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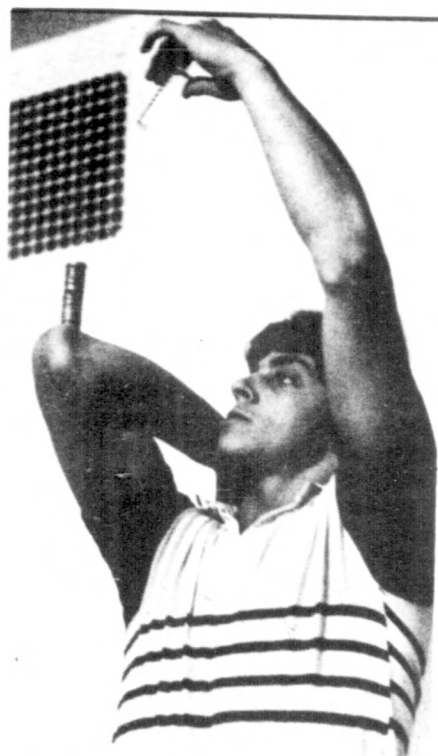
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Timothy Throckmorton

Coin-snatcher cashes in on record

by Carol Saunders
Staff writer

His name is perpetually etched in history, although most do not recognize him by sight. He may not be the reason for high Nielsen ratings this season, but even so, Timothy Barrows Throckmorton will make his nationwide television debut, Monday Sept. 24 on the "Guinness Game."

Throckmorton, a 22-year-old speech major, beat the world record for coin-snatching in 1977. He had his first taste of "show biz" when he was invited to Hollywood, last July to appear on the ABC program in hopes of breaking the current record.

Coin-snatching, according to "The Guinness Book of World Records," is "the greatest number of 25-cent-sized coins caught by the same hand after being flipped from a pile or piles balanced on the back of the forearm."

The tall brunette began his coin snatching hobby in 1975 when he and a friend practiced with some pennies.

The record at that time was held by Chris Redford of England who had successfully snatched 39 coins.

Then in 1975, Gerry Berg of Canada topped the record by catching 65 coins.

Throckmorton wrote to the authors of Guinness and decided to give it a try. He first performed the feat in front of Channel 7 cameramen in the Stodder cafeteria, when he caught 74 quarters in Feb. 1977. He did not hold the title long, as Berg regained it in 1978 by catching 97 quarters.

He was contacted this summer to appear on a California-based T.V. show to attempt winning back the title.

Throckmorton's father, a professor at Bangor Theological Seminary and his mother, a minister in Bangor, were not home when the phone call from Hollywood was received.

"Nobody could believe it. My father thought it was kind of silly," he said.

His all-expense paid adventure included a round-trip airline ticket, four nights at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Los Angeles and approximately \$30-\$40 for meals.

"It was exciting getting greeted at the airport and being driven around the city. There's really nothing like it in the east," he said.

Although there was no star on the door (just his name), Throckmorton had access to his own dressing room at the 20th Century Fox Studio, where the show was taped.

On the "Guinness Game," the contestants are given \$1,000 betting money to predict whether the former record holder can regain his title. After odds are placed, two of the three contestants bet approximately \$400 that Throckmorton would beat the current record. On the first try, he

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Steam plant crack: Who's at fault?

by Mike Lowry
Staff writer

The blasters could have set a smaller charge of explosives, thus possibly avoiding cracking the steam plant's 150-foot chimney, said William Johansen, UMO director of engineering services.

"If they had it to do over again, they'd probably have done it that way," Johansen said Tuesday.

However, Ted Purrington, president of Maine Drilling and Blasting, Inc., of Gardiner, disagreed.

"We couldn't have used any less amount of charge. As it was, we cut it way the hell

dowly for the area we were blasting," Purrington said.

"We normally use up to four times that much. We used the smallest amount of charge that could be used."

The blasting was done to clear out a layer of bedrock adjacent to the steam plant on College Avenue in order to make room to build a new condensate receiving tank for the plant.

The layer of bedrock to be removed was a piece of the same ledge that served as a foundation for that chimney. The blasting crew was aware of this, Johansen said.

"It had to be cleared out" in order to work, Johansen said. So without any discussion of possibly using a lesser charge, the crew went ahead and blasted.

Bruce McKay, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, located next to the steam plant, said they were given no warning about the blasting.

The charges were covered with earth, sand and thick blasting mats - old, cut-up

rubber tires bound together to make a blanket over the explosives in order to cause detonation to explode downward rather than throwing debris into the air. The explosion's energy was focused on the bedrock.

Following that day's blasting, Purrington said, construction equipment, larger and more powerful than that used under "normal circumstances," had to be used to remove pieces of the ledge. This was due to the small amount of explosive used.

Richard McCubrey, steam plant supervisor, noticed a cracked plaster on his office wall as a result of the blasting.

An investigation throughout the plant for other damage led to discovery of the cracks in the chimney, but little other damage.

Maine Drilling and Blasting has done blasting jobs for UMO in the past without trouble.

"There's been no problem before," Johansen said, "but this isn't unusual. Blasting is dangerous, and things like this are bound to happen."



Gone with the Schwinn

This student wheels across campus past crowds of pedestrians. [photo by Mark Munro]

Identity of arsonist confirmed

by Dan Warren
Staff writer

UMO police sources Tuesday confirmed that former Orono area resident Gerry M. De Normandie, a Colorado prisoner, did write the letter police received Monday confessing the arson of the university dairy barns on May 12, 1972.

The unidentified source, said Alan Reynolds, director of public safety at UMO, has been trying to decide with Penobscot County District Attorney David Cox whether the state of Maine can or should press charges against De Normandie, formerly known as Bruce E. Longo.

The Maine Campus has tried unsuccessfully to reach De Normandie by phone. But a source close to district attorney Cox said a local journalist had reached De Normandie, who confirmed writing the

letter and confessed the crime.

De Normandie's letter confessed the crime and said he was writing it to get the weight of guilt off his mind. De Normandie was under the impression, police said, that since seven years have passed since the crime was committed, he couldn't be charged with it.

But the UMO police source said Chief Reynolds isn't sure "statute of limitations" applies to De Normandie, since he (De Normandie) hasn't maintained Maine residency since leaving the area.

The source said De Normandie is "segregated" from federal prisoners and that he has tried twice to escape. De Normandie successfully escaped from the New Hampshire state penitentiary, the source said.

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Student power

New student group cites victories...

by Cathy Myers

Chronicle of Higher Education

Leaders of the United States Student Association say last fall's merger of two national student organizations has yielded at least one significant gain: increased influence in Washington.

Several "victories" in student-related legislation last year "were greatly influ-

enced by U.S.S.A. and the grassroots student pressure on Congress," said Frank Jackalone, the association's national chairman. "Never have students had such an effective legislative impact on the top-level policy-making of our country."

The U.S. Student Association was created last October through a merger of the National Student Association, which was formed in the 1940's, and the six-year-old National Student Lobby.

About 275 colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of 3.5 million are members of the new association, according to Meg McNamar, director of communications.

The new association has been more effective since the merger because having a single organization "eliminates the competition for membership and lobbying," Frank X. Viggiano, its executive director, told the group's national meeting here.

Many Congressional aides and education-association representatives agree that the student association has played an important role in the passage of legislation that affects education, such as the Middle Income Student Assistance Act of 1978.

At the conference here, Joel Packer, the association's legislative director, cited these lobbying activities, among others:

— In 1978 the association was instrumental in increasing federal appropriations for student-aid programs, Mr. Packer said. In 1979, the organization fought against cutbacks in the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, testifying before the House and Senate subcommittees that handle education appropriations.

— The association "was one of the first higher-education organizations to support the proposed Department of Education," Mr. Packer said. The new department, which has received a lukewarm response from most higher-education groups, has

been approved by both the House and Senate. A conference committee will meet later this month to work out differences between the two bills.

The student association has joined a coalition, the Committee Against Registration and the Draft, to lobby against a provision in a bill authorizing activities of the Department of Defense that would require the President to reinstate draft registration for 18-year-old males.

— The association's lobbyists helped draft a "truth-in-testing bill," introduced by Rep. Ted Weiss, Democrat of New York, that would require testing agencies to release certain reports, studies, and test questions and answers.

— Rep. William D. Ford, the Michigan Democrat who chairs the House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, "publicly praised U.S.S.A. this year for our extremely effective work" in support of the Middle Income Student Assistance Act, the major student-aid bill passed by the 95th Congress.



Frank Jackalone

Bone burglary

(ZNS) Officials in a small town in northwestern Spain claim that youths have been stealing human bones from a local cemetery, grinding the bones into a powder and then smoking the powder with hashish.

Angel Villar, the city councilor in the town of Cangas, told a council meeting that the mixing of the bone powder with the hashish apparently produces a more potent drug. Villar said that the youths in question have been using a fishing rod to retrieve the bones out of a ventilation shaft of a crypt where they are stored.

According to Villar, "They wash the bones in a public fountain, grind them and take them mixed with hashish." The crypt already has been robbed of about 80 percent of its bones, Villar said.

Protest and turmoil typify war era

by Glen Chase

Staff Writer

Every once in a while the complaint is voiced that UMO's administration doesn't respond to the needs of the students. Student needs were unclear in September, 1969 for many college campuses as administrators prepared for the antiwar turmoil they knew would come.

