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Semester's end

# Maine Campus

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## Concert Committee settles out of court

by Peter Phelan

The Concert Committee of Student Government has dropped its plans to sue Northeast Concerts, Portland, for \$1,600 and has settled out of court for \$1,200 with the head of Northeast, Andrew Govatsos.

Govatsos had owed the Concert Committee \$1,800 for last September's Aztec-Two-Step and last October's Homecoming Nils Lofgren concerts, according to Susan Leonard, who replaced Greg Thornton after the Aztec Two-Step show as Concert Committee chairman.

Leonard said Thursday that the Concert Committee agreed with Govatsos that about \$600 in unauthorized advertising that Thornton spent on both concerts was

unreasonable and the settlement of \$1,200 was made. No contract had been signed for the Aztec Two-Step show, but there had been one for the Lofgren concert.

The Concert Committee still maintains that there was a verbal contract for the Aztec Two-Step concert, Leonard said.

The Lofgren contract did not stipulate how much the Concert Committee was to spend on advertising, she said.

Leonard said the Concert Committee "is happy with the settlement, and we don't think Andy was out to get this money out of us."

Govatsos could not be reached for comment.

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## \$400,000 in scholarships 'step in right direction'

by George Burdick

The \$400,000 a year limit for athletic scholarships that was approved by the UMaine Board of Trustees "will be difficult to raise," said Harold Westerman, director of physical education and athletics at UMO.

Westerman said the increase in money available for athletic scholarships is a "step in the right direction" but the trustees' action simply raises the amount of donated money that can be spent for scholarships.

Although the trustees approved a measure that will allow the University to use surplus income from athletic activities, Westerman said "there were no athletic

monies available" for this purpose. He said most of the athletic money is used for operating costs, and any money left over "will be minimal."

Susan Kominsky, one of the two trustee members who voted against the increase in athletic scholarships, said she believed students would pay for this deficit in money.

"There were restrictions placed on abilities to use funds, but in the end students could be funding parts of the awards being made," Kominsky said.

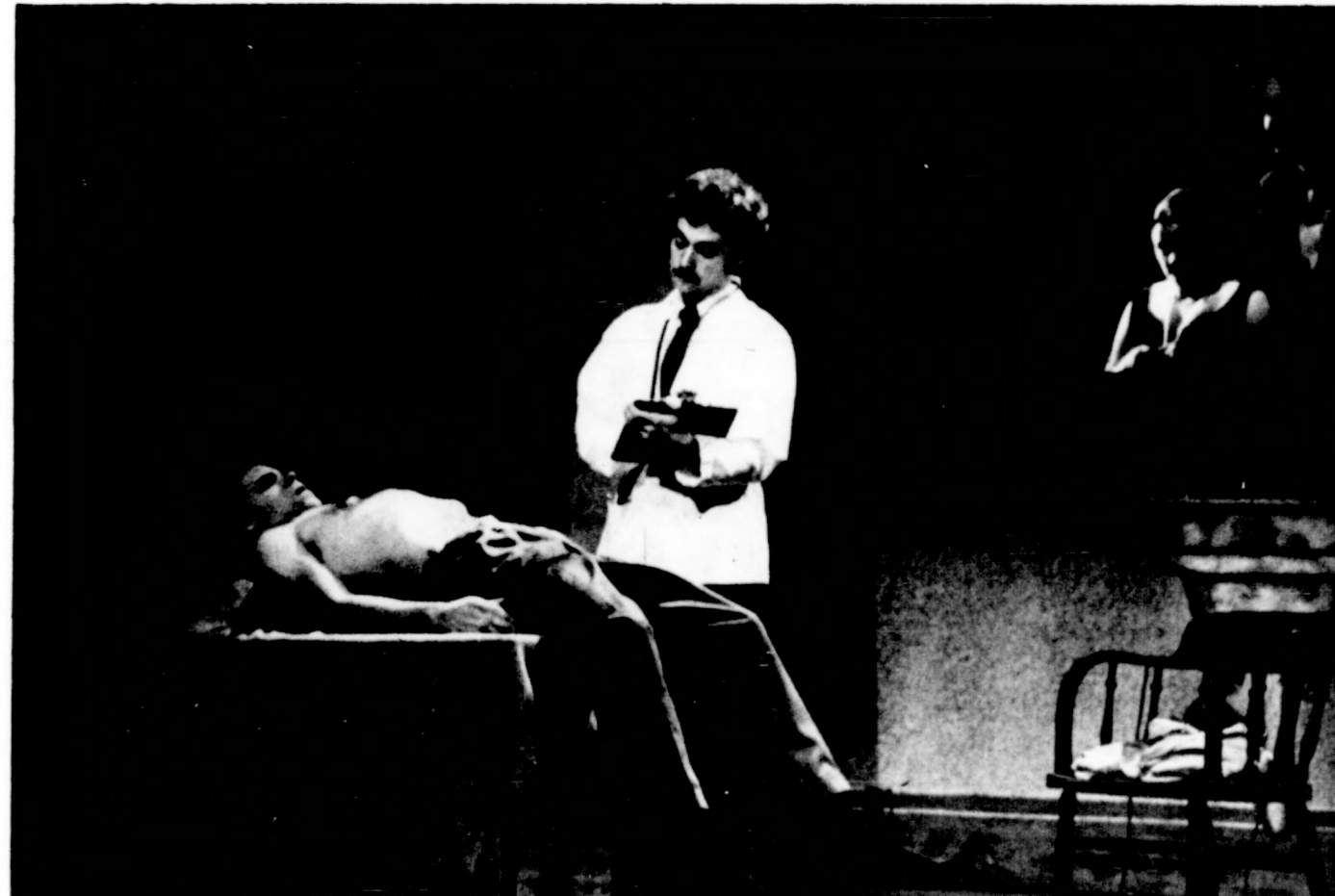
She said the University might do this by raising ticket prices or placing additional charges on activities.

Westerman said, "The only way we can

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**Lookout below** Icicles formed around windows are a sure sign that a white Christmas will greet students when they head for home after finals [photo by Bill Mason].



## A Resounding Tinkle

The second Maine Masque theatre production of the semester, *A Resounding Tinkle*, got underway Tuesday night in Hauck Auditorium, and will continue through Saturday. Judith Curran, a UMO graduate, is directing the absurdist play written by English playwright, N.F. Simpson [photo by Bill Mason].

## GSS opposes relocations in housing

A resolution to designate freshmen triples by "natural attrition" was passed by the General Student Senate Tuesday night, in its last meeting of the semester.

The Select Committee on Student Housing recently recommended that all freshmen be housed at UMO by designating an equal percentage of overcrowding in all dormitories except Estabrooke, Colvin, Cabins and Hannibal Hamlin/Oak.

Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas D. Aceto told students at an open housing forum Monday that all incoming freshmen probably will be housed at UMO next fall, but no decision will be made before Christmas break on whether some upperclassmen will be relocated then.

The senate bill called for "natural attrition," filling open spaces with freshmen as upperclassmen vacate their rooms and supported upperclassmen's rights to squat the room they occupy.

The bill passed with an amendment supporting housing all freshmen at Orono, providing it is done with natural attrition, over time and not at the expense of upperclassmen.

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# Faculty strike 'unlikely,' say officials

by Tammy Eves

Despite an abundance of teacher strikes both statewide and nationwide last fall, most sources say the chance of a UMO faculty strike is slim.

C. Stewart Doty, president of the faculty union, said, "I doubt it can happen here."

"The best insurance against strikes is good faith bargaining," Doty said. "I don't think anyone is particularly frustrated at this point."

The faculty voted to unionize last spring under the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine, an affiliate of the Maine Teacher's Association. Negotiations began early in November and are expected to continue for months.

MTA President John Marvin said a faculty strike at UMO is unlikely.

"I suppose it's possible, somewhere down the pike, given significant provocation," he said. "A strike is the ultimate breakdown in the process, but only after the process breaks down."

He added, "It's not normal to think

about what happens if you fail."

Under state law, all Maine public employees are forbidden to strike, but last September, the faculty of Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute went on strike and suspended classes for about 1,000 students.

The strike was the first for any of the six VTIs in the history of the state.

Marvin said SMVTI is under the same strike law as UMO, but "they were in negotiations months and months and months. Those folks had been denied salary for over three years."

Assistant executive director of the MTA, Robert Bourgault, said 70 percent of the faculty at SMVTI hadn't had a raise in four years, and "there was a lot of frustration."

Bourgault said confusion over who was running the bargaining at SMVTI contributed to the stalemate—the state board of education is responsible for VTIs, but the Office of State Employee Relations, run by the governor's office, is to act as their negotiator.

"They weren't dealing with a repre-

sentative of the state board of education," he said. "They were doing bargaining against the governor's appointee, and there was a great deal of confusion about who had authority."

Bourgault said, it is "extremely unlikely" that UMO professors will strike. "The bargaining is progressing very well."

Marvin said the UMO faculty "hopefully within a month or two months will come to a conclusion," but Doty and student collective bargaining representative Jon Smith said the process usually takes eight to 18 months.

"The average has been 10 to 18 months," Doty said. "I've felt all along we'll make it in about that time, though I may be wrong. Hopefully, hopefully, hopefully, is all I can say, the more experience we all have, the faster it'll go."

Samuel J. D'Amico, vice chancellor for employee relations, said "we've had five sessions so far, and I think we've made some progress." D'Amico said there have been some problems, but all three

bargaining units on campus are negotiating their first contracts.

"They're all first contracts—they're all the hardest. In terms of first contracts, I don't think they're going slow," he said.

Doty said the argument of teacher strikes was brought up when the faculty was considering unionizing. "The issue was always raised, and we always gave the answer—strikes are illegal."

"Theoretically," D'Amico said, "it's against the law. But we know from past experience that that isn't always enough."

In the collective bargaining process, the faculty are far behind the other two units on campus—the police and the service and maintenance workers.

Walter Stilphen, Teamster representative for the police, said the faculty "can expect everything the same way we've had it. I don't think the University will change its collective bargaining tactics for one unit. The faculty should expect about the same thing that happened to us."

## Learning problems

Lenore H. Worchester, associate professor of special education, says that students who are having a problem in learning, whether the problem involves an inefficiency in notetaking, memory, understanding, etc., may feel free to contact her. "Let me help you learn easier," she says.

## Committee drops suit

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The committee had received two \$300 checks from Govatsos before they made plans to sue, Leonard said.

Leonard said that the Concert Committee "might be interested in doing shows" with Govatsos in the future but that they would rather present concerts without promoters.

"I think we have learned from the experience," said Leonard. She said the Concert Committee will not present another concert with a promoter without

signing a contract, so long as she is associated with it.

Leonard said promoters are brought in for some concerts because they take all the risks but receive all but 5 percent of the net profits. The committee is more concerned with bringing in good shows than with profits, she said.

