the advantages of Stucco as offering students, "year round residence in a quiet facility."

—Students who are new to UMO, and have been awarded 12 credit hours or less at another college, will be considered as freshmen, rather than transfer students, and will be eligible for Orono housing.

—Foreign students new to the country will all be offered housing on the Orono campus.

In addition to these changes, the report accepted by Neville calls for expansion of the university's off-campus housing service. "It has been suggested by numerous individuals that there may well be a significant number of rooms available in private residences which could serve to

alleviate our congested on-campus housing situation," the report says.

The report also makes final the establishment of a committee to study changes in the use of University Park. Earlier, it had been recommended that the park be opened to undergraduate students in the fall of 1979, but the final report includes no such recommendation.

Finally, effective in 1979, the report clears the way for an increase in the room deposit from \$25 to \$50, and moves forward the date after which no deposit refunds will be made.

Rideout, in commenting Thursday on the report's acceptance by Neville, emphasized the role that various committees and this week's forums played in reaching the final changes.

Many of the now-accepted changes were formulated by the university's Matriculation Committee and the Dean's council,

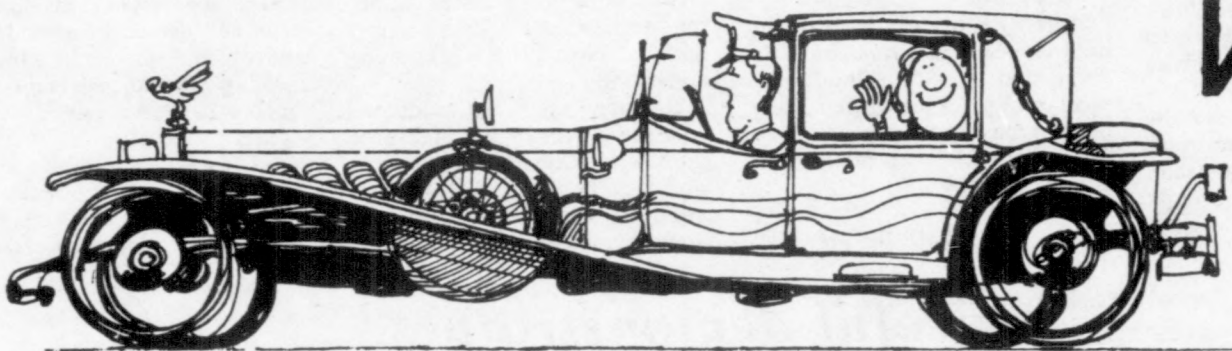
along with two Residential Life committees.

Rideout indicated that the forums played a large role in dropping the requirement that all freshmen be housed at Orono, but said that many of the other recommendations were the result of the committees.

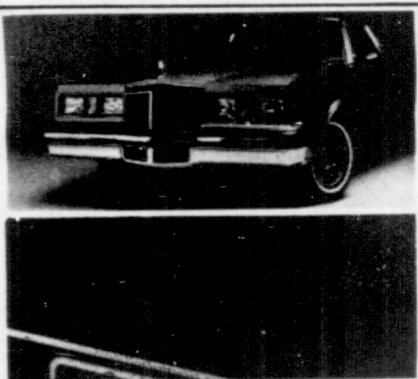
Concerning the forums, Rideout said he was surprised to see a large number of students express interest in living both at BCC and in voluntary triples at Orono.

He said, though, that the willingness students indicated to cooperate may have occurred as many of them began to realize the magnitude of the university's housing shortage at present.

He also speculated that the forums may have led to a greater measure of student support for the proposed apartment complex. Final approval for the complex will be considered by the board of trustees at its meeting next week on campus.



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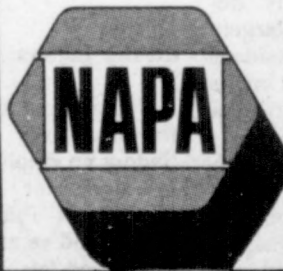


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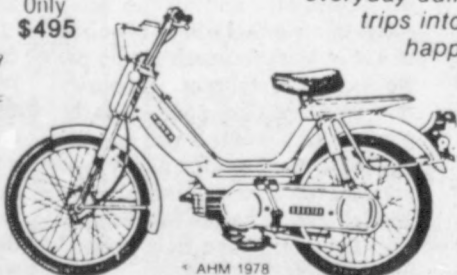
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Senate recommends freshman BCC housing

by Natalie Slefinger

The General Student Senate passed a resolution Tuesday night recommending that Residential Life continue to house freshmen at BCC. The senate stated that it is "strongly opposed to any additional overcrowding of dormitories and housing facilities at UMO."

An ad hoc committee, formed last week to study the housing proposals made by Residential Life, recommended the resolution to the senate.

The mental health of dorm residents, fire and safety hazards, stress on physical facilities, effect on study habits, and academic quality of the university were cited as reasons for opposing additional triples on the Orono campus next year.

In related action, the senate voted to endorse the proposed apartment complex. McGovern said that President Howard R. Neville expected "a better than even chance that monthly rates would be \$125 a month or less", which is significantly lower than the originally suggested \$140.

Off-campus senator Susan Leonard claimed the new apartment complex would force off campus landlords to raise rents. She also said that off-campus students object to the forced lifestyle of the proposed apartments. She urged tabling of the motion until the off-campus students held a meeting with Dwight Rideout, acting vice president of student affairs, to discuss the complex.

The motion to table the recommendation was defeated after Donald Vickery, a senator from Aroostook, pointed out that the trustees would be deciding on the complex next week and that the students' views should be known.

"It's time to back the only alternative we have right now," he said.

Other debate centered on the possibility of building a new dormitory, instead of apartments. According to Betsey Bradshaw, a senator on the housing committee, a new complex is not feasible. "Hilltop cost \$9 million to build in 1967 and the apartments, holding 208 beds, will cost

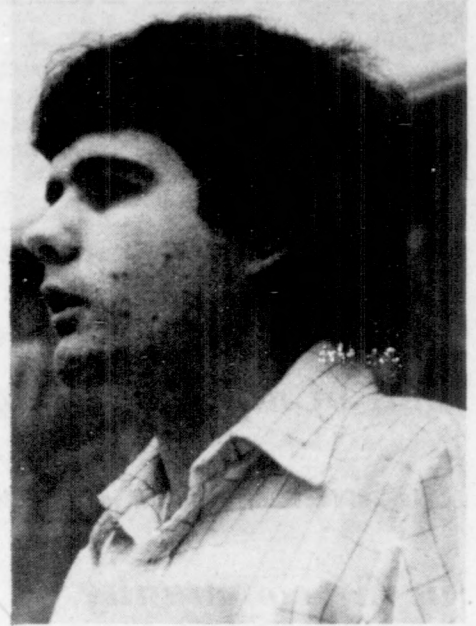
only \$2 million," she said.

