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Midweek

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Winners...

Members of Kappa Sigma solved the housing shortage and won first prize in the weekend's winter carnival snow sculpture contest. [Photo by Ed Stevens]



...and losers

The sign says it all for Hart Hall's might-have-been entry: Life at UMO...things never get done!

Carnival: a mixed success

Kappa Sigma found that apartment construction pays, when their igloo apartments won first prize in the snow-sculpture contest Saturday. They were one of four fraternities who participated in the Winter Carnival contest this year.

Some fraternities that usually "go all out" didn't get beyond their bases this year because of the warm weather and a lack of snow, said William Lucy, associate dean of student activities.

Other weekend activities also met up with complications. The Friday night bonfire attracted only a few students and the pep-band, which was scheduled to play, never arrived. Michael Routhier, co-chairman

of the Winter Carnival Weekend Committee, said plans for the pep-band had only been tentative, and a conflict with a 20th Century Music Ensemble performance prevented the pep-band from attending the bonfire.

The snowbowl, which was scheduled for Saturday noon, also fell through. The teams which were supposed to play did not follow through on the plans, Routhier said.

However, plans for the Winter Carnival king and queen and Ava's Irish Ball seemed successful. After a campus-wide election Friday, Debra Kelly and Tom McGary, both juniors, were crowned king and queen.

\$5 activity fee increase urged

by Sharon Deveau

Student Government President Michael K. McGovern, in a letter to members of the General Student Senate, (GSS) has requested a hike in the student activity fee, effective next fall. The proposed increase of five dollars a year, which needs approval of both the GSS and a campus-wide student referendum, would generate close to \$40,000 in additional funds.

The proposal received a boost from student government's executive committee Monday night, which endorsed the plan by a 9-1 vote.

In an interview Monday afternoon, McGovern explained the rationale behind the proposal by saying that, "I feel there are a lot of unmet needs that student government has been unable to fund because of a lack of money."

The biggest beneficiary of the increase, McGovern said, will be on-campus concerts. "The outside promoter experiment which we thought would lower

costs didn't bring adequate concerts to Orono," he said. "we (the GSS) haven't funding the classical concerts, which took \$3,800, and hopefully add \$7,000 so we can have a total of \$11,000 to work with."

A second "unmet need" which will be getting some attention if the hike is approved, is the Distinguished Lecture Series, McGovern said. Figures show that over the past four years the series has been given a \$2,000 increase, but, McGovern explained, "Speaker costs have skyrocketed and students don't realize that there are many hidden costs, such as security and paying people to set up chairs."

Another area in which funding has been tight is MUAB, McGovern said. If his proposal is accepted, McGovern said he hopes to give MUAB \$2,000 more to supplement its \$22,000 budget.

The activity fee increase, he said, would establish employment benefits for student government's five full time (continued on page 3)

Benefits called biased

by David Karvelas

In a case which could have national implications, four UMO faculty members have charged that the university's retirement system discriminates against women.

The Maine Human Rights Commission currently is considering the complaint, which has been lodged against UMO and the Teachers Insurance Annuity Association (TIAA) College Retirement Equities Fund.

At the heart of the complaint, is whether sex may be used as a factor in setting insurance rates and payoffs. Under the present retirement system, women now receive lower monthly benefits than their male counterparts.

The reason for the disparity is discriminatory, according to Maryann Hartman, associate professor of speech communication; Marie Urbanski, associate professor of English; Nancy MacKnight, assistant professor of English; and Ruth Nadelhaft, associate professor of English at BCC.

The reason, according to a TIAA attorney, is that the average woman lives about four years longer than the average

male and therefore must receive less each month to stretch her payments over a longer period of time.

The complaint was made in June, 1976 to the Maine Human Rights Commission, and it was determined that there were "reasonable grounds" to believe that sex discrimination has occurred.

Although the women received an initial finding in their favor, the commission decided this month to reconsider the issue at the request of TIAA attorneys.

Urbanski maintains that sex should not be used to calculate monthly insurance benefits.

She said that under the present system, a female who works as long as her male counterpart, will receive less retirement compensation per month.

TIAA attorneys claim, however, that total benefits are equal for men and women but are distributed on a different basis.

Urbanski disagreed, "We think it should all be in a pool—just leave sex out of it."

Hartman went beyond the dollar and cents aspect of the issue and said, "It's a matter of principle."

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Thumbing across country is 'rewarding'

by Kevin Burnham

Hitchhiking may be considered dangerous to some people but to Audrey McGee it is "rewarding."

After she graduated from high school in 1974, Audrey McGee and a girlfriend,

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Arlene Quinn, hitchhiked around the United States for three years, traveling through over 40 states.

"It was an excellent experience," McGee said, "This country is so big and beautiful and we got to see most of it just by using our golden thumbs."

McGee, a freshman majoring in Resource and Business Management started her journey in her home state of Colorado.

"We had no definite plans," she said, "We would stay different places for different periods of time, work waitressing jobs or construction earning a little spending money, then take off for somewhere else."

Her first long trip was to a Missouri rock festival where 110,000 were jamming in 110 degree weather. "It was great seeing people from all over the United States there," she said.

"People had all kinds of interesting hitchhiking signs, like 'Anywhere,' 'I don't care where,' or 'Wherever you're headed is fine,' she said.

