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Midweek

# Maine Campus

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## Faculty discuss pros, cons of union

by Bob Granger

A group of 48 UMO faculty members have sent a letter to their colleagues, urging them to consider the "potential losses" collective bargaining could bring if the university system faculty vote to unionize in the May 8-10 election.

"We doubt that the potential improvement in salary, fringe benefits, and grievance procedures would be sufficiently great to compensate for potential losses in academic quality and the flexibility which has hitherto characterized our professional lives," reads the letter, signed by Alton H.

Clark, Jane H. Pease and 46 others. "On the whole, opposition to collective bargaining reflects a preference for carrying out professional activity either individually or in discipline-oriented collegiate groups."

UMO's more than 500 faculty members will vote May 9 on whether to unionize in a system-wide election involving close to 1,000 faculty members from all seven campuses.

The action will give faculty the option of joining the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine (AFUM), which is affiliated with the Maine Teachers Association, or no union at all.

Five faculty meetings, featuring speakers from the University of Massachusetts and Youngstown University at two of the sessions have been scheduled this week to discuss the pros and cons of faculty unionization.

In the letter dated April 24, the union opponents maintain that collective bargaining would probably not result in salary increases significantly higher than those under the present system, since the power to appropriate funds lies with the legislature and not with the central administration with whom the union would bargain.

The letter also cites documentation that claims that unionization only accounted for a total of 4.4 percent salary differences in raises for unionized and non-unionized faculty at public institutions between 1969-1975.

"We believe that faculty input at the unit level and faculty participation within the grievance procedure are now stronger than they would be under union contracts," the letter continues, "which characteristically make the shop steward the intermediary between the grievant and

the university."

The authors of the letter also maintain that, over time, decisions of increasing scope would be reached through collective bargaining between the administration and the union, in which each campus has only a minority vote.

"If faculty workloads, leave policy, and criteria for promotion are negotiated and determined at the system level, the specialized needs of individual departments would likely be neglected," the letter says. It goes on to say that "As the relation between faculty and administration becomes both more formalized and more distant, faculty members would find it increasingly difficult to influence academic policy in the informal ways which now supplement an already highly-structured institutional framework."

"We believe this loss of flexibility would be detrimental not only to the faculty but to students and public as well," the letter reads.

AFUM State Chairman C. Stewart Doty responded to the letter in an interview (continued on page 3)



UMO's fraternities and sororities kicked off Saturday's edition of Greek Weekend with a 32 car parade around campus, ending at Lengyel field for the afternoon games. The weekend included a relay torch run from Augusta Friday morning, a Friday night concert featuring Ray Boston, the annual Beta Theta Pi versus Tau Epsilon Phi water-balloon fight, Saturday games, and raft races on Sunday.

### Special report

## Student leaders critical of Longley

by David Karvelas

Although Gov. James B. Longley has consistently aimed his cost-cutting measures at those who run the university, his policies have had a direct impact on those who attend—the students.

Student leaders believe Longley's austere treatment of university finances had a negative effect on education quality.

But student leaders, like faculty and administrators, fluctuate in their judgment of Longley's effectiveness.

The five UMO student government presidents who were in office during the



Final story of a three-part series.

Longley years each paint a slightly different picture of the man.

Jeanne Bailey, student government president from 1974-75, said of Longley's impact, "It's really complex. I have mixed emotions about it."

"My first impression as a student was that he had a very negative impact on higher education. I felt that he was particularly directing his ire about higher education toward the university."

Bailey, now a university employee at the Development Office on campus, said she has changed her opinion of Longley since she graduated. "I have tempered my views a bit on the governor."

She said while some areas may have suffered as a result of budget cuts, Longley "made the university take a good hard look at the kind of budget we have—what is a necessary program...and what's just nice to have."

Bailey was student government president during Longley's first, and probably most controversial, year in office.

That year he asked for, but did not receive, the resignation of all 14 university trustees as well as that of former

## Adventurers challenge white water with rafts

by Kevin Burnham

You have probably seen the Pepsi commercial where about 11 excited people are riding in a big rubber raft, down the rapids of a raging river, being almost swallowed by the waves.

The white water rafting trip down the west branch of the Penobscot River, arranged by the Student Activities Office has been described by those who have attempted the cold, exciting adventure as comparable to rafting in Colorado.

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"It's a powerful, exciting ride," William Lucy, dean of student activities, said. "It's comparable to the rivers of Colorado and the people who have taken the trip have said it was well worth it."

The trip, which was started last semester, includes a bus trip to Pray's Big Eddy Campground located in Millinocket, a wet suit, life preservers and a steak cookout, all for \$38.50. The next trip is this Saturday, May 6.

"It's well worth the money," said Donald Remick, a Gannett Hall resident who took the trip last fall.

"Riding down the white water is very exciting, something like a roller coaster," he said. "It's so nice just to be out on the water. It is such a beautiful section of Maine, overlooking Mr. Katahdin."

The rafts, which are about 20 feet long, hold eleven people: ten paddlers and one captain.

"The captain schools the paddlers on what to do certain situations," Lucy said. "He tells them what to do if they get turned around 180 degrees or what to do if they get in foam."

"Either end of the raft can be used as the bow, therefore the captain can run to the ends to direct the paddlers," Lucy added. "Sometimes the craft is airborne."

Tina Douglass, a student at Bangor Community College, said that it's important to listen for commands.

"If he tells you 'Heads up,' then you must squat low in the raft and hang on to the side ropes," she said. "Otherwise, you may get thrown from the raft. It really gets scary sometimes."

Douglass added that she heard about the trip from the flyers that the Program Board put out. She thought it would be exciting so she did it.

"A lot of people won't take the trip because they feel it is too expensive," she said. "I wish I could go in the spring because the river would have better waves."

A professional raft company, the Northern White Water Expedition Company located near Moosehead Lake, provides the rafts, Lucy said.

"All the folks who have taken the trip have said the trip was really great. It is expensive but it's well worth it," he said.

Chancellor Donald E. McNeil.

Longley charged the university with mismanagement and frivolous spending, thus beginning a four-year tirade against spiralling education costs. He has consistently maintained that university officials have done little to resolve the situation.