The addition of a single dorm to an existing complex is also not feasible, because of cafeteria overcrowding. Also, surveys taken in the past 10 years have indicated that apartment complexes are the preferred means of new student housing.

The senate accepted the new constitution of the body and McGovern recommended that it go to a student referendum on April 12, the date set for the election of a new student government president and vice president.

The traffic committee will discuss new traffic proposals March 17 at 3 p.m. One proposal, supported by Rideout, would put space on campus on a first come, first served basis. Another proposal would increase traffic fees; blue lots, \$60; green, \$20; and red and black, \$10.

The senate also granted final approval to the women's lacrosse club and the Undergraduate Business Association, approved the ad hoc concert study committee report, scheduled Paul Bunyan weekend for April 22-23, and made plans for the March 21-22 visit of the board of trustees.



Michael McGovern

New computer ordered

Jeremy E. Johnson, director of the Computer Center, expects to have a new computer installed before the end of the summer.

The IBM computer will handle twice as much work as the present one, and the rental fee will increase by \$3,000 a month.

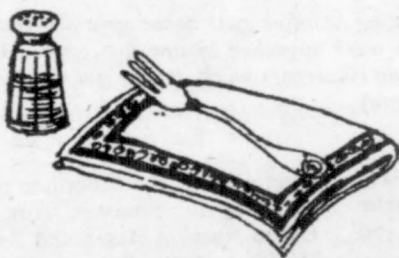
The computer, if IBM had its way, would not be installed at the center until March, 1979. The staff at the Computer Center, however, is pushing for delivery before the end of summer, or early fall.

"We think the load is heavier at the end of the semester when students are catching up on their homework. The new computer will make things easier for them and will make the long waits unnecessary," Johnson said.

The computer won't look different from the present model. Only the central processing unit will be different, enabling programs to pass through much faster.

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Skitikuk: *an alternative to public school*

'This atmosphere far surpasses that of a public school's because the kids can be out and involved in the community.'

by Sharon Deveau

By now, it's no secret. Critics are giving education failing marks. And they're charging that public institutions are lowering standards while students' inability and incompetency are skyrocketing.

At UMO, complaints centering around crowded classes, inflated grades, impersonal professors and useless subject matter arise everyday. But college students have a choice of curriculum.

It's not that easy in a public elementary or secondary school and some parents concerned about their children's education are relying on other sources. One alternative is Skitikuk School. Located on the Bennoch Road in Orono, the school allows students, no matter what their age, to choose their own classes and form their own schedules.

The school has many ties to the UMO community. Erling Skorpen, chairman of the philosophy department, has five children, ranging from 11 to 17, currently attending Skitikuk and his oldest child graduated from the school last June. The reasons he and his wife decided to send their children to Skitikuk are "complex" he says.

"Our perception of how unhappy and regimented we were when we attended school helped us decide," he explains.

"We didn't like it and we didn't want to inflict that type of situation on our own children."

Skorpen also cites the "extreme emphasis on intellectual success at the cost of creativity in public schools today as an important factor in the decision.

Since there is no separation of ages at the school, three of his older children usually take the same classes, Skorpen says. "Age doesn't matter as much as common interest."

James Toner, who with his wife, Carol, heads up Skitikuk's teaching staff, considers the school a "place where kids can learn without pressure" because "no one's designated as being in a certain level."

One common misconception that Toner disagrees with is the belief by some that Skitikuk is "a last resort." "I think that the opposite is true. Kids come here for positive reasons. They pick their own subjects, their schedule is flexible and the impersonality of education is far removed from them," and Toner adds, "The children feel excited about learning."

Critics of the open atmosphere at Skitikuk, an Indian word for stillwater, claim that elementary children are too young and immature to select their own courses. Toner defends the school's policy. "I believe an educator's prime responsibility is to teach a child how to solve his



One of the younger students attending Skitikuk gets some special attention with a reading lesson while his classmates work together in another room. At Skitikuk, students are not only encouraged to do classroom work, but to get involved with the community as well. [Ed Stevens photo]

problems and to make decisions. This atmosphere far surpasses that of a public school's because the kids can be out and

involved in the community." Skitikuk students do volunteer work at both the Orono Nursing Home and Bangor Mental Health Institute Toner said.

The university has been especially helpful, Toner says. "Classes at UMO have been opened up for our students to observe what they're like and we've used the library on campus quite a bit. The university has been very helpful."

There are five teachers, including Toner, for the 30 students at the school. Four volunteers, presently or formerly UMO students, assist with the teaching duties.

"John Law, who was recommended by Professor of Education John Lindlof, teaches a poetry class several days during the week," Toner says. Volunteers include a former Skitikuk graduate as well. "Geoffrey Eggert, who graduated from here in 1972, teaches trigonometry and he attends UMO."

Skitikuk also offers a class in sign language, something that wouldn't ordinarily be taught in a public school. The class, taught by Bonnie Nordstrom, indicates the diversity found in Skitikuk's curriculum.

"freedom," however, is the word Toner says he's tried to stress the most. "Going out into society is the best way to learn. My wife and I have taken the kids all over the place; to Boston to see the Old North Church, and to Washington, D.C. to see other interesting sites. You can't do that in a regular public school."



The Skitikuk "free school" on the Bennoch Road in Orono provides a home-like atmosphere for its 30 students who range from kindergarden to high school age. Skitikuk allows students,

no matter what their age, to choose their own classes and form their own schedule. That way, "they feel more excited about studying." [Ed Stevens photo]

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Trustees, UMO students to meet next week

Students will have an opportunity to ask the University of Maine Board of Trustees questions at two round table discussions that will be part of the two-day meeting of the trustees at UMO on March 21 and 22.

The discussions are open to all students and are scheduled to take place Tuesday at

4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union and at 9 p.m. in the Damn Yankee.

After hearing six brief reports on tuition, the Nautilus issue, the proposed Student Credit Union, faculty evaluation and tenure, Student Legal Services, and

housing, the Student Affairs Committee of the board of trustees will begin the first round table discussion.

The discussion at 9 p.m. will be attended by all the trustees.

The two-day trustee meeting will consist of committee meetings Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday morning followed by a public meeting of the board of trustees at 1 p.m. in the North and South Lown rooms of the Union.

Committees, composed of trustee members, administrators and student representatives meet to make recommendations to the board of trustees. The full board then takes action of the recommendations at its formal meeting. The public may attend committee meetings.

The Physical Plant Committee will meet from 2-2:30 on March 21 in the South Lown room to report on the selection of architects for the proposed university apartment complex.