Leonard said no concert has sold more than two-thirds of the Memorial Gym's capacity since The New Riders of The Purple Sage sold out in 1975.

## Library hours

With final examinations just around the corner, the library has extended its hours to accommodate students wishing to study.

The library will stay open until midnight Saturday instead of the usual 10 p.m. and will remain open until 2 a.m. from Sunday to Wednesday next week.

Also, starting Monday, the first floor of the English-Math Building will be open from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## LOWdown

Friday, December 15

7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "A Day at the Races," plus a Charlie Chaplin short. 101 English-Math Building.  
7:30 p.m. Hockey vs. New Brunswick. 8 to midnight. Contra dance with The Old Gray Goose. Stewart Commons.  
8:15 p.m. Theatre division "A Resounding Tinkle." Hauck Auditorium.

Saturday, December 16

1 p.m. Wrestling.  
2 p.m. Hockey.  
7 and 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "Fritz the Cat," "Kama Sutra Rides Again," and "Back to Back."  
7:35 p.m. Men's basketball.  
8 to 11 p.m. Ram's Horn, Leisa Ross.  
8:15 p.m. Theatre division "A Resounding Tinkle." Hauck Auditorium.

Sunday, December 17

8:15 p.m. University Orchestra concert, Hauck Auditorium.

## Housing

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Sen. Doug Hall, Gannett Hall, said 200 upperclassman may be displaced next semester if triple rooms are designated.

Sen. Steve Bucerati, Oxford Hall, said the recent student housing survey, designed to obtain student input into housing decisions, showed a 68 percent of the returned surveys supported retaining the present rooming policy.

"They're railroad this through," Bucerati said.

Winn Brown, Student Government president, said it was time the senate took the responsibility of supporting housing all freshmen on the Orono campus.

"It's time we took the freshmen into consideration," he said, "and stopped being so self centered."

Sen. Mark Van Bree, off campus, said that other universities don't promise upperclassmen housing and that UMO owes a stable living condition to incoming freshmen.



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## Corrections

A story on page 7 of Tuesday's Campus erroneously said that Tim A. Ohalloran, Corbett Hall, was arraigned in Bangor's Third District Court Monday on charges of class D criminal mischief. Ohalloran has not yet made an appearance in court, but his case has been continued until Dec. 18.

The Campus apologizes for any inconvenience.

Also, a story on Dutch elm disease in the same issue incorrectly said that the disease attacks the leaves of the tree. More accurately stated, Dutch elm disease attacks the water conducting system of the tree. This does not directly lead to defoliation.

## Opera cancellation raises questions

by Doug Bailey

When the opera "Die Fledermaus" was cancelled this year, serious questions arose about the opera program itself.

The cancellation was the first in the seven-year history of the opera program, and although problems of finding the right people for the lead roles was a major factor, some people felt the cancellation was caused, in part, by administrative changes within the School of Performing Arts.

Beginning this year, the opera productions were to be staggered every other year. This administrative decision was the first in a series of program changes that irked some faculty members and students as well.

Janice Gray, a music student, said she believes the opera program is in trouble. "I hate to see the staggered program," she said. "There are certain opera classes

that are very weak and need to be worked on. I think the staggered idea will hurt the opera even more because less attention will be drawn to it."

Another student involved in opera, Bruce Lancaster, said he thinks smaller productions would be better, rather than large scale operas.

"I think the opera could have been done this year," he said, "but we don't need to do large operas. Instead we could do smaller productions. But Lud Hallman (opera director) seems unwilling to do shows that aren't big hits."

Hallman defends his selection of operas.

"I try to select, what I feel, is the best opera to produce with the available talent," he said. "I try to diversify the productions, and I think I have accomplished this. However, I think my hand was forced this year by the administration. Usually we don't schedule an opera until the fall when it is clear what talent will be available."

"This year I was asked to name an opera in the spring, and I could only assume who would be coming back and who would be willing and able to perform. Even with the changes, I tried everything possible to get the show going. If I could have pulled it off, I would have. I was very uncomfortable having to cancel the performance."

Hallman too feels the decision to stagger the opera productions was wrong.

"I have difficulty with the decision and advised against it," he said. "Many of us here felt the same way. Sometimes we get the feeling our suggestions are not being heard. It's frustrating."

The administrative director of the School of Performing Arts, Murray North, said the idea to stagger productions was a good one.

"It was the recommendations of a hired consultant that the number of theatre productions be cut, but that the opera program be preserved," North said.

"Everyone was being overworked, and the lesser number of performances should increase quality. It was our decision to go with an opera every other year and perhaps a musical in the years between. Doing both an opera and a musical, such as Guys and Dolls, in the same year was too much."

The consultant North referred to was Vera Roberts. She was brought in to evaluate the theatre department and make recommendations.

Among other recommendations in the Roberts report was the idea that a guest director be brought in for one play and a full time technical director be hired to

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## Bargaining progress slow for police and employees

by Tammy Eves

The faculty union is still in the infant stages of the collective bargaining process compared to the other two bargaining units on campus.

The police and the classified employees have been at it for months, although they haven't progressed much further in hammering out their final contracts than faculty have.

The police, who voted to unionize two summers ago under the Teamsters Local 48, have filed for arbitration, the final stage of the process.

Walter Stilphen, acting shop steward of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 48 in Augusta for the UMO department of police and safety, said the police have filed for arbitration and should know the outcome within a month. Until then, "everything here is pretty quiet," he said.

According to Samuel J. D'Amico, vice president in charge of employee relations, the University of Maine Labor Relations Act provides four steps for the bargaining process—negotiation, mediation, fact finding and arbitration.

Jon Smith, student representative for the collective bargaining process, said contract negotiations begin once a group of employees votes to unionize under a bargaining agent—the Teamsters in the case of both the police and classified employees.

"If they reach an impasse that they can't resolve, they have what's called mediation. That's where they get an outside person to come in, and they meet with both parties together to try to help them work out their problems, and they meet with the parties individually, and they go back and forth trying to smooth out the wrinkles," Smith said.

He added, "Hopefully, impasses are where one side or the other is just not realistically looking at the situation. They can be resolved that way."

If conflicts are not resolved in mediation, the process continues in fact finding. "That's where a person comes in and formally reviews the issues and puts out a report to both parties, which states how they feel the issues should be resolved. They actually make a judgment on whatever issues caused the impasse and which way they should go."

"Say we're talking about an impasse over pay and assume that the University wants to give 1 percent and that a hypothetical union wants 15 percent. A fact finding report may say that they should get 8 percent. That's hopefully to help the parties then sit down again and try to resolve the issues."

Police negotiations, stalled for 16 months, were recently turned over to the fact finding process, but the report was rejected by the Board of Trustees Nov. 30.

If fact finding fails, Smith explained, "they can go to binding arbitration. That's

an optional step. That's where someone comes in and on all non-economic issues state what's going to be in the contract. It's a mandatory thing if they go to binding arbitration. If he comes in and says they're going to work six days—that's the way it goes in the contract, or if they say it's going to be an agency shop, it'll be an agency shop."

The classified employees, who voted to unionize under the Teamsters last spring, have just entered the mediation stage, according to Teamster member Wayne Edgecomb. The service and maintenance employees began mediation Dec. 5 and 6 because of an impasse over a salary increase issue.

### Extension cord

In last Tuesday's Campus, Bill County, in the Somerset Christmas tree story, was reported to be from Augusta. County, in fact, is an Auburn resident.

In addition, one other fact was inadvertently left out of the article. Several Somerset second floor east wing residents expressed disappointment that the use of Ben Spalding's extension cord was not reported. Spalding, a freshman from Mattapoisett, Mass., is majoring in mechanical engineering.

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## Perpetual problem

Once again, UMO administrators are faced with the perennial housing crunch. And once again their solutions to the problem have students up in arms.

The two major features to the proposal are to house all freshmen on campus next fall and to relocate some 300 to 400 upperclassmen so an equal distribution of freshmen can be made.

Although the reaction has been less vehement than last year's petitions, crowded housing forums, and a demonstration to President Howard R. Neville's house, the dissension from 75 or so students who showed up for last week's forum, and the resolution passed by the General Student Senate Tuesday indicate a cause for concern.

Both groups strongly advocated one amendment to the recommendations—random triples and a phasing in of the freshmen triples so that equal distribution can be accomplished over two or three years.

By natural attrition two important positive conclusions arise—all freshmen will still be housed on campus and no upperclassmen will be asked to leave their dormitory rooms for another campus location.

But the reasoning behind the recommendation to displace some upperclassmen by two committees is puzzling.

The committees were worried about having overcrowded situations in wings or sections with an abundance of triples. Therefore, they opted

for designating triples so only a limited number of them would be in an area.

However, in deciding upon this proposal the committees seem to have disregarded one important group:—the upperclassmen.

In effect, they said that distributing freshmen equally across campus is more important than moving 300 to 400 upperclassmen to another dorm room.

The decision whether to have designated triples or random triples will be made next semester. Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas D. Aceto should be listening to the senate and the students present at the housing forum. He will be making recommendations to Neville on housing policy.

For the first time in more than five years, UMO has had the chance to house all freshmen on campus. The addition of 208 beds next fall in apartments behind York Hall provides for this.

But the committees threw a wrench into the situation. They decided to ignore predictable negative reaction—in a ballot, 68 percent of the students responding favored the status quo—and take the decision upon themselves.

Aceto should not make the same mistake. His office should have direct involvement with the students.

And if he has that involvement, there should be no question in his mind—to represent the students and not force any upperclassman out of his or her room.

## Defining roles

Looking back on the past few months, it's satisfying to note that the Campus achieved the goals we outlined in our first editorial. Our paper evoked reaction. Sometimes it was complimentary, on other occasions it was critical. But through verbal and written responses, our many readers—students, faculty and administrators—made it clear that the Campus was a twice-a-week ritual capable of eliciting either nods of approval or dissent.

We frequently were forced to use three letter-to-the-editor pages in a single issue to accommodate all responses.

Such widespread readership only enforces our firm commitment to responsible and accurate journalism. In our portrayal of campus-wide events of newsworthy importance, objectivity and in-depth investigation were of prime importance.

We recognize that total objectivity in newswriting is an impossible goal but we have not lessened our Sisyphean efforts to attain it.

But beyond the event-oriented reportorial aspect of journalism, we attempted to investigate and analyze important issues ranging from the school's financial accountability to human rights.

Our intense coverage on the religious rights of a lone UMO student and her subsequent victory was one of the more rewarding issues we dealt with this semester.

The investigation into the University's use of Capricorn Lodge as a conference center found its

way into the news, commentary and editorial sections of our paper.