Bailey, disagreeing with his appraisal, said, "I think he has failed to recognize the steps the university has taken to improve itself."

She said some of the programs proved costly to the university in terms of dollars, as well as the quality of education offered. Since Longley has been in office, she said, the quality has dipped "somewhat."

"But what's even worse," she said, "is that students are paying more for an education which has not improved. That's a real shame."

But this has not prevented her from giving Longley "an A-minus in effort," because, "He has caused the university to more closely evaluate their programs."

Her view of benefits derived from Longley's policies is not shared by UMO's most recent student government president, Michael K. McGovern.

"He's a disaster. He's constantly harping against the university."

"He's made the people of Maine think (continued on page 2)



## Longdown

Tuesday, May 2

4 p.m. Ngo Vinh Long, a Vietnamese professor at Harvard University will speak on "Vietnam and the US: Then and Now," Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

6:30 p.m. Scuba Club meeting, Walker Room, Memorial Union.

7 p.m. Science fiction talk with Prof. John Morresey, "What's a Nice Humanoid Like You Doing in a Galaxy Like This?" Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

7:30 p.m. Equal Time Series discussion with Norm Horde: "The Charismatic Renewal," Newman Center, College Ave.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque Theatre, "Uncle Vanya," Hauck Auditorium. Tickets available at the box office, student \$1.50, others \$2.50.

Wednesday, May 3

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

7 and 9:15 p.m. IDB movie "Silver Streak," 130 Little Hall.

8:15 Maine Masque Theatre, "Uncle Vanya," Hauck Auditorium.

Thursday, May 4

7 to 9 p.m. Outdoor Recreation Mini-Workshop on "Kayaking," UMO pool, Memorial Gym.

7 and 9:15 p.m. IDB movie "Silver Streak," 130 Little Hall.

8:15 p.m. Maine Masque Theatre presents "Uncle Vanya," Hauck Auditorium.

### Advance Notice

Friday, May 5 Runners Delight, 3.2 mile race on UMO crosscountry trail. For registration and details contact the Office of Student Activities, Memorial Union, registration deadline: Thursday, May 4.

## Off-campus ambulance site studied

by Theresa Brault

Plans for a new fire station at UMO have been tabled while the university studies other possibilities for housing the university's ambulance and ladder truck. John Blake, vice president of finance and administration, said that after the original plans for the fire station were drawn up, the university decided the ambulance "should be looked at in conjunction with Orono's ambulance."

The proposal now being considered involves a merger between the university ambulance service and Orono's ambulance service. Both ambulances need housing, Blake said. The university ambulance is kept at the police station and Orono's ambulance is kept in a private garage in Orono. A merger could save money for both parties, especially since one building for both ambulances would cost less than separate buildings.

Another thing for the town and the university to consider is the ambulances themselves. Both the university's and Orono's ambulances are wearing out and will have to be replaced in two or three years.

"If we go our separate ways," Blake said, "with each one getting one ambulance, that wouldn't be wise money management." With the merger, the two groups could buy one ambulance to service both the campus and Orono.

But there are some problems involved in the merger proposal. The University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC) and the Orono Volunteer Rescue Squad (OVRs) are not unanimous in wanting the change,

Blake said. They each have a different purpose and different interests and they want to see how they will fit into the new program.

Funding could also be a problem. With a merger, the town could get federal assistance to construct the building. The university's ambulance was funded from a federal grant that is no longer available.

"We would need to get interested parties held with the funding," Blake said. The town's interest in OVRs could help, he continued. Since they are interested in seeing the ambulance housed properly.

Another problem is picking a location for the building that will satisfy everyone. The university's interest is to have it on campus, but Orono would like it nearer town. The site currently being proposed, according to Alan Reynolds, director of police and safety, is on Park Street near the old road that used to serve the University Cabins. Wherever the final site is, it will have to be close to both the campus and the town.

Meanwhile, there is still a ladder truck sitting outside the textbook annex that needs housing. Right now, the truck is not in service, and even if it was, the fire department usually can't get it out of the parking lot because of the parking arrangements.

Right now, the Physical Plant is studying the feasibility of using the manure shed behind the small animal facility to house the ladder truck. Presently the building is used only to store the manure spreading equipment in the winter. But, Blake said, to store the ladder truck there, the building would have to be made water tight.

The problem with the manure shed is the road around it. With all the twists and curves, it's almost impossible to get the ladder truck through.

Whether the university and Orono decide on a cooperative effort or separate plans, they need the cooperation of all four parties involved, UVAC, OVRs, Orono and the Police and Safety Department, Blake said.

## Revised disciplinary code offers restitution program

By Sharon Deveau

UMO students who commit minor crimes next year and get caught will have an alternative to the criminal court process.

Instead, students may opt for the Alternative Diversion Program, which will offer the student a choice of voluntarily admitting guilt and then performing a campus-related service, or fighting the charge in the criminal court system, incurring high legal fees and risking a possible fine and criminal record.

On May 8, Student Government, Residential Life and Student Affairs will sponsor a panel discussion on the new program in the Memorial Union's Walker Room. The panel will consist of representatives from the campus police department and Residential Life, as well as student government's research assistant, Cal Brawn, who will answer questions and provide information to students concerning the program.

Sue Leonard, student government vice president, said it is an attempt to educate students about the new program and how it operates. "Few people realize there will be an alternative. This forum is being held so students can learn about the revisions in the campus disciplinary system," she said.

Leonard stressed that participation in the program will be strictly voluntary. "When a person commits a minor crime, like vandalism or smaller thefts, and is

caught, he must admit that he committed the act, and he will be given some type of work to do as recompense."

In addition, Leonard pointed out, if the student decides he'd rather not participate in the program, and has already admitted guilt, none of the evidence gathered against him, or his confession, may be used in court.

The revised campus disciplinary code will become operational next semester, Leonard said.

## Student costs increased with Longley budget cuts

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the university is worse than it really is," McGovern said.

"He's brainwashed everyone in the state into thinking the university is wasting their tax dollars."

McGovern, president in 1977-78, said student services have been cut and that students have been forced to pick up the tab for services formerly provided by the university.