Other committee meetings include: Tuesday, March 21:

—3-4:30 p.m. Educational Policy in the North Lown room

—4:30-6 p.m. Finance in the North Lown room and Student Affairs committee in the Bangor Lounge.

—6-6:30 p.m. Continuing Education subcommittee in the South Lown room.

Wednesday, March 22:

—8-9 a.m. Personnel and Employee Relations in the Bangor room and

—9 a.m.—12 noon all trustees to discuss tenure in a closed executive session.

Winter carnival activities set

The 1978 UMO winter carnival Thursday through Saturday (March 16-18) will feature the election of a carnival king and queen, a custom that was abandoned at UMO when the snows melted back in 1971.

In a joint effort between the Interdormitory Board and the Fraternity Board, three days of winter carnival activities have been planned, beginning with the election of a king and queen by the student body Thursday.

Friday, Alford Arena will be open for free skating from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m. A bonfire follows at 8 p.m. at the Memorial Gym parking lot with a performance by the UMO Pep Band. That, combined with campus and fraternity St. Patrick's Day celebrations, guarantees an action-packed night.

The theme for snow sculptures this year if there's enough snow, is "Current University Events" and judging will be Saturday at 10 a.m. President and Mrs. Howard R. Neville, Dean of Student Activities and Mrs. William Lucy and the newly elected king and queen will be the judges.

Featured at noontime will be the Snowbowl, pitting Gannett Hall, dormitory intramural football champions, against Sigma Nu, fraternity champions. That contest will tentatively take place in front of Stodder complex.

Ava's Irish Ball, starting at 9 p.m. Saturday at Stodder cafeteria, completes the carnival events. The king and queen will be crowned at that time and entertainment will be provided by the 20th Century Wind Ensemble.

Students visit credit union

by Betsey Shirley

Four of the five members of the newly formed UMO Student Credit Union Committee recently spent a day at the University of Massachusetts studying a student operated credit union.

Meetings were scheduled to be held with President Howard R. Neville and other administrators to decide which type of credit union would be most beneficial to UMO.

Three weeks ago when Norman Hannah

The Student Credit Union Committee recently held a meeting with Alden Stuart, assistant to the business manager, to discuss the proposed credit union.

James Fitzpatrick, chairman of the UMO committee, was encouraged by the observations made at UMass.

"We were very impressed by the success of their credit union. Now we must decide which option would be better for UMO, a student operated credit union or joining the campus employees' credit union," said Fitzpatrick.

Two weeks ago when Norman Hannah of the Maine Credit Union League met with the student committee he outlined these two options: a student union organized under its own charter, or combining with the existing employees' credit union.

According to Fitzpatrick, the UMass credit union was established in 1975, serves 3,500 (out of 20,000 enrolled) and has facilities for six tellers. The credit union is run by students, with one paid external auditor who also serves as an advisor.

There are 82 volunteers, plus three students who receive credit working at UMass's credit union.

The personnel manager screens all applicants and students usually work 2-8 hours per week. All employees start as

tellers and eventually move up until some become members of the board of directors.

"We received many ideas at UMass from personnel members about conducting surveys and creating interest for a credit union on campus," Fitzpatrick said.

Two surveys will be conducted by the UMO Student Credit Union Committee. One survey will investigate Orono-Old Town area banks to find out what types of loans other than educational loans are offered to students. The other survey will be conducted on campus to find out how many people would be interested in using a credit union.

"I believe the majority of students have a vague understanding of how a credit union works," Fitzpatrick said.

A credit union is similar to a bank, but can give higher interest rates on regular savings accounts and the maximum charge on loans is one percent per month.

Interest rates can be as high as seven percent on savings accounts whereas banks usually offer a maximum of five and one quarter percent. Investments in the credit union come from members.

1,425 support senate resolution

About 1,425 students signed a petition Wednesday night to tell President Howard R. Neville that they supported the student senate resolution calling for continued BCC housing of freshmen to avoid additional overcrowding at Orono.

But the president had made his decision on housing before John Hume, a student senator from York Hall, and Frederick Cox, a York Hall resident, presented the petition to him Thursday afternoon.

Happily, the president's decision turned out to include what the petition signers wanted.

Stolen car found burned

by Susan Kadezabek

A car stolen from the Lord Hall parking lot Tuesday, March 7, has turned up in Robeson County, North Carolina this week with "extensive damage to the front end and completely burned inside and out," according to Detective Mildred Cannon of the UMO police.

The car, a 1976 Oldsmobile Delta 88 valued at \$3875, was stolen from the parking lot between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Late in the afternoon Sylvia Andrews, owner of the car and an employee at the Registrar's office discovered it missing, Cannon said. The car had been left unlocked and the car keys hidden under the seat, she said.

Six days later the Oldsmobile was discovered by the Robeson County Sheriff's Department outside of Lumberton, a city near Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The Sheriff's Department reported the stolen car as a total loss and took it to be stored in a business garage in Lumberton. They are now doing a follow-up, Cannon said.

A fourth workman has been summonsed in connection with plumbing thefts

from Camden Hall on the BCC campus. Arthur Doliber will appear in court today along with the three workmen summonsed last week for theft of equipment valued at nearly \$9,000 from three unused buildings.

The thefts involved 39 toilet and shower units valued at \$223 each.

The damage estimate includes repair work to get the building back to its original condition, Cannon said.

Two men who have been summonsed concerning the assault on Robin Hartford, a Maine Campus photographer, are scheduled to appear in court today.

The only reported incident of vandalism involved \$5 worth of damage to a thumbtack on the door of the Bear's Den. The incident occurred between 5 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Monday.

With the warmth of spring in the air the snow is getting soft and is just the right texture for making snowballs. According to Cannon, "a lot of snowballs have been thrown" and if caught in the act one may be charged with reckless conduct.

Cannon has received several complaints about snowball throwing from Orono residents and said College Avenue seems to be the main area of disturbance.

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Sailing program to test stamina and will power

by Stephen Ham

A five day sailing and seamanship course will be offered to students, faculty and other by Outward Bound this spring, according to James Benson, associate professor of Biology at BCC and coordinator of the course.

The course, which will run from May 29 to June 2, will take place at Hurricane Island and other islands in Penobscot Bay. "The main idea of this course," Benson said, "is to learn by doing; to get education by experience."

Benson said the participants spend most of the five days in a boat, sailing around the Bay. However, they also spend one day on an island by themselves learning to forage for food, and they spend

a day rock climbing.

Benson explained that the idea for Outward Bound began during the second World War, when English seamen terrorized by German patrols sometimes surrendered without a fight. If they were sunk, they often didn't know enough about the sea to survive.

A program was developed to teach survival techniques to English sailors. The Outward Bound program at Hurricane Island still adheres to the ideals established during World War II, Benson said.