UMO was to be no exception as then President Winthrop Libby pointed out during the annual faculty breakfast.

Libby listed one of the major challenges facing the university was the devising of methods "by which respect for the legal expression of varying ideologies can be accepted." Libby said ground rules for staff involvement in demonstrations must be set up for when staff roles in protests broke the limits of the Free Speech and Assembly Policy.

At that time, faculty and staff actions did not come under any disciplinary codes, so there was no way for the university to deal with their actions.

Libby made these statements after a decision had been reached to penalize seven men who interfered with an "End the War" march and rally the previous semester. The men were placed on probation for varying periods of time lasting up to two semesters.

Another sign that the anti-war protest was gearing up was in a column written by President of the General Student Senate, Stan Cowan. In it, Cowan told of an Associated Student Government Conference that he participated in on Sept. 20.

Cowan complained that the conference was too establishment oriented and its organizers would not accept leftist views. Cowan added he was branded by "close-minded" ASG officers as a radical because he

actively advocated the Vietnam Moratorium in helping schools organize the program.

The university was a hot bed of protest in other areas also. UMO janitors were threatening a strike because of what they called "discrimination" because they weren't notified of a decision to close down university operations because of a threat generated by Hurricane Greta.

President Libby issued a directive allowing all other personnel to go home and wait out the storm. Janitors weren't included in the directive, however.

Chief Shop Steward of the janitor's union, Frank St. Louis, said news of the shut down reached him "through the grapevine." The union decided to seek overtime pay for the work performed during the shut down, however the university refused, following the inclement weather policy of straight time.

Maine Events

Wednesday, September 19

Bloodmobile today.
Peanut Butter and Jam. 12:00 noon.
Bear's Den.
12:00 noon. "A Woman's Point of View." Coe Lounge, Union.
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tryout for TH166 one-act shows. Green Room, Hauck Auditorium.

3:30 p.m. Homecoming Committee meeting. 1912 Room, Memorial Union.
WMEB-FM 91.9 10:00 p.m. The Robert Kellin Hour-Jimmy Buffet and John Oates.
WMEH FM 90.9 6:00 p.m. Maine Things Considered.

MPBN TV Channel 12. 8:00 p.m. Faces of Communism-Czechoslovakia.

Thursday, September 20

APO second rush meeting.
12:10 p.m. Sandwich Cinema. "The First Signs of Washoe." North Lown Room, Union.

6:00 p.m. Volleyball Club organizational meeting and first practice session. Gymnastics Room, Memorial Gymnasium. All interested are welcome.

7:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie: "Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe?" 100 Nutting.

There will be a get-acquainted party for anyone interested in communications disorders. 1912 Room, Memorial Union.

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Administrative salaries competitive nationally, even though faculty members battle inflation

by Stephen Oliver
Staff writer

Unlike the situation for faculty members, salaries for administrators at UMO are keeping pace with the national average, according to a study done earlier this year.

The study of national medians, compiled by the College and University Personnel Association, gathered information on administrators' salaries from more than 1,000 institutions across the country.

Findings show the annual wage for UMO's administrators are equal to the

salaries at both public and private colleges throughout the United States. Meanwhile, UMO's faculty salaries, even with the recent 8.5 percent pay raise, are among the lowest in the country.

"About two years ago, all administrators' salaries were below the national average," Board of Trustees Chairman Francis Brown said. "But things are much different today, and administrators are being treated more fairly."

Of 17 top administrative positions at UMO, 14 of these receive salaries equal to or higher than the average administrator in the country.

"We've always done the best we could with the money the legislature gives us, and right now we feel we're doing a good job," Brown said.

The greatest discrepancy was found in the positions of Director of Residential Life and Dean of the College of Education. The median annual salary in the U.S. for a housing director is \$19,500 and H. Ross Moriarty, housing director at UMO, receives \$26,236.

The picture is reversed for Robert Cobb, dean of education. He is paid \$29,500 annually, \$6,000 less than the median salary at other public colleges in America.

by the Board of Trustees and then sent to the state legislature for approval.

Although the Board of Trustees has complete authority to juggle the budget, money is tight at present and no one can say whether UMO salaries will stay at their present national level, Brown said. The board will make its best attempt to keep administrative salaries at the national average, he said.

UMO's administrators have no collective bargaining power as do the faculty, but Brown stressed the board would try to keep administrators' salaries rising at the same rate as the faculty's.

How the administration stacks up (1978-79)

	UMO Salary	Median Salary in U.S.	
President	Ken Allen	\$41,300	\$41,500
Acting Vice President of Academics	Henry Hooper	\$37,100	\$35,000
Vice President of Finance and Administration	John Blake	\$35,000	\$31,900
Director of Development	George Baughman	\$27,600	\$27,600
Director of PICS	Leonard Harlow	\$19,200	\$22,800
Vice President of Student Affairs	Thomas Aceto	\$33,500	\$30,000
Registrar	John Collins	21,400	\$22,400
Director of Admissions	James Harmon	\$26,000	\$22,500
Director of Residential Life	Ross Moriarty	\$26,200	\$19,500
Director of Physical Plant	Alan Lewis	\$23,500	\$23,700
Director of Equal Employment	JoAnne Fritsche	\$21,700	\$21,600
Director of Library	James MacCampbell	\$25,800	\$25,400
Athletic Director	Harold Westerman	\$28,600	\$26,300
Dean of Arts and Sciences	Karl Webb	\$36,600	\$33,200
Dean of Business	William Devino	\$33,200	\$33,000
Dean of Education	Robert Cobb	\$29,500	\$35,500
Acting Graduate Dean	currently unfilled	\$34,300	\$35,700

He's got the Hill but not the snow

by Jon Prichard
Staff Writer

Washington, D.C. isn't all fun and games, the weather stinks, and he misses Maine, but according to Mike Worden, Legislative Aide to Representative Olympia Snowe, the experience makes it worthwhile.

Worden is a 21-year old UMO undergraduate student from Dexter who went to the capital on the university's intern program. The program gives qualified students the chance to work in Washington with one of Maine's congressmen.

Sensing the opportunities for him in Washington, he decided to stay when his internship with Bill Cohen ended. Later, he accepted a job as Legislative Aide to Olympia Snowe.

"I took the job because there was an opening, and I was from the right district," Worden explained.

As a legislative aide, Worden's responsibilities include "correspondence, drafting of bills, working on research projects, and stuff like that," he said.

"It's not always interesting," Worden said, adding that "Right now things are picking up though, because of legislation started in August. Things are becoming pretty busy."

Worden, who is presently finishing his degree at George Washington University, noted that there are relatively few people without degrees working at the capital. "I feel pretty lucky," he said.

He added there are a lot of young people working there.

"On Olympia Snowe's staff the average age is maybe 25," he said.

One of the advantages of living in the city is that one can live near one's job.

"I just live three blocks from the capitol so I usually just roll out of bed to get to work," Worden said.

Another "plus" of the city is the culture Washington offers, he said.

In his spare time the city is full of things to do, Worden noted. "There's opera. I'm just two blocks from a Shakespearean playhouse. There are museums and I think probably more bars per capita here than any place in the U.S.," he said.

"But," he added, "I miss Maine, especially the fall and winter."

Winters in Washington are bland and rainy, he said.

"Last year we got one foot of snow and all the businesses had to close because nobody could get anyplace," he said.

"I like to ski, but down here there's not much chance for it," he said.

The better to see you

(ZNS) This sounds just a wee bit suspicious: students at Northern Illinois University at Dekalb have formed what they call the "Society for the Prevention of Glaucoma."

High Times magazine reports that the membership's activities consist primarily

of "reducing intraocular pressure as much as possible with high-test weed."

Fourteen states, including Illinois, have legalized marijuana for medical purposes, including for its use in treating the eye disease glaucoma.

Seniors!!

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opinion

Cold pizza

An Allan K. Brown, listing 306 Murray Hall as his return address, recently wrote a letter to this newspaper suggesting stories we could cover and ways we could improve our newspaper. Thank you, Allan.

UMO people complain when their Bears' Den pizza is cold, when tuition

prices are too high and when there are potholes in our roads, but they rarely squawk about their school newspaper.

Allan K. Brown did, however. He realizes the way to get a better product is to demand it, whether it's pizza or newspaper.

Until we hear from the rest of you, we will assume all is peachy.

D.W.

Technical difficulty

The list is getting pretty long. The number of administrators on this lovely, rural campus whose minds are as closely tuned to student needs as their bodies are to Dallas continues to grow.

The latest entry into the ever-crowding field is Arthur O. Guesman, chairman of the journalism and broadcasting department. His bureaucratic finesse has enabled 14 students to experience the joys of re-scheduling a class.

Guesman said he assumed the Maine Public Broadcasting lab would be available to Friday afternoon broadcasting classes (Oddly, Guesman tells his students never to assume anything. 'Do as I say, not as I do,' it seems).

"I fouled up and the students are now paying for it," Guesman explained to non-pacified

students the other day. "I should have checked, but didn't."

This same type of don't-worry-I'll-get-it-right-the-next-time approach has accounted for long lines and add-drop headaches.

Guesman's blunder affects only 14 students. To some, the mistake only means suffering through a Saturday morning lab they hadn't anticipated.

To a few others, however, the goof could mean delayed graduation or not being able to take a course they'd wanted.

So Arthur Guesman takes his place alongside a list of UMO administrators fast approaching the list of Ms in the New York City phone directory.