McGee was living away from home when she started her journey and she didn't tell her parents she was going to do it to keep them from worrying.

"When you're hitchhiking you meet all kinds of people. Most people were great," she said. "A lot of older people can relate to you because most of them have done it one time or another and they like to reminisce about it while they're giving you a ride."

After three years of traveling, she has some interesting stories to tell about her experiences. She and her friend were picked up by the mafia in Florida, when they were going to Key West for Arlene's birthday.

"When they found out when Arlene's

birthday was, they gave us the royal treatment. They took us to see their boss who was going to fly us, in his private plane, to the Bahamas. They treated us to dinner, bought us some clothes, and rented a hotel room for us," she said. "But as soon as one of the guys got too friendly, we bolted out of there."

Another time down in Key West, a friend of Audrey's knew a guy who was going to sail his boat to the Virgin Islands in a few weeks. Audrey and Arlene were planning to go with him.

"The guy was a 50-year old pirate," she said, "He had a cannon on his boat and he'd shoot oranges out of it at people who were sitting on one of the piers down in (continued on page 3)

Legislator favors Nautilus probe

by Bob Granger

The majority leader of the Maine State Senate has sent a letter to the University of Maine Board of Trustees requesting that they investigate a sex discrimination charge brought against the university by a UMO coed.

Senator Jerrold B. Speers, R-Winthrop, said he sent the letter Thursday after learning that Lauren Noether had filed a

complaint Feb. 10 with the Boston Civil Rights office of the Health, Education and Welfare Department, charging that women are discriminated against in being restricted from using the university's Nautilus weight lifting machine.

"Because this action appears to be an example of unnecessary sex discrimination on the part of the administration and the athletic department of the University of Maine at Orono, I would request that the Board of Trustees please investigate the matter," Speers said in his letter.

In a telephone interview Monday, Speers said he was not accusing the university with sex discrimination. He said it was just something that should really be looked into.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a round table discussion on the Nautilus issue today in the Memorial Union as part of its two-day March meeting.

The controversy centers around the refusal of the administration and the athletic department to allow women access to the Nautilus, an expensive weight-lifting machine women say is superior to other conventional body building mechanisms because it develops individual muscles. At present, only men are allowed to use the device, while women are restricted to the Universal weight lifting machine.

"I filed a complaint with the Boston Office of Civil Rights asking them to look into the matter," Noether said yesterday. "They wrote a reply saying it was within

their jurisdiction and they would look into it."

The Nautilus issue has been the topic of debate for nearly a year. In its first official statement on the issue, the General Student Senate passed a resolution March 7 calling the administration's restricted policy a "an unacceptable act of blatant discrimination."

The administration restricts the women's use of the Nautilus because it claims there is no solid evidence that the device is superior to the conventional Universal weight machine which women are allowed to use.

In a November report by the Title IX Committee on Physical Education and Athletics to President Howard R. Neville, the committee said "there is no necessity, under the provisions of Title IX, to make such equipment available to female students here at this time."

The report went on to say that "we believe that UMO women have comparable opportunities to achieve high levels of physical conditioning using the equipment already available to them. In our opinion there is presently no violation of federal law in denying women access to the Nautilus equipment."

Neville responded to the report saying the current policy involving the Nautilus equipment should be adhered to but should not be "an irrevocable decision for all time but one which is reviewable at some not too distant future."

● Benefit pay differs

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Paul Pierce, who investigated the complaint for the Human Rights Commission, said his office now is awaiting an opinion from the state attorney general's office.

That opinion, coupled with a rewritten investigative report by Pierce, will be used by the five-man commission to determine if its initial findings of discrimination should be upheld.

If the commission reaffirms its initial decision, it will attempt to rectify the violation by sending a compliance officer to talk with the complainants and try to achieve an out-of-court settlement.

If conciliation fails, the commission will bring the issue before superior court for a judicial determination.

Pierce said that TIAA attorneys asked for reconsideration mainly because of a recent court ruling involving a similar case in Maine. The U.S. District Court in Portland last October ruled in favor of TIAA, when presented with a sex discrimination complaint by Colby College faculty.

TIAA lawyers contacted in Portland said the charge made by the four members of UMO's faculty is "substantially identical" to that in the Colby case.

Pierce, disagreeing with the appraisal, said there are "some legal distinguishing characteristics" between the two cases. He declined to comment on these differences.

Colby College Treasurer Karl Broekhuizen commented on the national implications of the "test case" his school was involved in.

Union election set for today

Results from voting to determine whether 600 University of Maine service and maintenance employees will join the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Maine State Employees Association or no union at all will be compiled and released Wednesday.

Classified employees on all UM campuses except Orono and Portland-Gorham voted yesterday. UMPG and Orono employees vote today, with Orono polls open this afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. in Wells Common Lounge.

Included in the voting are custodians, carpenters, cooks, maids, plumbers, groundskeepers, and other service and maintenance personnel.

If neither the Teamsters, the MSEA nor the non-union forces obtain a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held between the two top vote gainers.

The Maine Labor Relations Board, which is overseeing the elections, is in charge of tabulating totals for the elections.

Labor Relations Board officials, along with representatives from the Teamsters, the MSEA and the university oversee the ballot boxes during the elections.