"This program puts people in unfamiliar places and challenging situations," Benson said. "The people are told very little about sailing and survival in the wilderness and then sent on their way." There are 12 people to a boat, he

said, and one instructor is present at all times. The instructor however, says as little as possible.

Benson said the program tests the individual will power of all the participants. "The program is made difficult so that you push yourself as hard as possible every day," he said. For example, the group gets up at 4 a.m. every morning and runs five miles before going swimming in the 40 degree water.

Also, the groups is left on an island for a night with hardly any equipment or food. This forces the group to work together in collecting food and building shelter, Benson said.

"One of the most important things about the program is the groups dynamics," he said. "The people in the

group must learn to work together in order to survive. For instance, on some cold nights, it may be necessary to zip two or three sleeping bags together and sleep side by side in order to keep warm."

Benson, who has been a sailor and mountain climber most of his life, got involved in the Outward Bound program through an ecology class he teaches. "I think it's a good idea for the students to experience what I teach on a blackboard," he said.

Benson coordinated an identical program two years ago and hopes to continue this one every year. He also said he has some spots still open and would welcome any students who are interested. "It's a good experience," he said. "People have more confidence in themselves after they've lived five days on their own."



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An attack of spring weather melted snowbanks and brought shirt-sleeved students out of hibernation to throw frisbees this week. [Photo by Deborah Strumello]

WMEB awaiting FCC decision

by Stephen Ham

WMEB, the campus radio station, is currently waiting for a decision from the Federal Communications Commission in connection with operating violations found at WMEB by FCC officials two weeks ago, according to Dale Spear, WMEB's station manager.

"We haven't heard anything from them yet," Spear said, "but we expect to shortly."

Greg Bowler, faculty adviser to WMEB, said the FCC hasn't informed WMEB as to its decision yet and said he didn't know what penalty, if any, it would give the station.

"At this point I really don't know what

they'll do," Bowler said. "Once they give us their decision however, we have ten days to respond and we'll do whatever they tell us to do."

Spear said he wasn't sure what the FCC would do. "Just speculating," he said, "I think we'll get a reprimand. But who knows? We may get fined two or three thousand dollars."

One of the violations at WMEB was the use of unlicensed operators at the station. This has been corrected however, Spear said. "Our unlicensed disc jockeys have taken their provisional tests," he said, "and are waiting for their licenses to come in. Until then, our regular disc jockeys are working two shows a week instead of one."

Bowler said he wasn't sure if any other

violations would be cited by the FCC. When asked about violations dealing with keeping operator program and transmitter logs he said, "There may be small mistakes (in the logs), such as recording a time of 8:41 instead of 8:42, but whether or not the FCC will consider these punishable violations remains to be seen."

Both Spear and Bowler refused to comment on whether any FCC action would hinder the relicensing of WMEB, whose license is up for renewal April 1.

Spear said the station may continue their double shift format even after the unlicensed broadcasters receive their licenses because of the improved "sound" it gives the station. He also said WMEB has no plans to cut back airtime because it would decrease the quality of the station.

Raffle winners enjoy Bermuda trip

by Kim Marchegiani

"We couldn't believe we were really in Bermuda until we were ready to leave," said Rose Hydrisko, one of two Knox Hall residents who returned Monday from a trip to the Caribbean island.

Hydrisko was one of 200 Knox residents and friends who participated in a dorm raffle for the four day weekend in Bermuda with all expenses paid. When her name was drawn, she chose Brian Hall to travel with her.

"Everyone in Bermuda seemed to know about us," Hall said. "They'd ask if we were the contest winners, and then they'd buy us a drink."

Hydrisko is a sophomore from Millinocket and Hall is a junior from Lincoln. Other than a trip to Quebec, this was Hall's first time outside Maine.

"The first thing we noticed was the turquoise water," Hall said. "It was just beautiful."

The two stayed at a small inn in Warwick, according to Hydrisko. "The size was an advantage because we got to know everyone and it felt like home," she said.

Shortly after their arrival, Hydrisko and Hall met a young woman from Connecticut and her daughter, and the four spent most of the weekend touring together.

The hardest part was remembering to drive on the left hand side of the road," Hydrisko said.

Both said prices on the island were double or triple those in the United States because almost everything is imported.

"A small bag of potato chips cost \$1.50," Hydrisko said.

The sky was overcast on arrival, she said, but improved, and the temperature was 85 degrees when they left. It took Hall only three hours on the beach to get a respectable sunburn.

The two rented mopeds to tour the island and to shop in the nearby city of Hamilton.

"The whole island is only 21 miles long and a half a mile wide so we got to see a great deal of it," Hydrisko said.

Tourist season doesn't begin in earnest until next week, known as college week in Bermuda, so there were no crowds, Hall said.

The country has a culture of its own, Hydrisko said, and moves at a very relaxed pace. It is stylish though, she said, and dressy clothes were required for dining out.

"Although tourism is 70 percent of the country's economy, the Bermudians seem to genuinely like people, not just their money," Hydrisko commented.

Hall and Hydrisko both want to go back. "You can't go just once," Hall said.

Donna Keirstead, a Knox resident and an organizer of the trip, said she felt it had been a great success. "Without the support of the dorm, we never could have done it," she said.

Fraternities elect officers

John Powers of Beta Theta Pi was elected President of the Maine Fraternity Board on Wednesday, March 8.

Powers received 232 votes to 196 for his only competitor Bill Lomas.

Other results of the annual election of officers were as follows: Kevin London of Sigma Phi, first vice president; David Poulin of Alpha Gamma Rho, second vice president; Steve Bishop of Beta Theta Pi, treasurer; and Denis Belisle of Alpha Gamma Rho, secretary.

The Fraternity Board, representative of the campus' 17 fraternities, organizes such activities as Winter Carnival and Greek Weekend.

Newly-elected President Powers said, "The Board will be instrumental in strengthening the Greek system and improving rushing techniques."

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Strong group effort propels band to success

by Betsey Shirley

A great deal of time, money and personal sacrifice have been contributed in the past year to make Night Owl the fastest growing professional band in Maine.

General manager Paul Miles says the band is unique because it sets its own pace and works within established boundaries. "There is a strong internal effort within the band toward a goal for achievement," said Miles.

Four of the band's members are students at UMO. The lead vocalist, Lee Ann Rosin, is a senior theater major from Lewiston. Rosin performed at the Bear's Den, Damn Yankee and the Outside Inn before joining Night Owl. She has also recorded several commercial jingles and written two songs which she has been asked to sell.

Steve Underwood of Needham, Mass., a junior engineering major, is the keyboard player as well as a vocalist. Underwood was recently offered a position as lead vocalist by another band, but turned it down because his first love is the keyboard.