Mistakes do happen, but they will give reason to chuckle the next time we are told how desperately their makers need a pay raise.

D.W.

Richard Obrey

Country club

The joke is on you, UMO. For years, you've believed your own horror stories about BCC. Gerald Rafshoon couldn't have improved our image. Telling someone you lived at BCC brought more sympathy than if you'd been placed on academic probation.

But no more pity, please. We don't need it. Things are different at the Club now. The good is getting better.

Residential Life has made some important changes. A Living/Learning center is planned for the dorms housing BCC students. The tripling of freshmen in Orono has left a stable population of older UMO students, transfers and readmits. And the residential life offices have been moved into a dorm, bringing them closer to the residents.

The Student Union is now managed by the people at Student Affairs, as is the Memorial Union. The BCC Union, a converted Officer's Club, offers many of the same services as its UMO counterpart. We see the same movies you do, the day before. The Union contains a Pub, gameroom, and a ballroom that is the site of dances, concerts, and even semi-formals for UMO dorms and fraternities.

Our tennis courts are lit. The new Universal weight machine, purchased by the BCC Student Senate, is available to all students, free. And BCC's hockey team, intramural champs two years ago, was just the beginning. Look for other BCC teams to journey north this year.

The food in Brewer Commons is not always appreciated, but I think it is usually superior to that found at UMO (if only Murph would let us have more than one cookie at lunch). Hilltop may have an ice cream machine, but we've got tomatoes in our salads.

The Club is not without its shortcomings. The bus ride. It's hard to say something good about the bus ride. It's even harder to put up with it every morning. But it does let us go 'home from school' every day, it's free, and on a clear day you can see Mt. Katahdin from the Stillwater exit (how's that for rationalization?).

This has not been an objective essay, and will not be without its detractors, both here and at UMO (the guys in 309 will think I'm crazy).

It was written from the viewpoint of an Orono student living at BCC, who still has to convince himself occasionally that he was right to stay here for two, going on three, years.

Life in a converted Air Force barracks is not for everyone. But there is a healthy core of people and possibilities at BCC, if you just look under the surface.

I looked. I liked.

The next time someone mentions they live at BCC, don't offer sympathy. Ask for directions.

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Dorothy G. Singer

Zombies

Is television changing human consciousness? Is it possible that the rapid pace of presentation, the quick shifts of focus, the speeded-up blend of visual, musical, and verbal material that characterize American TV may actually be impeding our capacities for sustained attention, deliberate thought, and private imagery?

The great power and attraction of television is that it circumvents the effortful translation from words to images. Television becomes our imagination, and in a sense, almost eliminates the necessity for thought.

The current format of American television is designed to hold the attention of the viewer on a small screen in the home, where other competing household interests might easily distract one from watching the set. By its novelty and rapid shifts of material, television engages the "orienting reflex," that is, our irresistible tendency to turn our eyes toward moving stimuli.

So rapidly does television material come at us that it defies the capacities of our brain to store much of it unless we actively turn our attention from the set and engage in some kind of mental rehearsal. Only in the instant "replay" of sports programming does the medium itself consciously abet the human requirement for reduplication.

Contrast this with the situation of reading. You are in control of the pace. You can reread a sentence, turn back to an earlier page and take the time to piece together combinations of images and words.

We're not so naive as to believe that television can be eliminated from the household, as some suggest. Rather, we see the necessity for encouraging producers to free themselves from the assumption that the rapid-paced, quick-cut format whether directed at children or adults, is a necessity. We need slower-moving programs, more sustained images, less frenetic activity.

Television could be a tremendously valuable source of information as well as entertainment. Television could stimulate thought rather than produce a kind of mindless staring.

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Service

Hi,

To all the freshmen, welcome to UMO — and to the upperclassmen, welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer...even if

Life at the Big O

Dan Warren

Were the Presidential election held today, I might vote for Jimmy Carter.

(Pause at typewriter; dodge thrown vegetables; resume typing).

Having written in Donald Duck on the 1976 ballot, I am perhaps an unlikely soldier to come to the President's defense.

But with the nation's columnists and cartoonists hosting a gala pigpile upon his frail body, the country must be reminded Jimmy Carter can, on most mornings, wash and dress himself.

A sampling of his achievements: Unemployment—Some 95 million Americans are working, the most ever. He knows being out of a job has social and mental costs, not just financial.

Energy—He continues to push for solar and coal power. Congress, a subsidiary of Mobil Oil, doesn't.

Foreign policy—He has helped avert a Middle East war and secured China as a major ally and trade partner. He has helped the boat people. And he's also concerned about the rights of Rhodesians, not just the good they produce for 40 cents an hour.

Hospital cost containment—Candidate Carter pledged health costs affordable for everyone. Congress, however, continues playing house with the American Medical Association.

Campaign finance reform—He wants more public financing, average citizens are losing their voice. Which corporations own your representative?

Regarding inflation and energy, this is a bad time to be President. OPEC is at its strongest, and oil drives up the cost of living. Carter proposes conservation through higher prices. People scream. He has us conserve by turning down air

it was too short. With another year ahead of us, I'd like to introduce you to Gamma Sigma Sigma, the National Service Sorority. Our chapter is part of a nation-wide organization of women united by the ideals of service, friendship, and equality. We strive to serve the individual, the campus, and the community in a variety of ways.

In one way or another everyone will eventually come in contact with our projects, some of which include:

- Weekly Bloodbanks
- International Students
- Organizational Fair
- Concessions
- WMPBN Tours
- Children's Literacy (R.I.F)
- Homes Unlimited (home for handicapped adults)
- Easter Baskets for underprivileged adults
- Fashion Show for M.S.
- See Maine in Action
- Music for UNICEF
- Coat-checking
- Casino Night (for handicapped van)
- Big Brother/Big Sister program

Our chapter has received national recognition for our outstanding service record, as well as a Gamma Sigma Sigma Week declared last year by Gov. Longley. If you are interested in getting involved, helping others, meeting new people, and having a great time, then you should definitely consider Gamma Sigma Sigma. I welcome you to attend our information session on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 in your respective complexes (look for posters in your dorms for locations). You are also invited to a sub dinner on Monday Sept. 24 in the basement of Cumberland at 5:00. This would be a great opportunity to meet some of the sisters and have any of your questions answered. If you would like any further information stop by or give me a call. Hope to hear from you soon!

Take Care,

Mary Beth Callahan
2nd Vice President
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Selling of the president



conditioners. People scream. He can't win.

People react to him the way they react to the ancient messenger who brought bad news; they cut off his head—once a month in the Gallup Polls.

Carter is also a victim of the times with the strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT) talks. In 1972, SALT I passed the Senate 88-2.

Today, SALT II fights for its life. Carter, too.

Statisticians, however, can't document Carter's best trait—compassion.

One night this summer, demonstrators marched outside the White House, protesting deaths of boat people. President Carter walked out to the front gate, climbed it and

talked with them.

Were John Connally President, he too might go to the front gate to meet with protesters, but only if he couldn't reach them with his sling shot from the front porch.

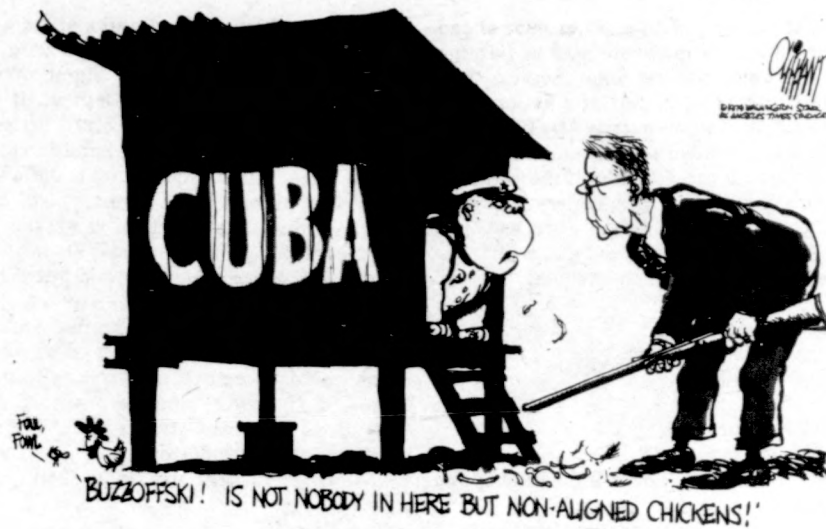
Carter is hurt most by his inability to speak forcefully before large crowds. He is modest. Ted Kennedy's modest, too. Had Kennedy been President and achieved some of Carter's laurels, he would also celebrate quietly.

Perhaps by having aides etch his face into Mt. Rushmore.

If Jimmy Carter's not re-elected, his policies should be the reason, not his PR.

As it stands, he is a better choice than Connally, Kennedy or any of the other Disney characters.





Update

Seniors achieving

AUGUSTA — Participation by 1979 Maine graduating seniors in national achievement tests given last fall is nearly triple the national average, according to the report of the College Board given to the Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

"I view this as an indicator that our students must feel competent to take these tests," said MDECS Commissioner Harold Reynolds Jr.

The Achievement Tests (ACH) are designed to assess the skills students have developed in a particular subject and their ability to apply that knowledge to new materials and situations.

In Maine, 56 percent of the graduation seniors took at least one ACH along with the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Nationally, 19 percent of the students took the ACH. In the New England region, 39 percent took the ACH. In other regions of the country the percentages fall into the single numbers, according to the College Board report.