A newspaper has a responsibility to write on more than the standard news conferences and presidential teas. By right of default, the role of ombudsman has been thrust into the lap of the print media. No other agency or organization in the country is charged with that responsibility. The power of public opinion in a democratic society is awesome. Translated: the power of the press supercedes even that of government.

No, we're not sitting over here at the Campus and snapping our fingers at missing out on the Watergate exposure, but we do recognize our local role as journalists.

A paper that simply spews the verbiage of the people it reports on is nothing more than a mouthpiece for its sources. The greatest sin in journalism is not misspelling a name (as many faculty are apt to answer) but failing to ask the questions that would make public and private officials accountable for their actions.

That is what we attempted to do this semester by covering such issues as Capricorn, Residential Life's \$400,000 shortfall and ATC's involvement in student government.

In each instance, we sought information that many persons were hesitant to offer. We did more than simply write about an event. In a way, we created news by asking, digging, and inquiring until we arrived at a composite picture of a situation we thought you should know about.

Such is the true role of a newspaper.

## Commentary

Dan Warren

### Promises

You might be like me. The semester's nearly over, and, once again, you've blown it. Spent another four months at UMO (formerly Camp Orono) and didn't do the things you really wanted to do or had promised yourself you would.

Things will be different for me, I know, in 1979 and next semester. I've made some mistakes and omissions this fall that I hope to correct.

Join me, if you will, as we grumble down memory lane. My pledges:

—Next semester, I promise to study less and squander more of my time. At least on Thursday nights. I pledge to go to the Lambda Chi parties on those nights. This semester, I've had quizzes in European history every Friday morning, so I've had to study Thursday nights. I'm convinced the single greatest way to combat alcoholism is to schedule the whole world for a quiz on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

—I pledge to go to the Newman Center or the MCA Center at least once. My attendance at church is usually like sales at big department stores: only on holidays. But I should go. I hear the ministers or priests or whatever are very good.

—I pledge to challenge the captain of the women's basketball team to a game of one-on-one and write a story about it. I think her name is Barb Cummings. (If you're out there, en garde.) It would be a good story. Unless I lose, of course, in which case I'd pay her to keep quiet and wouldn't write it.

—I pledge to re-subscribe to National Lampoon. Before I lose my touch altogether.

—I pledge finally to buy Frank Sinatra's Greatest Hits II, so I can have "My Way" wound up on the stereo, while all around me others are playing Bruce Springsteen and J. Geils. I've wanted to have that album for some time now, but I've never had the money (courage) to buy it.

—I pledge to take Ba 9, so I'll be able to read all the business magazines that are strewn around my fraternity's bathroom floor: Business Week, Fortune, Wall Street Journal. I want to know that a "three-martini lunch" relates to taxes on business expenses and isn't just a noontime blowout.

—I promise to stay up late one night with the staff of the Maine Campus and see the sun rise as they finish putting the paper together. I promise also to break this pledge.

—I promise at least once to throw my supper aside in disgust and scream, "Anybody want to go to Pat's?!" Even if I never have a bad meal, I'll force myself to do this once. It's American. A slice of life. I'm puzzled and surprised that Charles Collingwood hasn't been "On The Road" at least once to Farnsworth's Cafe in Orono, Me.

—I promise to go to the Planetarium in Wingate Hall. I've put it off for three years. They've got quite a star show, I hear. It really is time I learned where the Big Dipper and the North Star and the Milky Way are. It will be embarrassing for me to have to tell my kids to shut up when they ask me, "Where's the Big Dipper, Daddy?" That's how child abuse starts.

I promise not to rush around so much and be so busy, too busy for good friends I haven't seen much this semester. I promise to laugh more, relax more, throw snowballs, pull practical jokes and just to slow down.

I promise.

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## Not a fair picture

To the Editor:

George Burdick's feature article on abortion in the Dec. 8 edition represented a lot of earnest effort on his part, and I appreciate his having taken the time to interview me, as a Catholic priest and chaplain of the Newman Center. I'm sure he made a sincere effort to put into two minutes of written words what we discussed for well over an hour.

What emerged, however, was a collage of clichés, half-truths and statements lifted out of context woven together by an attitude of calloused non-concern and heartless chauvinism on my part. That is not a fair picture of the church, the Newman Community and, though no one is a good judge in his own case, I hope it's not what I'm like.

I tried to emphasize in the interview that the church is concerned about the welfare of the woman, oftentimes a very young and sensitive frightened girl, as much as with the fetus. And at the stage of pregnancy, the church is not there to judge but to serve. I would like to offer again what I would consider a very substantive part of my interview, that is the fact that the Church is anxious to help any woman to pre-natal, delivery and post-natal care, including residential arrangements and, if chosen, adoption of the baby into a good home. There are literally thousands of couples waiting to adopt children. And I know of no more compassionate and capable person than Sister Eileen Ward, who heads up the St. Andre's home for unwed mothers in Bangor.

On the use of quotes, just one instance, "in 65,000 births in New York City etc." should have read as stated in the interview "...In 65,000 consecutive births recorded at New York City's Foundling Hospital..."

The out-of-context statement on "50 percent too many degrees" had to do with the economic prospects of person without a four-year degree in a world in which there are far fewer jobs that require a college education than there persons with that education. In total context of education particularly, as we experience it in Maine, one of our saddest statistics is that of repeated one that our state stands around 50 among the states in the percentage of high school graduates who go on to post secondary education. Education is the key to quality of life for all of us. The Church has always been committed and I am committed to seeing as many persons as possible receive the optimum education.

In the case of love between mature committed couples, the Church does not, as quoted, "permit" sexual relations outside

the marriage. It doesn't have that legal power. The word should read "understands" and that word carries with it the qualities of concern and compassion that the people of the Church do have. I think what happened here is that George tried to paraphrase an explanation of a unique situation envisioned by the Church Code of Canon Law.

For the couple seriously committed to each other, we have a number of ways of supporting them in their love. The most effective and popular is the 44 hour weekend experience entitled "Engaged Encounter." Another program offered at Newman Center is the "Six Evenings for the Engaged," sessions with married couples covering several aspects of engaged and married life.

We are concerned and want to support persons particularly in the moments of crisis and pain. The problem of unwanted pregnancy is one such crisis not only for the woman but also for the man involved. The Church does not see itself as having the right to dispose of the beginning life of the unborn. It does see itself as having a duty to help the unborn, the potential mother and father to greater life.

There is a hard side to the Church, and that is its role of always presenting the ideal. But along with that ideal, it is quick to admit that only one is ideal and that one is God and for Christians the Christ. For the rest of us who struggle to do the best we can in an increasingly mechanistic world, we have the consolation that our God comes to us at this season of year not as a harsh judge surrounded by lawyers and jurors but as an infant child with family and friends.

To every person, but particularly to the young girl faced with the thoughts of abortion, the Christian community offers the hope and prayer and support of the Christmas scene. God loves you, and so do we.

Sincerely yours,  
James M. Gower  
Chaplain, Newman Center

## Enjoyed

To the Editor:

I enjoyed Andrea Cronkite's Commentary "Tis the season to be jolly" very much. It was quite humorous. I can hardly wait for my roomie to lock me out while I'm taking a shower. (Even if I don't celebrate Christmas, do I still get locked out?)

I'm glad somebody on this campus can write a funny commentary.

I am,  
Ron Brown  
Aroostook Hall

## Some suggestions for improvement

To the Editor:

I am graduating at the end of this month, and I would like to take this opportunity to make a couple of suggestions as to how teaching at our University could be improved. These ideas are meant to serve as the basis of a discussion rather than an argument.

Most courses in the social sciences have an option of doing one of two things: 1. motivating the student to memorize a basic set of information in a subject or 2. confronting the student with problems and requiring the student to support an opinion on those problems.

I believe that social science courses should reduce their emphasis on memorization. Instead, a student should develop opinions in the social sciences and be able to defend those opinions. A student can be taught this through the use of essay questions and research papers in place of objective tests and final examinations.

For instance, a student could be asked to state a preference for city managers over mayors, democracy over socialism, or laissez-faire over government regulation. The student would then be graded on their line of reasoning and the persuasiveness of the argument. Although this type of test is more difficult to grade, a student learns more from developing a line of reasoning than

from repeating a set of facts. Indeed, as I enter the job market, I find that the ability to make sound decisions is a very marketable skill in every job.

A second suggestion I would make is that teachers should occasionally play the devil's advocate. A teacher should come to class every now and then and start teaching falsehoods, forcing the students to demonstrate to the teacher why he or she is wrong. For instance, a history professor could play the role of a French bigot while lecturing on Quebec. The students then have the opportunity to question the teacher and prove that he or she is wrong.

The purpose of teachers playing devil's advocate is that, if repeated enough, a student will not blandly accept every word uttered from a professor's mouth. Too many students, myself included, are conditioned to accept the teacher's word and quickly write it down in their notebook. I think it would be very easy today for many professors to walk into class and start teaching falsehoods without causing a single question of doubt from the class. If this statement is correct, it indicates that students do not know how to evaluate an argument and decide if they agree or disagree. The ability to use criteria against each argument a person encounters is a tool which would be useful throughout a lifetime.

Finally, I suggest that the mathematical, engineering and technological fields could place a heavier emphasis on proofs rather than techniques. All too often, students memorize a technique that gives them an answer to a test question, but they do not bother to learn why the technique yields a correct answer. The reason why students do not learn proofs is that they are not tested on proofs.

By learning the proofs, a student can return to the book at a later date and relearn the technique when he or she needs the technique. By neglecting proofs, a student or an engineer does not know why the formula works, and they might use the formula when it does not apply.

Furthermore, by neglecting proofs, an engineer or some other technological professional will be unable to update his or her skills as new techniques are invented. Because they do not understand proofs, they have a hard time learning new material out of a book without the help of a teacher who points out the technique that needs to be memorized.

Some of these ideas belong to others, some of them are mine. all of them have been compiled through the colored lens of my opinions.

Yours truly,  
Richard Jordan  
Orono

## Open letter to Skip

To the Editor:

To Skip Chappelle, coach, UMO basketball team:

Last night you held an unscheduled practice for the varsity basketball team during the same time that intramural basketball games were to be held. This resulted in our team, Student Legal Services, having to wait, dressed, for an entire hour after our designated game time to have the gym to play our game.

This graphically illustrates a growing debate on the campus over the emphasis varsity sports should have. We believe that the University should provide both an opportunity for all to participate in sports and an opportunity for those who have the skill or determination to play to the peak they are capable of in varsity sports.

However, the past few years have shown that UMO favors varsity sports to the detriment of mass participation. The barring of the use of the gym and fieldhouse during football games, the president's flat statement that intramurals will not receive the

support that varsity sports do, and just last night the sacrifice of the time of some 20 campus people for the time of the basketball team all show a disdain for those of us who are not so skilled.