He cited the health fee, athletic tickets and laboratory fees as examples of that trend.

McGovern's predecessor, Dan O'Leary, described Longley as a well-intentioned governor who simply "bungled."

"He viewed himself as some kind of a populist, who thought he was doing the students a favor. He ended up screwing the students," O'Leary said.

"I don't think he went out of his way to screw students. I don't think he realized the implication of his budget cuts," he said. "What he did was mandate a tuition increase in a state that doesn't have a lot of money."

O'Leary said that one of Longley's shining accomplishments was his appointment of several university trustees. All trustees are appointed by the governor on a staggered basis for a seven-year term.

"I think the governor has made some really good appointments to the board. They don't let the chancellor's staff tell them the way the university's got to be."

O'Leary said some of Longley's choices have beefed up the board in terms of trustee awareness.

"The point is that Longley has conscientiously tried to find trustees who are going to ask the questions. The trustees are starting to learn that they run the university."

James McGowan, student government president in 1975-76, said the most damaging effect Longley has had on the university has been "what he's done to morale there."

"Longley was such a negative and critical force. He wouldn't work with people. I think the most damaging thing is what he's done to people's psyche."

He said Longley lowered morale "by condemning things and not working with you."

"I left there feeling like a beaten dog," McGowan said.

Because of Longley, he said, "A lot of people feel anti-education now." McGowan cited the defeat last Dec. 5 of a bond issue to fund capital improvements on several university campuses.

Speculating on how Maine's future governor will treat the university, McGowan said, "I don't think whoever is elected is going to give the university a blank check. Those days are over."

McGowan, a political aide for gubernatorial hopeful Phil Merrill, added, "I don't think anyone will be as bad as Longley."

Longley's last few months as governor coincide with Winn Brown's first months as student government president for 1978-79.

Brown indicated the effects of Longley's budget cuts may be underestimated by most people. "I don't think the people of Maine realize how much he has hurt the university," he said.

But beyond the budget cuts, Brown said Longley's general attitudes damaged public respect for secondary education. He noted Maine already ranks near the bottom in sending students on to higher education.

The impact of Longley's fiscal conservatism hit home recently, when Brown learned one of his professors is leaving the university for higher pay elsewhere.

In the final analysis, UMO's student leaders have a somber view of the Longley years. For some, that view is tempered by the realization that Longley remains popular in the minds of many people.

O'Leary, recognizing that a majority brought Longley to power and kept him there, said, "There were a large number of Longley supporters among students a couple of years ago—I expect there still is."



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A member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority speeds along in a bicycle race, part of the Greek games on Saturday. Sigma Phi Epsilon ranked highest in the fraternity division games, while Pi Beta Phi took the top spot in the sorority division. [Robin Hartford photo]

## Diplomas awarded

# Transcripts held for tuition bills

by Douglas Bailey

The University of Maine has dropped its policy of withholding diplomas of graduating students who owe money or have unpaid parking tickets, but transcripts are still being withheld for unpaid tuition bills.

Two years ago, if a graduating student had outstanding debts or fines, the university would refuse the student a diploma until the debt was paid. But the legality of this kind of policy has been challenged in courts in other states.

Registrar John Collins said the policy was ended because it presented too much of a "hassle" to the university.

"We have about 300 students a year who have outstanding debts with the university," Collins said. "But not all of these are active students. Some have had the debt for a number of years. The university used to be tough with students who owed money, but not anymore."

Collins said the university is continuing to hold transcripts of students who owe tuition bills of \$50 or more.

The right of a university to withhold diplomas has been challenged in the court and found illegal.

One case involved a student who owed a \$15 traffic fine. The court ruled that Miami University had the right to impose fines, but not withhold grades or diplomas. The court ruled it was "unusual and unreasonable punishment and is unenforceable" against a first offender.

"Timothy Dorr, a staff lawyer for Student Legal Services, said the withholding policy has never been challenged in Maine Courts and said if someone was willing to challenge the withholding of transcripts policy, that might be declared illegal also."

"A student who challenged this policy would probably have to fight it all the way to the supreme court," Dorr said. "It would involve a great deal of time and

money and so far no one has been willing to challenge it."

Dorr said the withholding policy has, in the past, been used as a tool by universities to collect bills, but most schools stopped the policy when the courts seemed reluctant to uphold the right of the schools to do so.

"No subsequent cases have overturned those decisions," he said. "It has been challenged and determined that colleges cannot prevent a student from graduating, regardless of whether they owe money."

But the university can still prevent a student from getting a transcript, so unless a student is prepared for a long and expensive court battle, or has no need for transcript, it would be advisable to pay bills before graduation.

## Women scientists share their career experiences

by Stephen Ham

A two-day conference on "Women In Science" held this past weekend at UMO was called "very successful" by project director Bonnie Wood, assistant professor of zoology.

"The students and the scientists both were very enthusiastic," Wood said, "and there were some interesting discussions."

The conference consisted of workshops, discussions and labs with about 200 freshmen, sophomore and junior female students and more than 50 women scientists participating.

The purpose of the conference, Wood said, was to explain what a career as a scientist is like and how to go about becoming a scientist. The conference also dealt with the problems women scientists face in what is primarily a male dominated profession, and why so few women have

become scientists.

The workshops dealt with the opportunities for women in a shrinking job market, and women in scientific research. There were small group discussions in which groups of 10 students talked to a scientist about her personal experiences in her specific area of work. There were also workshops in which the scientists helped students plan careers in their area of interest.

The conference, which was last held in October of 1976, was funded by the National Science Foundation, the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Sciences and Life Sciences and Agriculture.

"We received a lot of funding from the university this year," she said, "and if we get enough next year we'll have the conference again but we don't know what will happen yet."

## Students oppose closing of Drummond Chapel

by Michael Martin

A reshuffling of the office space in the Memorial Union has apparently dealt Drummond Chapel out of the game, and out of the building.

"It's like Jesus being thrown out of the temple by the moneychangers," one student said. He referred to the story in the Bible where Jesus threw the money changers out of a temple in an uncharacteristic fit of rage.