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Tuesday, March 21

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7:30 p.m. Cooperative Extension Service meeting on growing small fruits in the home garden, room 135, Eastport Hall, BCC.

8:15 Student recital: Robert LeClair, oboe, Lord Hall recital hall.

Wednesday, March 22

12 to 1 p.m. Ecumenical prayer time, Drummond Chapel, Memorial Union.

3 to 5 p.m. Women's health issues forum, Wells Commons Lounge.

6 to 9 p.m. Organization of Disenchanted Veterans meeting, Memorial Union.

6:30 to 8 p.m. "Nothin But the Blues," WMEB-FM 91.9.

7 p.m. Informal meeting for students interested in the May term study tour, "Mass Communications in Great Britain," 102 Lord Hall.

8:15 p.m. Graduate recital: Mary Bruesch, cello, with Dr. William Sleeper, piano, Lord Hall recital hall.

9 p.m. Weekly Album Feature, WMEB-FM.

11 to 12 p.m. "Last Call," phone 581-7018 or 581-7019, WMEB-FM.

Thursday, March 23

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

4 to 5 p.m. Ecumenical prayer time, Drummond Chapel, Memorial Union.

6:30 "Weekly Magazine," WMEB-FM.

7:30 Film and dialogue on "The Holocaust," with Professor Szikszal at the Bangor Theological Seminary, MCA center, College Ave.

8:15 p.m. Benefit concert for the United Mine Workers Relief Fund featuring local performers including Don Hinkley, Lil LaBee and dancing with the "Be-Bop Swing Band," Damn Yankee, Memorial Union. \$1 admission.

9 p.m. "Atlantic Crossing" featuring Ian Hunter with Overnight Angels, WMEB-FM.

Friday, March 24

3:30 p.m. Psychology colloquium: Walter Rohm, staff psychiatrist at Togus VA Center will speak on "Clinical Psychopharmacology and Use of Antipsychotic Drugs," Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

Seniors: If you still need to be measured for your cap and gown please go the Service Desk at the bookstore and be measured. Gown will be distributed during finals week.

The Memorial Union Council is accepting applications for student organization office space in the union. Any student organization which feels it has a legitimate need for office space may pick up and complete an application at the Memorial Union Director's office. The deadline is Tuesday, April 4.

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Bumstock: Changes include IDs at entrance, no free beer, more fences, better lighting, student marshalls

by Kevin Burnham

Because of the rise in the drinking age, participants of Bumstock VI this year will have to bring their own beer and identification will be mandatory upon entrance.

Robert Caton, in charge of financing of the event, said that because of complaints last year by UMO police and Residential Life that under-age people were coming to the party, beer will neither be given away or sold.

Bumstock, which will be held May 6, is a party organized by residents of the university cabins. Folk and bluegrass bands from all over the state will perform from 12 noon to 11 p.m.

"Since Bumstock I in 1972, we have asked for donations from each residential hall to buy beer and give it away," Caton said. "But because of the new drinking age, we can't give it away and it's too much of a hassle in checking ID's to sell the beer."

Caton, chairman of the Off-Campus board, said this year's budget is \$1910.

The student government allocated \$1860 for the event and Penobscot and Estabrooke halls donated \$25 each to the budget.

The budget will cover lighting (\$275), police (\$450), portable toilets (\$275), travelling expenses," Caton said. He miscellaneous expenses such as grounds services, advertising and electrical hookup (\$650).

"We pay \$40 to \$50 for each band's travelling expenses," Caton said. he added that most bands play for fun and for the exposure.

"Last year, we had our lighting system stolen so we have to spend at least \$300 for a whole new system," Caton said.

Caton said the event had many problems last year, including a request by Police Director Alan Reynolds that 10 to 14 police officers rather than the usual three be present during the day.

"We didn't want that for fear of a riot and because we didn't have the money to pay that many police," Caton said.

Instead, he said 10 student marshalls from the cabins were appointed last year

for security and the same system will be used this year. In addition to the marshalls, two more policemen will be assigned during the evening hours.

Residential Life was upset at the location of the party, Caton said. "They said it violated the cabin residents' right and that many passers-by were being drawn in because it was so visible from the road."

Caton said that two weeks before last year's event, the Bumstock committee met with John Blake, vice president of finance

and administration to discuss the situation. "We offered the idea about the student marshalls and he accepted it," Caton said.

A review committee of six students and six faculty was set up to decide on the future of the event, he said. "The review was fair and they gave us the go-ahead for the event with a few regulations that we had to meet," he said.

Caton said the regulations included fences to shut off the view from the road, increased lighting, more police and a second exit to the event.

Ugly man contest planned

by Sharon Deveau

"Beauty is only skin deep but ugliness is to the bone." Alpha Phi Omega fraternity members, who are organizing an Ugly Man Contest which will end on Maine Day, April 26, are hoping this adage will prove true.

Richard Erb, organizer of the event for the fraternity, said the criteria involved in being an "Ugly man" are quite simple: "just act as crude and disgusting as you can." "There's nothing malicious about this contest," he stresses. "It's just a good spoof. We had a Homecoming Queen this fall and we think she should have a counterpart." Actual, true-to-life, physical ugliness has nothing to do with it, Erb said.

