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Recently charged in with the alleged illegal sale of alcohol, Theta Chi fraternity teeters on the edge of losing its charter. Dean of Student Affairs Dwight L. Rideout has warned all other fraternities they may also lose their charter if caught selling alcohol illegally. [photo by Mark Munro]

Theta Chi charter may be revoked

by Julia Frey
Staff writer

Theta Chi, a fraternity house that last fall claimed to have the highest academic average on campus, is in questionable standing because of unlawful sale of liquor. "They have threatened to close us," said Fred Lohman, who has been a Theta Chi brother for the past three years.

The administration has been concerned about the recent summons that was issued by police to Theta Chi fraternity for

unlawful sale of liquor.

"We are very concerned that the fraternities continue to sell liquor without a license," said Sharon Dendur, assistant dean of Student Affairs.

"The university has some liability. We cannot turn our backs and ignore this kind of behavior."

When asked whether the dorms might not be just as guilty as the fraternities for selling liquor unlawfully, Dendur said, "I don't know that the dorms are selling. It

seems to be common now—that the fraternities sell. I don't know if I'm in left field about such allegations, but no one has ever brought me a complaint about the dorms selling."

At a Fraternity Board meeting last night, presidents of the fraternities expressed their feelings on the issue of unlawful sale of liquor and the threat of closing Theta Chi.

"If the disciplinary committee takes into consideration the many alternatives which

are available other than closing (Theta Chi), hopefully they will see that this action is not necessary and that there are more constructive means of dealing with the problem," said Bill Lomas, president of the Fraternity Board.

Lomas said he felt the question of whether the dorms might be just as guilty of unlawful sale of liquor as the fraternities was significant only in that "if they are guilty, I would hope that the university and the law would treat them in the same manner."

Fraternities were issued three summonses for unlawful sale of liquor in the past year, and when asked why police have not taken action against the dorms as much as the fraternities, Lomas said, "In the past, they (fraternities) have been the focal point for many people as far as social activities are concerned. I do believe though that fraternities will provide less of a focal point for people who are not affiliated with them in the future."

When asked what measures might be implemented to lessen unlawful sale of liquor incidents, Lomas said, "Looking at the past and present actions which have occurred and are being considered, it would seem that the fraternities would try as best they could to make sure that they would not be in a position to be charged with liquor law violations."

Lomas said he hoped the sanctions that might be brought against Theta Chi by the conduct committee would be "consistent and take into consideration that Theta Chi

Lomas said he hoped the sanctions that might be brought against Theta Chi by the conduct committee would be "consistent and take into consideration not only the bad things but also the good things that Theta Chi has done in the past and reflect upon them and the university in a good light."

Fraternities feel the heat

by Ernie Clark
Staff writer

A letter has created a guarded atmosphere among UMO fraternities.

The letter, sent to national fraternity chapters and local chapters by Dean of Student Affairs Dwight L. Rideout, said the university is considering the revocation of the charter of any fraternity that sells alcoholic beverages without a license.

House meetings have been held in some of the fraternities and the issue, recently revitalized by the summons of two people at Theta Chi for the illegal sale of alcohol, has endangered the continuance of open fraternity parties.

"We realize the university is serious about this, so everybody is going to have to become more low-key," said Matt O'Hagan, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "There will probably not be any more open frat parties."

Other fraternity presidents agreed

with O'Hagan. "Revoking charters is serious, we realize that something needs to be done so we don't lose our charter," said Scott Dakers, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Dean William Lucy, advisor to the fraternities, said the fraternities will have to re-evaluate their position when dealing with the distribution of alcohol. He said fraternities have been threatened with charter revocation before.

According to Dean Rideout, the letter, which was received by the fraternities early last week, was an attempt to repeat the warning.

"We said it so many times maybe we weren't believed," he said.

Rideout said the sale of alcohol by fraternities has increasingly been a topic of conversation in his office. He said fraternity members, co-eds and fraternity representatives have come to his office to complain about the illegal sale of alcohol.

