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Student workers want role in decision making

by Gail Clough
Staff writer

UMO's student employees have requested student government representation to aid in their fight for a share in decision-making involving wages and working conditions, and the battle is far from over.

At a meeting with the officers of the Union of Student Employees (USE) in August, President Kenneth Allen suggested the students go to student government to gain a more organized voice for their complaints.

However, at the Oct. 22 student senate meeting, a proposal, sponsored by Senator Carl Pease and four others, was sent to an ad hoc committee, which was to report back to the senate in two weeks. Pease's proposal was to form the Student Employee Services Board.

Pease said the proposal may have to be amended such that the proposed board would be reduced to a committee. "I'm not pleased," Pease said. "This would destroy the purpose." Pease said a committee could make recommendations but could not take executive action. "We'd be buried under the mass," he added.

Pease said there are alternatives to a committee standing. One would be the formation of a special student organization for the employees. Pease said this would not be as desirable as a board, but he would prefer it to a committee.

There have been two basic objections to the proposal, according to USE Secretary Lisa Feldman. First, Feldman said, "Some people just don't know what we're up to." Many senators thought the student employees were greedy and wanted to bankrupt the university, she added.

"That's not true," Feldman said. The student employees just want a fair share in the decisions involving wages and working conditions, she said.

Feldman said there were several things that could be done to improve working conditions without any cost to the university. Among these were the formation of a working grievance procedure and a simpler hiring process.

The second major objection to the proposal, Feldman said, was that "people are philosophically opposed to making student government more bureaucratic."

Feldman said the administration said to work with the student government, but student government is hesitant to do so.

If the formation of the Student Employee Services Board is approved, almost all student employees will have representation in student government. The board would serve as an "umbrella" organization; it would include graduate assistants and other salaried employees, such as resident assistants, as well as students working for wages.

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Competition keeps student health insurance costs low

by Andy Orcutt
Staff writer

Many UMO students don't realize what a good deal they are—or could be getting, Cutler Health Center officials said.

They were talking about the student health insurance offered by the health center, at the rate of \$39 per year—from September to September.

"I think it's fabulous," said Bettie Richards, bookkeeper at Cutler Health Center. She added, "If there were any negative remarks about it, it would be because they (students) have no contact or realization of what it could cost on the outside."

Richards compared the policy, which is provided by the Bill Johnson Insurance Agency of Lewiston and insures about 3,500 UMO students, to other health insurance policies. "I feel it's comparable to Blue Cross. It pays about 80 percent, which is what Blue Cross pays," she said.

According to Robert Graves, director of the Cutler Health Center, the fee is established on a basis in which different insurance agencies compete for the contract to insure the university students. Graves said this is what keeps the fee as low as it is.

Figures provided by Graves showed the fee for the school year 1974-75 was \$30.50 a year, which means the fee has increased \$8.50 over the last five years.

Michael Parkin salesman for the Bill Johnson Insurance Agency, said, "As a matter of fact, student health insurance is

not considered a money-making insurance."

Parkin said the health center's policy can either be a "primary policy" or an "excess policy," depending on whether or not the student is covered by his or her parents' policy. In a primary policy, the health center pays 80 percent of the costs for certain services, while in an excess policy, insurance pays the remaining costs of those services not covered by the parents' policy.

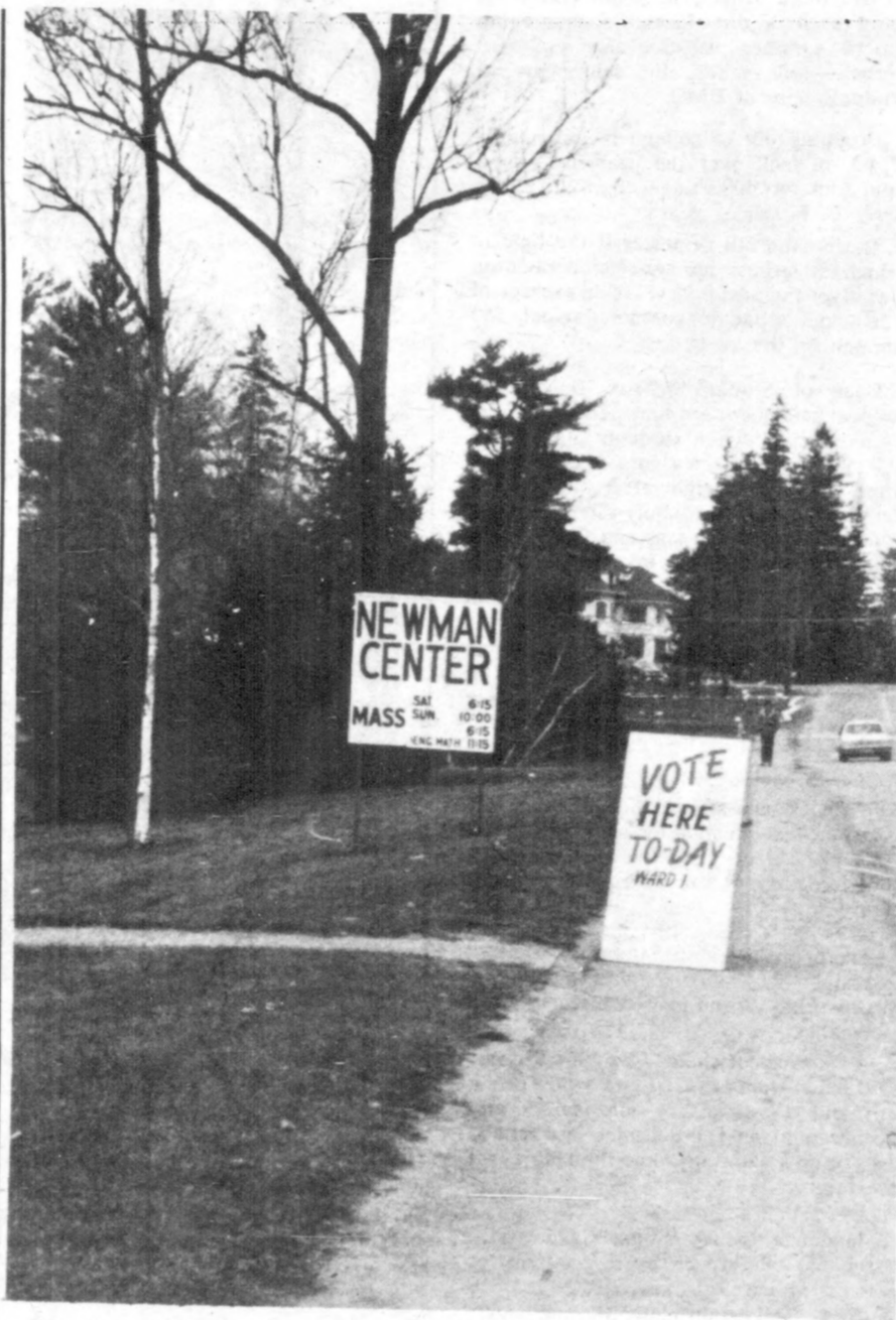
In order for a student to collect insurance, he or she must have also paid the \$16 semester health fee. Richards said the health fee was for very minor illnesses, such as colds or the flu, and added that the insurance takes over if the health fee "doesn't do the job." She added, "I really can't say I know of a place that has cheaper care than \$71 a year," referring to the health and insurance fees combined. Graves said, "You try to duplicate that and it will cost you ten times as much."