A freshman liberal arts major, Peter Belliau, at 18, is the youngest member of

Night Owl and also the lead guitarist. Belleau is from Portland and Massachusetts.

The group's bass player is Gary Harriman of Lewiston, a junior theater major. A fifth member of the group is Peter Hilyard of Brewer, who has experience as a professional drummer.

Night Owl was formed in January 1977, when the musicians got together to play informally in the basement of Gannett Hall.

"Everyone who started with the group is still with us today, except our original drummer," Miles said. The group is looking for a second guitarist who can also sing.

The name Night Owl came from a Carly Simon-James Taylor song. "We pushed around a lot of names before we came up with this one. It just seemed to stick," he said.

The band's first performance was in March of 1977 at Alpha Gamma Rho.

"We were pretty well received for a new group," said Miles. "Last week, exactly one year to the day, we played at Alpha Gamma again."

Between those two performances, Night Owl has come a long way. They started



with \$2,500 worth of equipment and now estimate their equipment is worth \$31,000.

"We have used nearly all our money to further the band. We bought a truck to carry our two tons of equipment in addition to a van we have always used," said Miles. "We used to travel with the van and one

car which was unbelievably crowded."

The band hired a part-time employee in December to travel with them, preparing meals and running errands. Miles will also be hiring a "Roady" who will accompany Night Owl and assist in unloading equipment and learning the management procedures of the group.

Miles, a former business major, withdrew from UMO last fall because as he says, "being a manager is more than a full time job."

"I am responsible for hiring, firing, bookings and all finances, plus anything that might go wrong. A roady will be able to help me out and also learn more about managing a group. A roady is a good position to start with because the person gets free room and board and travel expenses plus a small salary a week, not to mention the experience of working with a band," Miles said.

Night Owl has performed in such places as the Swamp Fox Motor Inn in Presque Isle, the Corral in Brewer and Lisbon, the Loft in Portland, the Red Barn in Monroe and the Red Stallion in Carrabassett Valley. Last summer, six weeks were spent traveling and performing around Maine and New Hampshire.

Next summer is already booked for Night Owl. They will be traveling throughout New England, but two-thirds of their performances will be Maine.

Miles has purchased a new public address system for the band with money from the \$45,000 which was grossed last year. Some of this money went into rebuilding an old garage in Orono which is used for practice sessions. Night Owl held practices in the basement of Gannett Hall for a short time after the group's formation and then switched to Dunn Hall where two of its members lived.

"We used the old ping pong room in Dunn until last fall, when we acquired the garage in Orono," said Miles. "We laid a new foundation for the building, put up partitions and insulated it."

Practice is held an average of three nights a week starting at 5:30 and sometimes running until 1:30 to 2 a.m. "The garage is soundproof so we won't disturb the neighbors," Miles said.

Each member has a goal of learning two to five new songs a week. The group will not perform any number unless it feels the song is at least as good as the original performers did it.

"We've been told that we sound a lot like Boston or Queen by people who have heard these groups in concert," Miles said. "This is a great compliment."

The band members must arrange their schedules, just as athletes or anyone who has many outside commitments, so they will have time for classes. The group works every Friday and Saturday night and occasionally on Thursdays.

Night Owl's biggest goal is to write and perform their own material. Miles defines the band's range as somewhere between Heart and Kansas. He feels that along with talent, Night Owl needs a certain amount of hype, which he tries to provide.

"There is an internal effort within the band to do the best job possible," said Miles, "and we hope that sometime soon we will be able to hit the big market along with Boston and Queen and perform our own original material."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION SCHEDULE

Positions Open: President and Vice President

Term: April 18th 1978 - April 1979

Sign-Up Procedures: Sign up begins at 8am on March 20, 1978 and ends on March 24, 1978 at 5pm. 425 signatures are required on petitions available at Student Government office in order to have a candidate's name on the ballot.

Speeches: Official candidates will present their platforms to the general student senate on April 4, 1978 at 6:30 pm

Election Day: April 12, 1978

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Dear Fellow Students:

Once a year Orono students are given an opportunity to meet with our Board of Trustees on matters of concern to students the trustees will be visiting UMO next Tuesday and two forums have been scheduled for students.

The first forum is on Tuesday at 4:30 pm in the Bangor Lounge. Because of limited space in the Bangor Lounge, I suggest that students might be better off to attend the second scheduled forum which is at 9pm in the Damn Yankee. Also more trustees are expected to attend the later meeting. However, you may attend either forum or both forums if you prefer.

The trustees will soon be discussing tuition and room and board increase, the proposed apartment complex, and many other matters. I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity for you to meet with the trustees and to question them or inform them of your concerns relative to the government of the University of Maine.

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Tokyo quartet to play

The most notable classical concert at UMO in some time will take place Monday night in Hauck Auditorium when the critically acclaimed Tokyo String Quartet tunes up. Tickets are \$3.50 for university students, \$6.00 for others.

The award-winning quartet's recordings have been both popular and critical successes. Koichiro Harada and Kikuei Ikeda play violin, Kazuhide Isomura plays viola and Sadao Harada plays cello. The group teaches and performs at Yale University, where they became resident quartet last year.

The quartet first appeared on the international music scene six years ago when they won first prize in the prestigious Coleman String Quartet competition in California.

One major critic has said of the four, "They can neither be surpassed nor equaled by any of today's top-flight quartets."

At 1 p.m. on Monday they will hold a master's class for music students.

The concert program will include Mozart's "Quartet in E-Major," the "Quartet No. 3" by Bartok and Beethoven's "Quartet in C Sharp Minor, Opus 131."

The music begins at 8:15 p.m. This event is the work of the Concert Committee's classical music subcommittee.



The Tokyo String Quartet, a major international group, will play selections by Bartok, Beethoven and Mozart Monday night in Hauck. For several years this group has enjoyed high critical praise.

'Fever': An American testament ————— Films

by Wally Sinclair

"Saturday Night Fever" may have left the local theatres in a can some five weeks ago, but the "fever" is still with us. It is with us on the radio, when we drive to and from school and when our compatriots buy and continue to play the soundtrack album (sometimes played over the mall).

Both the album and the movie, according to "Variety" are currently Number One in sales and showings; the sound track, number one for the ninth consecutive week and the film, the top grosser to date with a total of \$20,742,286. This week "Fever" hit over \$2 million at the box office. (Only "Close Encounters" comes close in total sales.)

There is a key to unlock the success of this film and the spinoff music success. Stanley Kauffman, "New Republican" film critic, called it "old movie hokum." It has, "A flat-stomached, good-hearted, frustrated, vain and clever cockerel" as it's star. "Variety's" Frank Meyer writes that it is a "boffo" parlay of film, disks. "Fever" is these things and more.