The reason for the reshuffling is to make room for the credit union, which is to be located in the Senior Skull Room. The Inter Dormitory Board and the Off-Campus Board will move into the chapel space. That is the tentative decision reached by David Rand, director of the union, and the Memorial Union Council, pending consultation with the heirs of Robert Drummond, who set up the Chapel about 20 years ago.

Rand cited a number of reasons for the Council's decision to abolish the chapel, but he said the primary reason was that the space "is being under utilized. We want to bring the area more into line with the tempo of the rest of the building."

Rand met with about 30 people Friday afternoon to discuss the proposed closing of the chapel, and he said that the overwhelming feeling at the meeting was against closing the facility. The problem, Rand said, was that the area was not being used for formal religious purposes, but was used only by individuals "as a place to reflect, meditate and pray."

"In the eight years since I've been here, I've not heard of a single Sunday service being conducted in the chapel," he said. He said there had been a few weddings,

but little else.

Mark Boutilier, president of the Maine Christian Association Board, agrees with Rand that the chapel is used primarily by individuals for meditation and prayer, but disagrees with Rand on the amount of use Drummond actually gets. "I think there are a lot more people who use the chapel than Rand thinks. It is informal but I think it's wrong to close the chapel just because of that."

He said it was the last place on campus for religious activities, and he doesn't like the way Rand seems to be "pushing the chapel out of the union."

Rand disagrees. "It's not the only place on campus," he said. "When it was built it was. But since then, the Newman Center, and the MCA Center have been built. I consider those to be on campus."

Boutilier also feels that changing the chapel to office space violates the original intent of the heirs of Robert Drummond, who established the chapel in 1957. Drummond was a philosophy professor at UMO back in the 1940s.

But Rand said that the chapel was nearly closed four years ago, and the heirs had given their approval at the time. "They said that whatever was in the best interests of the students would be fine with them at the time. We don't know if they'll feel the same way now, so in a way we're back to base one."

Rand said that some students will be inconvenienced by the change, but feels that overall, the space will be better used. Religious groups were offered the use of the Memorial Room on the main floor lobby, he said, but "weren't exactly excited by the offer."

## ● Faculty union election

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Monday by saying that he agrees with its points in principle. But he said that when it comes down to "the nuts and bolts" of actual life at the university, "things are a lot different."

"I think all faculty agree with what a university should be, but I think we need collective bargaining powers to enforce those principles," Doty said. "Collective bargaining would give faculty a voice equal to administrators in matters of mutual concern."

Doty said that the faculty position in such issues as the decision-making process, salary negotiations and grievances has been weakened by a "managerial revolution."

"Collective bargaining is a way of restoring the balance and input," he said.

At tonight's scheduled faculty meeting,

MTA Executive Director John Marvin will debate the unionization issue with University of Maine Vice-Chancellor for Employee Relations Samuel D'Amico.

The university has also paid for both opponents and pro-union representatives from UMass, where contract negotiations are now going on, to debate the unionization issue here Wednesday night. The union opponents were selected by the university while pro-union representatives were selected by the MTA.

Similar pro and con representatives from Youngstown will likewise be on hand Thursday night to debate the issue. MTA spokesman Steve Pulkkinen has described Youngstown as having one of the best collective bargaining contracts in the country.

Each of the meetings is scheduled to be held in 336 Boardman Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Jill Hansen

## Pre-register for life: it's no EZ 1

While most UMO students are diligently pre-registering for Hy 198, Ez 1 and Cr 102, the May graduating class of 1978 is pre-registering for life. Enrollment is mandatory. And there are no gut courses or easy A's in the higher institute of Life—just one big final exam at the Pearly Gates.

Life is suddenly unstructured—unarranged in terms of semesters, summers and intermittent vacations. Time flows languidly to the future. Memorial Day is no longer the beginning, nor is Labor Day the end.

The transition from student to alumnus will be tough for some. Suddenly graduates are bestowed with full human status—and inhumane responsibilities. No wonder the 5-year plan is so popular. Graduation can be a traumatic experience.

They'll be expecting a lot from us out there—competence, integrity, motivation, self-control and etiquette to name a few. Most of these values have been temporarily subdued in an effort to be a "with it" UMO undergrad.

But what is "cool" at UMO is not necessarily cool, or even remotely acceptable behavior in the outside world. In fact, it is probably illegal. The graduate is expected to cope flawlessly with his new identity and behave appropriately.

For example:

If you pass out behind the couch at a frat party, you're considered unsociable. Pass out behind the water cooler at an executive cocktail party and consider yourself unemployed.

If you streak down the Mall at 3 a.m., you're a crazy fun-loving person. Run naked through Central Park and you're a crazy, fun-loving person with a death wish.

If you kick out a window in Corbett, you're Macho. Kick out a window in the John Hancock building and you can start packing for a vacation at Walpole.

If you tell the RA you were drunk, you'll get a slap on the hand. Tell a federal judge you were drunk and you'll get slapped in the slammer.

If you're a student and you bring your laundry home to Mom, you're cute and helpless. Still bring your laundry home after graduation and you're lazy and likely to be disowned.

If you stick your milk glass to the cafeteria tray with fluffer nutter, you're mealtime entertainment. Try it at the Waldorf and you'll be entertaining a 300 pound cook with a fetish for knives.

If you drop trou on campus, students think it's a moon. Drop trou in suburbia and people know you're just an ass.

The world is full of discrimination and double standards, but being a student has definite advantages. In fact, college is a fine way to spend four or five youthful years.

So what was the hurry? What irrational, determined enthusiastic strivings made me the dubious victor in that four-year struggle to graduate with exactly 120 credits. Perhaps I can still switch majors and legitimately hang about campus for another semester or two. It's never too late for regression.

## Budget approval, GSS style

The General Student Senate a week ago today made a mockery out of its budgetary review powers. Student senators, in less than two hours of tame discussion (there wasn't any debate), approved next year's \$175,000 budget, even though senators received copies of the budget only upon arriving at the meeting.

The new student government budget, bolstered by the activity fee increase, is far more generous than this year's, up about \$45,000 over this year's \$130,000.

But the senate last week, in its near-sighted wisdom, didn't ask student government leaders much of anything about the generous funding increases found throughout next year's allocations for student government programs.