"Most students don't realize how cheaply they're getting out here because they haven't had to take care of their own outlay of money," Richards said. She added, "If this place was not here, and they had to go outside to a doctor, they would pay dearly."

One reason for the low cost of the insurance, according to Richards, is the relatively low cost of drug purchases by the health center. "The drugs you get here—they may not be at cost, but they're close to it," she said.

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The sign on the right, posted yesterday in front of the Newman Center, attracted 1,017 voters. Voter turn-out in Ward 2 was 1,410 in the referenda special election. (photo by Andrea Magoon)

Senate told system is faculty's responsibility

by Gary Pearce
Staff writer

students are better informed, the majority appear not to want it.

"Faculty sets policy, not students," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Henry Hooper in discussing UMO's controversial new plus and minus grading system at the General Student Senate's meeting last night. "It's a fact of life," he said. "They run the institution."

"Right now," said Vice Chancellor Andrew Abbott, also addressing the Senate, "the plus and minus grading system is UMO policy."

"Faculty have the option of using it or not, though," said Hooper. "I wanted this implemented because a poll last year showed students strongly in favor of the system."

In an informal poll conducted by senators among their constituents, 26 percent of the students were moderately against the change and 45.6 percent strongly against the system, as opposed to 19 percent moderately for and four percent strongly for. A more accurate poll is planned, which will be conducted by senators by phone.

Senators felt the reason for favoring the system last year stemmed from insufficient information about the system. Now that

The biggest concern with the system involves the C minus grade, under which colleges will only accept a C as a minimum passing grade for a required course. If a student had 11 C minuses, he could be suspended or put on academic probation, according to UMO policy.

Abbott claimed that colleges using the system recorded "no significant differences in grade point averages before and after implementation."

Representatives of the senate on the Council of Colleges will attempt to bring up Senate poll findings at the Monday meeting of the council.

The Senate passed a resolution to buy a bulk rate stamp for the upcoming year. The resolution, prompted by the OCB newsletter controversy, will attempt to divorce student government of legal responsibility for anything printed by organizations it funds.

All publications fitting the bulk rate designation will carry the statement: "Any articles or statements of opinions are not those of Student Government, who provides funding for this publication."

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As it came to pass, the sweater was unsatisfactory as the bear looked too human and skinny in it. To solve this problem, a full body suit was put together and Bob Smullin (remember him?) wore it at the Homecoming game in '69. This suit was something more of a success.

During Larry Reynold's years, however, some renovations were needed. By this time, the head which was made from paper-mache was starting to fall apart. Larry also wanted to do more acrobatics. This was impossible with the head at the time. The paws were also worn into oblivion. The only intact part of the suit

was the body, and its time was coming. Clearly a new head was needed.

As it happened, one brother was ready to go into action. This was Sean "Bugsy" Maquire, and he had all of the materials together to make a new head—with fiberglass.

With the aid of Susan B. Corning, an artistic friend with lots of fiberglass resin, several yards of polyester cloth (bought on sale), and more, the process began.

Susan sculpted a head out of styrofoam and provided the model for Sean to follow.

There were problems at first. Sean and some other brothers were told they couldn't use the facilities in Carnegie Hall because they weren't art majors. That misunderstanding was cleared up quickly, and Sean proceeded to work on the head along with Larry Huertas.

The next problem was simple. When the resin was touched to the foam model, the foam melted and gave off a powerful fume that curled Larry's hair and

straightened Sean's. It was discovered that a garbage bag placed between the two elements would prevent this.

Once these problems were out of the way, the fiberglass head was built.

Just as soon as the head was dry, the fur had to be attached. This proved to be a problem. No glue known to man or woman would hold the fur in place. The final answer to this dilemma was acoustical adhesive. That took care of that.

The one thing the old head had that the new one didn't was a hat. An attempt to cut one from the foam failed. Larry Reynolds (the epitome of a die hard) put up his own moeny so that the bear could have a hat. A Maine winter cap was chosen to do the honors.

That took care of the head. The paws were still a problem. Larry wore mittens until the day he was given a set of Grisly paw gloves. These didn't work out verv

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Maine Events

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Bloodmobile today! Kennebec and Gannett.

Training Program-D.E.P. Hilltop-UMO. Contact Ms. J. McGowan.