"Saturday Night Fever" strikes a rapport with its intended "young" audience the minute it begins. John Travolta is seen jive-walking down the street to lyrics that narrate his fever to womanize and be on top (figuratively?). He walks in "time" to "love is in the air and I got the fever." The air of a spring-like spunk is his manner and his overt confidence and spark catches our fancy in the opening seconds. Perhaps we men walk along with him, and maybe the women gaze at

his attractiveness with a gendered feeling. This is a piece of celluloid that aims for the groin.

"Fever" hits us with its beat, its shared values, its quick identifiable lives that are much the same as our own. The way we lead our lives and the fever of our own Saturday nights come to mind. Our workdays go by and we shed our roles to party or fritter one or two nights away and "relax." And that "relaxing" pace is as driven as "Disco Inferno" by the Tramps.

Again Kauffman says, America, "...as it was and is, has slowly been leaking onto the American screen." Kauffman called it right.

The choice of a sixties super-group. The Bee Gees, who have managed to survive and succeed for

some 15 years of rock history, was brilliant. After all, the movie public is an 18-35 age group. The Bee Gees were charming 18-year-olds in 1966, as well (damned if I don't remember first-hand).

The script was written by Norman Wexler, who wrote "Joe," and is directed by John Badham. The scene is set in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn across the bay from Manhattan.

Taken from the reality of life as it is in Bay Ridge and elsewhere in America, the community is its own society, its own social entity with its own hangouts and its own kind of amusements.

John Travolta is believable; his family, job, language, character, friends and his ideas are all readily

identifiable.

There is no need for "Saturday Night Fever" to contain any special plot or elements of meaning. This is a depiction of a style of life that is real and for that sake alone, it is a charming and worthwhile movie.

Oh yes, there are things "wrong" with the film. Some supporting players are only adequate, some "chancy" dialogue and economized "disco" film shooting is apparent. But it really isn't intended to be an art film. It is a true-to-life portrayal of our notion of living for Saturday night, the Saturday night fever.

It is a fever we all share, and on which we base many of our actions—"we've got the fever."

Magician mixes drama with illusion

by Bernie MacKinnon

Magician-illusionist Bob Fellows will present his "Magical Fantasy Show" Sunday at 8 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50 for UMO students and \$2.50 for others.

Fellows, 28, is one of the more noted men of his trade in New England, having performed for college and convention audiences, as well as on television in the Boston area. He also does two national tours a year. His performances include sleight-of-hand tricks, escape feats, illusion routines and the old "zig-zag lady trick" in which he saws his assistant in two.



A New Hampshire native, Fellows began putting on magic shows at age 11, but it wasn't until after some time as a rock guitarist, and after entering Harvard Divinity School for his master's, that he started performing professionally to help pay his tuition.

Fellows never took lessons in magic, but learned his art through watching other magicians. Drama and showmanship, he says, have more to do with good magic than props or sleight of hand.

UMO students Doug Hall and Steve Rowe of the Maine Jugglers Association will also perform at the MUAB-sponsored event.

'Darcy': More corrupt comedy Books

by Pat Murkland

The Destinies of Darcy Dancer, Gentleman, by J.P. Donleavy
Delacorte Press, 402 pp, \$9.95.

When Donleavy's characters tell their story, you usually can't help listening. Ever since "The Ginger Man," Donleavy's first novel and finest hour, his unique, lyrical style has been taking us through the alphabet with enjoyable characters like Alphonse A, Balthazar B and Cornelius C. And now here's Darcy Dancer, with more of that same informal, racy style of prose.

That's the problem, though—it's just more of the same. In "Ginger Man" Donleavy wrote about the sort of man you wouldn't want to bring home to Mom (he'd try to seduce her). And in his following works, Donleavy showed us how things are always black and going worse for all his characters—absolute degenerates aspiring to rise in an absolutely degenerate world. Like Darcy, they have to feel their ears in the morning "to see if they're still on."

Darcy, typically, learns to equate money with respectability, and finds a tugging kind of humor in the difference between appearances and his reality. "To dress stylishly gives one such confidence," he says, adding how his hotel bill is "now large enough to cause actual whippers as one passes through the lobby."

As other Donleavy characters do, Darcy shames and shams his way through one outrageous episode after another, steadily losing his innocence, and sometimes his shirt, too.

Still, although Donleavy spends his time relating episodes in his character's life instead of giving us an elaborate plot, you never really see Darcy's hows and whys. He's a diagnosis of what Donleavy sees, not a prescription. That's all right, because there's a worthwhile—and funny—stock of observations to be found, whether Darcy's causing a fire to be set or trying to win at the races.

The author's specialty is revealing the absurd reality behind lowly and haughty social sets. Darcy's a scrambler who would have done well to read Donleavy's "Unexpurgated Code: A Complete Manual of Survival and Manners," which contains rules for social indelicacy that could have made Emily Post suffocate in a single gasp.

That's all well and good, but isn't it time for Donleavy to try something

new? When the raunchy "Ginger Man" first appeared in England, it was either hailed as an innovative work or censored by scandalized authorities. But at least when Donleavy let loose his fresh style of compact sentence fragmenting, people sat up and took notice.

In fact, it takes a rare talent to get a sentence to work when it consists of nothing more than "And." For Donleavy, it does work.

Yet when a writer uses the same style to rewrite the same story about the same roguish kind of character, the formula just doesn't sparkle as much the second time around, much less the third, fourth and fifth. After a while it's like planning to see Part II of "The Exorcist," after you've seen "The Exorcist."

Only in Donleavy's case you have to pay \$9.95.

J.P. Donleavy
The
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Darcy Dancer,
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Unique program set for ensemble

The 20th Century Music Ensemble will hold its second annual concert of chamber music in the Lord Hall recital hall at 8:15 tonight. There will be no admission charge.

Selections for the concert this year are Stravinsky's "Fanfare for a New Theatre," five songs by Ives, "Blue Percussion" by Tilles, Kenton's "Opus in Pastels," "Time of Day: Then and Now" by Satie, "Quiet City" by Copeland, Cage's "Radio Music," "Bravo! Encore!" by Diemante and Ziffrin's "Movements for Clarinet and Percussion."

The performance will take place on the front and side stages, as well as in back. Prof. Donald Stratton, director of the ensemble, said, "This will be a more theatrical sort of performance. It's about 75 percent choreographed; we're very concerned with the visual aspect of it. The concert will be constantly shifting—music-wise, movement-wise and attention-wise."

Cage's "Radio Music" is a composition during which each person of an eight-member group switches an ordinary radio to one frequency after another, achieving an overall musical effect. Another highlight will be Satie's "Time of Day, Then and Now," during which several speakers will recite remarks which Satie himself wrote on the original copy of his composition.