Robust debate, in fact, was totally absent from the budget's consideration, even though the document called for such expenditures as:

—\$4,000 for WMEB. This is the first time the station has received a regularly-budgeted amount of money.

—\$8,163 for the student credit union. This is a

totally new budget expenditure, and an allocation considerably more than some close observers had expected.

—\$24,304.88 for the Student Services Board. This is an increase of almost \$10,000 over last year's appropriation to the board.

And the list of increases goes on and on, throughout the new budget. Probably, most increases were justified. Some undoubtedly weren't.

The point, though, is the senate showed that it couldn't care less about exercising control over student government expenditures. Rather, this docile, bungling body has proven again that it's all too willing to let a select few student government bureaucrats decide who should get money, and how much they should get.

These leaders might or might not spend the money wisely, but either way the voice of the student body—a voice the senate is supposed to provide—is bound to be lacking in their decisions.

Students deserve far better.

## Setting a dangerous precedent

The General Student Senate has set a precedent which in all probability will haunt future senators for some time to come.

Two weeks ago, the senate allocated \$600 to Student Legal Services to provide a co-ed with private legal assistance. The co-ed who alleges that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her, wasn't eligible for SLS aid because the man she's bringing action against had consulted with SLS on the same case. SLS guidelines follow state law in prohibiting the service from representing both sides in a case.

Recognizing that the woman wasn't entitled to help, SLS denied her assistance. The service's overseeing committee, though, voted to ask the senate to give the woman \$400 or 50 percent of her private legal fees, whichever was less. The GSS then gave the girl not the \$400, but \$600 instead.

The woman in this case, of course, probably deserved legal help, and it's too bad SLS couldn't help her. But the GSS, in going outside the

established guidelines, has made a dangerous move. For the GSS has now indicated that it's willing to disregard its legal service guidelines entirely whenever it pleases.

In so doing, the GSS has also ignored the recommendations of its professional SLS staff. And it has placed itself and the SLS committee in the role of judges as to who will get legal help, free of charge, above and beyond established guidelines, and who won't.

Surely, if a student found himself accused, for example, of a felony—a crime for which the SLS doesn't provide counsel—he would be stupid not to plead before the GSS asking for money for a lawyer. And if assistance were denied to the student, he'd have every right to be upset. The woman got money to which she wasn't entitled, why not him?

The GSS, then, allocated \$600 before it realized the ramifications of its actions. The expenditure could cost students dearly in similar cases which are bound to come down the pike. From now on, the GSS should act more sensibly.



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# Students can rent backpacking equipment

by Dona Brotz

It's time to stash away skis, skates and snowshoes and think about backpacking. Students who don't have their own equipment can outfit themselves through the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental Program and join others headed for the mountains.

The rental program, located in the Memorial Union, offers backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, and miscellaneous accessories to students who are not fully equipped for hiking.

The program has a variety of backpacks and day packs, Robert Libby, a worker in

the program, said. These include rigid-frame backpacks, for hard, rugged climbing; flexible frames, for shorter hikes and lighter climbing; and daypacks without frames. However, most hikers have their own packs, Libby said, but these are not rented out constantly.

There are more than 35 tents available to rent, and these range from a two-person backpacking tent, to a four-person canvas pop tent, and larger cabin tents.

"The tents go out quite a bit," Libby said. "Usually the tents are reserved ahead of time because people make plans and want to be sure they can have one. So we take reservations anytime." He added that fraternities often reserve tents for a

weekend outing, which requires quite a few.

The program also rents sleeping bags, but Libby explained that students seldom rent these in the spring. "In the winter, the Polarguard bags are rented out quite a bit," he said, "but students usually have bags suitable enough in the spring."

Other accessories which the program offers to students include ensolette pads, which are used under sleeping bags, water fold-a-carriers, stoves, folding saws, cook kits, mess kits, canteens and sierra cups.

This equipment is generally rented by students who are backpacking into the mountains away from designated camping grounds, Libby said.

One such trail is the section of the Appalachian Trail maintained by the UMO Outing Club. This section stretches 16 miles, running from Blanchard to Baker Siding near Moxie Pond. The section is number nine of the Appalachian Trail.

For students who do not want to carry their supplies long distances, Acadia

National Park offers areas where you can camp, such as Blackwoods Campground, which are accessible by car.

Katadin Mountain campgrounds are also accessible by car, and they serve as base camps for climbing the mountain. However, the mountain does not officially open until May 15, and reservations are wise for hikers in that area.

The rental program is part of the Memorial Union Outdoor Recreation Program. Located on the main floor of the union, in the Student Activities and Organizations office, it is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Equipment can be rented on a daily basis, or for the weekend after 1 p.m. Friday. The weekend rate stays in effect until Monday noon.

The rental program also offers tennis rackets, canoes, sunfish sailboats, life jackets, kayaks, and paddles for the summer season. For further information and rental fees, contact the Student Activities and Organizations office.

## Commencement exercises, Senior Bash planned

by Randy Dustin

At the end of finals week, about 1,780 students have more than a summer vacation and job waiting. They'll be graduating May 20.

To celebrate, the Commencement Committee has arranged the annual Senior Bash and May commencement exercises. Graduating students have been sent schedules which detail the events.

Participation in commencement is not mandatory, but students are supposed to notify their academic deans if they do not plan to attend. A diploma, diploma folder and program can then be sent to them after the exercises.

Wednesday, May 10 is the deadline for paying all outstanding fees and accounts at the business office in Alumni Hall.

The Senior Dinner and Bash will be held on Friday, May 19. The dinner will be between 5 and 7 p.m. at the field house and may be taken out onto the football field. It will be held in the field house if the weather is inclement. Tickets will be on sale April 21 through May 5 at the downstairs booth in the Memorial Union. The price is \$3 for seniors and \$7 for guests. The dinner will be steak and lobster.

The Senior Bash will be held between 8 pm and midnight on the football field or in the Memorial Gym if the weather is inclement. Entertainment will be provided by The Blend and Chuck Kruger.