12 noon. A Woman's Point of View. Coe Lounge, Union.

12 noon Wildlife Noon Seminar. Dr. William Glanz: "A Comparison of Rodent Communities in California and Chile." 204 Nutting Hall.

5 to 7 p.m. Preventative Medicine Program. Oxford Hall.

3:30 p.m. Study Skills Seminar: Taking Exams. South Bangor Lounge, Union.

6 to 6:45 p.m. Vegetarian pot-luck dinner. MCA Center.

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7 p.m. "Focus on Intercultural Exchange." Sutton Lounge, Union.

7 & 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie: "Norma Rea." 130 Little Hall.

8 p.m. O.D.'s. Bear's Den.

7:30 p.m. Studio Shows. Pit-below Hauck Auditorium stage.

10 p.m. WMEB, "Robert Klein Hour."

correction

A Maine Campus editorial Tuesday incorrectly reported the Vietnam war claimed 350,000 U.S. lives. The war actually claimed 46,000 American lives. The 350,000 figure includes men killed, wounded or hospitalized.

Through rain, sleet, snow...

The Maine Campus recently made \$640 on a fundraising walkathon by staff members.

"We were very happy with the community support we received," said business manager Ann Roderick, a senior from Portland. "We will use the money to finance part of the leasing of a new \$15,000 typesetting machine."

Some of the members from the 70-person staff walked 10 miles in the rain Saturday, Oct. 20 through Orono and Old Town.

The paper has other fundraising events planned and this income, coupled with advertising revenue, will see the paper through the fall semester of operation, Roderick said.

Faculty consultant Arthur O. Guesman says the paper broke even for the month of October after a slower-than-expected start in September. He says the rumors of a recession made area businesses conservative in their advertising expenditures in early September.

"The staff, both editorially and in advertising, has done far better than some

skeptics had predicted last spring," Guesman said. "The experiment so far has been a huge success. He says the paper will wait to see how Christmas ad sales go before deciding whether to continue the daily operation into the spring semester.

The paper will have its finances reviewed later this month by the university's Committee on Student Publications.

The Maine Campus was featured in the Nov. 2 issue of Maine Times of Topsham. The story, by staff writer Peter Dammann, focused on the difficulty and challenge of putting out a student daily newspaper and mentioned that the student government paper makes UMO one of a small number of two-newspaper campuses.

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As it came to pass, the sweater was unsatisfactory as the bear looked too human and skinny in it. To solve this problem, a full body suit was put together and Bob Smullin (remember him?) wore it at the Homecoming game in '69. This suit was something more of a success.

During Larry Reynold's years, however, some renovations were needed. By this time, the head which was made from paper-mache was starting to fall apart. Larry also wanted to do more acrobatics. This was impossible with the head at the time. The paws were also worn into oblivion. The only intact part of the suit

was the body, and its time was coming. Clearly a new head was needed.

As it happened, one brother was ready to go into action. This was Sean "Bugsy" Maquire, and he had all of the materials together to make a new head—with fiberglass.

With the aid of Susan B. Corning, an artistic friend with lots of fiberglass resin, several yards of polyester cloth (bought on sale), and more, the process began.

Susan sculpted a head out of styrofoam and provided the model for Sean to follow.

There were problems at first. Sean and some other brothers were told they couldn't use the facilities in Carnegie Hall because they weren't art majors. That misunderstanding was cleared up quickly, and Sean proceeded to work on the head along with Larry Huertas.

The next problem was simple. When the resin was touched to the foam model, the foam melted and gave off a powerful fume that curled Larry's hair and

straightened Sean's. It was discovered that a garbage bag placed between the two elements would prevent this.

Once these problems were out of the way, the fiberglass head was built.

Just as soon as the head was dry, the fur had to be attached. This proved to be a problem. No glue known to man or woman would hold the fur in place. The final answer to this dilemma was acoustical adhesive. That took care of that.

The one thing the old head had that the new one didn't was a hat. An attempt to cut one from the foam failed. Larry Reynolds (the epitome of a die hard) put up his own moeny so that the bear could have a hat. A Maine winter cap was chosen to do the honors.

That took care of the head. The paws were still a problem. Larry wore mittens until the day he was given a set of Grisly paw gloves. These didn't work out very

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Maine Events

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Bloodmobile today! Kennebec and Gannett.

Training Program-D.E.P. Hilltop-UMO. Contact Ms. J. McGowan.

12 noon. A Woman's Point of View. Coe Lounge, Union.

12 noon Wildlife Noon Seminar. Dr. William Glanz: "A Comparison of Rodent Communities in California and Chile." 204 Nutting Hall.

5 to 7 p.m. Preventative Medicine Program. Oxford Hall.

3:30 p.m. Study Skills Seminar: Taking Exams. South Bangor Lounge, Union.

6 to 6:45 p.m. Vegetarian pot-luck dinner. MCA Center.

6:45 to 7:30 p.m. World hunger ed. discussion. MCA Center.

7 p.m. "Focus on Intercultural Exchange." Sutton Lounge, Union.

7 & 9:15 p.m. IDB Movie: "Norma Rea." 130 Little Hall.

8 p.m. O.D.'s. Bear's Den.

7:30 p.m. Studio Shows. Pit-below Hauck Auditorium stage.

10 p.m. WMEB, "Robert Klein Hour."

correction

A Maine Campus editorial Tuesday incorrectly reported the Vietnam war claimed 350,000 U.S. lives.

The war actually claimed 46,000 American lives. The 350,000 figure includes men killed, wounded or hospitalized.

Through rain, sleet, snow...

The Maine Campus recently made \$640 on a fundraising walkathon by staff members.

"We were very happy with the community support we received," said business manager Ann Roderick, a senior from Portland. "We will use the money to finance part of the leasing of a new \$15,000 typesetting machine."