"Fraternity national reps have

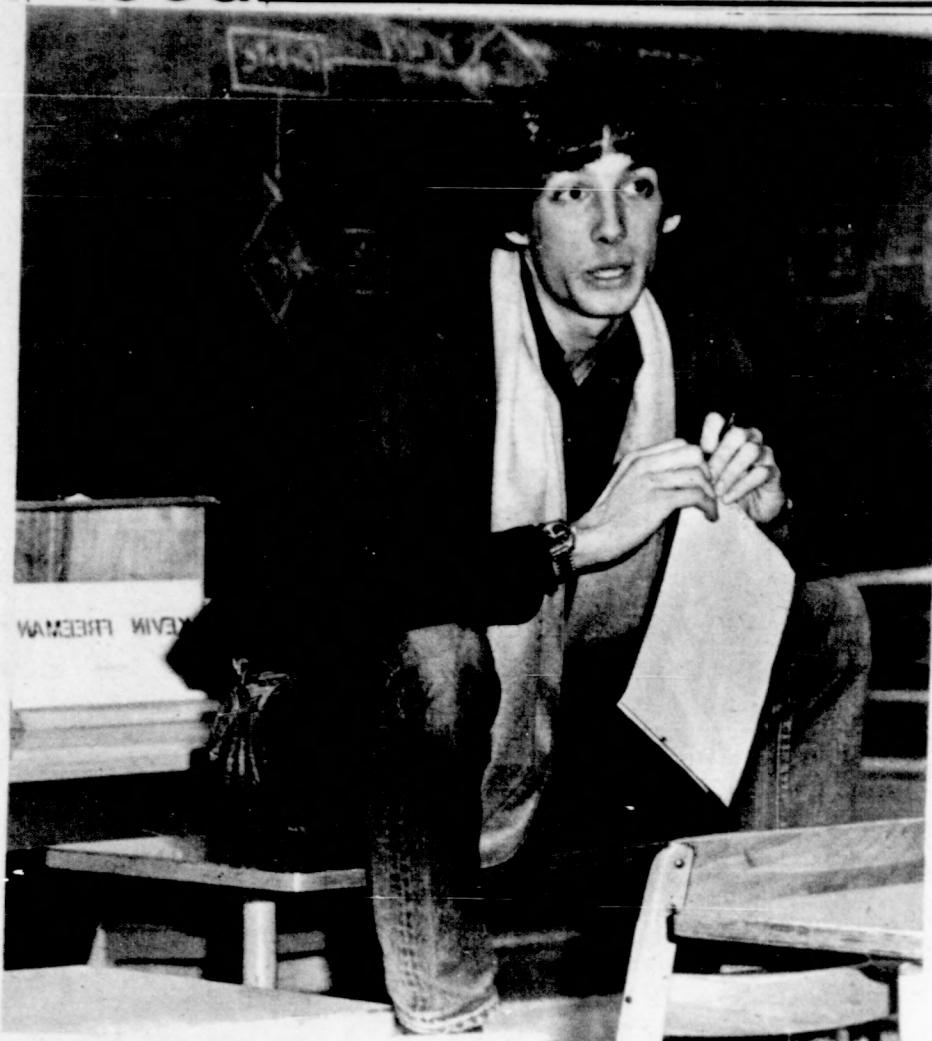
come up to me and said, 'You have the most wide open fraternities of all I represent,'" Rideout said. "We have to ask ourselves, what do we know is going on, and what steps are being taken to resolve them?"

Rideout said in the past, problems with fraternities and their selling alcohol without a license has been handled through such measures as probation and work requirements. However, as the Theta Chi incident illustrates, these measures didn't work.

"The university must consider different sanctions, one of which is the closing of a house. It is a hard and disappointing decision to come to," he said.

Rideout explained that the letter was being drafted before the Theta Chi incident, although the fraternities did not receive the letter until after the summonses were issued.

"It is possible that Theta Chi will lose their charter," he said.