Payments delayed

BANGOR — A superior court justice talked with officials of the Regis Paper Co. yesterday about payments to people whose vegetables were poisoned by herbicide spray.

Justice Edward Stern asked the company to delay sending the payments for the damages when a group of citizens filed a \$100 million damage suit against St. Regis and a helicopter company.

Stern reviewed the release forms, which people must sign before receiving payments. The forms protect St. Regis from being sued by people after the damage payment is made for the vegetables.

Four pounds seized

BUNSWICK — Brunswick Police said two persons were arraigned in district court yesterday on charges of drug trafficking in connection with the seizure of four pounds of marijuana.

Richard Gallant, 39, and Lee-Ann Russ, 18, both of Brunswick, were arrested Monday night following what police described as a four-to-five month investigation.

Detective Kenneth Taylor said Gallant was charged with four counts of marijuana trafficking, and Ms. Russ with one count.

Petition bogus

AUGUSTA — The Maine secretary of state's office has thrown out a substantial number of signatures on petitions aimed at repealing a ban on slot machines.

James Henderson said yesterday that more than one-third of the 866 signatures examined so far have been declared invalid.

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L.A. buses move

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles commuters breathed a sign of relief yesterday when they were able to board buses for the first time in more than three weeks.

Striking mechanics agreed to a strike moratorium while negotiators tried to clear the air over the proposed sub-contracting work to outside companies.

Houston torn

Houston—Texas officials reported a tornado swooped down in a heavily populated residential section of West Houston yesterday, damaging at least ten homes.

While no deaths were reported, ambulances and fire equipment have been sent to the scene.

Uranium missing

Washington—A nuclear fuel plant in Tennessee has been ordered immediately shut down until some 19 pounds of missing uranium can be found.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered the shut-down and fuel inventory after the plant reported the loss of "high-enriched" uranium, which can be used in making nuclear weapons.

Economy boosted

PHILADELPHIA — An official of the National Association of Realtors said an "insatiable demand" for housing will lift the economy far enough to offset a recession in the coming months.

"While there's been a lot of talk about recession, there has been very little diminution of used house sales," said Ralph Pritchard, president-elect of N.A.R.

Rationing possible

Washington—House and Senate conferees reached agreement on a compromise formula to give President Carter authority to ration gasoline.

Under the legislation, rationing could be imposed only with congressional approval. Leaders of the conference committee said they think the full House and Senate will adopt the legislation while and administration official said the White House will also go along with it.

Hospital funded

(ZNS) The Ontario provincial government in Canada — in what is believed to be a medical first — has granted a hospital \$26,000 to help pay the salary and operating expenses of an Indian "Medicine Man."

According to one medical advisor at the Woods Hospital in Kenora, Ontario, the "medicine man" — named George Counsellor — was hired because doctors at the hospital complained that they couldn't help Indians with mental and emotional problems because of the cultural and communications barriers.

Counsellor admits that he cannot cure cancer or diabetes. He says, however, he can treat some physical disorders with the use of herbs and that he substitutes visions, rituals and offerings for the diagnostic techniques and medications of medical doctors when it comes to treating

emotional problems.

Counsellor's approach to treatment is said to have the full support of the hospital's medical staff.

Asylum granted

LOS ANGELES — The "Los Angeles Times" said Monday's defection of the two Bolshoi ballet stars actually began Sunday night, at the end of the troupe's final American performance.

Leonid Koslov used the commotion of the last curtain call to contact an unidentified American intermediary. Koslov and his wife then reportedly slipped through the tight Soviet security and spent the night with their American friend. The paper said the friend called the Los Angeles Police, who in turn put the Koslovs in protective custody Monday and called immigration officials.

The State Department announced Monday night that it had granted the two dancers political asylum.

Accidents halved

(ZNS) The safety manager of the Yellow Cab Co. in Denver, Colo. says that using biorhythm charts has helped cut down taxi cab accidents by 50 percent in that city.

Roy Collins began computerizing the biorhythms of his cabbies two-and-a-half years ago.

The biorhythm theory says basically that everyone has three continuous life cycles — a 23-day physical cycle, a 28-day emotional cycle and a 33-day intellectual cycle which begins at birth.

The theory is that at certain times, each cycle reaches a critical state when a person is not operating at her or his best level. On some days, two of the cycles may be critical, and on rare occasions, all three cycles are critical.

Collins says that when a driver has a critical day, she or he is strongly encouraged simply to take the day off. He reports that as a result, Yellow Cab accidents in the city of Denver over the past two-and-a-half years have been virtually cut in half.

Collins says that the biorhythm program has been so successful, the company is beginning to program the biorhythm charts of other members of the cabbies' families.

Plan unveiled

ZIMBABWE, Rhodesia — Guerilla leaders at the Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace talks in London unveiled a plan yesterday to oust Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa.

The plan of the patriotic front called for an eight-member governing council, with the nationalist guerrillas holding half the seats and effective control.

Muzorewa's delegation was unable to accept the guerrilla plan.

Texan hogs gas

(ZNS) Getting in a gas line behind Don Hanson of Colleyville, Texas, could be enough to push gas-hungry motorists right over the edge.

The mechanic, who installs oversized fuel tanks for a living, fitted his own truck with a giant tank, long before gas lines lengthened and prices soared.

When Hanson says, "fill it up," he's talking about 191 gallons worth.

Hanson's customers pay up to \$339 for one of his customized jobs. One trip to the gas station is good for 2,800 miles worth of gas — and ulcers for the gas jockey who has to wait behind Hanson on line.

Waste shipped

(ZNS) It turns out that much more radioactive waste than expected is being shipped across the continent from Pennsylvania's damaged Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant to the state of Washington for disposal.

According to earlier reports, somewhere in the "neighborhood" of 200 shipments would be required to transfer the low-level radioactive wastes to the Hanford Nuclear Dump near Richland, Wash.

Now, however, a new report released by the Bechtel Corp. indicates that more than 2,700 shipments will be trucked from Pennsylvania all the way to Hanford for burial.

Airline finds cracks

NEW YORK — Air Canada said it was a stress crack in a rear bulkhead that apparently caused a tail section to fall off a DC-9 over the Atlantic Monday.

The airline said it was examining all 43 of its DC-9s when they found a crack in the tail of one plane that has since been grounded.

Sex prescribed

(ZNS) Sex may some day be prescribed instead of pain relieving drugs for people suffering from arthritis.

A doctor and a specialist on human relations says that sexual activity can temporarily relieve the pain of arthritis.

Dr. Jessie Potter, director of the national institute for human relationships in Chicago, reports that sex stimulates the adrenal glands to produce additional cortisone, and says Potter, "This alone provides from four to six hours of relief from arthritic pain."

Potter's sex prescription was made before about 450 patients and professionals who attended a "Women and Arthritis" conference in Chicago. Three times as many women as men suffer from arthritis.

Complaint filed

DEARBORN, Mich. — City lawyers have filed a formal complaint attempting to stop an ancient Islamic chant which is broadcast over a loudspeaker at sunrise.

The chant, which calls Muslims to prayer in the mosque at 5:30 a.m., was said to violate an ordinance prohibiting unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noise" between midnight and 7 a.m.

Parrot poached

You've heard of "man-bites-dog" stories. Well...here's a grandmother-bites-bird story.

Police in Chicago are reporting that a 31-year-old woman has admitted to stealing her neighbor's pet parrot.

When asked what the young woman did with the missing fowl, the admitted birdnapper confessed that she killed it, cooked it and fed it to her 96-year-old grandmother.

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Black colleges advised to regain losses suffered from years of segregated education

by Kenneth B. Clark

About 18 years ago, I stated to a group of Negro college presidents my belief that almost all Negro colleges should face the fact that they were not able to function on a single standard collegiate level because most, if not all, of their students were the victims of segregated and inferior elementary and secondary education.

I suggested that these Negro "colleges" reorganize their facilities, curricula, methods, and staff to face this fact head-on. Specifically, I suggested that these schools become academies with the educational objective of seeking to compensate for the previous 12 years of educational inferiority and prepare their students for a single standard high level of collegiate, graduate, and professional education.

These suggestions were rejected then and probably will be rejected now for many reasons — not the least of which is the matter of maintenance of the pretense of status associated with the designation "college." The fact that a college degree from most black colleges is a racially determined double-standard, non-competitive degree had to be subordinated to the vested interests inherent in the maintenance of American racism.

A clearer perspective concerning the depth and persistence of American racism as it dominates American education requires a re-examination and a search for additional specific interim roles and responsibilities for predominantly black colleges.

First, they must still seek to compensate for the educational deficit resulting from the 12 years of segregated and inferior education that were imposed upon the majority of their black students. This compensatory educational role cannot be accomplished by words, or by the rhetoric of such terms as "enrichment," "compensatory," "remedial," or "special educational programs which set clear, obtainable standards and which insist on their attainment as indicated by the measured achievement of the students.

The fundamental purpose of these compensatory programs has to be build in

our black students the foundation necessary to make them truly competitive in future academic, vocational, and professional careers, and to provide them with the substance and the solidity essential for a productive and gratifying life.

Such a program, if successful, would remove from many of our young black people the necessity for the posturings, the pretenses, and the mouthings of the rhetoric of pride which pathetically lack the substance of genuine pride which pathetically lack the substance of genuine pride based upon achievement.