Some of the members from the 70-person staff walked 10 miles in the rain Saturday, Oct. 20 through Orono and Old Town.

The paper has other fundraising events planned and this income, coupled with advertising revenue, will see the paper through the fall semester of operation, Roderick said.

Faculty consultant Arthur O. Guesman says the paper broke even for the month of October after a slower-than-expected start in September. He says the rumors of a recession made area businesses conservative in their advertising expenditures in early September.

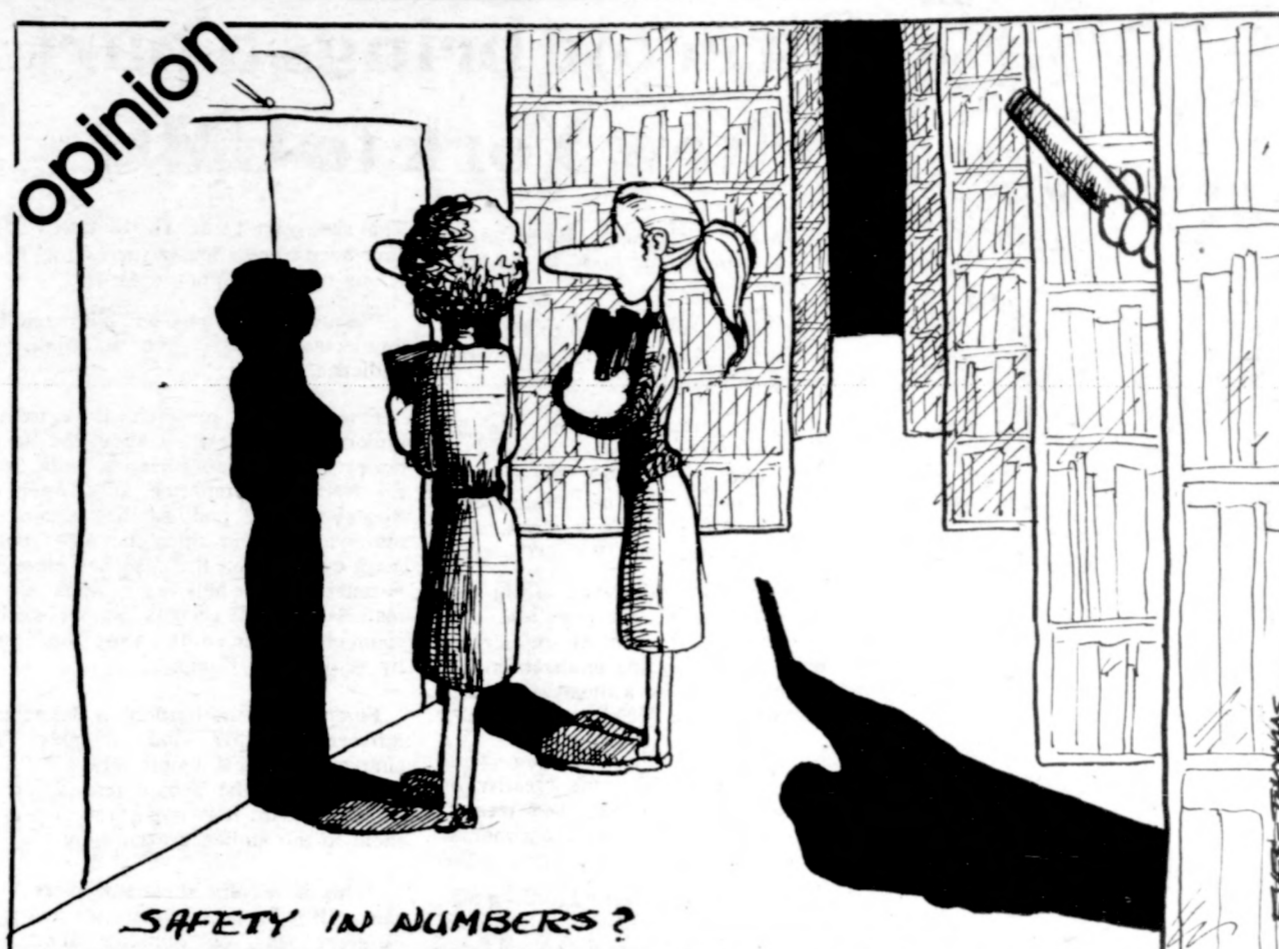
"The staff, both editorially and in advertising, has done far better than some

skeptics had predicted last spring," Guesman said. "The experiment so far has been a huge success. He says the paper will wait to see how Christmas ad sales go before deciding whether to continue the daily operation into the spring semester.

The paper will have its finances reviewed later this month by the university's Committee on Student Publications.

The Maine Campus was featured in the Nov. 2 issue of Maine Times of Topsham. The story, by staff writer Peter Dammann, focused on the difficulty and challenge of putting out a student daily newspaper and mentioned that the student government paper makes UMO one of a small number of two-newspaper campuses.

"The paper has been real good for students working on it," said editor Dan Warren, a senior from Scarborough. "The pressure of working under daily deadlines has improved performances and refined skills. It's improving."



Double stuff

Women on campus who are concerned about their safety should find themselves a Siamese twin.

It seems as if the only solution to the assault problem on campus is the old boy scout "buddy system," in which everything is done in pairs to avoid hassles.

No administrator has come up with a better solution.

The police department, and to a certain extent the library officials, look like they are trying to avoid beefing up security on campus at all costs.

Apparently, there are a few nuts roaming the campus looking for some perverse excitement. And their fun isn't limited to the jogging trails and library stacks. It extends to the union and sidewalks.

Yet the several incidents on campus this semester obviously have not made an impact on the university police, who are liable for student health and welfare.

The only thing they have done to protect student safety is to warn women to be more cautious when walking or jogging.

The assault incident a few weeks ago in the library put the icing on the cake of weird happenings on campus.