Student senator Eric Herlan listens as other senators discuss the recent proposal aimed at changing 11 dormitory sections to "quiet" status. [photo by Gail Brooks]

★ Police blotter ★

by Julia Frey
Staff writer

★ Scott Dillenback of Knox Hall was arrested for disorderly conduct Sunday, police said. He was also issued a summons for failing to stop the car he was driving for an officer. An officer had seen him throw an object at Stodder Hall and proceeded to talk with him. He said he lived in Gannett Hall and gave the officer an ID with another student's name on it. The officer radioed for back-up and at this point Dillenback grabbed the ID from her hand, jumped into a blue VW and sped off, police said. Police stopped the car in Oxford Hall parking lot. Police said when he was interviewed, he called them obscene names.

★ James Powers of Sigma Chi was arrested Monday for failing to pay a fine for "willfully" attaching a motor vehicle a plate assigned to another vehicle. He was later released on bail.

★ A bright blue ATO fraternity jacket, size 44 from Goldsmith's was reported stolen Monday from a table top in Kennebec Hall lounge, police said. The jacket, belonging to David Bean of Alpha, Tau, Omega, had the name "Beana" on it. An ATO emblem was also on it. The jacket is valued at \$53. Bean had placed it on the table Saturday night when a

was being held in the lounge there, and when he returned to get it around midnight it was missing.

A brown leather billfold, belonging to Roger Brodeur of 208 Estabrooke Hall, was reported missing Saturday, police said. Brodeur had the wallet in his hip pocket while attending a swim meet at the Memorial Gym and when he got back to his room, he discovered it was missing. The wallet contained \$20-\$25 and various ID's.

★ A broken window in the basement store of Hannibal Hamlin Hall was reported Saturday, police said. There were no signs of entry and nothing was found to be missing. Resident Assistant Dennis Corcoran replaced the glass temporarily with cardboard, police said.

An antenna on a Toyota Celica parked in Gannett Hall parking lot was reported stolen Monday, police said. It had allegedly been removed by means of tools, though no tool marks were evident. The antenna was valued at \$12.

★ A rear view mirror was reported to have been ripped off a 1973 VW Super Beetle Monday, police said. The car, belonging to Jane Penhenty of 32 Silver Rd., Bangor, was parked in the PM parking lot. Damage is estimated at \$10. There are no known witnesses at this time.

Students urged to attend Residential Life meeting

by Gary Pearce
Staff writer

IDB President Pam Burch, speaking at the GSS meeting last night, urged students to attend the Residential Life meetings to be held concerning student lifestyles.

"This Thursday at 4:00," Burch said, "the Policy Review Committee will meet in Wells Lounge to consider limiting the number of kegs; not allowing kegs to be tapped past midnight; changing parietals; mandating blanket, campus-wide quiet hours; and having opposite-sex guests sign in and out."

On Tuesday, March 11, an open forum will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 316 Aubert Hall to discuss student life in general, quiet hours, and dorm changes specifically.

Designated quiet sections are: 4W and 4E Chadbourne; Rooms 262 to 277 and rooms 362 to 377 in Hancock; 1N Androscoggin; and 1N Gannett.

One north Stodder, three north Knox, one north Dunn, four north Penobscot and rooms 217, 220, 219, 416, and 419 in KCorbett Hall are slated to become female, said Burch.

"If students complain enough," said Burch, "the changes may not happen. Our

voice is as strong as we want to make it." Student government President Dave Spellman stressed the importance for students to speak out at these meetings, "especially for those in the dorms and sections involved."

In senate business, much-debated resolution to change the manner in which submission of proposals reached the senate floor passed.

The resolution would be sent to a committee chosen by GSS President Kevin Freeman to be worked over before being presented to the senate.

The process would "guarantee discussion, stop hasty actions...and allow time for the senators to think about the resolution," argued Carl Pease.

"It would get rid of a lot of foolishness," agreed Sen. Kathryn Knight (Balentine-Colvin-Estabrooke).

The GSS passed a resolution to hang 8' x 10' framed pictures of out-going student government presidents and vice-presidents in the student government office, the expense being paid by student government.