Tickets will be sold at the downstairs booth in the Memorial Union from April 21 to May 19 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A

separate ticket for the bash can be purchased for \$2.

Those who have ordered and paid for graduation announcements may pick them up at the downstairs booth in the Memorial Union from April 24 to 28 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The presentation of a receipt is requested. There will be a limited quantity of announcements available for those who did not order. The price is 40 cents for each announcement.

On May 20 at 8 p.m., ROTC Commissioning Exercises will be held in Room 101 English/Math Building.

At 9 a.m. a reception and brunch will be held for graduates and their guests in the field house. (A second reception will be held at 12:30 p.m. prior to afternoon exercises in case of inclement weather.)

Seniors and graduate students are requested to begin assembling behind the east bleachers at Alumni Field at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Signs will indicate where each college is to assemble. Commencement Exercises will begin at 11 a.m. Guest speakers for the exercise have not been chosen yet.

If there is a threat of bad weather, there will be two ceremonies in the Alford Arena to accommodate the crowd. Exercises for Bangor Community College, Business Administration, Life Sciences and Agriculture, and the Graduate School will be at 11 a.m. Exercises for the College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of University Studies, Education, and Engineering and Science will be held at 2 p.m. Seniors are requested to assemble in the field house a half hour before their ceremonies.

## Stricter mailing rules imposed on packages

by Kim Marchegiani

If you've tried to mail a package lately, you may have had trouble because it did not conform with the new U.S. Postal Service rules.

The new regulations are explained in a flyer distributed by Public Information and Central Services (PICS) to most departments.

The major change involves addressing. All packages, business or private, must have a four line address—no more, no less. The state and the zip code must be on the fourth line, although the town may be in either the third or the fourth.

The return address must be in the upper left hand corner of the package and should also have four lines.

Post office officials say this change as well as others is due to a new sorting system being put into effect. A computerized scanner will read the bottom line of an address and electronically route the package to the appropriate mail bag.

Miscellaneous numbers, such as an invoice statements, can not be near the bottom line of the address because the computer could confuse it with the zip code and either misdirect it or throw it out.

Although the changes are presently aimed at business mail, proposed postal

regulations call for personal mail to follow the same guidelines as of July 1.

Mail which does not comply with the regulations will be thrown away, not returned or sent to the dead letter office.

The post office also suggests that paper wrapping no longer be used on containers because it may be ripped off when the mail is sorted by the computer.

Packages should be sealed with filament reinforced tape, not masking or scotch tape, and twine or cord should not be used.

Labels are allowed but must be securely fastened to the package or envelope. Any loose corners could be ripped off in sorting. It may be best to write directly on the envelope or package itself.

Addresses should be typed, or printed in waterproof ink such as ballpoint, and a slip with the sender's address as well as the recipient's address should be inside the package.

United Parcel Service (UPS) has similar regulations, plus several of their own. One such regulation insists that only two letter abbreviations for states be used in addresses.

Other recommendations which the post office included were that punctuation be eliminated, that the address be written completely in capital letters, and that the zip code always be included.

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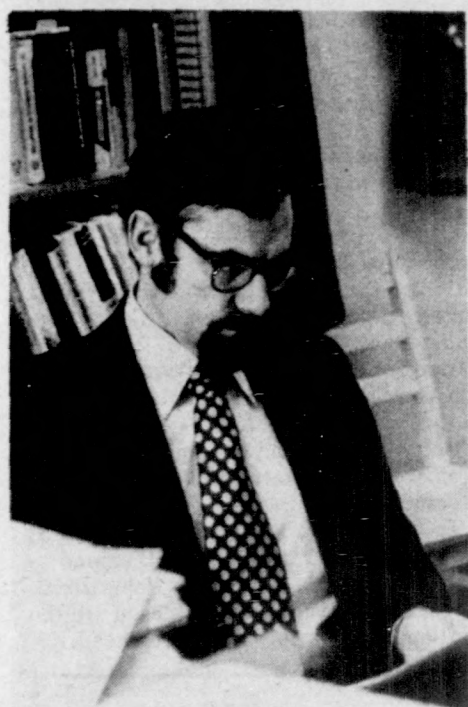
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# Distinguished professor to address graduates



Charles W. Smith Jr.

UMO got itself a distinguished professor and a keynote commencement speaker all in one at the Scholastic Honors Banquet Thursday night.

Charles W. Smith Jr., associate professor of physics and cooperating associate professor of engineering and science was named 1978 Distinguished Professor. He was chosen by a committee of students representing the various colleges and by Melvin Gershman, last year's distinguished professor.

The award also brought, for the first time in UMO's history, the honor of being keynote commencement speaker on May 20.

"Since commencement is primarily for the students, it seemed as though it might be a good idea," President Howard R. Neville said. He said that in previous years speakers were chosen from out-of-state and had little in common with the students.

Neville chooses the commencement speaker with advice from the commencement committee, composed of students, faculty and administration, the Senior Council and the vice presidents of the university.

"Two or three weeks ago we decided that whoever was named distinguished

professor would be speaker," Neville said. "After all," he added, "he was chosen by students."

Smith said he attended the Honors Banquet without any idea that he was going to receive the award, much less be the commencement speaker.

"It was a complete surprise," Smith said. "It's an honor to be recognized as successful by those whom you teach."

As for his speaking at commencement, Smith said he had not yet decided on his topic, but said, "it probably won't be a traditional 'here we are at the beginning of a new life' speech."

Smith was presented with a \$1,500 check from the General Alumni Association as part of the award.

Smith credited other UMO faculty members as being instrumental in helping him to develop his style of teaching, recognized by the award.

"Many of the faculty at UMO are distinguished and recognized nationally," he said. "Being surrounded by people like this has provided a role model I have tried to follow," he added.

Smith, an Old Town resident and father of two, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Living and Learning

Center in Cumberland Hall and teaches in the program.

Smith came to UMO in 1968 after receiving a doctorate in Physics from Ohio University the same year. At Ohio he specialized in experimental low-temperature physics. He received his B.S. in Physics and Mathematics in 1962 from Allegheny College in Meadville, Penn.