Black colleges can facilitate and deepen the meaning of education for their students by involving them in programs designed to deal directly with the problems that blacks must face and solve in their communities.

This role of black colleges would not only provide them with a valuable community educational laboratory in the model of the agricultural extension programs of the land-grant colleges of the past; it would also give meaning and substance — and a demonstration of the inextricability of trained intelligence and social responsibility — to a college education.

A successful college-community cooperative program would add an empathic, socially sensitive dimension to education in America which all levels of American education now seriously lack.

This dual responsibility, or obligation, which the continuation of American racism now imposes upon black colleges, is indeed a formidable one. I have no illusions that it will be easy to accomplish.

Neither do I believe that a majority of black colleges, their executives, their faculties, or their administrations will eagerly embrace this difficult task. Problems of status and of posturings at the expense of substance and honesty can be expected to prevail in a majority of institutions organized and controlled by mere mortal human beings.

If it is my belief, however, that only through this kind of drastic educational re-examination, reorganization, and insistence will we be able to raise the quality of education in our predominantly black



schools and colleges to the point where black students will be able upon graduation to compete on a single standard of academic ability with students from more privileged segments of our society.

If we do not move toward and obtain this goal, our black colleges, for the most part, will remain a cruel hoax and crumbling monuments to the continued and deepening racism of American society.

It is a puzzling fact that in the last quarter of the 20th century, 25 years after the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision, reasonable Americans are still talking about American education in terms

of racial qualifications.

Otherwise intelligent Americans — black and white — still talk, act, and vote in terms of "white" schools and "black" colleges, as if these terms and the incredible realities they reflect are God-ordained.

Kenneth B. Clark's pioneering research on segregated education became the scholarly foundation for the N.A.A.C.P.'s litigation leading to the Brown decision. He is now a partner in the consulting firm of Clark, Phipps, Clark and Harris. This article first appeared in Southern Exposure. This essay was excerpted from Chronicle of Higher Education.

Art and Paul may reunite

(ZNS) Singer and actor Art Garfunkle says he believes he and his former partner, Paul Simon, just might do another album together.

Garfunkle, in a recent interview, stressed that there are no plans at the present for the Simon and Garfunkle team to be reunited.

He stated, however, that he and Simon have been friends since they were both 10-years-old, and that he can't rule out the possibility of a reunion. Said Garfunkle — in his words — "If you asked me if I'm open to what might happen, I'd say, 'I'm very interested in what the future holds.'"

I'll tell you this though, I do believe there is at least one more good album in us."

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Police Blotter

by Dave Prudden
Staff writer

A foul-up in the pay phones on campus caused all the phones to fail to complete any calls and to return no money. When the problem was realized, the right switch was hit in Orono, and all the phones started spewing out the accumulated change to any lucky person who happened to be standing nearby.

A Pat's Pizza truck had a pizza warmer taken from it while delivering pizzas on campus. The warmer had no pizzas in it.

A car was observed driving on the lawns by the York Village Apartments. The driver, under the influence of alcoholic beverages, was caught and will be billed for the incident.

Lengyl Gym area sustained a bit of damage. A screen on the building was ripped, a field hockey goal was broken and a car did a few turns on the lawn.

The long stretch of lawn in front of

the canons along College Avenue sustained about \$500 damage when an unidentified car did continuous circles the length of the grass.

A possible assault with a deadly weapon is being investigated involving an incident at Sigma Chi. Three men, sitting in the house watching t.v. were fired at through a window.

An unknown person set fire to a door in York Hall.

Two clocks were stolen from York Hall, one from first floor and one from third floor.

Three hit-and-run accidents were reported, involving a Pinto near Chadbourne, a Subaru near York Village Apartments, and a Chevrolet in Cutler Health Center parking lot.

A bong and some pot were confiscated from a party in Knox Hall.

Three bicycles were stolen, a checkbook with no identification was taken and a wallet with \$50 was taken from Cumberland Hall. The wallet was returned to the news counter in the Union without the money.

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Text of arsonist's confession

'I'm not insane or a crank ...'

To Whoever it Concerns:

I've had something I've been wanting to get off my mind now for several years, and since the statutes of limitations have expired, I thought that this would be an appropriate time to do just that.

Back in April or May of 1972, I was responsible for the fire with totally destroyed the Orono Campus Dairy Facility. After the Campus Police initially investigated the incident they ruled it as an accidental fire by a "non-student male and an off campus female who may have been smoking in the hay lost."

The only accurate part of that conclusion was that, I was a non student male and the woman was an off campus female.

The true facts of the matter are:

On the night that the dairy facility burned to the ground, this young lady (I can't remember her name and it's not all that important) and I were drinking heavily. We walked about the Orono campus until we arrived at the dairy facility in which we then decided to have a romp in the hay loft.

Once up in the hay lost the two of us became involved in a little love making, but after a certain point, this young lady decided it was time to stop. She became upset and started yelling - so I left the barn's hay loft and returned to the Graduate Student Dorm known at the time as Esterbrook. After awhile I became worried that I may have left something behind in the hay loft, so I returned to look for things. I found the girls slacks that she had left behind after I had left, and in the slacks were (2), two twenty dollar bills. I

took the slacks and the money, and returned them to this girl - then, on my way back from her house I walked by the Dairy Facility again. For some reason I was in a tempermental mood, and I walked back

into the building - up to the hay loft and I intentionally and deliberately set the hay on for fire. I came down from the hay loft and I believe I was observed by a campus

security officer, and at that point I ran back to Esterbrook Hall, and entered in through a back door that I had left jimmied, so I could enter the building without having to

'Intentionately and deliberately set the hay on for fire'

go through the front desk entrance. I then returned to my brothers room, and because of my state of intoxication - I passed out until later the next morning.

When I awoke my brother informed me of the huge fire, that destroyed because I love animals. I heard cows. I felt bad about the animals being killed, damage was upwards of \$400,000.00, I heard on the radio that morning.

A few days later, the campus police had tied me into "being in the hay loft and the surrounding area," and I was questioned at the campus police dept, by a police officer who lived in Veasey - just down the road from Orono. He tried to insist at the time that I had intentionally set the building on fire by smoking in the hay loft.

For some reason, I was able to lie good enough to convince him that I didn't start it on fire intentionally. This officer also questioned me about the girl and the incident with her. And he concluded that it was accidental.

I had heard over the radio, as I was driving down the main street towards Bangor with my steady girlfriend Dawn Girard, who lived in Knox Dormitory - that the fire was ruled "accidental by a non-student male, and an off campus female smoking in the hay loft area."

A few weeks after this happened, I was arrested by campus police officers for an incident in the Knox Dormitory, and I was charged with several counts of aggravated assaults, trespassing and other charges.

The main reason for my doing this, was to clear my conscience of this wrong doing, to clear your records and to get them straight. I feel safe in doing this because of the statutes of limitations has expired, and

that the charges were eventually dropped - and from the context of this letter, that

you'll know that all I've said in this letter, are true facts. I'm not insane or a crank just confessing to any old thing - I wouldn't wait nearly 8 yrs. to do so if that was the case. But I'm sure that if any of the officers who questioned me are still employed at eh Orono campus - they'll remember my by my name alone, because they showed em

distinct "hate" for me when the aggravated assault charges against me were dropped. To those of you who may remember - my name is Bruce E. Longo of New Hampshire. I'm sure that this alone will tell you that what I'm saying in this letter is true - your records and this letter will piece the event together correctly.

"...the fire was ruled 'accidental by a non-student male, and an off-campus female smoking in the hay loft area...'"

plus the fact that I am now in prison in Colorado, and I will be here until February of 1987. So I feel completely safe that the State of Maine can't and won't file charges against me for this.

I also intend to send copies of this letter to the Orono campus newspaper and the Bangor newspaper. I feel that everyone who may remember the night of that fire, should know the true circumstances behind that.

I know after you check your records of that fire, the incident at Knox dormitory

However, if you have any further questions about this incident that I haven't answered - feel free to write to me, and I'll answer any and all questions you may have about it to the best of my knowledge. However, you'll have to address it under my alias name of: Gerry Michael De Normandie

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Ethics courses proliferating at universities

by Karen J. Winkler
Chronicle of Higher Education

Courses on ethics are proliferating at the undergraduate level and in professional schools, educators were told here last month.

"Interest in applied and professional ethics has been spreading rapidly in higher education," said Daniel Callahan, director of the Hastings Center, a private research institution in New York.

The center's Institute of Society, Ethics, and the Life Sciences has been conducting a two-year survey of the teaching of ethics in colleges and universities. Financed by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the study covers law, medicine, business, journalism, public policy and administration, engineering, and the social sciences. It also looks at the place of ethics in undergraduate education.

Ethics was central to the entire college curriculum in the 19th century, but by the 20th century virtually no courses were offered outside departments of religion and philosophy. Mr. Callahan told the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism here.

Late in the 1960's the picture began to change. Interest first re-awakened in medical ethics and bio-ethics and "then spread well beyond the medical schools," Mr. Callahan said.

At the undergraduate level, his student found three areas of marked growth: science, technology, and ethics; pre-professional ethics; and humanities and ethics.

The largest increase in ethics courses has taken place in the sciences. The

Hastings Center has identified more than 2,000 such courses in colleges around the country. Half of those are in bio-ethics, which deals with such topics as abortion, genetic counseling and engineering, the use of human beings as research subjects, and the manipulation of human behavior by medical or technological means.