But the police and administrators continue to turn their heads the other way

while doling out such thoughtful advice as, "Double up."

That doubletalk, however, is profound enough to get them a job with the Wrigley spearmint gum commercials singing "double" jingles.

It's about time the administrators and police do a double take to see what really is happening on campus.

The university should pay the extra money required to hire a uniformed guard to patrol both the union and the library.

These buildings could benefit from a security guard walking up and down the halls, and frequently checking the rooms.

The police should get off their butts behind the wheel of a gas-guzzling cruiser and on their feet. A security person on two feet is more apt to catch a deviant character who is on two than is a cruiser on four wheels.

There is no sense in assigning every policeman on duty to park the wheels of his shiny white car in an inconspicuous place for the sole purpose of nabbing vehicle speeders while persons are being assaulted on campus.

The coupled efforts of the administrators and police should be able to come up with a way to increase student protection.

Until that time, however, two is company.

A.L.

Gerry Scott

Questions

Dear Mr. Scott: Does the University Police hire minorities?

(Linda S.—Brewer)

Dear Linda: We don't have an Aswanian. But we do have a token black, female, Indian, Ukrainian and even an Irishman (no homosexuals, yet). Where you come from shouldn't make a difference in police work. There's room in law enforcement for all types of qualified people. The reason we are the best police department in the state is because we are a mixture of many minorities that make up this community. We not only work together, we play together, laugh together, fight together, party together and for the most part we like each other's company. We do all this with our prejudices intact.

Dear Mr. Scott: How do police officers feel about homosexuals on campus?

Arthur M.

Dear Arthur M.: As police officers we cannot judge a person on his beliefs. Police ethics state that we respect the constitutional rights of all men and that we never permit personal feelings or prejudices to influence our decisions. That's basically how most police officers respond. But that's not the question I was asked. Here's what some police officers said when I asked them that question. Some of the responses I can't repeat ("Send the %\$# to Florida"). One officer said that if God had wanted man to make love to man, he would have built them differently. Another said they're SICKOS and should be put away. Our secretary said "That's Great. Just leave me alone." An older officer said he hoped they stayed on campus.

Dear Mr. Scott: Should police be allowed to strike?

Steve S.—Orono

Dear Steve S.: Who or what is it that allows anyone in any line of work to strike? Is it to protect society? Is society protected or better serviced when air traffic controllers, ambulance attendants, or garbage collectors are out on strike?

Police officers are dedicated to public service and realize that as long as they work in the public domain they will never become rich, but by the same token, should their very enthusiasm for public service be used against them in denying them certain basic human rights?

In my opinion police officers should be punished for making use of traditionally accepted methods of work action, and should be allowed to strike after every conceivable avenue of negotiation has been followed. Officers should not be forced to choose between remaining in law enforcement and denying their families, without the same recourse afforded other members of this country's work force.

Gerry Scott is a UMO police officer. His column appears here Wednesday.

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You'll pay now or later

To the Editor:

In August a group of concerned student employees met with acting President Allen to discuss several issues of concern to students who work at UMO. Among other things, we requested a small hourly wage increase, primarily as a gesture of goodwill by the new administration.

President Allen promised us a 10-cent raise for all except a small group of student job classifications, which, he said, he was 'mandated by federal guidelines' to keep at minimum wage.

When the first paychecks of the fall semester were issued, we discovered that ALL students working for minimum wage were denied the raise, while all others received a 10-cent an hour increase.

We wrote immediately to President Allen. It took up three weeks to receive a reply. That reply left several of our original questions unanswered. We are hoping that our fellow students and fellow workers on campus will join their voices to ours in asking these questions, and that they will receive a speedy and public response.

1. Acting President Allen seems to be maintaining that federal minimum wage legislation 'mandates' him to keep minimum-wagers at minimum wage. (At least he says

these are 'federal guidelines' he referred to at our August meeting.) We want to know what provision of the U.S. federal minimum wage law forbids employers to give raises to those working for the federal minimum.

2. We want to know why at the very least those minimum-wagers employed through the work-study program can't receive the 10-cent raise (retroactive to the beginning of the semester). This would not cost the university a penny. It would not disrupt work schedules excessively. All it would mean is that some students would be able to work 6 to 10 hours less this semester to make their grants. This isn't much, but we all know that at finals time an extra 6 to 10 hours can be a godsend.

3. We want to know what philosophy of labor relations dictates that those at the bottom stay at minimum while those above receive a raise.

We ask these questions in a spirit of honest puzzlement. We hope they receive some honest answers.

Sincerely,
Lisa Feldman
Secretary, Union of
Student Employees

We sail with no wind

To the Editor:

The UMO varsity sailing team competes at a great disadvantage. The team has been forced to cancel regattas because of insufficient funds for transportation. It is a shame to see a state university compete at a disadvantage in this sport, especially when one notes Maine's great sailing history, and the fact that this state has the longest coastline in the continental United States.

He babbles

To the Editor:

If any further proof be needed of the recent decline in quality of the *Maine Campus*, the coverage of General Westmoreland's speech in Wednesday's long-awaited (daily?) *Campus* is certainly the clincher.

The sheer stupidity, sophomoricism and self-indulgence of Bill Flack's column was appalling! Was this really considered by the editorial staff to be worthy of publishing in a university publication? What a shameful acknowledgement of the mediocrity currently rampant on this campus.

The writing was abysmal, the perceptions shallow, the understanding of the issues at hand apparently nonexistent.

Westmoreland's speech generated legitimate conflict over major, provocative moral issues — both intrinsically by virtue of who he is, what he stands for and his place in history, and in terms of whether he should have been paid to speak at UMO. □

Assignment of an ignorant child to cover that speech, and then publishing the drivel he produced, puts in question the very legitimacy of the *Campus*'s claim of being representative of the student body at UMO.