Among other courses at UMO, Smith has taught General Physics (Ps 1 and 2), Physics of Materials (Ps 196), Mathematical Physics (Ps 250) and a graduate seminar (Ps 300). He is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, an honorary physics society, and Sigma Xi, the American Physics Society.

## Correction

Peter Csavinsky, professor of physics, received the Presidential Research Achievement Award, not the Distinguished Professor Award as was incorrectly reported in the Maine Campus on Friday.

Charles W. Smith was the recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award, rather than the Research Achievement Award.

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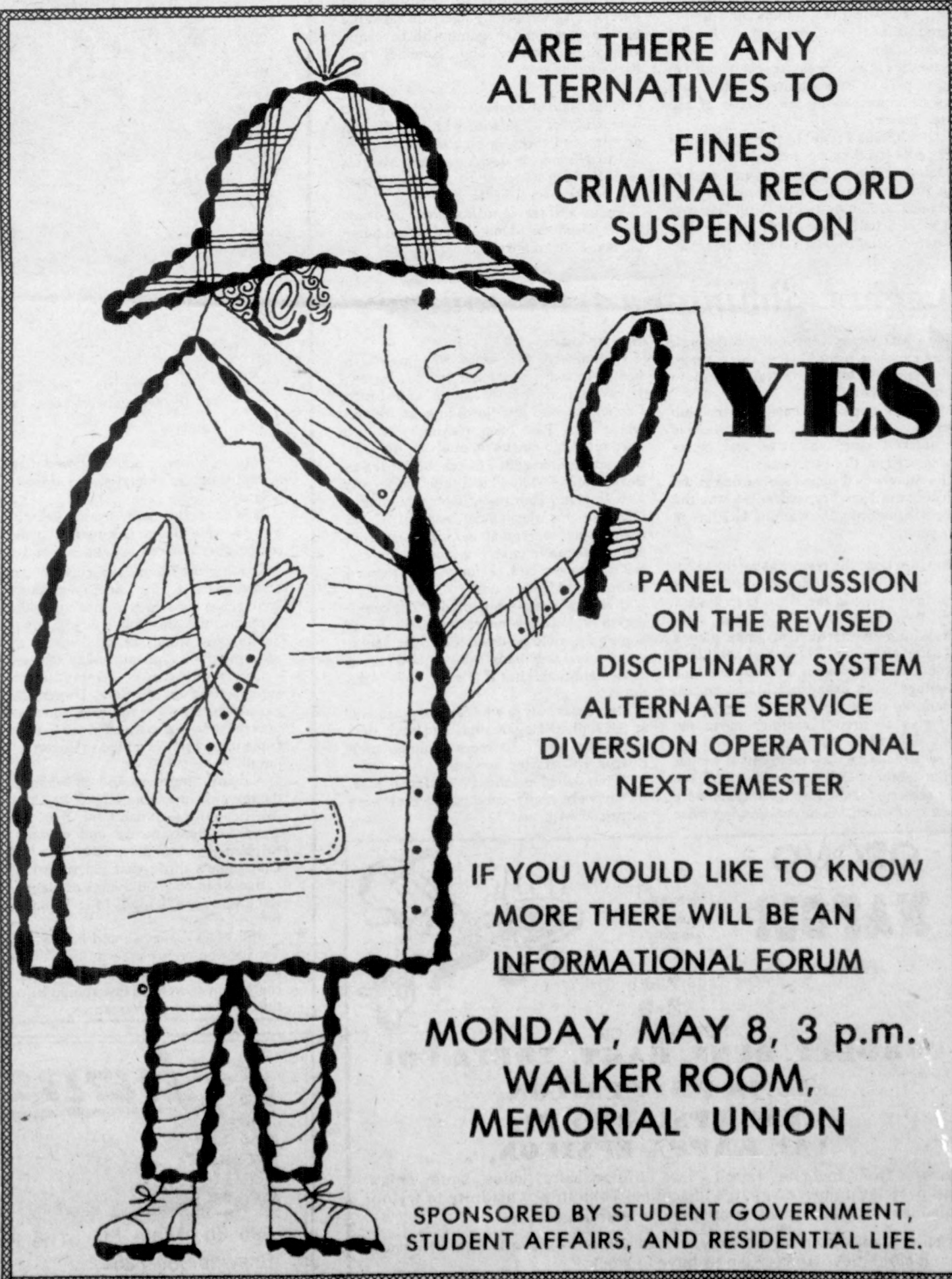
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# 10 inning thriller lifts sagging Bears past UConn

by Stacy Viles

"That was the first day we've played in decent weather since returning from California," said head baseball coach John Winkin. "I've said right along, that's all we've needed."

Of course, 5 home runs didn't hurt either.

Despite the wind last Saturday that was blowing in at the J.L. Christian Field at the University of Connecticut, the Black Bears baseball team belted 5 homers in sweeping a doubleheader 6-5, 7-2.

Ed Mitchell and Billy Hughes hit home runs in the first game. Mike Curry joined the two in the second game for a solo

homer each.

In the opener, starting pitcher Barry LaCasse gave up a run in the first, but in the fourth Ed Mitchell belted a homer after Billy Hughes had hit a single, to go ahead. In the next half inning the Huskies tied the score.

Going into the final inning, the seventh, the score was tied 3-3 and the lead continued to rock back and forth.

A base on balls to Hughes and a Mitchell single that moved Hughes to third set up a run. Mark Armstrong hit a grounder and a wild throw to the plate scored Hughes. Mitchell came home on a hit by Mike Coutts.

But then with three hits, a groundout,

and a sacrifice by the Huskies, the game was forced into extra innings.

Hughes put the Black Bears on top in the eighth with a homerun over the right-center field, but again the Huskies tied the score.

Maine won it in the tenth. After one out, Watson walked, Bob Anthoine singled, and Russ Quetti walked to load the bases for Hughes, who lifted a fly to center to score Watson with the winning run.

Tom Griffin came in to relieve LaCasse in the eighth, pitching scoreless ball to pick up the win. In two and 2/3 innings he walked 2 and struck out 3.

He did an "outstanding job," Winkin said. "He shut the door. He was the whole key."