Saturday night will find the Danville Junction Boys, a foot-stamping bluegrass group, performing in the Damn Yankee. They will start playing at 8 p.m. and there will be a minimum cover charge.

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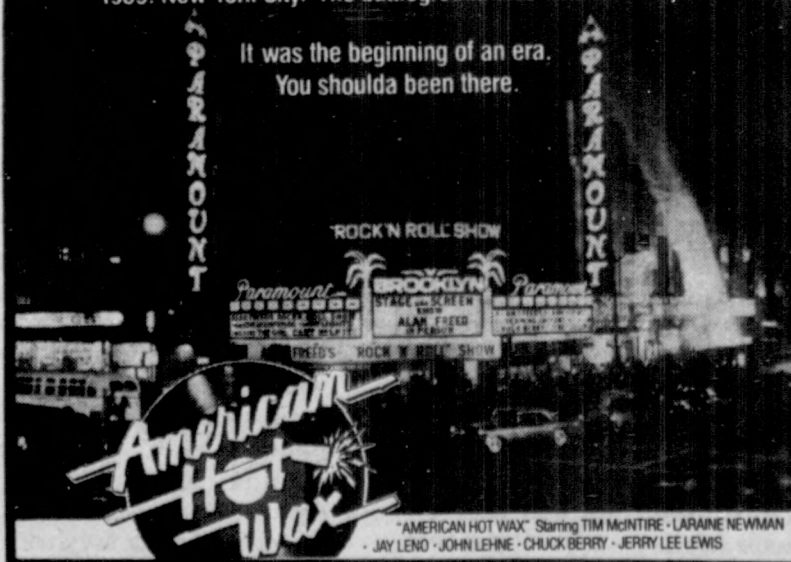
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Division I is the goal

Hockey recruiting will be 'awfully selective'

by Paul Battenfeld

The UMO hockey team will face a tougher schedule next year and will have to improve to match this year's performance and make the playoffs, which they narrowly missed this season, Coach Jack Semler said.

Maine will remain in Division II next year, but the weaker teams in that division will be eliminated from Maine's schedule and replaced with some Division I competition, including Dartmouth, Northeastern, and Colgate, Semler said.

"Right from the start we will have to put pressure on ourselves to improve," Semler said.

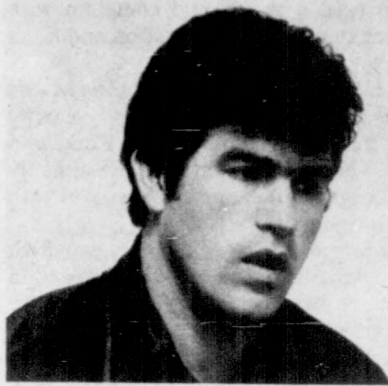
Basically, Semler will use this year's freshman squad as the nucleus for next year. He indicated that recruiting, for that reason, will be "awfully selective," and he will not concentrate on just the Northeast region for new talent.

"We are not leaving many rocks unturned," Semler stated. "If we get a tip on a great player in Michigan, we will check it out."

Maine has to fight hard to get good players because of the competition in the Northeast. There are many proven teams in the area who can attract the best players, and Maine, after only one year of varsity hockey cannot boast that claim.

But Semler said all the ingredients needed to start a strong hockey tradition are available at UMO. He noted the size of the student body and the quality of Alford Arena, and said Maine is planning on making the jump to Division I the year after next (fall 1979).

A drawback in attracting good Boston area players, Semler said, is the Beanpot Tournament, an annual event pitting the



Coach Jack Semler

...positional, unselfish hockey

natural rivals of Boston University, Harvard, Boston College and Northeastern University against each other. Tournaments such as these are popular with fans and also provide exposure for players who may have aspirations to play pro hockey.

Despite the difficulties in recruiting, not to mention the relatively haphazard assembling of this year's team (Athletic Director Harold Westerman recruited some, some were recruited to play baseball in addition to hockey, and Semler got some later), Semler was optimistic about his young squad.

He said the enthusiasm of the group of freshmen worked as an asset at first, and was later outweighed by the experience the team acquired as the season progressed.

Another factor was the adaptation of the team to Semler's emphasis on positional, unselfish hockey, a style he learned while playing four years at UVM under Jim Cross.

Semler said he tried to establish a

team attitude geared around passing the puck and staying out of the penalty box. "Penalties are selfish," he said, "and retaliation penalties are the worst. If I can create an attitude to walk away from a cheap shot—that helps the team."

Next year Semler is hoping the team can put it all together, physically and mentally, and play three periods of consistent hockey every game. He said younger players tend to be less consistent, but the final game against Colby showed how far the team had come.

"Everyone played with unbelievable emotion," Semler said, looking back on that pressure game that UMO won at Colby. "We learned how to prepare for a big game. Every player was mentally ready," he said.

Until next fall the team is now on its

own as far as hockey goes. Semler said he is not an advocate of year-round hockey and only asks that the players follow a summer conditioning program.

He does make an exception with the goalies, however, explaining there is no position that requires more experience for proficiency. He said Jim Tortorella and Jeff Nord were hardworking goaltenders and needed to play as much as possible because the jump from high school to college was tremendous as far as the quickness and power of the shooters went.

He also said he will certainly consider keeping players such as Joe Crespi, Jon Leach and Jamie Logan on the same line, but it will not be an overriding factor. Next season will be a new, different year, Semler said.

Women fencers send non-varsity team to NEs and edged by Yale

The women's fencing club lost a heartbreaker in the New England championships last weekend, finishing second to Yale College by a single bout victory, 28 to 27.

But while losing their bid to the New England crown, the fencers played giant killers as well. Their second place finish was good enough to qualify them for the national championships. And of the 18 teams the fencers competed against last weekend, they were the only club—or non school sponsored team.

Leading the way in individual scoring for the team was number-one seeded Barbara Mailing, a senior, who finished in a three way tie as top individual fencer, only to lose her crown bid in a fence-off. As a result of the playoff loss she ended second

Fencer Feeley said the team stands a good chance to finish well up among the 30 teams to compete in the nationals.

Feeley said the team hopes to better last year's finish of 24th nationally, but admitted that the competition "is going to be tough."

overall.

Also turning in strong performances for were Linda Rowell, Marie Wendt and Jessica Feeley.

Coming off the strong New England's showing, in which the women fencers beat out Brandeis, one of the nation's top ten teams last year, the club travels to the national championships at the University of Pennsylvania. The meet is scheduled to run from March 30 to April 2.