Disgustedly,
Daniel L. Davidoff
224 York Hall

Stephen Smithwick

Do you print articles full of news or full of personal opinions?

To the Editor:

I write this in critical response to Bill Flack's article on General Westmoreland's speech.

Let this be directed at the *Maine Campus* staff for allowing such a composition to be printed.

In as much as this article was not an editorial, I feel compelled, as much as it hurts, to classify it as an account of the speech and the events surrounding it, and on that, it fails miserably.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but, to the best of my understanding, a news story should be unbiased. How can this be classified as such with descriptions like "pathetic, aging hippie-types," and "long-haired peaceniks?"

And of the language: I thought it very disturbing that this article would have fit

better in some *seventh grade* underground newspaper than in this publication.

There is a matter of professionalism to be discussed here.

This is not to say that the articles in the *Maine Campus* should compare with those of *Time Magazine*, but can't we, as readers, do without ineffective reporting from sophomore psychology majors with "drug-scarred memories?"

Thank You
Bob Ferdenzi
347 York Hall

Editor's note: On page nine of that Oct. 31 issue, the *Maine Campus* printed a news account by Carol Saunders of Westmoreland's speech. Flack's letter was printed on page five as an opinion piece.

Air time needs more \$

To the Editor:

Our campus radio station, WMEB-FM, doesn't get enough money from the university. They have to beg for it.

That's stupid. Media jobs are plentiful. We should pour more money into fields that will get kids jobs. Students can major

in media and get jobs in other fields. Instead of supporting media, we put money into a hockey rink and a team. Just for show.

Karen Williams
Cross Street
Orono

commentary

Bill Flack

'Art' exhibits in the caf

The Jerk-Off award this week goes to some of the more artistically oriented people who eat and practice their creativity in the York Commons cafeteria. I refer specifically to that school of student which regards the food tray as canvas, the utensils as brush and the food itself as paint or more commonly, used in conjunction with an assortment of plates and glasses as material with which to sculpt.

Having done some moonlighting in the dishroom at York recently, I've had the wonderful opportunity to witness some true works of genius coming down the conveyor belt to be washed away moments later. Reduced to a watery grave, as it were.

And, accordingly, a rather simple question has come to mind: namely, what is the motivation behind such genius? I've been working on some personal theories as regards this question, some of which follow....

A). An overwhelming need to impress others, most notably of the opposite sex. I think this one looks pretty good. After all, any girl who's impressed by some clod that squishes chewing gum between his glass and his tray is certainly one worth going after.

B). A stimulus for conversation.

For example:

SHE: Why'd you do that?

HE: (flexing muscle betwixt ears) 'Cause it was there.

SHE: Oh.

C). An inbred desire to flout one's (referring to men only here) masculinity. A large portion of the macho mystique is almost certainly based on the ability to create a godawful mess.

D). Protest. Without a doubt, the best way to let the kitchen staff know what one thinks of a meal is to send it back in the shape of a garbage heap. This not only makes the job in the

dishroom much easier, but also breaks up the monotony of having to deal with a vast majority of relatively clean trays.



E). An outlet for otherwise stifled artistic genius. One particularly gifted individual has taken to a regular re-arrangement of the shape of his fork (bending it to resemble a species of bird that we all know and love). This is a rare treat and, rest assured, is greeted as such by the lucky employee that gets to deal with it.

All kidding aside, I'd like to propose a solution to this problem. Perhaps those who insist on making masterpieces of their mashed potatoes should be forced to serve time in the dishroom on a busy weekday during either lunch or dinner. Maybe if it was your ass in there working, you'd think twice before perpetrating some of the childish nonsense you do.

Bill Flack is a sophomore psychology major.

6 world and national update

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Iranian protesters take yankee hostages

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration has ruled out any military attempt to free the Americans being held hostage in the U.S. embassy in Tehran as Iranian authorities have given assurances about the safety of the prisoners.

The American hostages are being held by protesters demanding that the U.S. turn over the ousted shah. The Iranians reportedly have threatened to kill the hostages if the U.S. tries to rescue them.

The Soviet News Agency Tass reported that the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini said he was told the U.S. embassy is a C.I.A. espionage center. According to the report, the Ayatollah said "We cannot sit idle when the United States is weaving conspiracies against us."

Tass quotes Khomeini as demanding that the U.S. return the deposed shah and that Britain return former Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar. Otherwise, he said, "we shall take other steps."

Meanwhile, a West German radio report from Tehran said Americans employed in Iran are being rounded up and taken to the U.S. embassy.

Energy department charges oil refiners

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department has charged nine major oil refiners with possible price control violations concerning actual refining costs rather than the costs of the oil itself.

The charges were issued against Mobil, Shell, Amerasia Hess, Atlantic Richfield, Chevron, Conoco, Gulf, Standard of Ohio and Sun.

The Energy Department said it has now charged 35 of the country's largest oil refiners with price violations totaling \$6.4 billion.

Shell Oil, which was one of the companies charged yesterday, accused the Energy Department of "retroactive rule-making" and other tactics in connection with the charges. A spokesman for Shell said the charges are an example of the department's "reinterpretation of vague and confusing regulations five years after they were put into effect."

Court approves sale of Georges Bank

BOSTON—Environmentalists and state officials have gone to the U.S. Supreme Court after losing another legal battle to halt yesterday's scheduled opening of bids for the oil drilling leases of the Georges Bank.

In Washington, Lawyers for Massachusetts have asked Supreme Court Justice William Brennan to postpone the sale until the Federal Appeals Court considers the formal request.

In refusing to stop the sale, the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston did not rule on the merits of the injunction request brought by Maine, Massachusetts and the Conservation Law foundation. With the lack of a ruling, there's still a chance an injunction could be issued, even after the bids on exploration rights are taken.

The Interior Department said it would delay the opening of the bid's until at least three o'clock yesterday afternoon, to allow time for the Supreme Court appeal. The sale is being held in a Providence, Rhode Island hotel.