The University, however, should aim not only to educate the mind but also the body. Indeed, as Plato so long ago pointed out, sound minds need sound bodies—for everyone.

We enjoy varsity sports as much as anyone; we have attend-

ed many hockey games and basketball games this winter and enjoy the experience. But we do not believe that experience should be bought at the expense of the rest of those who seek exercise. Varsity sports and intramurals should share equally on the basis of need the facilities and funds of the University, so that all those seeking physical activity are treated equally.

Chalmers Hardenbergh  
30 Coburn Hall  
Jonathan Rogers

## Off the air

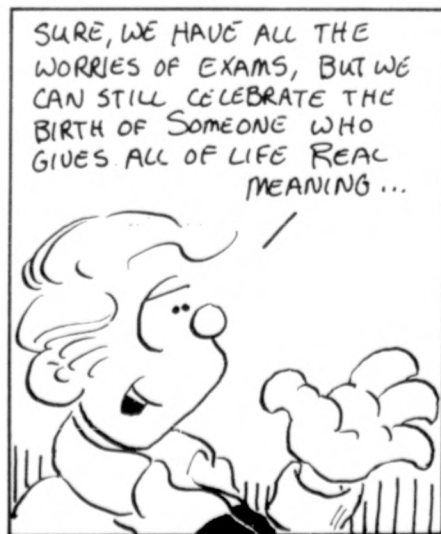
To the Editor:

WMEB feels obligated to inform the University community that we will be off the air from Dec. 22, 8 p.m. to Jan. 28, 2 p.m.

Due to a lack of adequate funding, we will not be broadcasting the hockey and basketball games scheduled during vacation as previously hoped. The staff

feels it is unfair to ask people to stay in the area and to volunteer their time in order to keep the station on the air. For these reasons, we will be off the air until classes resume in January.

Sincerely,  
Kate Gover  
Publicity Director





## Gives credit

To the Editor:

After weeks of very "constructive" criticism from fellow readers, I feel that it is time to give the Campus staff some credit for their efforts. All too often, it is easy for many to overlook what it actually takes to produce the paper.

How many of us can appreciate working all night until 5:00 A.M. Friday morning in order to complete the weekend issue? I understand that most of the staff has been fortunate enough to enjoy beautiful sunrises on numerous occasions.

I also understand why we read a few typographical mistakes now and then. What about the improved sports pages? Finally some under recognized teams are getting some publicity.

We fail to appreciate some of the outstanding efforts made to produce such features as "Alcohol," "Depression," and "Abortion." Don't forget the stories which are ever-plaguing to the administration—Zen Buddhist, Capricorn Lodge junket, and the intriguing faculty bargaining.

At least the Campus is not afraid to publish stories about the administration instead of succumbing to what the administrators would rather read in their benefit.

How many of us realize that the Maine Campus is the largest bi-weekly newspaper in the state? Are we aware that it is considered to be one of the top-rated student papers in New England and that the staff members have received significant awards for their work? Note that the editor and the other campus writers often write for the Portland Sunday Telegram and the Boston Globe. It's too bad that our top administrator can slough off legitimate criticisms by stating that the paper is just "run by students who don't sometimes have the time or the inclination to get all the facts."

And finally, for those critics of the Campus who are still wrought with their fake senses of power, feel fortunate that the staff is qualified to correct your grammatical mistakes and that your comments are important enough to the editor that he risked his paper's reputation by publishing your blemishes.

Robert H. Sleamaker  
Orono

## A pity

To the Editor:

One is to assume from Tuesday's editorial that most UMO students will be bored to death over the five-week Christmas vacation. What a pity.

One would think they could find a good book, or possibly help with those odds and ends around the house that didn't get fixed during the 16-week semester. The thought of a college student totally bored is far-fetched.

As a freshman, the four-day break in October and the same in November was not a satiating period of time with all there was to do with loved ones and friends.

The forthcoming Christmas vacation will be a blessing, an opportunity to become reacquainted with friends who are also away at school, take a trip and still have time to be at home, get in some extra skiing and maybe even read a good book!

A.J. Johnson  
424 Kennebec

## ● 'But doesn't mean we can go big time'

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increase our income is through gate receipts. "With the present facilities, there is no way we can do it without a larger seating capacity."

Westerman said he has recommended different types of funding in the past. He said he had hoped for some means of funding other than donations.

"Our funding of scholarships is from private giving and donations," he continued. "Other people are funded through regular university funds."

Boston University provides \$735,000 for scholarships, compared to \$92,000 raised by UMO, he said. BU, whose scholarship money comes from additional student fees, devotes more athletic scholarship money to their women than UMO's men and women combined, said Westerman.

Boston University is regulated by National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, he said. Under NCAA rules, BU could have 281 full scholarships for both men and women (in and out of state). However, UMaine "has established their own limits" he added.

The \$400,000 a year figure would limit the University to an average of 100 athletic scholarships. "The limitations are still there," Westerman said.

However, the NCAA does regulate the number of awards for each sport and the amount an individual can receive. For football alone, the NCAA allows 70 scholarships, basketball players receive 15 and women's basketball 12.

"The name of the game is equality of competition within conferences, so that the

student has a reasonable opportunity of success," said Westerman. "He or she should be able to have a chance to win the conference, but I don't think that just winning is good or just losing is good."

President Howard R. Neville said UMO should be "competitive in our region and in the Yankee Conference."

But when asked if UMO would become an athletically-oriented institution because of an increased amount of athletic scholarship money offered, Neville said, "We are an academic institution first."

"We have no interest in becoming

big-time athletes," said Westerman. "We are in Division I, but that doesn't mean we can go big time."

Kominsky said she would rather see more efforts being made academically.

"I do feel athletics are important, but although they are important, I feel more effort should be put into academics," she said.

Neville said the University awarded 220 talented student scholarships this fall. Only 38 of the 220 scholarships awarded were athletic scholarships.

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The scholarship is restricted to University of Maine at Orono students, undergraduate or graduate. Anyone who has won the Grady prize twice is ineligible.

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**RULES:** 1. Eligible candidates are asked to submit no more than two entries, which may be prose, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.

Due Date: February 14, 1979

Place: English Department, 304 English/Math Bldg., UMO

2. The candidate's name should not appear anywhere in the manuscript but should be contained in a sealed envelope submitted at the same time and bearing on the outside the title(s) of the writing submitted. All entries should be typewritten and double-spaced.

3. As with all prizes and awards at UMO, these will apply to the student-winners' University indebtedness, if such indebtedness exists monies in excess of this indebtedness will accrue as a cash award to the winners.

4. In accordance with the terms of the bequest, the judges will be "A top level practicing journalist employed by the Bangor Daily News...plus an appropriate member of the University English Department and the Journalism Department."

5. The judges reserve the right to withhold any and all awards if in their judgment the quality of writing submitted is insufficiently high. Previously published or simultaneous submissions are unacceptable.

6. The results of the contest will be announced on or about May 1, 1979. The awards will be made through the Office of Student Aid in June 1979.

## Lacks concern

To the editor,

I would like to address this letter to the recent housing recommendations made by the select committee on Student Housing and the recent proposal approved by the CSS.

I do not feel that Residential Life was genuinely concerned with student input on the housing issue, considering 68% of those surveyed were in favor of keeping

things the way they are now.

The basic fact is that both proposals would achieve the same goal—housing of all freshmen on the Orono campus. The difference is that one would do this disruptively and the other naturally—which would you prefer?

Patti Bushee  
Senator—Stodder Hall

## SLS move

To the Editor:

I am writing to remind students that they should be aware of Student Legal Services move. Student Legal Service, which is now located in 30 Coburn Hall, has lost its space to the Sea Grant and is moving to the North and South Hilton Rooms on the second floor of the Memorial Union beginning next semester.

The advantages of the move are that now it will be in a central location of the campus, it is closer to the Student Government office,

and it is closer to all the other organizations in the Union.

Student Legal Services is a worthwhile and helpful organization. I urge everyone to take advantage of their excellent services in their new location!

Sincerely,  
Laura Gordon  
Cumberland Hall  
Student Senator

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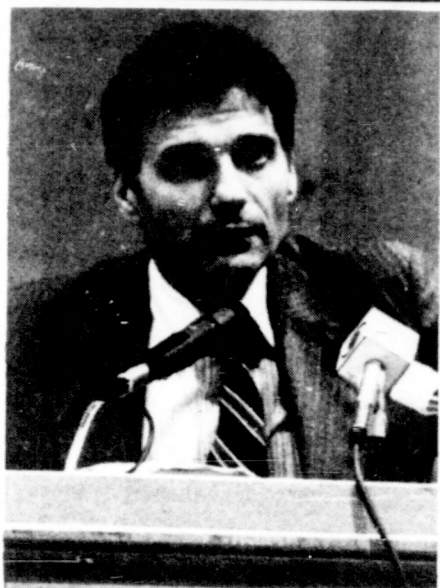
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# From lab animals to housing



**Ralph Nader.** One of the three prominent DLS-sponsored lecturers, he spoke of consumer advocacy in November.



**Michelle Earltinez.** She fought and won a battle against the administration to keep her lab animals alive.



**C. Steward Doty.** The faculty union president is involved in the start of the collective bargaining process.



**Thomas D. Aceto.** The vice president for Student Affairs will make a recommendation after Christmas on controversial housing proposals.

by Scott Austin

Athletic fees, a lab animal controversy and housing problems were just some of the events and issues highlighting the fall semester.

It began as usual for freshmen—in triples. There was one bright spot, though, no remodeled laundry rooms this year. H. Ross Moriarty, director of Residential Life, said the housing shortage was as bad this fall as last year.

In addition to the overcrowding problem, Residential Life overspent its \$10 million budget by \$400,000 during the 1977-78 fiscal year. Moriarty said the deficit was caused by several maintenance programs being completed ahead of schedule. These projects had been budgeted for the 1978-79 budget but were paid when they came due.

Moriarty also said Residential Life didn't receive all its projected student income, as it had originally planned to use University Park to house single, undergraduate students. University Park houses married students and their families. By housing single students in these spaces, Residential Life could add to the number of room and board paying students, Moriarty said.

The deficit resulted in severe cutbacks—phones were removed at Hilltop and a study lounge's damaged windows were boarded up in Cumberland.

"We're in for a long hard period of tight money," said Moriarty.

During October break, 60 UMO officials met at the Capricorn Lodge, a University-owned complex at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain, for a three-day administrative conference.

Administrators described the conferences, which cost about \$4,800, as anywhere from "informative" to "down-right boring." Some officials cited President Howard R. Neville's early departure as one of the more visible sore points of the conference.

In November, Neville decided to allow Michele Earltinez, a 23-year-old animal medical technology major and Zen Buddhist, to keep her laboratory animals alive rather than destroy them because to do otherwise would violate her religious beliefs.