The contest, which had its last winner 10 years ago, will be decided by student voting. "Voting booths will be set up in complexes and in the Memorial Union," Erb said. "Every voter will pay 25 cents for each ballot he casts and proceeds will go to the Maine Special Olympics."

Applications for potential entrants will be available starting Wednesday and Thursday at the APO office in the lobby of Fogler library. "The ideal situation," Erb said, "would be to have a candidate from each dormitory. We're hoping the dorms

will support their candidates and really go out and campaign for them."

The fun won't end until Maine Day, Erb said. "Karen Ross, the Homecoming Queen, has agreed to help us and we're planning a big parade through the complexes with all the candidates riding in convertibles, waving to the crowds. Plus, as a special feature, there's going to be a regiment of cone heads marching along too." President Howard R. Neville was invited to join in the parade as well, but he declined the invitation, Erb said.

"We're offering prizes to the winners," Erb points out, "and first place will probably receive a gift certificate from Quik Pik."

As an added bonus, the fraternity suggested naming East Annex after the winner for the rest of the year. As Erb put it, "Can you think of anything on campus that epitomizes ugliness any better than East Annex?" But he said, "President Neville rejected the idea."

Erb summed up the rationale behind the contest when he said, Maine Day needs a tradition and we're working hard to give it one. let's say that the Ugly Man contest is our answer to the Homecoming Queen."

Hitchhiker enjoys travels

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Key West. We decided not to go with him because we were afraid he'd make us walk the plank if we did something wrong."

She said she liked the West Coast best because the people are more friendly and



Audrey and Dylan

open and they're easier to get rides from.

"New York City is the worst place to hitch through," she said. "Nobody talks to you or picks you up because they're afraid of getting shot or knifed."

She added there are precautions you have to take, especially girls, when hitchhiking. "We carried pocket knives and mace," she said, "Also girls should hitchhike with someone, never alone."

She picked up her dog, Dylan, in Orlando, Fla., after she saw Bob Dylan and the Rolling Thunder Review play at a concert down there.

"He's traveled a lot of miles," she said, "He even helped us get a ride one rainy day when a man stopped only because he felt sorry for the puppy."

Police were usually cool, she said. "In most places you are not supposed to hitchhike but usually police either warned us or passed us by," she said, "We got a couple of tickets that you had to pay a \$5 fine for but other than that, everything was fine."

Her favorite places are Highway One, a highway all along the West Coast, Glacier National Park in Montana, the Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the blue hills of Kentucky.

Traveling is great no matter how you do it, she said. "If anyone has ever thought of hitchhiking across the country, they should do it before they settle down. You can't do it if you commit yourself to something like marriage."

"It's such a cheap way to travel and you can get anywhere," she said, "Just go with the flow."

Fee increase sought

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employees and absorb "the cost of the copyright law and the higher cost of entertainment, particularly films."

McGovern said, "We're not giving our employees the benefits that university employees get. No Blue Cross/Blue Shield, no holidays, no vacation, nothing." And he continued, "We've determined that a limited benefit package would cost about \$4,800."

Student government's payroll includes two attorneys, a para-legal, a secretary and a programmer.

Other programs which McGovern said will probably receive assistance if the increase is accepted include:

—The student credit union. McGovern emphasized that first-year operating costs would most likely run about \$5,000. But he stated that once equipment, supplies and facility renovations had been completed, the cost would decrease each year.

—IDB will request an additional \$2,000 to pay for films. The organization's constitution originally forbade charging admission to films but McGovern said the senate had

forced it to do so because of increasing costs.

—McGovern also cited the "need to have more money available" to handle budget requests which arise during the course of the year. "Many groups go directly to President Neville when they need funds and overlook us (the GSS) completely. I think students should decide how their money is spent rather than Neville."

—Graduation exercises this year will require funding, McGovern said, and added that he expected the committee to be "asking for at least \$6,000" to pay for various activities.

McGovern expects the activity fee hike to be on the agenda for the April 4 meeting of the senate. If the proposal is approved, he expects it to go to referendum for final acceptance by all UMO students on April 12.

"Look at it this way," says McGovern, "the increase would add up to one trip to Pat's for a pizza and a few beers and the students are getting quite a bit in return."

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Apartments—lingering questions

The board of trustees is expected to take action on the proposed and much discussed university-owned apartment complex at its meetings today and tomorrow. We suspect we know what the action is going to be—the proposal is likely to pass. We urge, however, that the board pass it with caution.

There are still too many lingering questions about the proposal...the number of units to be built, the number of people to be housed in each unit, proposed construction costs and exactly what those costs include.

This newspaper does not oppose the concept of more student housing. It is gratifying that the administration has finally opened its eyes to the fact that housing is in crisis stages here. Nor is it the concept of apartments owned by the university that we have misgivings about. Many universities have had student apartments which proved quite successful.

What is objectionable is the disorganization that has prevailed during the entire time, from the first appearance of the proposal, until now. Questions remain and plans are, at best, nebulous. It appears that trustees gave preliminary authorization for the spending of \$2 million for a complex they know very little about.

Granted, the administration is in a bind, students have been mobilized to protest and something must be done, but this is not to say that one must stumble about blindly, groping for solutions.

The question on many students' minds is how much will it cost to live in the apartments. Projected costs called for \$140 per person, or about \$560 for a two-bedroom, four-person apartment.