Feds check safety

RUMFORD—Federal safety and health investigators were in Rumford yesterday following the second fatal accident in less than a month at the site of a large construction project.

A spokesman for the Daniels Construction Company confirmed that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration began investigating the case yesterday. Company Personnel Manager Michael Westbrook said an 18-year-old man was killed Monday after being struck in the head during a hoisting operation at the site of the Boise-Cascade Company paper mill expansion. The victim was identified as Scott Richard, a welder from Wilton.

Railroad wants to abandon track

HOULTON—The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to authorize the abandonment of a 10 mile branch line in southern Aroostook County.

The BAR said the branch, between Monticello and Houlton, has a very low traffic volume, and money could be saved by salvaging the rails and ties and using them on the main line.



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New England and National sports

Pats tab Brock for line A's move discussed

There may be some changes this week in the Patriots' offensive line, with reserve Pete Brock seeing more action. Brock has been the utility man so far this season, playing several positions on the offensive line. But Coach Ron Erhardt says against the Denver Broncos next Sunday, Brock may see a lot more duty. Although Erhardt says the running game isn't in as bad shape as some people say it is, he still thinks it should be more consistent.

The Pats received a helping hand from the Houston Oilers Monday night as the Oilers toppled Miami 9-6 leaving the Patriots a full game ahead of the Dolphins in the AFC East.

Hot Celts play Spurs

The Celtics get a chance to avenge one of their two losses when they meet the San Antonio Spurs tonight in the Boston Garden. The Celts are 8-2 on the season, and trail the first-place Philadelphia 76ers by one-half game in the Atlantic Division. The NBA statistics provide evidence the Celts are playing just about the best team basketball in the league. Six Celtics are averaging in double figures, and Nate Archibald leads the NBA in assists with just under nine a game.

Bruins in action Thurs.

The Boston Bruins don't see action again until Thursday night, when the Edmonton Oilers slide into Boston Garden. The Bruins, with Gilles Gilbert back in goal, beat the Oilers 2-1 Sunday night.

American wins

For the first time in 15 years, an American player has won top honors in Japanese baseball's Pacific League. Former Los Angeles Dodger and Minnesota Twin Charlie Manuel earned most valuable honors. He batted .324 with 37 homers for the league champion Kintetsu Buffaloes.

There's a meeting scheduled in Kansas City today between American League President Lee Macphail and the league's club owners. The prime topic is likely to be the sale of the Oakland A's and their move to Denver. The Associated Press has learned that final details of the sale to Denver businessman Marvin Davis are being worked out.

Talking about the possible A's move with the "Kansas City Star," Macphail said there's a 50-50 chance a deal will take place. The league president pointed out two obstacles that remain. One is Finley, of whom Macphail said, "We can't figure out what he wants." The other problem is the Oakland Coliseum Board, which has balked at letting the A's out of the lease that expires after the 1987 season.

Hoop's founding quest

If you were about to bet the ranch that basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith in Springfield, Mass.—you better hold up a bit. The town fathers of Holyoke, Mass., say the hoop game was actually played in their fair city two years before Naismith put up his peach baskets to shoot at. So the Holyoke Board of Aldermen will ask colleges to research further the claim that Holyoke is the true birthplace of basketball. Holyoke claims that physical education instructor William Morgan invented the game in 1888 and introduced it to Naismith to use as a winter training sport for his football team.

Incidentally, Holyoke is the so-far uncontested birthplace of volleyball.

Cards lose Lott

St. Louis Cardinals running back Thomas Lott has been placed on the injured reserve list. The former Oklahoma star

suffered a knee injury in Sunday's 37-7 Cardinal victory over the Minnesota Vikings. The Cards say Lott will miss most of the rest of the 1979 season.

Browns' Shirk ailing

Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Jerry Shirk is questionable for Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks. Team doctors believe Shirk is suffering from a knee infection. The 31-year-old tackle checked into the Cleveland Clinic yesterday for treatment of the pain and swelling in his left knee.

Britain plans for '88

The old saying is "if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." But after six unsuccessful tries at qualifying for the Olympics, Britain's senior water polo team is taking the next step. They've given up and disbanded. But the British aren't throwing in the towel completely—they plan to divert funds earmarked for the senior players to the juniors, who they hope will make it to the 1988 games.

Tanner in Hong Kong

American Roscoe Tanner easily won his first-round match in the Hong Kong tennis classic yesterday. Tanner breezed past fellow American Jim Delaney 6-0, 6-1 in what Roscoe said was his best tennis since the U.S. Open. Other U.S. players to win opening rounders were John Sadri and Bob Lutz.

Borg's in the money

A Swedish economic reporter did a story for a Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" yesterday. His subject was one of his country's more prominent millionaires, tennis star Bjorn Borg. According to

Coast Guard guns down rifle team

by Danno Hynes
Staff writer

The UMO rifle team brought its record to 3-2 during the weekend when it travelled to URI for a match with U.S. Coast Guard Academy, URI and Norwich.

The Coast Guard team toppled Maine, New England champs for the last four years, with a score of 2,146 to the Black Bears 2,109. Norwich came in third while URI rounded out the field.

Maine, under first year coach MSG Bill Trussell, defeated URI a week earlier but also lost a tie-breaker to MIT in the same match. After tying the match with scores of 2,109 each, MIT prevailed by scoring seven points better than Maine in the kneeling score.

Maine will next compete at the Norwich Invitational meet Dec. 8.

the story Borg has earned more than seven million dollars in eight years of professional tennis. Furthermore, thanks to prize money and endorsements, the report says Borg will collect another 23 million before the end of the century.