"They're infringing upon my moral and religious beliefs. I believe that human and non-human lives are equally valuable. You don't need to sacrifice those animals," said Earltinez, who argued her case for more than a year.

In a letter from James M. Clark, vice president for Student Affairs, to Earltinez, Clark stated that John H. Wolford (chairman of animal veterinary sciences) didn't want to establish precedents that could lead to other students feeling aggrieved because of preferential treatment toward Earltinez and a violation of HEW principals.

Leonard N. Harlow's public information director for 13 years and UMO photographer Jack Walas' positions were terminated during September in an attempt to get "more national coverage, more TV coverage and better management" in its public relations program, said director of development Alan Stone. This move came despite polls showing a favorable opinion of UMO in the eyes of Maine voters.

Three nationally-prominent lecturers

came to UMO this fall, sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series. Dick Gregory, comedian turned social activist, Vincent Bugliosi, prosecutor in the Charles Manson murder trial, and consumer advocate Ralph Nader spoke to packed houses on a variety of subjects.

This fall state liquor inspectors were allegedly visiting the campus because of a disregard for the drinking age laws at dormitory and fraternity parties.

Fraternities began having closed parties, and Residential Life tightened their alcohol policy by deleting a phrase that said minors could provide their own alcohol at private functions. Residential Life also requires ID checks and a responsibility sheet for parties.

Rolf Olsen, former treasurer of the Student Action Corps, was charged with the alleged embezzlement of \$3,200 during the 1976-77 school year.

The Student Action Corps was a board representing organizations under the Student Services Board but was dissolved this year.

The impropriety was discovered by then Student Government treasurer Winn Brown. The case has currently been postponed until a pending motion is heard.

Another law suit was initiated when Uptown Productions of Portland announced they would sue Michael McGovern, a former UMO Student Government president, for \$25,000.

The suit was filed over alleged contract violations by UMO's Concert Committee for failure to present the Poussette-Dart/Jonathan Edwards concert on Sept. 15, 1977. The suit, however, was dismissed.

In the wake of a new \$20 fee for use of

the Universal and Nautilus weight machines, the athletic department considered a mandatory athletic fee of \$10 to help defray the rising costs of the athletic program. David M. Ames, director of recreational sports, said the proposal "was in the planning stages" and would heed some student input.

December brought a review of Residential Life housing policies. A report by the Select Committee on Student Housing submitted to Thomas D. Aceto, vice president of Student Affairs, called for housing all in-coming freshmen at Orono and relocating 300 to 400 upperclassmen to other dorms. The relocations were deemed necessary to free the rooms best-suited for triples, for example, corner rooms.

In addition, 208 upperclassmen will be housed in the new apartments behind York Hall next fall.

It was announced by Aceto, at an open forum Dec. 11, that a final decision on relocating upperclassmen would wait until "sometime during spring semester" and that freshmen will probably all be housed at Orono.

"Nobody's trying to railroad anything through. We're just trying to come up with a fair and equitable program," Aceto said.

In November, the University of Maine Board of Trustees approved a four-fold increase in scholarship money for athletes, bringing the total available to \$400,000 a year.

At that meeting, outgoing Gov. James B. Longley, who four years ago asked for the resignation of the entire board for what he called "fiscal irresponsibility," said he had "tremendous admiration" for the board and thanked them.



This student is not climbing the walls. He is climbing the streets. Streettaining provided a light break in October as Cumberland residents scaled the terrain between Stevens Hall and the Memorial Union.



Lame duck Gov. James B. Longley praises the UM Board of Trustees in early December for working in behalf of the Maine people.



# Spectrum *arts and feature section*

## Springsteen and Joel top rock and roll poll

Well you really surprised me. I thought I was the only music lover around here with good taste.

The results of the Maine Campus Rock and Roll poll are in and I was glad to see so many of my favorites are your favorites.

I disagree with most of the selections but the ones that did win probably deserve the distinction. They aren't that bad.

There was a tie for performer of the year between Billy Joel and Bruce Springsteen. So I'll play tie breaker and choose The Boss. I saw Springsteen two times this summer and it was nothing short of a religious experience for me both times.

Best album went to the "Stranger" by Billy Joel. Good choice but obviously you haven't heard "This Year's Model" by Elvis Costello. El did get some votes though.

Songwriter went to Becker and Fagen of Steeley Dan. Again not a bad choice but I, believe it or not, would have gone for Joel in this category. His consistency as a song writer is to be admired even if it is pop.

Best song—"Baker Street" by Jerry Rafferty. How this one made it I'll never know. I would have gone for "Disco Duck" before that one.

Male vocalist—was there ever a doubt?—Springsteen again and Joel second. Maybe these guys should get together for an album.

Linda Ronstadt by a two to one margin gets female vocalist of the year. She's good but I'm waiting for her to become first lady. Bonnie Rait makes it for me.

Best group was the Outlaws. Followed very closely by Steely Dan, Yes and the Who. Why no one chose Attractions is a mystery to me, but one crusading spirit did choose the E Street Band.

Clapton gets best guitarist and doesn't deserve it. Apparently no one says "The Last Waltz" around here. Robbie Robertson is not only a charismatic figure; he can wipe Clapton's ass with his versatility.

Bass goes to Mark Egan of the Pat Metheny Group, the only jazz rocker to make the list. Good choice but did you know that Donald "Duck" Dunn plays on the new Blues Brothers album?

Keyboards—Keith Emerson. I hate this junk music. Roy Bittan is better and special praise is awarded to the lone balottee who suggested him.

Keith Moon gets the best dead drummer of the year award and you'll get no argument from me.

I guess no one likes soundtrack albums around here. "Sgt. Pepper" and "Grease" get the greased finger award as worst albums of the year. I haven't heard either of these albums but will go along with the choice of Sgt. Pepper only because the whole idea behind the movie and record was vulgar. All copies of this



album should be stuffed in a goddamn bottle and sent out with the Japanese current. (Thanks Dr. Thompson)

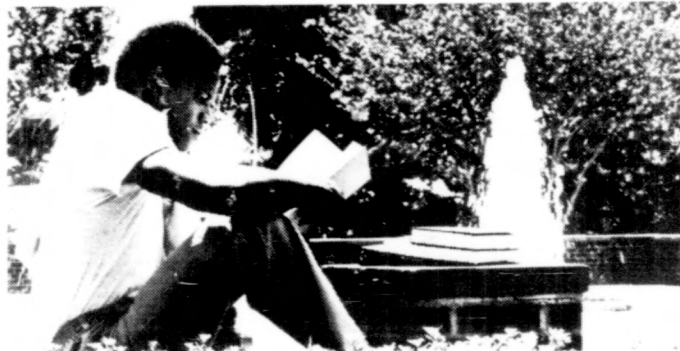
The Don't Let Your Meat Loaf award goes to "2 Out of 3 Ain't

Bad" by the above mentioned group, as worst song of the year. Funny, I would have gone with "It's a Heartache" by Bonnie Tyler. If there was ever a more appropriate title for a song this was

it.

Well it wasn't that good a year for music overall, but it was exciting. There are a lot of artists I can't live without who never make lists like this one but that's the breaks. It was a simplistic commercial idea anyway and judging from your response, or lack of it, I guess you felt the same. Good bye. And as Jim Sullivan would say, long live the Kinks.

P.S. There is a vile and vicious rumor circulating around campus that yours truly might be making a special appearance on some local campus radio station during the wee hours of some evening next week. Stay tuned.



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# 'Tinkle': What's up in a one story house ?

by Susan Day

"The retreat from reason means precious little to anyone who has never caught up with reason in the first place."

These are just some of the absurd lines that flow so readily from "A Resounding Tinkle," Maine Masque's second production of the season. Despite the small opening night audience Tuesday and the difficulties inherent in the play, the evening turned out to be an unexpectedly fine piece of theater.

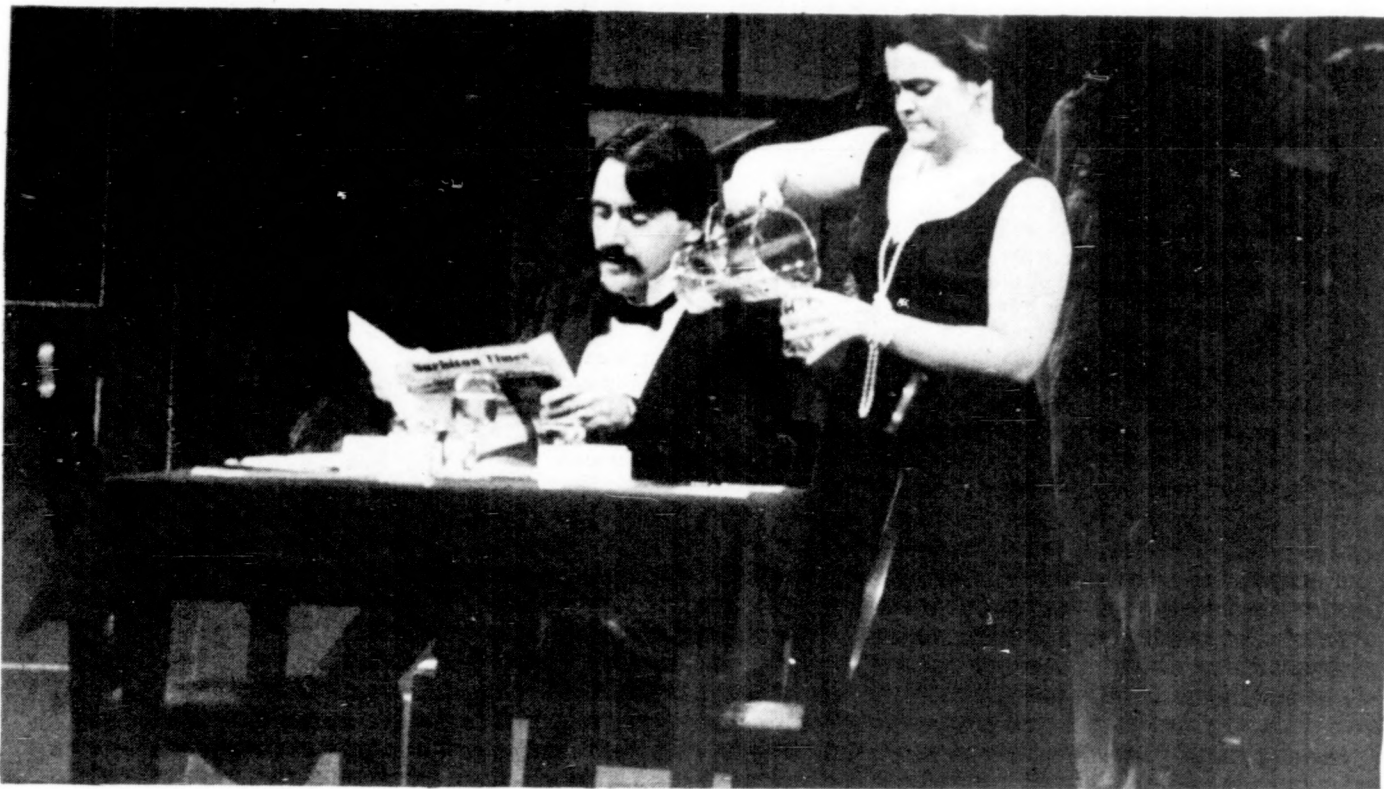
Judith Curran showed a great deal of talent in her interpretation of the absurdist play by English playwright N. F. Simpson, saving an almost impossible show from a painful and agonizing death.