The teaching of ethics has also spread rapidly in professional schools, Mr. Callahan said. Such pre-professional courses usually stress specific moral dilemmas and cases.

Almost every medical school offers a course in bio ethics, he said, and more than 90 percent of the law schools give courses in professional responsibility. Courses in business and journalism ethics are the next most prevalent.

The Hastings Center study also found that ethical questions were being introduced more and more commonly into humanities courses.

In contrast, only a handful of social-science programs treat ethics, according to the Hastings Center report. There has been considerable discussion of ethical questions in social-science research — such as the use of deception in social-psychology experiments, the uses and abuses of survey results, and the moral dilemmas of anthropology fieldwork — but "there seems to be outright hostility to giving ethics a place in graduate social-science curricula," Mr. Callahan said. His study identified only 100 such courses.

In all the disciplines, "there is still a considerable degree of ambivalence towards teaching ethics in any formal way," Mr. Callahan told the conference. "Everybody says, 'Yes ethics is

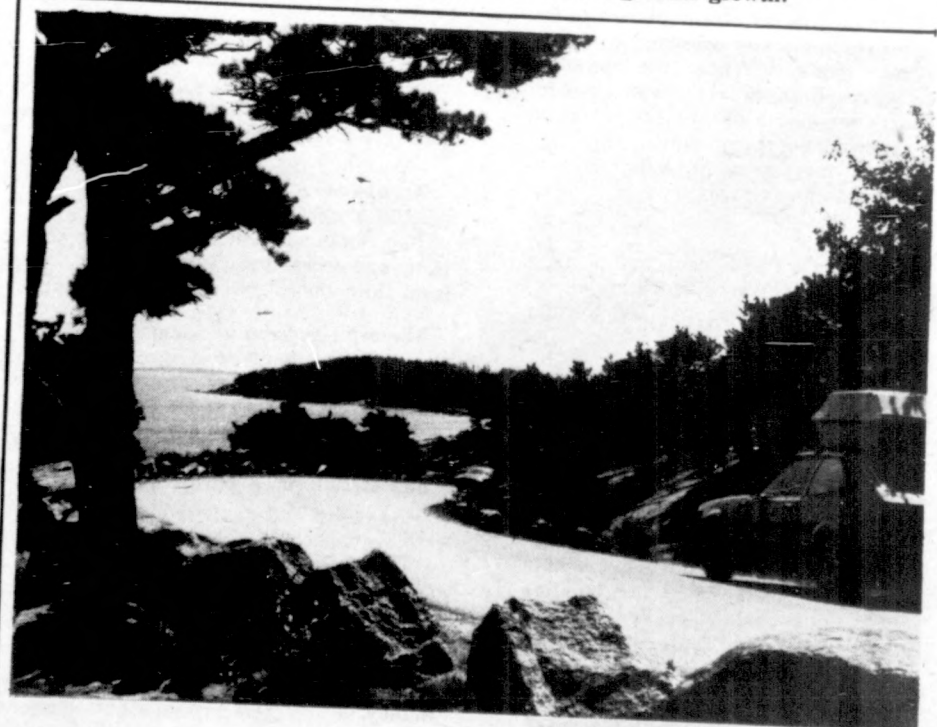
important,' but it is not necessarily something that can be put in a curriculum," he added.

He said many educators feared that "teaching ethics could become moralizing, a mere stuffing of rules down students' throats."

As a result, Mr. Callahan said, most undergraduate ethics courses are electives.

In professional schools, he added, they are rarely considered central to the curriculum and are usually taught by faculty members with little or no formal training in ethics.

"Practically every place we went we found that those teaching ethics were struggling uphill," Mr. Callahan said. "But we have strong hopes for the future — we see gradual growth."



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Epic is monumental flop

by Marc Green
"Books and Arts"

Is it possible to discuss "Apocalypse Now" in anything less than apocalyptic terms?

Francis Ford Coppola's monumental Vietnam epic has been so rumored about, so argued about, so written about for so long that anyone who sees the finished product — or at least what now passes for the finished product — is bound to feel more like the privileged witness to some historic event than like a spectator at a mere movie.

An extravagant, ambitious, insistently self-important opus by the most gifted film-maker of his generation practically demands to be judged on a scale that matches its intentions and scope. It is not surprising that most commentators so far have felt compelled to choose between pronouncing the film either a towering masterpiece or a colossal flop.

Unfortunately, such hyperbole tends to misrepresent the more complicated responses to the film that, I suspect, most viewers are likely to have.

There is no question that "Apocalypse Now" is a dazzling technical achievement, an extraordinary melding of visual and aural effects. Whether it succeeds as well as a piece of storytelling or as drama is another matter.

Loosely — very loosely — based on Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*,

"Apocalypse Now" traces the quest, both physical and spiritual, for a renegade Special Forces commander named Kurtz (Marlon Brando), who, aided by a loyal corps of Montagnards and fugitive G.I.'s, is carrying on his own guerrilla campaign from a remote fortress in the Cambodian jungle.

Captain Willard (Martin Sheen), taking the place of Conrad's narrator, Marlow, has been assigned to locate Kurtz and "terminate his command," the official euphemism for murder.

Although Coppola appears to have concentrated most of his energies on the construction of elaborate spectacles, the movie's best moments occur when the fireworks die down and he focuses in on a specific human incident.

Against Willard's judgment, the captain of the patrol boat taking him upriver insists on searching a native fishing junk encountered along the way. After the inspecting soldier panics and unloads his rifle on the astonished natives, one of them appears to be still alive.

The captain of the patrol boat orders that the woman be taken to a hospital, whereupon Willard peremptorily finishes her off. It is one of the few instances in which Willard seizes the opportunity to act, rather than merely to watch from the sidelines; and Coppola succeeds frighteningly well in subverting the viewer's conventional moral posture.



From the outset of his mission to assassinate the demonic Special Forces commander, Kurtz, Captain Willard (Martin Sheen, above) is portrayed as an equally demented dissipated soul.

Most of the film's difficulty arises from the depiction of Captain Willard himself. When we first meet him — strung out in a Saigon flea bag, still shuddering from the effects of his last assignment — the character is immediately defined as someone beyond the pale of common sanity.

Our attitude toward Willard is locked in place from the first time we see him, and it never substantially changes. His character is viewed throughout as a static entity, and that is what defeats it as a dramatic construct.

The climactic confrontation between Kurtz and Willard ought to be electrifying; instead, it seems murky and inert. By the time Willard discovers him, Brando's evil genius is already so dissipated that it is hard to believe he could have ever exercised the demonic power attributed to him through the course of Sheen's

protracted narration.

We have been repeatedly told about Kurtz's charismatic presence, but we never experience it. The sight of this spaced-out cipher reciting passages from "The Hollow Men" amid a welter of dangling corpses and severed heads is admittedly repulsive, but it fails to generate the sense of awe at the man's putative power that the story has so consistently promised.

Stripped of the momentum and the emotional complexities that have typified his best work, the movie stands as a collection of bravura pieces that, rather than illuminating "the horror, the madness, the sensuousness, and the moral dilemma of the Vietnam war" (to use Coppola's own words), seem designed to leave us mired in the darkness. It is a movie of frequently stunning parts, but one that finally adds up to something less than their sum.

Neither is portrayed as a villain, and it is easy to appreciate the Senator's sticky predicament — as well as those of the two women. Likewise, Tynan's chief adversary in the film's major political skirmish is an affable old-timer from Louisiana, Senator Birney (Melvyn Douglas).

Alda, whose two previous film performances in "California Suite" and "Same Time, Next Year" were adequate but less than compelling, finally lights up the screen with the combination of tough-minded idealism and inner tenderness that has made Hawkeye Pierce such an enduringly endearing character on television's "M*A*S*H."

Barbara Harris, an underrated actress for much too long, is stunning as Ellie, who must decide whether or not she can continue to play the games her husband's profession requires of her.

The scenes between Harris and Alda — at first, teasingly playful — become increasingly agonizing as they realize their marriage is on the rocks and their two teen-age children have abandoned them.

As for Meryl Streep, she continues to develop into one of the strongest female screen presences since, perhaps, Katherine Hepburn. In the role of Karen Traynor, Streep is witty and wise, shifting easily and believably from moments of supreme confidence to ones of mature vulnerability, her facial expressions saying far more than even a top-notch script — which this is not — could provide.

"The Seduction of Joe Tynan" is not one of the stronger stories about American politics to come out of Hollywood in recent years. But go see it for the acting.



Karen Traynor (Meryl Streep) and Sen. Joe Tynan (Alan Alda) huddle at a confirmation hearing for a controversial Supreme Court nominee.

Alan Alda stirs feelings

by William A. Sievert
"Books and Arts," editor

It comes as something of a surprise that the most appealing acting Alan Alda has accomplished on the large screen to date has arrived in a film in which he also makes his less than satisfying debut as a screenwriter.

Alda's script for "The Seduction of Joe Tynan" (originally to be titled "The Senator") lacks many of the insights into the ways American politicians acquire and accumulate power that distinguished "The Candidate" in 1972. But the depth of character and range of emotions Alda brings to the role of Sen. Joe Tynan, a bright, youthful liberal from New York, surpasses Robert Redford's solid performance as a bright, young, liberal senatorial candidate from California in that earlier film.