True enough, these costs are only projected, but it doesn't take much to figure out that if \$2 million is used to build the apartments, students will have to pay exorbitant prices to live in them. Only revenues realized from the apartments will be used to pay back the loan. When other university housing was built, money collected from all other facilities was used to pay off the bond.

If this plan is passed, students living in these apartments may expect to be exploited by the worst slumlord of all, the university, because there is no other housing in the area. Several trustees and administrators have expressed the sentiment, "the apartments will be filled no matter what we charge, with the demand for housing being what it is."

Apartments can work at UMO. But they must be carefully planned. And there is no evidence that these are. Those responsible for coming up with the marvelous plan and pushing it through should bear some degree of the responsibility of the project. The trustees, serving the best interests of the university and its students, should see that there is some accountability.

Housing proposals for next year, submitted to President Howard Neville in the wake of student protest, said "let's wait and see what the effect of the apartments will be."

The effect can be good; it can open 200 new spaces, nearly enough to bring all freshmen on campus by 1979, assuming present enrollment rates. But it will not be good if students are being exploited, if they must pay outrageous rents for space less than they would have in a triple. The effect will not be good if apartments are shoddily built and at a cost of much more than \$2 million or if they take two or three years to build instead of one.

The apartments may determine the building of similar facilities in the future, if they are successful. But, if they fail because of lack of responsibility or poor and incomplete planning, they may spell doom for future housing.

This newspaper hopes the trustees have the wisdom to ask the right questions, the sense to realize when their questions have not been answered and the conscience to vote for what they know is right in view of all their information.

Trustees won't wait

The University of Maine Board of Trustees will meet on the Orono campus today and tomorrow. And trustees are requesting student opinions on matters affecting them. This is the purpose of the two roundtable discussions, scheduled for 4:30 and 9:00 on Tuesday.

This newspaper urges students to attend the discussions and let the trustees know how they feel about housing and other issues. Students have the opportunity to be heard by those who wield considerable power, and they should take it. The meeting at 9:00 in the Damn Yankee will be especially important, as the full board will be there.

Further, we urge students to attend committee meetings that occur before the formal board meeting. If one wants to learn how the university is run, those meetings can be a real education.

Since board meetings alternate among the seven campuses and are only held once every

two months, the opportunity to speak to the trustees on campus does not come often. We urge students to take this opportunity. Classes and studying can wait—the trustees won't.

Editors' note:

Because of the Campus' desire to serve its readers, the weekend issue will be published on Thursday instead of Friday, so papers may be obtained before vacation.



reader's opinion

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

Sexual discrimination

To the Editors:

We have sent the following letter to Chancellor Patrick McCarthy:

We the Dorm Activity Board of Penobscot Hall are writing to express our concern for a problem that exists here at the University of Maine at Orono. Currently, women are denied access to the Nautilus weight lifting machines. We are not satisfied with the findings of the Title Nine committee or President Neville's decision to uphold it.

The committee claims that the

Nautilus is "comparable" to the Universal because there is no evidence that shows it to be superior. The law of our land is that one is innocent until proven guilty; therefore, no one should be denied access to the Nautilus because they cannot prove its superiority.

It seems peculiar that the Athletic Department should spend so much to purchase Nautilus equipment if it is not superior to a Universal.

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Hole-y cow provides glimpse of digestion

by Michael Martin

Back in the 1820s, a French Canadian trapper took a load of buckshot in his belly from close range, and lived. His belly, however, was never quite the same — it never really healed.

St. Martin, the trapper by name, eventually made contact with Dr. Beaumont. Beaumont became interested in St. Martin's belly when he found out that all that protected the trapper's innards was a tough flap of skin which could be lifted up — providing a sort of window in St. Martin's stomach.

St. Martin used to get drunk and lift the flap of skin up and put food directly into his stomach and watch it digest, in the name of fun, and Beaumont watched in the name of science.

Looking at Old Pete, a five-year-old steer who is kept in the university barns, one wouldn't think he had much in common with St. Martin. Pete doesn't drink to excess, doesn't fight, has never been shot in any of his four stomachs. But he does have a window to the world in the largest of the four.

And the research being done on Pete by Professor William Hoover and other members of the department of animal and veterinary sciences began with Beaumont and St. Martin.

The window in the steer's stomach is a plastic plug or fistula, surgically inserted in Pete's rumen — the second and largest of his four stomachs. Fistulas range from about the size of a whiskey glass which would probably be inserted in a sheep, to the one in Pete, which has a diameter slightly smaller than that of a 45 rpm record.

Pete's fistula is made of soft, relatively flexible plastic with tight fitting flanges which fit over the skin in his side, and over the tissue in his stomach. The fit of the fistula is not the tightest, despite the flanges; when old Pete sways, green, semi-digested liquid slops out his side. Apparently having inherited some of St. Martin's spirit, he doesn't seem to mind.

Pete isn't the only animal at UMO to be studied inside out. Before him there was George, another steer who got old and had to be put out to pasture. "He just wouldn't eat any more," Hoover said. "He got old. It happens to the best of us." Another favorite in the barn is Old Rhino, a sheep, who is also retired.

In addition to the study being done with Pete and the others, the department also has a machine, developed in 1976, which simulates the conditions in the rumen. With three vats of green liquid in various stages of digestion, the machine allows the researchers the chance to try out different feeds, through different lengths of time.