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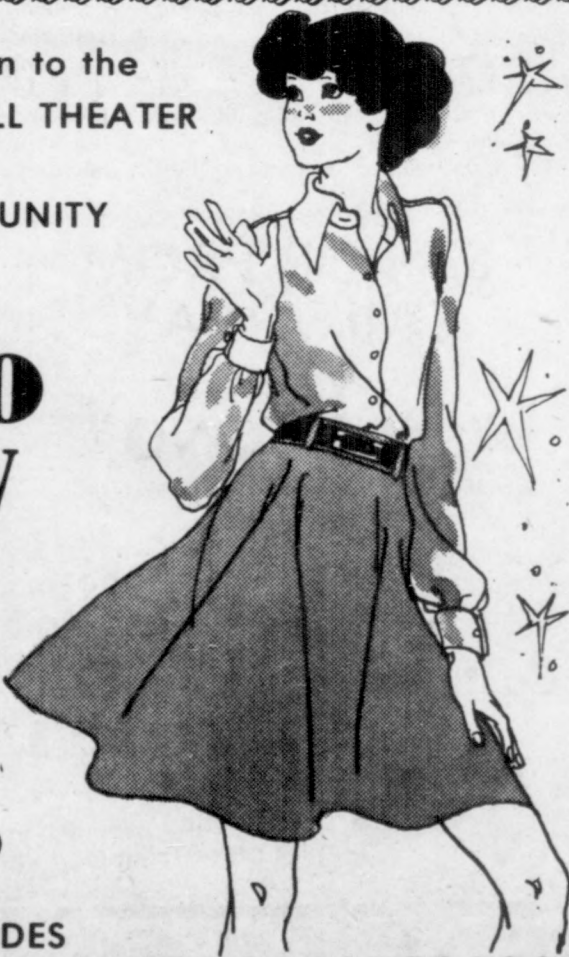
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Rugby players will go to Ireland for 'tricks'

by Patrick McGoohan

On Saint Patrick's Day one thinks about Ireland: shamrocks, leprechauns, shillelaghs and green beer. For four UMO students, one more word can be added to the list—rugby.

The students are members of the UMO Rugby Club and they will be competing in Ireland next month in an effort to improve their understanding of the sport and "pick

up a few tricks."

Joe Loring, Bob Mathews and Bruce Cooper, all seniors and residents of Gannett Hall, and Dave Easton, a junior living in Cumberland, will accompany the Portland rugby team to Ireland from April 15-22 on their annual spring trip. Last year the Portland team traveled to Hawaii.

According to Loring and Mathews, both from South Portland, the Portland team had some extra places this year and invited members of the UMO Rugby Club to join

them, provided they could come up with \$395 each to cover transportation and hotel costs.

A total of 19, including the Maine students, will make the trip, playing against Irish teams in Limerick, Cork, and Dublin. The competition will presumably be good rugby clubs, on a similar level with the Maine squad.

According to Loring, however, the Irish players will have a big advantage in experience because they would have started at an earlier age. All four UMO players had never played rugby before coming to college.

The four agreed that the main reason for going was to play against some good teams.

Loring said that physically they were probably equal to the Irish players, "Most of the guys played football so they know how to hit," he explained, "but the trip can teach us how to play."

Easton, a native of Rochester, N.Y., said the teams in Maine such as Bates, Bowdoin and Colby, are not that good. The best way to learn and improve is to play better

teams, he said.

Cooper and Mathews also said they were looking forward to the experience they could pick up by playing against some real good competition.

They will all travel to Providence earlier in April when the Portland team plays there. They were invited by the club so they could see how they do before leaving for Ireland.

The Portland club has no age group and are mostly older players, Loring said. He added he will probably play regularly with Portland following his graduation.

Although they will miss a week of school, all except Cooper said their professors encouraged them to go. Cooper said he hadn't informed his professors yet.

The students will be playing rugby in Ireland, where the sport has a long tradition. Are there any American traditions they could counter with? "Drinking beer," they said in unison. Teach Irishmen to drink? They could have some competition there, too.



Lacrosse league is solid

by Charlotte McAtee

The upcoming spring vacation will find many UMO students happily heading south, leaving the harsh Maine March behind. One group of young men is heading south, but not to the pleasant sun of Florida or Bermuda, but to New Jersey. Why New Jersey? Because that is where the competition is. This special band of travellers is the lacrosse club.

Unlike the baseball team, whose trip



to California is being financed largely by private contributions, the money for the lacrosse trip is coming out of the players' pockets. Accommodations will be with relatives and friends. Part of the \$2,800 allocated by student government for equipment and travel expenses will pay for transportation.

An impressive schedule on the trip will hopefully aid the club's drive for varsity status, according to Coach Charley Juris. Juris, a UMO student, mapped out

the week as follows: Saturday, Springfield College and Albany State; Monday, County College of Morris (Dover, N.J.); Tuesday, Farleigh-Dickinson; Thursday, Rutgers JV (their varsity is ranked in the top four in the nation); Saturday UConn; Sunday, URI. URI is the only club team included.

A total of 17 games will be played this year as opposed to last year's 10. Included are UNH, Bowdoin, Plymouth State and Colby.

The New England Collegiate Club Lacrosse League (NECCLL) has been more solidly established since last year, with 18 teams belonging. The league has been split into two divisions, north and south, and the top two teams in each division will play in the tournament May 6-7, hosted by UMO. The NECCLL has set up a rating system and is now seeking sanction from the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Maine, which went 10-0 last season and finished third in the NECCLL, will be counting on "a good crop of freshmen, tough conditioning and a lot of desire," according to Juris, to get them through a much more difficult schedule. Maine totally dominated their opponents last year, outscoring them 155-85.

Returning veterans include Bill McEnaney from Mt. Desert, who led the team in scoring last year, and Jim Long, an experienced defenseman. Sophomore Kevin Colley and senior Rocky Carzo have been voted co-captains.

Cagers defend state title

by Christopher Winters

The University of Maine's women's basketball team will take part in the AIAW state Championships at Husson College this weekend.

The women, top-seeded in the eight-team field, will play their first game Friday night at 9 p.m. against the winner of the Husson-Bowdoin game. Maine received a first round bye because Bates, their scheduled opponent in the first round, dropped out.

Other teams in the tourney are: UM-Farmington, 2nd; UMPG, 3rd; Husson, 4th; Bowdoin, 5th; Colby, 6th; and UM Presque-Isle, 7th.

The Maine women are currently 12-6,

and are 9-1 in the state, their only loss coming at the hands of UM Farmington. The women have won the tourney two years in a row, last year defeating UM Farmington in the final, and are seeded first for the third year in a row.

Coach Eileen Fox feels UMO has an excellent chance at winning the tourney because Maine's bench is much stronger than the other teams. She stated that while other teams may have three or four excellent players, Maine has eight or nine and can use them in any combination. Their only weakness, if there is any, is that many freshmen are not used to playoff pressure, Fox said.

The finals in the tourney will be played Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Husson.

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