The casting of the show turned out to be a major source of the success—Charles Bloomer as Bro Paradock and Carlene Hirsch as Middie Paradock served as perfect foils to one another in the opening scenes of the play. Both were able to toss off their lines with aplomb, as if the dialogue actually made sense, rather than being a hodgepodge of non-related responses. Bloomer was also extremely effective when alone on the stage—his mimes and expressions kept any dull moments in the show from dragging, and his pantomimed meeting of the board was a joy in itself.

David Dangler and Tim Wheeler, the First and Second Comedians, respectively, also gave very creditable performances. Dangler was flexible with his vocal delivery of the lines, while Wheeler, as ever, used his mobile facial expressions to portray an interesting, if sometimes implausible, character.

One of the best performances of the evening came from Francis Parkman, playing the role of the Author. Several times during the course of the play, the Author would come in front of the curtain, stopping the action, and make a few comments on its progress, or lack thereof, to the audience.

Perhaps the best lines delivered by Parkman were: "Let us make no mistake about it, we are in this together, and we must do what we can to see that no one of us suffers more than another. We are all spectators of one another, mutual witnesses of each other's discom-



Charles Bloomer as Bro Paradock and Carlene Hirsch as Middie Paradock in the Maine Masque production of "A Resounding Tinkle."

An absurdist play by an English playwright, N.F. Simpson, the play is the second production of the Maine Masque season. "Tinkle" opened Tuesday, and will run through Saturday with Jurtain time at 8:15 p.m. [Photo by Arthur Kettle.]

future."

Tamara Kaplan played a tolerable Nora, the neighbor with a snake that's too small, and Julius Frey was the "son" who returned home as a daughter.

The somewhat flat portrayal of the Chairman by Dugald Sturges was relieved by the spicy performances of Pam Montgomery as Miss Salt and Carol McCallum as Mrs. Vinegar. The remaining critics, Mustard Short by Jay Skirletz and Denzil Pepper by Bob Giguere were adequate, if not exciting, characters.

The setting of the play fit the mood of the piece better than might have been expected. Erwin Wilder's design of the one-story bungalow in which people are constantly being invited upstairs, "where there's plenty of hot water," is absurd in and of itself.

An airplane is poised artistically in one window, where it remains for the length of the show. A seagull flying above the house also remains in suspended animation for the duration. The painted fireplace has a blazing fire but no chimney.

And the painting hung lovingly over the mantle is without a doubt

a portrait of one of the late Mr. Trenches.

For such a difficult play to produce, the show came off with few "discomfitures" on the part of either the audience or the actors.

As the players get accustomed to working with an audience, and learn where the laughter will come and where it won't, the show will tighten up a lot.

"Tinkle" isn't an easy show for the audience to follow; it takes concentration and a fast mind. A single viewing will not reveal all the hidden nuances of the play, but the show works nicely on even the easiest of its many levels.

It is well worth the time, especially if one is willing to work at the jokes, not just sit and hope the jokes will do the work themselves.

## ● program in doubt

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assist Al Cyrus, Staff scene designer.

These recommendations were followed, in substance, but were still met with criticism.

"The ideas were good ones," said one faculty member. "But they didn't actually go out of their way to get a guest director. Although Judith Curran (guest director for "Resounding Tinkle") is highly capable and qualified, she is an alumnus and really doesn't represent much of a change."

A technical director was hired, but it is not known whether funds are available to continue the job next year. The guest director program may be discontinued for the same reason.

The fate of the opera program, too, is in doubt. Some believe that since there will be no opera this year, and probably not next year, the program will dwindle and

die.

North categorically denies this will happen.

"Opera will continue," he said. "It must. I think the emphasis will be shifted to a more workshop-orientated program of smaller productions and scenes, but opera will survive despite the setback of the recent cancellation."

Still there is frustration among faculty and students since North took over as director of the school. Many feel they don't have a voice in the decisions that are made and that the decisions being made are not constructive.

"Change is good, change is needed," said one faculty member. "We have been promised the sky but have not really seen anything positive yet. A lot of destruction and no building."

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## All I want...

To the Editor:

In August of 1977, three members of the semi-professional rock group Bhang perished in a head-on collision with a semi tractor-trailer rig.

The members of the group were good friends of mine, and they came to Maine often to play at a bar in Waterville. Before the accident, I was able to make a cassette recording of one of their gigs in Maine, but the tapes were stolen along with my wallet containing identification papers, pictures and my birth certificate on Nov. 27 at the Pure Prairie League Concert at UMO.

My brown Toyota Celica was also stolen, but the police recovered it. Now I am making a plea to ask those who stole the articles

from my Toyota to return to me just the three tapes labeled Bhang and my birth certificate along with the pictures. I am an adopted person and trying to obtain another birth certificate will be extremely difficult.

The Bhang tapes and photos are of no value to you, but are irreplaceable to me. All I want are the tapes, photos and birth certificate with no questions asked. You may drop them off at Student Legal Services or contact John at 866-4812.

Suffering the loss of my friends has been difficult, please do not make losing the memory of them even more difficult. I appeal to your Christmas spirit to return just the above mentioned items.

Susan Berard

## Let's kick it around

To the Editor:

As the current semester winds down, I feel compelled to ponder in writing the following: How important was the criteria of student learning in establishing the present structure of the fall schedule?

I understand it is economically advantageous to completely close school for five weeks. I understand the professors prefer the five week break. I even hear laboratory research had something to do with the present set up. But how much consideration was given to academic concerns of students?

The old standard fall semester

had roughly a week for Christmas, followed by two weeks of classes, a week of finals, and a week semester break. I would think such a schedule is much more preferable to the serious student.

I hope there aren't too many students who find the present pressures unbearable. I hope there doesn't prove to be very much student attrition solely or partly due to this schedule.

Please, let's open up this issue and let everybody kick it around. Somebody do us a favor and take a poll.

John P. Farley  
Stillwater

## It's not too late

To the Editor:

It is about this time every year that the students who will be graduating in May begin to get a little nervous about their employment chances.

A great number of these students may have much in their favor but are lacking in what, to many employers, is the most important qualification—experience. Recent graduates often complain that they are refused employment because of the lack of experience but nobody seems willing to give them that experience.

For sophomores and juniors, the time to avoid this paradox is now, while still in school. Through the Office of Cooperative Education/Field Experience, stu-

dents should explore this opportunity to gain that valuable experience while earning college credit. The Cooperative Education/Field Experience program places students in a paid or voluntary position in the area of the student's major field of interest. While some positions cover the school year, many are summer placements.

Students who would like to graduate with a feeling of security because they have the needed experience should look into Cooperative Education/Field Experience before it's too late.

Ed Andrews  
Assistant Director  
Cooperative Education/Field  
Experience

## A note of thanks

To the Editor:

Recently some 3,000 full-time UMO students received randomly distributed surveys of their satisfaction with various aspects of life here at UMO. We, the students conducting the survey, would like to take this opportunity to thank those students who so graciously completed and returned the survey to us. Since complete anonymity is being maintained throughout the study, we can only express our appreciation in this manner.

To those students who expressed an interest in the purpose and results of the study, a short progress report follows. With the vast majority of the surveys that are likely to be completed already

returned, an excellent response rate of approximately 25 percent has been achieved. We are now coding the surveys for computer tabulation, and readying them for testing of statistical significance. Sometime next April we hope to have the study completed and enough copies printed so that it will be accessible to those who are interested.

Again, thank you for your time and effort in completion of the survey. We are confident that the results of the study will be worth it.

Alice Grant  
Scot Jones  
Al Osgood  
Tamara Parkhurst

## Sees no humor

To the Editor:

This letter is directed toward the person or persons who delighted in throwing a bicycle through the rear window of my car, which was parked outside of Lambda Chi last Thursday night. Sorry, but I failed to see any humor at all. It saddens me that the mentality of some college

student(s) is so low. Anyone who sought enjoyment from an act of this nature had to be sick.

But I must admit, I did receive something from all this, a repair bill, which exceeds \$700. Thank you.

Name withheld.

P.S. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

## They get cold and sick too

To the Editor:

How would you like to stand in -5 degree weather for two or three hours? How about having to lie on both snow and ice and cold granite steps in front of the Union or any other building on campus? If you wouldn't, they why should dogs have to?

They feel the cold and get sick just like people do. It is my opinion that people who leave their dogs tied up outdoors are without heart and therefore should be subjected to the same treatment. Anyone who falls into this category should not have a dog or any other pet until they learn how to treat them right.

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## Northeastern, minus Caligaris, to visit Black Bears

by Greg Betts

There won't be a Dave Caligaris to marvel at when Northeastern University takes the court against the Black Bears Saturday night in Memorial Gymnasium, but there will be a more improved and much quicker squad than the Huskies had a year ago.

"We don't have the court presence of a great player like we had last year," said Huskie head coach Jim Calhoun, referring to the loss of Caligaris. The former NU superstar was the captain of last year's 14-12 team, as he broke the school's career scoring record with 1673 points. Caligaris was 10th in the nation in scoring in 1978 with a 24.6 average.

"We're only nine points away from being an undefeated team," said Calhoun, commenting on NU's 4-2 record, with close losses coming at the hands of Siena and Massachusetts. In the team's most recent game, the Huskies upset Army, 62-61, at West Point.

Northeastern will start all underclassmen against Maine with senior center Doug Clary out for the season with a broken leg. Pete Harris, a 6'1" sophomore guard, has been brilliant in the first month of the season, leading the Huskies in scoring with a 20.8 average while shooting a blistering 59 percent from the floor.

"Pete is a great shooter who goes to the hole well," said Calhoun. "He should become one of our school's all-time greats."

Another talented sophomore, 6'7" Chip Rucker, is the Huskies biggest threat underneath. Rucker can "leap out of the building" as he leads NU in rebounding with 10 a game along with 12.2 ppg, second highest on the club.