They discovered, for instance, that decreasing the solubility of cattle feed would increase the length of time feed

Parking plans, fees discussed

After considering several new parking plans and accompanying parking fee increases, the Traffic and Safety Committee decided Friday to withhold any recommendations for new university regulations and suggested to the administration that parking fees be kept the same.

Earlier in the week, President Howard R. Neville had requested that the committee recommend a revenue-producing fee increase. William Vanderlock, student representative on the committee, said although the committee recommended that the fees remain the same, Neville had the last word.

One of the new parking plans that the committee considered was one that would democratize the parking lots, opening all inner campus lots up to off-campus students, staff and faculty alike. Associate Professor of History John Battick, faculty representative, said that the faculty would adamantly oppose such a program.

would stay in the animal's stomach, and therefore increase the amount of protein it would digest. Hoover said that feed companies used this information to develop a line of low soluble feeds, which are slightly more costly, but more efficient.

Beyond that, however, Hoover said that much of the research the department is doing has little immediate practical application. Knowing that cattle can get by on low quality grasses, cull potatoes, wood by-products, and other low cost feeds doesn't generate much excitement.

"There's just no pressure to do this kind of research," Hoover said, "and there won't be until it becomes necessary to feed people what we're now feeding cattle. Think about it. How much protein do most people in this country get from corn or any other grain?" He said that in the United States there is a tendency toward a crisis mentality, with no one doing anything until there is an emergency.

He said that cattle have the ability to digest cellulose, something man can't do, and the process occurs in the rumen. Studying what goes on in Pete's rumen may unlock the secret of how it's done, Hoover said. But the overall reaction might be "so what?" at least until the growing worldwide food shortage makes that spruce tree outside as appetizing as a slice from Old Pete's side.

New colony houses research animals

Research animals ranging from mice to cows live in various nook and crannies around campus, according to William H. Hoover, professor of animal and veterinary sciences.

The recently completed Animal Colony, behind Hitchner Hall, houses small animals such as rabbits, chickens, mice, rats and gerbils.

The recently completed facility provides a training ground for two-year animal medical technology students, as well as students in other fields.

Two laboratory courses are being taught at the new building, and students care for some of the animals.

Women scientists, students to meet

by Kevin Burnham

A two-day conference on "Women in Science," consisting of workshops, discussions, laboratory experience and career information to encourage college women to pursue careers in the natural sciences, the social sciences or mathematics, will be held at UMO on April 28 and 29.

Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Elaine S. Gershman said the conference will consist of about 30 prominent women scientists and 200 freshmen and sophomore women students from Maine colleges.

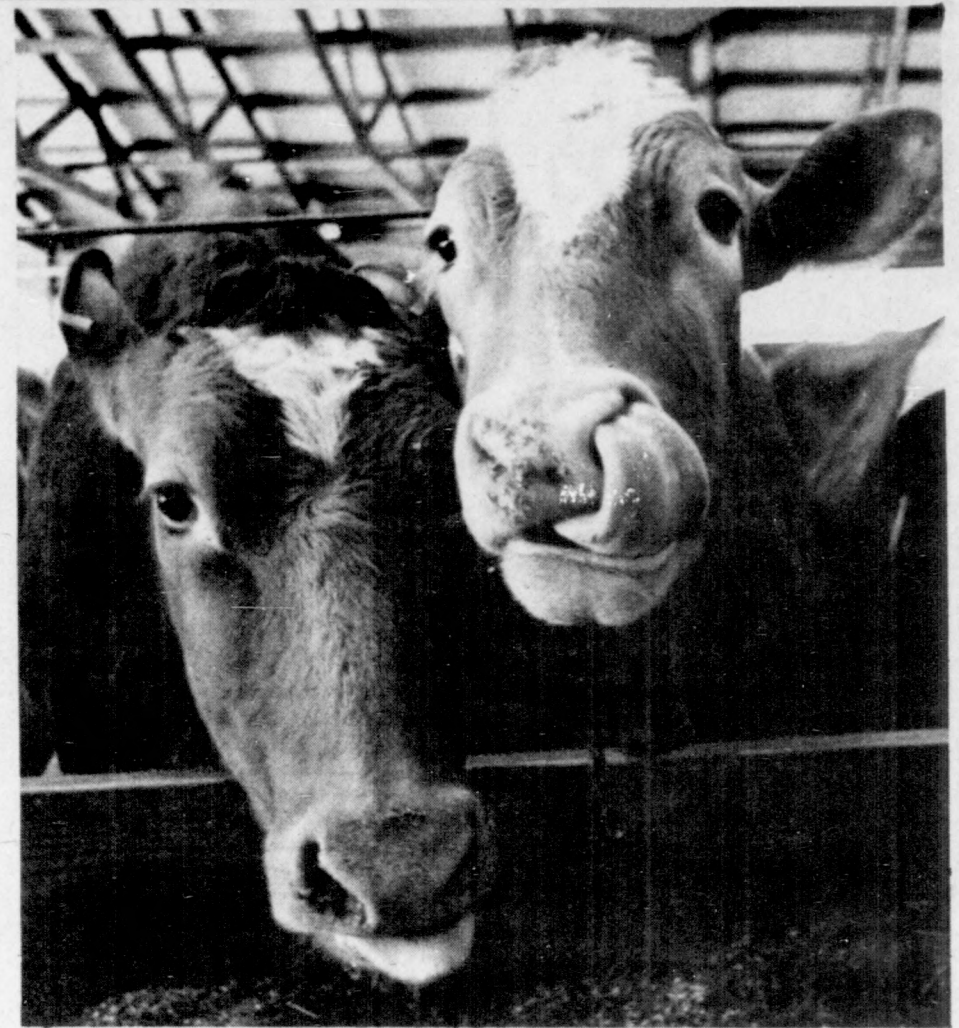
"The conference will give the students a chance to talk with working women about job possibilities in their fields of endeavor," Gershman said. "They will also be able to discuss freely ideas concerning course plans, internships, job applications and related topics."