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Marshall Dodge tells stories in different dialects to a sell-out crowd in Hauck Sunday night. [photo by Kerry Millet]

Thet boy's good--ayuh

by Nan Anderson
Staff writer

For over two hours in Hauck Auditorium Sunday, Marshall Dodge showed his talent for storytelling using dialects ranging from appalachian to Bronx Lower East Side.

The audience responded best, however, when the native New Yorker told the stories for which he is famous, during the last fifteen minutes of the performance—the adventures of two Maine Lobstermen, Bert and I.

Dodge, who read most of his material, seemed at times detached and unaware of his audience. He barely looked up from his book to acknowledge the warm reception he received.

In the first two acts, Dodge shared the work of one of his favorite humorists, Milt Gros, whose comic series, "Niese Bebe," a parody of tenement life on the lower east side which brought applause and laughter from the audience. Dodge told three fairy tales written by Gros, all in a Yiddish dialect, "for the nies bebe who eat oup aul the chocolate pudding." The fairy tales included: "Jack With the Beanstalk, Reep When Rinkle, and Pocohontus."

Dodge's selections showed creativity, especially when relating tales of Archie the Cockroach, a New York animal, who typed his tales on his human friend's typewriter by jumping up and down on the keys. Archie's adventures, all told by Dodge in deadpan Bronx accent, included: a man who spared a lamb from being eaten by a wolf, only to tenderly eat the lamb himself; and a story of a slow-witted

worm who is eaten by a robin, who is in turn eaten by Matitibel the cat.

Dodge also told some tales in an appalachian accent, including: "Davy Crocket's Morning Hunt," and two Uncle Remus stories of "Briar Rabbit and the Tar Baby," based on the West African griot folk tales written about animals.

During the last fifteen minutes of his performance, Dodge asked the audience if they would like to hear some "Bert and I" stories. After thunderous applause, Dodge stood, and without microphone, told one story after another, completely upon audience request.

Dodge seemed in his element when he told the tale of "Ganyon, World Champeen Moose caller," a Canadian, whose moose call was loud enough to arouse three million moose, three Alaskan caribou, and a dog with Hawaiian license tags.

Dodge appeared most comfortable when relating his stories from Maine. He told the tale of Virgil Bliss, who was so dirty that steam came off his bedsheets in the winter as if it was a pile of manure.

His last story, "Mother in Law," was about a fishing trip with the storyteller's mother-in-law. The woman was putting on so much "tonnage," that she had to sit in dead center of the boat to keep the craft from going around in circles. The audience showed their appreciation for Dodge by giving him a standing ovation after the two-and-one-half hour performance.

The overflow crowd was accommodated in Classroom B, where most could hear Dodge but not see him on stage.

Bananas

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well, however. So the mittens had to last through Andy Sylvester's days.

The most repairs were made by myself and a few friends.

When attempts over the summer of '79 failed to improve the suit, the Brotherhood of APO decided to make a whole new suit. Herein lies a tale too lengthy to tell, but to make a long story short, Sean Maquire was home on leave and gave freely of his time to help with the new suit along with several other people. The material was selected by yours truly (hey, I have to wear it!) and the sewing was done by Claire Jordan, Cindy Harvey, and Sean. Me? I hid in the closet until the noise stopped. After the suit was built, a new head was made out of a lighter material, and new paws were made by furring up a pair of blue work gloves. The result is the bear you now see when you go to a football, basketball or hockey game.

This is a condensed version of my history written so that the facts can be had straight and not misconstrued.

Health

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was first used at UMO in 1959 and has continued under various agencies. "For all intents and purposes, the low bidder get the contract for a three-year period," he said.

According to Parkin, the Bill Johnson Insurance Agency also insures Bates College in Lewiston, Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Auburn,

Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Bangor, and St. Joseph's College in Windham. Parkin said, "We have a decent reputation in the state for unsuring colleges in the state."

Graves said the university has no financial interests in the plan. "The philosophy behind it is that we don't want an illness to cause a financial loss so that it causes a student to quit school," he said.

Richards mentioned that the only requirements for the insurance were the applicant must be a student carrying at least one credit, and he or she has to pay the health fee.

USE

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an advocate for the student employees on campus; it would be the equivalent of organizations such as the off-campus board and the student legal services board.

Feldman said she was also discouraged by President Allen's failure to raise the pay of students receiving minimum wage and those employed by the work-study program. A raise to students on work-study would not cost the university a cent, Feldman said. She said these students would only have to work fewer hours per semester to make their grant.

Feldman said Allen told her if minimum wage-earning students got a raise, then the classified workers would be affected. But Eileen Collins, president of the Classified Employees Advisory Council, disagreed. "Our salaries are controlled by the chancellor's office, while many student employees' pay is provided by federal funds. Neither group has control over the other group," she said.

Feldman stressed that USE is not asking

for money. The union simply wants a share in the decision-making involving their work, she said. "It's not a matter of dollars and cents but where you put those dollars and cents," she added.

Allen is just beginning to form a student wage committee, Feldman said. The committee, which includes only three students, would make recommendations for wages and working conditions for next semester.

department wanted to start an artist-in-

"We wanted to make sure we were giving the students the newest in theatre and the best in theatre, even if we are way up here in Maine," he said. "New York is on the minds of many theatre majors. And since it is often difficult to get there, we decided to bring a part of New York up here. It's for the primary and fundamental advantage of the student, especially the theater major."

In advertizing for a visiting director, the theatre department did not focus on New York. They advertized in national papers, and got 250 applicants for the job. They worked it down to 12 applicants for the job. Bost interviewed them and the list was narrowed down to three. "George Ferencz was our top candidate for a number of reasons. He's a young and dynamic man. He's a New York professional who has been vital in the off-Broadway movement. He's experimental. We're happy to have him."

Theatre

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students. "I feel very good about it," he said. "It's something new; I'm excited. I also find Maine exciting; that is to say, I find it calming, which is exciting."

James Bost, from the theater department, was instrumental in having Ferencz come to UMO. He said that the theater

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