Alda's Joe Tynan is torn between his political ideals and his ambitions, between family life with the stoic wife of 19 years he still loves (Barbara Harris) and the rollicking romance he unexpectedly encounters with a brash, young, unhappily married civil-rights lawyer from the South (Meryl Streep).

Tynan's dilemmas, both personal and political, are tough ones. And, while the story of his struggles often lapses into predictability and oversimplification as it unfolds, the characters Alda has created for himself and his able cast are strong — and director Jerry Schatzberg has given the players plenty of room to run with their roles.

Both Tynan's wife, Ellie, an increasingly successful psychologist who finds political life despicable, and his mistress, Karen Traynor, who thrives on partisan battle, are credible, likable women.

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Volleyball team readies for season opener

by Dale McGarrigle
Staff writer

"UMO is always the team to beat" said volleyball Coach Janet Anderson, with confidence in her voice as she assessed the 1979 prospects.

Anderson has good reason to be confident; her teams have won the Maine State volleyball Championship six of the past eight years, finishing runner-up the other two years. Last season's squad won the Championship, with a 26-5 record overall, and a winning percentage of .839.

Anderson should be optimistic with the talent on this season's 12 woman roster. Returning from last year's team are hitters (spikers) Kathy Etter, Sabina Lindsay, Linda Smith, Mary Jane Ryan, and Karen Peterson, and setters Linda Scibilia and Carole Wise.

New faces are freshmen Lisa DeBruyckere (hitter) and Linda Kaczor (setter), sophomores Maureen Castles and Kamma Christianson (hitters), and junior transfer Lisa Ulwick, a hitter who played for Massachusetts Bay Community college, which handed Maine one of its few losses last season.

Coach Anderson will be making changes in her team's style of play due to the overall loss of height. "Since we've lost our six-footers, we can't rely on the awesomeness of the tall women at the net. We'll be very fast, using different plays at the net, and will be aggressive on defense. We'll be using five hitters and one setter."

What this means is that the three players at the net will be spikers, with the set coming from the back row.

Coach Anderson figures some of the team's strengths to be hitting power at the net, the ability to pass the ball, and aggressive defensive in terms of blocking shots. A weakness now is return of service.

The University of Maine at Farmington appears to be UMO's toughest competition in-state. The climax of the season will be the Rhode Island tournament Nov. 2-3. About the schedule, Coach Anderson commented, "The most exciting part of the season is the fact that we can put volleyball on display on the campus, and we can generate interest in volleyball. We've got five home matches, instead of the usual one or two. I think people will recognize volleyball as the active and exciting sport that it is."

The team has just started preseason after a long tryout period. The veteran coach noted, "Monday was our first practice. We went over new material. The players were discovering new positions, new responsibilities, and new motions to the net."

About the upcoming season, Coach Anderson postulated, "In-state, I'm certain we'll do well. The other teams are trying to beat us, so it keeps us up."

This weekend, the team travels to Waterville for the Bates Invitational Tournament. UMO will have to battle the University of Maine teams from Machias, Farmington, and Presque Isle, the University of Southern Maine, Husson, and Unity. "This tournament is a good in-state barometer. It gives us a chance to see the competition. It's our first exposure to the other teams, and we can see who has graduated, who didn't leave, and all the new people," Anderson added.

It's hard to say if UMO can have as good a season as last year but they're still very much the team to beat for the championship. Coach Anderson summed it up best, "These kids love volleyball. With that attitude, how can you lose?"

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Black Bear Football Notebook

by Scott Cole
Staff Writer

The Black Bear offensive attack will be minus the sting of its leading ground gainer when Jack Bicknell's 0-2 crew travels to Amherst for a Saturday date with the University of Massachusetts. Mike Edelstein, who

had to be led off the field late in the second quarter of the BU game is definitely out for Saturday's contest with the Minutemen. X-rays show that Edelstein has suffered a sprain

on the high part of his ankle and has been on crutches all week. Back-up quarterback Peter Ouellette is also hurting but is listed as a probable starter for Saturday.

Maine sports information director Bob Creteau has announced that beginning tomorrow night Black

Bear football game films from the previous week's contest will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the game room at the Penobscot Valley Country Club. Narrating the films is head coach Jack Bicknell.

Bicknell was once again faced with the battle of lifting his team's spirits early this week after Saturday's loss

to BU. At his weekly Tuesday press conference he said his Bears have the chance to be a good and decent team as long as they believe in themselves and hang through the

bad times. Summing the assessment of his team Bicknell stated "We'll be proud of this team by the season ends. 'They (his team) can't get discouraged and lose heart.'"

Women win tennis opener

by Scott Cole
Staff Writer

The UMO women's tennis team looks to boost their record to 2-0 today when they host Colby College at 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Courts.

Coach Eileen Fox's squad opened their season Monday against the University of Southern Maine in Gorham and swept the Huskies clean 5-0. Sophomore Pam Cohen played in the number one singles slot and

posted a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over Kelly Anderson. Amy Stanton came through with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Kathy Marshall in second singles and Leslie Phillips followed the act in third singles with a 6-0, 6-0 whitewashing of Melissa Brown. The domination continued in doubles as Kathie Curnick and Sue Black knocked off Lillie Needham and Mary McInness 6-2, 6-0. Jean Sylvester and Julie Dibiase rounded out Maine's impressive opener with a 6-2, 7-5 verdict over Sue Cummings and Lisa Kimball.

... Ditto for field hockey

The field hockey team came home from their first regular season game Monday with a 4-0 win over the University of Southern Maine.

Goal scorers in the game were Tricia Hartnett and Gwen Bown. Hartnett scored off a penalty stroke, and Bown had two goals assisted by Janet Hoskin and Diane Morrow.

Goalie Dot Johnston played the first half of the game, collecting three saves. Cheryl Kimball, who was in goal for most of the last half of the game, "did not see much action," according to Coach Deb Davis.

Golfers sixth in YC play

by John Toole
Staff writer

The University of Connecticut narrowly edged Vermont for the Yankee Conference golf championship, help Monday at the Stow Acres Country Club, in Stow, Massachusetts. UConn's winning score of 491 was good enough for a three-stroke victory over the Vermont squad.

Also trailing UConn were UMass at 501, Rhode Island at 503, UNH with 510, and the UMO Black Bears with a score of 523.

Medalist on the par 72 layout was Tom Glas of UNH, who fired a 76. Gerald Scott of Connecticut was the runnerup with a 77. Vermont's Mac Bigger placed third with a 79.

Posting the low score for the Black Bears was Dave Goyet with an 81.

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N.E. sports update

The Sox

The pennant hopes of the Boston Red Sox, virtually abandoned for the past couple of weeks, mercifully have been laid to rest. Although the Sox have been eliminated mathematically by the first place Baltimore Orioles, Manager Don Zimmer says the club is still trying to win. He says second place isn't like winning a pennant....But it's better than fourth.

The disappointing season apparently is taking its toll on the Red Sox players. Several of them now want reporters banned from the team bus because a story about some not-so-friendly hazing got into print. Manager Don Zimmer called a team meeting before Monday night's double-header split with Toronto to try and iron

things out. Zimmer says he was angry at some of the remarks from the back of the bus following the team's loss to Baltimore Sunday. According to Zimmer, he told the players to conduct themselves like men—not like children.

The Whalers

A series of fainting spells may keep Hartford Whalers veteran Gordie Howe from playing this season. The team doctor

said today he won't let the 51-year-old Howe practice until the results of further tests are in.

The Pats

New England always has been considered the cradle of American, democracy, and this coming Sunday, the New England Patriots will give another example why. The team wants its Schaefer stadium fans to decide whether a new team logo

should replace the crouching colonial soldier that has adorned patriots helmets since the club was started in 1960. At halftime, the Patriots will ask fans to stomp, cheer, clap or whistle while a decibel meter records their preference for the old logo or a new one. Both emblems will be painted on the artificial turf.

The Celts

Forward Curtis Rowe was put on waivers today by the Boston Celtics. Coach Bill Fitch said Rowe just wasn't in shape to play basketball.



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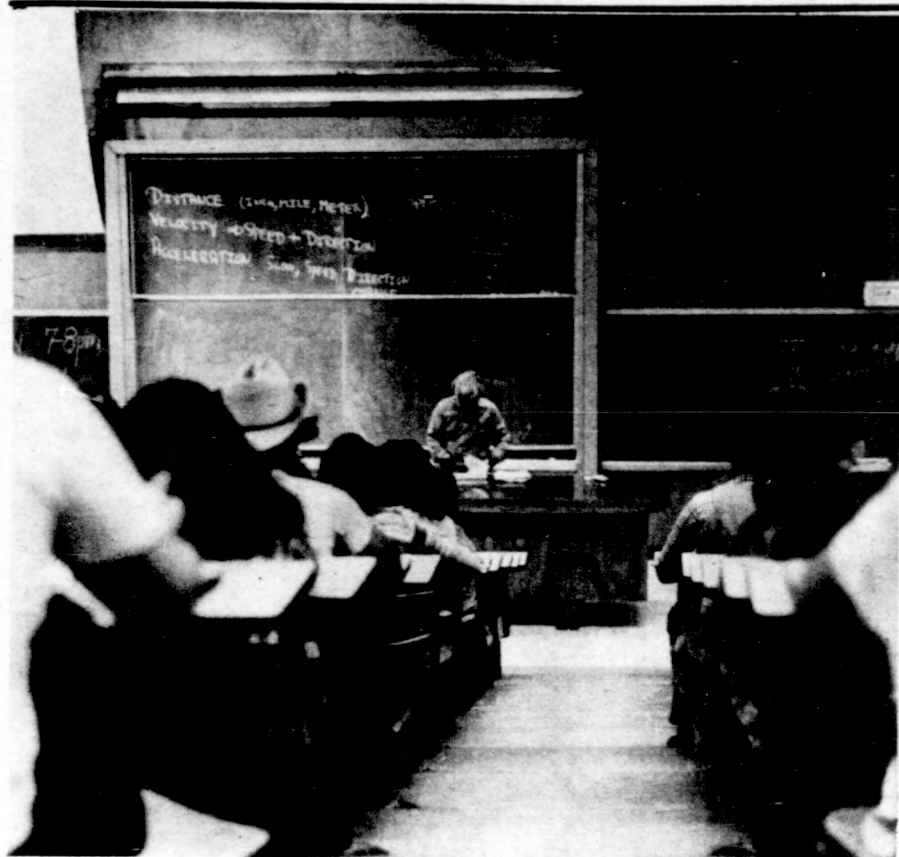
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Human Sexuality professor Lloyd Brightman talks to a full house.