In the second inning of the nightcap, Curry tied the score with a homer and Maine added three more in the fourth. Mitchell blasted a homerun and two walks,

singles by Coutts and Watson, and a bases loaded walk accounted for two more Bear scores.

Jon Tomshick came in to strikeout the last batter to secure the win for a tiring Jon Tomshick.

UMO's record is now 11-8, while UConn dropped to 13-10.

Today the Black Bears are playing a doubleheader at Husson which was originally scheduled for April 21 but was postponed because of bad field conditions. Jon Tomshick and Kevin Buckley will take to the mound for Maine.

Barry LaCasse had been named to start against Northeastern this Thursday in Boston.

The next home game will be Friday as the Bears return to Mahaney Diamond to take on UM Portland-Gorham. John Dixon, a Portland native, and Don Mason are the starting pitchers for that doubleheader.

## Yale shines at NEs

Jim Levesque, UMO tennis captain, reached the quarter-finals of the consolation round at the New England Tennis Championships, held at Amherst, Mass. this weekend.

Levesque was the top finisher for Maine in the tournament, but the team was no match for a tennis powerhouse such as Yale, who won the competition with 45 points, ahead of Dartmouth (39) and Harvard (38).

Levesque, who was knocked out in singles play by Bud Schultz of Bates, said he was impressed by the quality of the better players.

"I don't think I could have beaten Yale's sixth man," Levesque conceded.

Maine will get a chance to even the score with Schultz when they play Bates here this afternoon, although its likely Bill Hammer will meet Schultz, who plays number two for Bates. Schultz beat Hammer last year

when the two met.

First round winners at Amherst besides Levesque were Jim Tart and Bob Salt in singles and Levesque and Imbrahim Parvanta in doubles. Hammer, Levesque's regular doubles partner, did not make the trip because of some legal exams, causing the first time pairing of Levesque and Parvanta. Coach Brud Folger will reshuffle partners again today, going with Levesque and Rob Manter, and Hammer and Parvanta, he said.

Folger said he expects a close battle, and is looking for a 5-4 win, with two wins in doubles and three in singles, he said.

The NE match doesn't go on Maine's record, which stands at 2-1 after last weeks 7-2 victory over UMPG.

Maine will travel to Bowdoin tomorrow for an unscheduled match and return home to face Colby Thursday.

## Rugbers eliminated from tourney

The UMO Rugby Club grinded through five matches last week, losing three times and eventually losing several players to injuries and fatigue.

Last week started out easily, as the club downed Colby 18-0. Maine was obviously the quicker, more aggressive and better experienced of the two teams.

Thursday they dropped a close one to the University of New Brunswick. 9-6 was the score, UNB scoring the winning kick late in the game.

This weekend the team was on the road, first travelling to Durham, N.H. on Saturday to play in the Bone tournament. They beat host UNH 18-0, but were knocked out by Norwich in game played that same afternoon. Maine had a 9-0 lead at the half, but lost it as Norwich took advantage of an exhausted Maine squad, outrunning them for a 18-9 victory.

"I was so tired I couldn't move my legs," said Matt O'Hagen.

New Brunswick was the eventual winner of that tourney. O'Hagen said one of the main reasons for the loss at Durham were injuries, of which Maine was getting more

than its share.

Fortunately, the team was joined in Boston by four regular starters, Joe Loring, Dave Easton, Bob Mathews and Bruce Cooper, all who just flown in from Ireland where they had been playing with the Portland Club on its annual spring trip.

In spite of the added forces, Maine fell to Beacon Hill 42-12 and lost their bid for the New England Tournament later this year at URI. For this tournament, each of 32 NE teams plays a regular season game that counts as an elimination round for the NE's. Beacon Hill, a tough experienced team, was Maine's draw.

O'Hagen was disappointed. "The competition at URI will be really good. I was hoping we could go down to it." He said it was too bad they hadn't drawn UNH or an equivalent team, but that's the luck of the draw.

Maine was only down 16-6 to Beacon Hill at the half, O'Hagen said, and then they lasted for about 10 more minutes until Beacon Hill started scoring.

"They killed us then," O'Hagen said. "They were really smooth, but they were surprised with us."

## Trackmen take crown



Jon Simms [right] and Ben Reed finished one-two in the 440 intermediate hurdles. [Steve Vaitones photo]

by Steve Vaitones

Maine's superior depth allowed them to score in every event except the mile in capturing the annual state outdoor track meet Saturday at Bowdoin with 96 points.

Host team Bowdoin, scoring heavily in the sprints and weights, was second with 62, while Bates, lacking middle distance ace Bill Tyler and several other top competitors, took third with 37, and Colby brought up the rear with only 20.

Leading the Maine victory was Al Sherrerd, who won the Frederick Tootell award given to the meet's outstanding field event man. Sherrerd scored convincing wins in the shot put (49'10") and discus (157'11").

Meanwhile, Bowdoin's Bill Strang took home the Alan Hillman award as the outstanding runner for his wins in the 220 and 440 and his anchor legs on victorious 440 and mile relay teams.

One-two finishes by Sammy Pelletier and Greg Downing in the 3000 meter steeplechase and by Harry Dwyer (21'5") and Mark Boynton in the long jump gave UMO a lead at the start which they never relinquished. Sherrerd's wins, plus those by Steve Rines in the hammer throw (172'11") and Pete Lammi in the triple jump (44'1") added to the total, as did two places in the javelin and high jump.

A warm afternoon and Bowdoin's fast tartan track made for good times, though only one meet record was broken. That honor was taken by Bates' All American distanceman Paul Oparowski in the three mile. "Opie" ran 14:03.0, setting a Bates record and a track record. Equally impressive was Peter Brigham's second place finish in a UMO record time of 14:13.7, breaking Jerry LaFlamme's three year old record.

Ben Reed and Jon Simms exchanged firsts and seconds in the hurdles races; Reed won the 120 highs in 15.0 and Simms captured the 440 intermediates in a time of 57.4.

The Black Bears should be reaching their peak form next weekend at the Yankee Conference meet at the University of Vermont. Though Connecticut and Massachusetts are again the favorites, with Boston University appearing to be in contention as well, Maine should be competitive in every event, as exhibited by this weekend's performances.

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