The conference is sponsored by a \$6,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and supported also by the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and Science and the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture.

She said the idea was started in 1976 when the NSF was offering funds for science research projects.

"We had to compete for the grant against scientific projects," she said. "Our project was not a scientific one but it was an idea that they accepted to further the advancement of women in the science world."

The areas of social sciences which will be discussed are Anthropology, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Economics, Entomology, Engineering, Food Science,



When a cow sticks its face in its feed box, it has to lap it clean. These cows are kept in the university barns and provide milk for the cafeterias. (Photo by Lynn Wardwell)

"We stress responsibility and professionalism, and students are assigned certain animals as their complete responsibility to feed, water, clean, and keep records," Francis Bird, professor of poultry science, said.

The \$296,000 facility was constructed on the site of the old cattle barn which burned several years ago.

Cows, which have been the subject of intensive research under the direction of Hoover, are now kept in the Witter Dairy Center, which is located to north of campus on College Avenue. Along with the somewhat intangible benefits that the cows provide in the area of research, they provide a much needed commodity: some

of the milk used in the cafeterias on campus.

Less extensive studies at the Witter center involve sheep and pigs.

Over 4,000 chickens are in the metal buildings near the site of the proposed Performing Arts Center, according to Paul C. Harris, associate professor of animal and veterinary science.

The food and water intake of chickens is studied to determine the best level of nutrition for laying birds. Chickens, like humans, overeat and overconsume water if not carefully regulated.

They also exhibit definite social behavior, establishing a "pecking order" in their cages.

Geology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, and Zoology.

Gershman said applications were sent to colleges all over the state, but were distributed to UMO students first to determine the number of women interested in attending the conference. A \$2 registration fee is required and the application must be returned by March 28.

The six group workshops will consist of panel discussions with women scientists currently employed in research, business and industry.

Women scientists from the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, University of Maine scientists, New England scientists and other prominent scientists around the state and country will lead the discussion groups.

"Each scientist will hold discussions with 10 students interested in their field of endeavor," Gershman said.

On Friday night, a guest speaker, undetermined as of this week, will speak at a banquet in Wells Commons. Lunch on Saturday will also be held at Wells, she said.

Summer job list available

by Natalie Sletinger

Finding a summer job is not an easy task and the Career Planning and Placement office knows it. For the past seven years, they have provided students with listings of summer job openings.

"Our summer job service is a sideline, a service for students. We have information available, but we don't have enough staff to keep track of who's hired by who," Adrian Sewall, director of the office, said.

Eighty percent of the jobs listed are in summer camps or hotel and restaurant businesses. The most recent newsletter, though, had information for students desiring to work at Walt Disney World in Florida. Most listings are for New England, Sewall said, because "students don't want to travel far for summer jobs."

Sewall started the program seven years ago when he found that "everyone was asking, and no one was handling." Building the list of employers was a "massive task," relying on computer services and talking with seniors and finding out where they had been employed during the summers. The list is expanding continually and many employers now come to the office and list their openings. As another service, the office held a summer job opportunity day March 8. Twenty-four businesses and camps from the northeast held interviews and talks with about 450 students. "A lot of employers couldn't hire on the spot," Sewall said, "but students will receive job offers." Sewall and assistant director of career planning Nancy Pare agree that the day was "very successful," and that the summer job outlook is very good.

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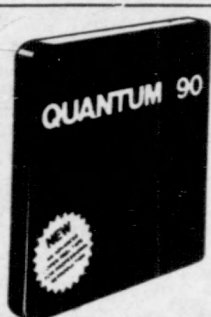
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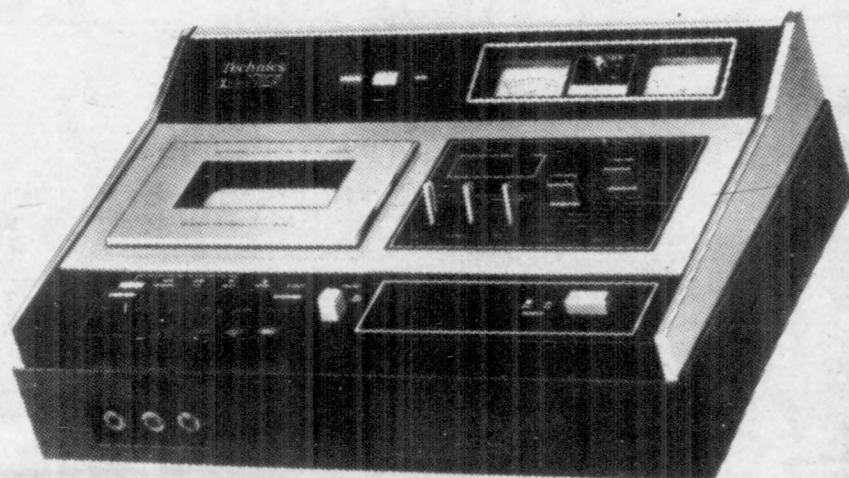
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Two opponents trade blows in the sparring competition Sunday at the Memorial Gym (Ken Holmes photo).