[photo by Mitch Tarr]

This class scores sex

by Debbie Zeigler
Staff writer

Apparently, sex isn't all that simple. "I thought I was going to flunk because I got a 'D' on the first test. Wouldn't that be terrible if I flunked sex?" asked an

accounting major who took Human Sexuality (CF 116) during her junior year. CF 116, taught by Dr. Lloyd Brightman, is one of the most popular classes on campus and it's not just because of its interesting subject matter.

Not all students in the class are from the

school of human development.

"It'll clear up any myths I have of human sexuality," said Joyce Swearingen, a journalism major who is taking the class this fall. "Dr. Brightman teaches it very lightly. He doesn't care if you laugh, but he's serious about it, too," she said. "You can laugh and learn."

Patty Bartlett, a senior accounting major, took the course during her sophomore year.

"I took it because I wanted to find out the types of problems I might run into a man-woman relationship. It was an elective because I thought it would be interesting."

The class is taught with one lecture each week and several discussion groups led by graduate students, as one option of the class. Other options include a series of term papers on several subjects, or a major paper at the end of the semester.

"I try to teach it as a university academic course," Brightman said. "We talk about process, how things actually go, how things work."

The class attempts to explain the physical, social gender and relationship roles in human sexuality.

The class views films explaining various types of sexual involvements, such as sex between heterosexuals, homosexuals, the elderly and the handicapped.

"At first, the films were humorous," said one student. The class could see the films in a dark room where no one could see their expressions. They weren't porno flicks."

Brightman said there are several guest speakers scheduled to talk to the class on different topics. Abby Zimet, a columnist from the Bangor Daily News, will speak this month on what it is like growing up female in today's society. There also will be a nurse coming in to talk on birth control.

Another student, Karen Steiner, said, "I think everyone should take the course. Here we are, some of us seniors in college, and we don't know the truth about the human body."

"If more people knew about the human body, maybe it wouldn't seem so funny."

In the discussion groups, students discuss different matters dealing with sexual hang-ups and misconceptions.

"At first I was uncomfortable," Bartlett said. "But when I came to terms that this was reality and nothing to be ashamed of, it was better."

The class starts with unemotional topics, Brightman said. "The purpose is not to reveal the students' personal life. Although we accept emotional responses. We're not asking for students to tell us their experiences."

The discussions are worth 25 percent of the student's grade.

"My grade isn't all that important," Swearingen said. "It's that I learn something. I'm interested in the pregnancy and birth process."

He stands in the middle of a "U" of students in the small dining room of Stewart Complex. Fraustino is surrounded by students (who call him Dan) and add to his instruction with their own comments.

According to Fraustino, students often fill the lulls in classes with their own additions, and in effect, carry the class.

The instructor here draws all the information together, but acts as a student who stands up to do his part, always listening to the responses around him, coming often and without the formality of the raised hand.

Living and learning made easy at Cumberland Hall

by Mary Grimmer

Staff Writer

Integration of faculty and students is the primary goal and motivating story of the Living and Learning Center in Cumberland Hall.

These are the sentiments of all the forces involved, and are echoed by Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Elaine Gershman, who was an early innovator of

the center.

"This situation is good to meet students, to get to know them again informally," Gershman said.

The UMO's innovative program, located in Stewart complex, has been primarily interested in bringing students closer to the faculty.

The program consists of 23 usual courses which are taught mainly in the complex. The classes are generally small and aimed at promoting a more relaxed atmosphere, eliciting enthusiasm among students and professors.

Joyce McPhetres, the RD in Cumberland hall shares primary responsibility for the

coordination of programs at the center, with Burton Hatlen, an English professor.

Now in the third year of operations, goals for the future include the institution of the Guest in Residence programs in other dormitories on campus, and the expansion of the entire Living and Learning Center through student and faculty input.

McPhetres emphasized the center provides a learning experience for both students and faculty. She said both are more at ease in this armchair environment.

Emphasizing the Living/Learning center is still a new concept to the college community. She added, "As soon as

people get a feel for the idea there will be a lot of (needed) support."

The general impression of the informal classes is favorable. Associate English professor Dan Fravstino said of his EH 6 class: "I love this class. I've given 7 courses here, all EH 6."

Integration within the program is possible not only between students and faculty but between faculty of different branches. The instructors work together to coordinate courses and to develop non-credit mini-courses as well as freshman-sophomore seminars on subjects of interest.

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caught 60 coins, 37 quarters short of Berg's catch. His final attempt disappointed the contestants, as he only snagged 88 coins.

In his hotel room, the night prior to his performance, he had caught 127 coins after two attempts.

"The Guinness Game" show host, Don Galloway, who played Sgt. Brown on the T.V. program "Ironside" and Bob Eubanks of "The Newlywed Game," were the only celebrities seen by Throckmorton in Hollywood.

The bright lights of Tinseltown do not seem to attract young Throckmorton. He has no career plans as an actor, even though he is currently rehearsing for "The Madwomen of Chailot," the first Maine Masque Play.

There is also no truth to the rumor that Throckmorton will hire a secretary to handle his fan mail after his television appearance.

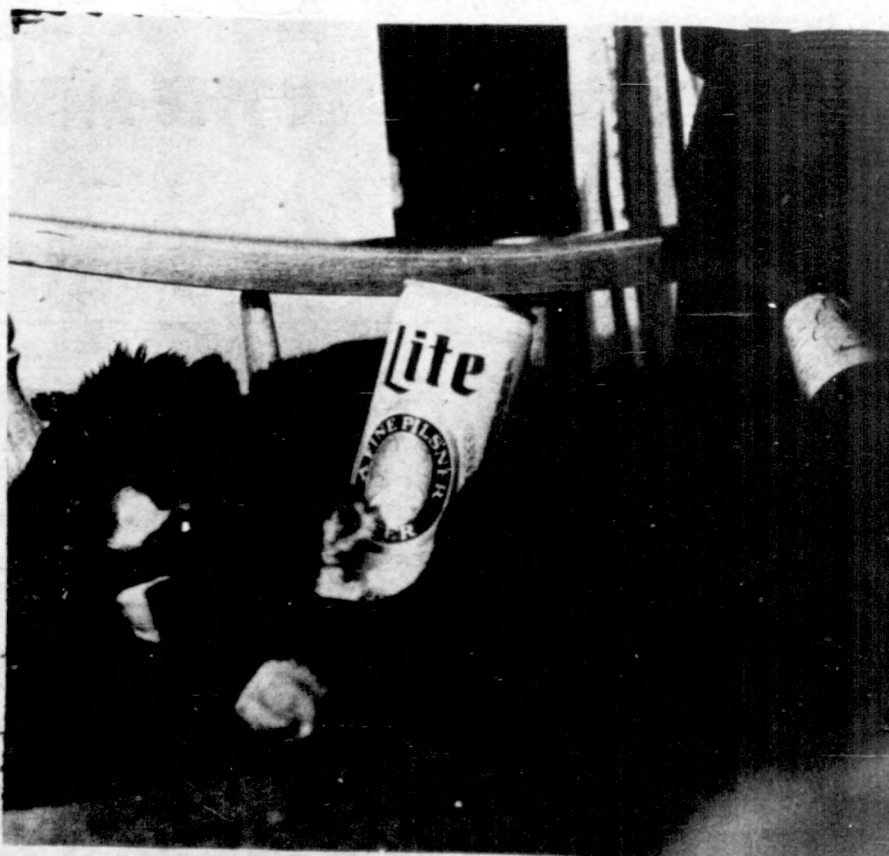
His dorm companions are not affected by his fame.

"I guess at college you can get away with doing anything," he said.

Throckmorton is a split end for the UMO Black Bears football team who hopes to be playing some this year.

After three years of fame, publicity and competition, he sees his "coin-snatching fever" as having been a benefit to him.

"I used to think it was something to have fun with. All that fooling around turned into something educational. It was a really good experience for me," he said.



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Thursday, Tammy
Eves, Mike Lowry, Nan
Anderson and Liz Hale
begin a series on faculty
flight, faculty duties,
faculty lifestyle, and
faculty superstars.

Be sure to read about
what UMO's educators
do beginning tomorrow
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