Junior muscleman Bob Shoening and freshman Dave Leitao will help Rucker in anchoring down the frontcourt duties. Shoening at 6'7" usually plays forward but was forced to play center with the injury to Clary. Leitao at 6'6" has been playing very solidly for a first year player, according to Calhoun, and is second on the team in rebounding.

Peter Moss, another freshmen, is the team's sixth man, who Calhoun says "has been playing like crazy." An explosive guard from Amherst, Mass., Moss is third in team scoring with just under 10 points per game. Moss hit the game winning basket in the final seconds against Army.



NU's Pete Harris

Six-foot six-inch forward Herb Caesar is the lone Huskie senior and should see a lot of action off the bench.

"We're a running ballclub, and we get up and down the court very well," said Calhoun. "We're playing really good defense and have rebounded better than last year's team. I don't think we'll make any changes in our game plan against Maine, and we'll run right at them," said Calhoun.

Calhoun, who has been quick to criticize the refereeing at Maine in past years was at it again Thursday during a telephone interview.

"It's a combination of the officials and the fans that make the difference up there," said Calhoun. "Even Rhode Island could go up there and have a tough time against Maine."

Skip Chappelle sees the Huskies as another guard-oriented team similar to New Hampshire, who also can be very physical.

"(Northeastern) is a little better team than last year because they don't have to rely on a Caligaris. But they have close to another Caligaris in Pete Harris, who should be the key along with Chip Rucker," said Chappelle.

"Without Boucher (out for three weeks with mononucleosis) we lose a 6'3" guard who is a good defender," added Chappelle. "Rick could take any good guard out of a game, but without him the opposing team's backcourt will take our smaller guards down low, hurting us defensively."

Chappelle also said he may go with Rufus Harris in the backcourt a little more against NU and put in either John Joyce or Dave Wyman for a bigger team upfront. But Chappelle said he will probably start the same team as he did against UNH, which would see Gary Speed starting in the backcourt.

Northeastern split with the Black Bears last year, winning the season opener in Boston, 85-78, and falling to Maine in the Pit in the season finale, 97-85.

## Fired up UNH knocks off Maine in OT

by Greg Betts

The University of New Hampshire's Lundholm Gymnasium was the sight of yet another nightmare for Skip Chappelle and his Black Bears Tuesday night as the host Wildcats came from behind to whip Maine 70-61 in overtime. Maine's record is now 4-2 and the loss could damage the Black Bear's post season tournament hopes.

It was the second time in two years that a highly favored Black Bear five has been upset by a fired up Gerry Friel coached club, who always seem to rise to the occasion against their basketball neighbors in the north. New Hampshire upended

Maine last year 65-61 in Durham.

The game was delayed almost 45 minutes as the regular ECAC referees scheduled to work the contest failed to show up. In their place were two high school officials called in from nearby Dover. The twosomes' inexperience proved to be tragic for the Bears as a number of crucial calls in the late going against New Hampshire surprisingly were not called.

"The circumstances were a factor in the game's outcome," said Skip Chappelle Thursday. "We certainly didn't play well, but we did play well enough to win." Chappelle decided to go ahead and play the

game anyway, even though he could have had it rescheduled, because of upcoming exams for his players.

But the referees weren't the only thing that was high school calibre in this one as both squads started out sloppily. With over seven minutes gone in the first half the scoreboard only read six apiece with turnovers being the name of the game. Roger Lapham then went to work on offense, scoring 12 first half points, to put Maine up on top 26-22 at the break. Maine shot a pathetic 36 percent from the floor with New Hampshire not much better at 40 percent.

The Bears never did get their offense in high gear as a UNH full court press and 1-3-1 zone defense in the second half kept the score close. Maine guards continued to have trouble bringing it up against pressure in the backcourt and New Hampshire capitalized on this. Brendan VanDeventer came to life, scoring almost everytime he touched the ball (10 for 13 from the floor) as he went to work on Rufus Harris down low. Harris had his problems on offense, too, hitting only four of his 16 shots from the field (1-11 in the first half) to finish with nine points before fouling out.

Maine opened up it's largest lead in the game with 5:10 left to play, 51-46 on a Harris jumper but New Hampshire refused to die. VanDeventer hit from the lane, followed by two Paul Dufour bombs and after Maine hit three foul shots, veteran guard Keith Dickson penetrated the Bear's 2-1-1 zone to tie it up at 54 apiece with 3:04 left. The Bears failed to score their next time down the court and the Wildcats then burned off 2:30 before taking a final shot. A Dickson jumper failed with five seconds and time ran out after Harris got the rebound for Maine.

It didn't take UNH long to put it away in overtime as VanDeventer and Dufour found the range early. A Karl Hicks 10 footer from the baseline made it 62-56 with 1:58 and the Bears were out of reach.

Lapham and Bob McLaughlin were the only Maine players in double figures with 18 and 15 apiece. VanDeventer was game high scorer with 20 points along with 11 rebounds. Lapham was the workhorse for Maine on the boards with 13.

The win put New Hampshire above .500 with a 4-3 record with a re-match scheduled between the two clubs on Feb. 22 in the Pit.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE 70

	FGM	FTM	TP
Paul Dufour	6	4	16
Keith Dickson	5	2	12
VanDeventer	10	0	20
Ken Herbert	4	2	10
Chris Glidea	0	0	0
Karl Hicks	5	0	10
Dana Chapman	1	0	2
Mike Keeler	0	0	0
Randy Kinzly	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	8	70

### MAINE 61

	FGM	FTM	TP
Gary Speed	3	2	8
Bob McLaughlin	5	5	15
Roger Lapham	9	0	18
Rufus Harris	4	1	9
Kevin Nelson	4	1	9
Jim Mercer	1	0	2
Dave Wyman	0	0	0
Clay Gunn	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	9	61

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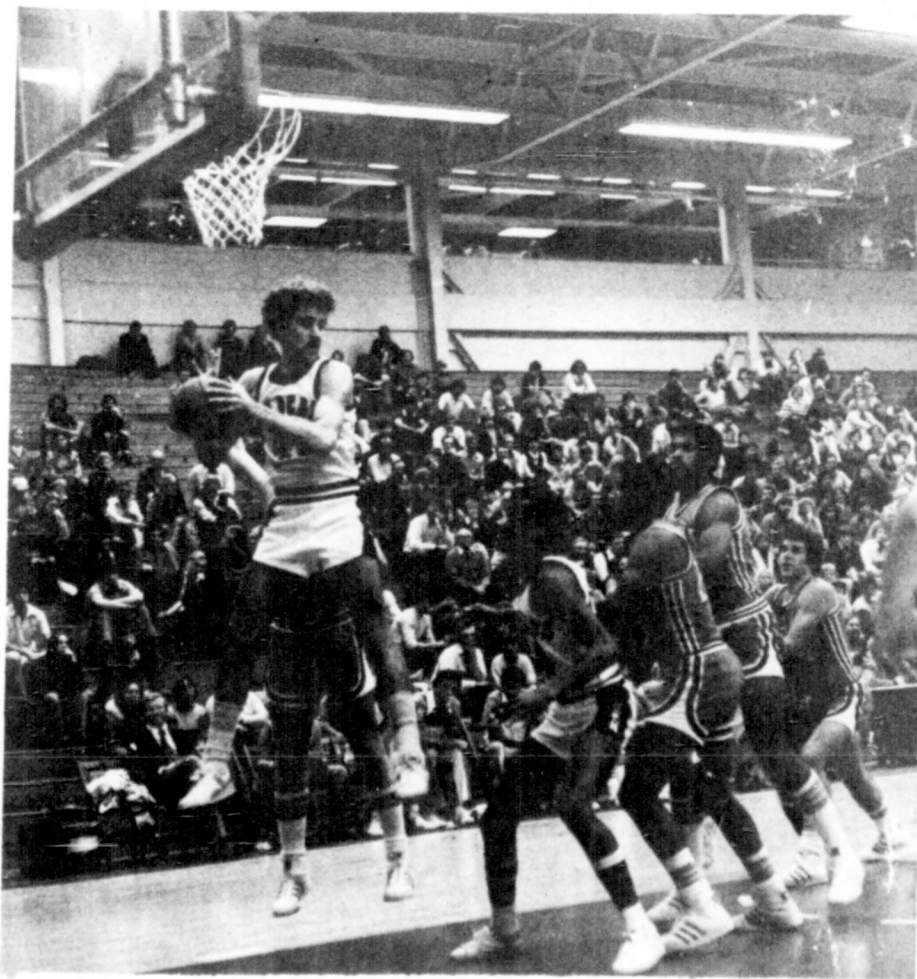
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Brenden VanDeventer sweeps the boards for UNH



## New Brunswick skates in for weekend clashes

by Danno Hynes

The University of New Brunswick will invade Altona Arena this weekend for two games against the UMO hockey team. The first game will start at 7:30 tonight, and the second is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday.



BRIAN HUGHES...assists leader

Last year New Brunswick dropped two close, wild games to the Black Bears, and it hopes to even the score this time around. New Brunswick, which plays in the Atlantic Conference, comprised mainly of Canadian teams, currently holds an overall record of 5-7-1.

They have already won more games than last season, when they only managed to chalk up four victories. Among the wins this year are triumphs over last year's conference champ St. Xavier, the first New Brunswick victory over them in 10 years, and a win over a strong Acadia team.

New Brunswick coach Don McAdam has designated this year as a rebuilding year. His squad is made up primarily of sophomores and juniors, with only one senior holding a spot on the roster.

"We are a better team than we were last year and have slowly improved over the season," said McAdam. "We'll be a lot stronger than we were last year when we played Maine with only 13 skaters and two goaltenders. We have a few injuries and two players out with suspensions, but

I don't think that will be a big factor."

The New Brunswick attack is led by Dave Neill, a defenseman and team captain who McAdam said has been playing "exceptionally well." McAdam also singled out center Brian Craig and freshman winger John Kinch as being keys to the New Brunswick offense. Ken MacClean and Gary Barnard, who both faced Maine last season, will again see action in the nets during the weekend.

McAdam praised the Maine hockey program, as well as the UMO fans. "We really enjoy coming down here. We had an excellent series last year and look forward to a good one again this year."

UMO coach Jack Semler looks at the games as being important to his team in the long stretch during vacation.

"Last year we caught them by surprise because they didn't know too much about us. This year they have some experienced players, and I expect them to be really looking for us."

Semler said it is important that the Black Bears play well before they break for final exams and Christmas.

"I hope we can prove that we are improving and finish out before Christmas the best we can. Last year we played New Brunswick and didn't play well, and I think that left us with a bad feeling about ourselves."

Semler said it is important for the team to finish strong and develop confidence in themselves because they will have some key games coming up in January. The Bears will face one of the best in the country when they take on Cornell in a tournament at Cornell in early January. After that, they will play a tournament at Holy Cross, face Bowdoin at least once and play Dartmouth and New England College.