Turbyne takes third

by Steve Vaitones

Shot putter Ann Turbyne placed third in the National AIAW indoor championship track meet Saturday, lifting Maine to 20th from more than 45 teams competing in the meet. Turbyne, who scored all of Maine's six points, highlighted the team's first-ever appearance in the nationals.

UMO was one of only three New England teams to score in the meet, which was held at the University of Missouri. In team honors, Wisconsin comfortably won the meet over second place Kansas by a 59-47 margin.

Turbyne was seeded sixth in the throwing order, but gained third with a toss of 46'4". Jennifer Smit of Texas-El Paso had a put of 48'8" to edge favorite Cecile Hansen of Oklahoma for the win.

"I still need a lot of work in all aspects of the event," Turbyne noted after the meet. "I've only been back throwing since December, while the rest of the field had a bit more early season work this year. The put was okay, but I've got to start looking toward the outdoor nationals."

First, though, she's taking some time off to compete in the national women's weight lifting meet next month.

In the two mile, meanwhile, Joan Westphal was tenth in her heat and did not make final placings. A fast pace, combined with stomach problems kept her from a higher place.

Westphal, however, remained optimistic. "I still learned a lot about race strategy, competing against the best in the country," Westphal said. "I'll be better prepared for this race next time."

Woodcock and Ward effort fails

Two members of the New England championship UMO women's swim team competed in the Nationals at Duke University this weekend. Star swimmer Julie Woodcock and diver Patti Ward both gave their best shot, but the competition in Durham, N.C. was very good.

Woodcock, a junior from Swarthmore, Pa. who came home from the NEs with seven gold medals this year, placed 20th in the 200 meter individual medley, setting a NE record with a time of 2:11.14. Woodcock also finished 26th in the 100 meter IM in 1:01.85.

Coach Jeff Wren was still pleased with her performance. He said she had been training by herself for a month and "is very much a team swimmer anyway."

Patti Ward, a sophomore from Barrington R.I., placed 57th of 61 competitors in the one-meter diving, but Wren said she could have finished higher. In an attempt to make the first round cutoff point of 32, Ward tried her three hardest dives, missing one and doing poorly on another, Wren said. If she had stuck to her more consistent dives she would have placed better, but she wanted to go for broke, he explained.

Karate tourney a hit

by George Burdick

Over 120 competitors from Maine and Canada attended the 6th annual UMO Karate Tournament Sunday at the Memorial Gym.

In addition to a large number of competitors, over 400 spectators came to the tournament. The tournament consisted of demonstrations in kumite, kata, and weapons kata.

Kumite, or freestyle sparring, opponents were matched against each other in an exchange of controlled techniques. The techniques included kicks, punches, and foot sweeps. Winners were chosen when an opponent executed two potentially damaging techniques.

Kata is another type of competition in which the contestant performs a series of prearranged techniques against imaginary opponents. Kata performance is judged on balance, speed, strength, concentration,

and overall form. A separate kata competition included weapons kata in which contestants were scored in their ability to perform kata with oriental weapons.

Five members of the UMO Karate Club placed in the kata competition: Jim Campbell, first in black belt kata; Dale Michaud, first in white belt division; Richard Daley, second in brown belt kata; Alan Carson, third in brown belt kata; and Suzan Beaudoin, third in women's intermediate kata.

In kumite, or sparring, three members of the UMO karate club placed: Jim Campbell, third in black belt kumite; Richard Daley, second in the Brown belt division; and Suzan Beaudoin, third in women's intermediate kumite.

Linda Parks, a UMO student who teaches self-defense for women, placed second in kumite and first in kata.

Turnover trouble upsets cagers

by Christopher Winters

The UMO women's basketball team played in the Maine Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women's Championships held at Husson College over the weekend and split a pair of games, winning their semifinal game, 66-51 over Bowdoin, but losing the championship round, 67-58 to UM-Farmington.

The women, who finished the season at 13-7, had won the tourney the last two years in a row and were seeded first for the third straight year.

In the Friday game against Bowdoin, Maine was lead by Sharon Baker's 12 points. Also scoring in double figures for Maine were Laurie Osgood and Barb

Cummings with 10 points each. Leading the way for Bowdoin was Barbara Krause, who scored a game-high 23 points, and Nancy Brinkman, who tallied 13 more.

In the championship game Saturday afternoon, Denise Blais was the only scorer in double figures with 16 points. UMF was led by sophomore scoring sensation Wendy Farrington who tallied 28, and Bonnie Lajoie, with 10.

The girls had defeated UMF in the finals last year 73-51, but the rash of turnovers and early foul trouble on the part of Barb Cummings paved the way for UMF to win their second title since 1973. UMF finished their season at 20-1, losing only in the regular season to UMO.

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