"It's very conceivable that we could be going against the iron of Division II in January and that may determine where we stand in the playoff picture later on," said Semler. McAdam said, "We are a better team than last year and so is Maine. I think we'll have two good games."

## Bicknell's recruiting drive seeks help in 'all areas'

by Charlotte McAtee

Head football coach Jack Bicknell is "right in the middle" of an annual recruiting drive that will see 200 high school prospects visit the UMO campus. "Last weekend we had 20 boys up, and this weekend we will have about 10 or 12," Bicknell said. "We can't have too many this weekend because of exams coming up."

All his assistant coaches are on the road visiting recruits. "Two are in Massachusetts, one is in Connecticut, one in New Jersey and one in Vermont. We have already visited all the schools in Maine. We've been on the road for about a month."

National Collegiate Athletic Association recruiting regulations only allow a coach three direct contacts with a prospect. "An assistant coach will visit the player at his school, then I will visit the player at his school, then I will visit the school, then I will visit in the home," Bicknell said.

"By next January, I'll be gone four days a week. It's a real rat race; it's tough."

Competition from other schools, many with large amounts of scholarship money to tantalize young players, is very fierce.

"Our biggest competition comes from UMass, UNH and Boston College. The Portland area is especially heavily recruited by those schools; it's close by."

We like to recruit in Massachusetts; of course UMass gets a lot of those players. Last year we had a competition with BC to get eight kids; BC got all of them."

The type of player Bicknell is looking for, other than the "good athletes," are running backs, linemen, linebackers and defensive backs. "What we really need are big people for the lines. But right now it's too early to tell what we'll come up with. We need help in a lot of areas. When it comes time for financial aid, then we'll identify who we'll get."

The shortage of money accounts for the amount of athletes invited to the school. "If we had 15 to 20 scholarships, then we would have about 50 players visit the school. But we have to go for as many players as we can and hope that some will come here. Then we hope to develop the player," the coach said.

Bicknell has located about 12 players



JACK BICKNELL... "coaching's easy compared to this." [photo by Arthur Kettle].

from the state of Maine and seven who attend Bridgeton Academy who he thinks can play. "You've got to look every-

where," he said. "Look at (freshman standout) Peter Ouelette. He was from a small school that not many people knew about. If there's some kid tucked away somewhere, we'll find him." But "finding him" is only half the battle.

"When these boys visit, we try to make them feel at home," Bicknell said. "The limit for school visitations by recruit is six. If a recruit is visiting here, you've got to figure that he's interested. So we get them through personal contact. They stay with some of the players, and they have an interview with me for at least a half an hour. These kids pay their own way up here, use up their own time, so we make a real effort. They want to meet the head coach; they don't want just a 'hi there' in the hall."

Bicknell said he has his own network of friends and coaches who keep him informed about prospective athletes. "We're hustling like crazy," he said. "This is where the real work comes in. Coaching is easy compared to this."

## Black Bear hockey stats (7-1-1)

Player	Games	Goals	Assists	Points	GWG	Pen/Min
Gary Conn	9	17	5	22	4	2/4
Brian Hughes	9	7	12	19	1	4/8
Bill Demianuk	9	7	7	14	0	3/6
Robert Lafleur	9	3	9	12	0	4/8
Joe Crespi	9	3	7	10	1	0/0
Dwight Montgomery	9	3	7	10	0	5/10
Richard Cole	8	2	5	7	0	4/8
Tom LeBlond	9	2	5	7	0	4/8
Paul Wheeler	9	4	2	6	0	2/4
Kent Lannan	9	2	4	6	0	5/10
Dan Sweeney	9	2	4	6	0	2/4
Andre Aubut	9	1	5	6	0	7/14
John Tortorella	9	3	2	5	0	9/21
David Ellis	8	2	5	7	0	8/16
Jamie Logan	9	2	1	3	0	0/0
Don Mason	9	1	1	2	0	4/8
Mike Vigue	1	1	0	1	0	1/2
Art Demoulas	3	0	1	1	0	0/0
Jon Leach	6	0	1	1	0	1/10
Jim McTernan	3	0	1	1	0	1/2
Jim Tortorella	5	0	1	1	0	3/6
Jeff Nord	5	0	0	0	0	0/0
Marc Son	5	0	0	0	0	1/2
Brian Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	1/2
MAINE TOTALS	9	60	85	145	7	71/153
OPPONENTS	9	29	41	70	1	81/173

Goaltending	Games	Min	GA	GA Avg.	Opp. Shots	Saves	Save %	W-L-T
Jeff Nord	5	269:32	14	3.12	104	90	.865	3-0-1
Jim Tortorella	5	269:04	15	3.34	130	115	.885	4-1-0

## Black Bear basketball stats (4-2)

G	PLAYER	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB-AVG	AVG
6	Rufus Harris	55-112	.491	35-45	.779	49-8.2	24.2
6	Roger Lapham	41-78	.526	16-24	.667	51-8.5	16.3
6	Kevin Nelson	36-66	.545	10-18	.556	63-10.5	12.8
6	Bobby McLaughlin	23-50	.460	15-16	.938	17-2.8	10.2
5	Rick Boucher	16-25	.640	9-16	.563	21-4.2	8.2
5	Gary Speed	4-11	.364	4-5	.800	3-0.6	2.4
5	Jim Mercer	3-7	.429	3-3	1.000	0-0.0	1.8
3	Sam Towns	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	1-0.3	1.3
5	Dave Wyman	1-6	.167	2-4	.500	10-2.0	0.8
6	Clay Gunn	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	15-2.5	0.7
3	Tom Brown	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1-0.3	0.0
4	John Joyce	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0.3	0.0
UMO TOTALS		183-366	.500	89-131	.679	269-44.8	75.8
OPPS TOTALS		178-422	.422	55-82	.671	227-37.8	68.5

## Women hoopsters get first win

by Stephen Betts

Paced by three scorers in double figures, the University of Maine basketball team rolled to its first victory of the season, 77-55, over Plymouth State Tuesday night.

Maine dominated under the boards, outrebounding their opponents by an overwhelming 54-31 edge, enabling the Lady Bears to score consistently down low along

with opening up their outside game.


The visitors jumped into the lead early and continued to build it up throughout the contest. Maine was led on offense by Crystal Padziorko with 19 points, while Wendy Farrington scored 14 points and hauled down 18 rebounds. Barb Cummings, who sat out the first two games due to illness, netted 10 points along with garnering 12 boards.



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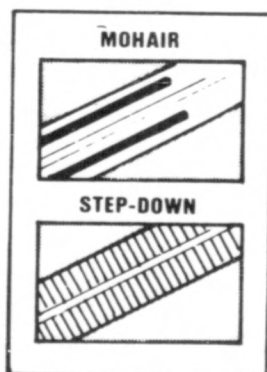
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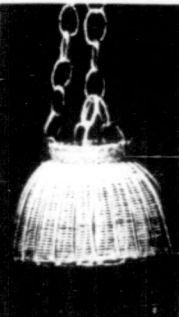
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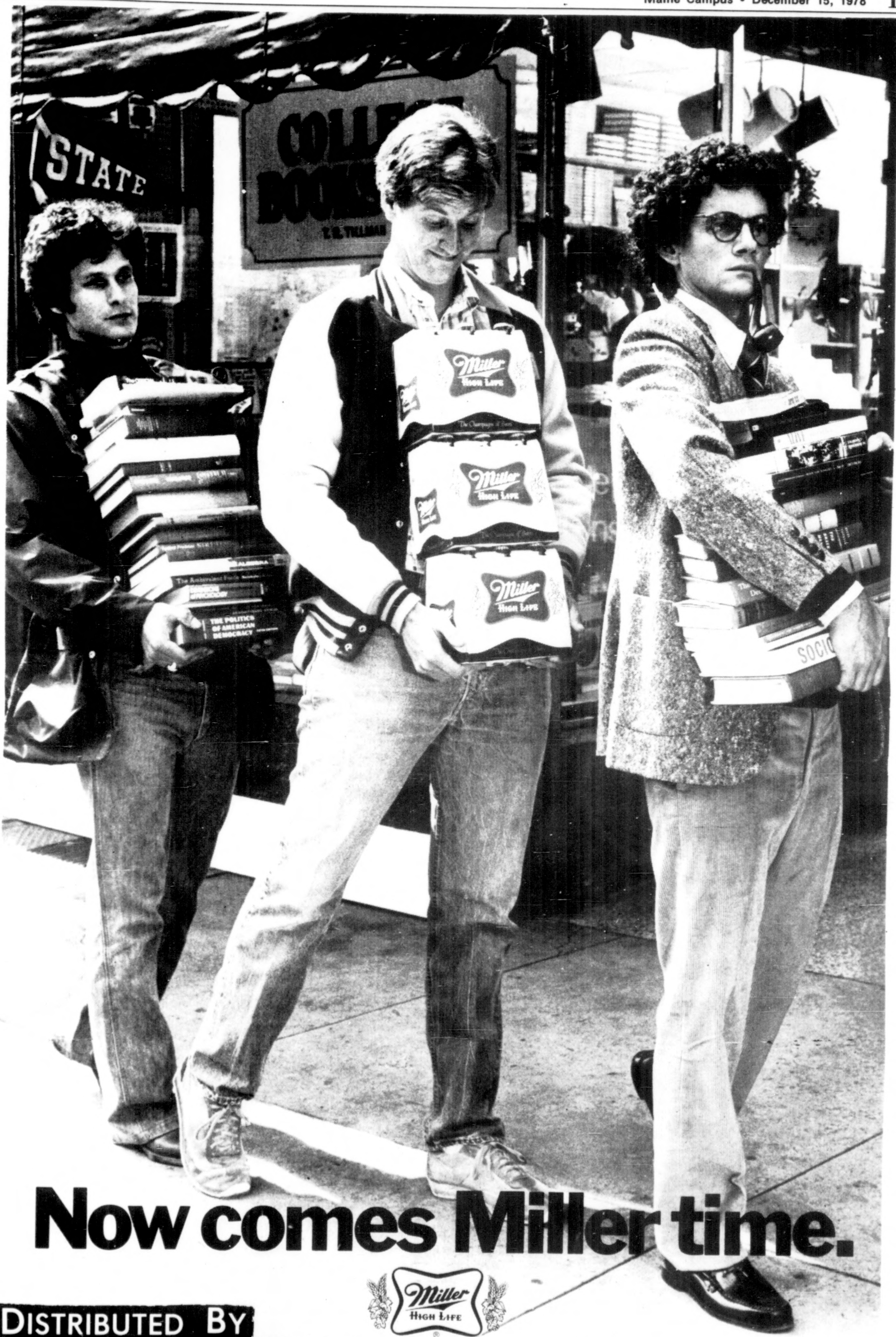
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