"It's the least we can do," said Sen. Ben Zeichick (Grad.). "for all the work they do. It's something for posterity."

The senate passed a resolution requiring all athletic groups seeking funds to appear before the athletic committee before appearing before the cabinet.

In other business, the GSS gave final approval to the College Republicans and the Pre-Law Society. It also confirmed the appointment of Charles Mercer and Tom Hall as executive assistants for 1980-81; of Paula Chai as vice president of financial affairs; of Anthony Sullivan as auditor; and of Linda Dyer as treasurer.

The GSS allocated \$75 to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and \$1,105 to Pan-hellenic Council.

Lowdown

Wednesday, March 5

Bloodbank in Oxford's main lounge. Ram's Horn Soup Kitchen- Italian Minestrone.

11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. World Hunger Film Series

Noon Peanut Butter and Jam. Stairwell concert. Memorial Union.

Noon A Woman's Point of View. Women and Alcohol: Through the Looking Glass. Coe Lounge, Union.

3:30 p.m. Study Skills Seminar: "Exam Preparation." Howard Wright, speaker. S. Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

5-7 pm Preventive Medicine Program. Kennebec Hall Lobby. free blood pressures.

6 pm Terry Zieball to speak on "Jesus, Hope for a troubled world." Kennebec Hall.

7 and 9:15 pm IDB movie: "Murder on the Orient Express." 130 Little Hall.

8 pm "Judy Labbee." Bear's Den. 8:15 pm Theatre: "The Front Page." Hauck.

9 pm Nancy Brink to speak on "Jesus, Hope for a troubled world." Balentine lounge.

9 pm Bruce Fidler to speak on, "Jesus, Hope for a troubled world." BCC.

9pm Cliff Kneetle to speak on "What is love?" Androscoggin Hall solarium.

Correction

On Monday it was erroneously reported that the senior class meeting would be held on Wednesday. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. The Campus regrets the error.

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Faculty advising seen as students' major problem

by Stephen Olver
Staff writer

Poor faculty advising, and a lack of communication between students and administrators were cited Tuesday by the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life as two of the major problems confronting students.

Committee members met with faculty and students on Monday to discuss problems currently affecting students on the UMO campus.

"The whole advising system needs to be reviewed," committee member Burt Hatlen said. "We've heard many, many criticisms about this area and feel no single change will solve the problem." Hatlen, an associate professor of English, stressed an

in-depth study was needed.

He said the committee's final report and recommendations will be sent to the Board of Trustees in April.

"If they accept the report, and I think they will, some changes could be made," he said.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Francis Brown, agreed.

"It's of the utmost importance to improve the advising students are getting at all of the campuses in the UMaine system," he said.

Brown said he felt poor advising many times leads to other academic problems.

Both Hatlen and Brown also saw a lack of communication between students and staff members at Residential Life and Financial

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Tuition hike expected again next fiscal year

by George Roche
Staff writer

For undergraduates, UMO is the most expensive school in the university system to attend.

Traditionally, the university trustees adjust the tuition rates in the spring to take effect in the next fiscal year (the university fiscal year runs from July to July).

Resident students with less than 12 credits (part-time) are charged \$30 per credit. Non-residents are charged \$97 per part-time credit.

In FY 1968/69, tuition was \$400 a year at Orono for Maine residents and \$800 per academic year for non-residents. Four years ago (FY '76/'77), tuition had risen to an annual cost of \$675 and \$2050, respectively.

1980 fiscal year tuition rates

Undergraduate full-time	Resident	Non-resident
Orono	associate- \$795	\$2631
Augusta	baccalaureate \$895	\$2688
Farmington	\$770	\$2612
Fort Kent	\$770	\$2592
Machias	\$770	\$2625
Presque Isle	\$770	\$2625
Southern Maine	\$820	\$2592
		\$2625
Graduate full-time		
Orono	graduate- \$1025	\$2905
Southern Maine	school of law- \$940	\$2843
	\$1250	\$2980

With runaway inflation and a belt-tightening state legislature the brunt of the university's increased costs will be defrayed by another tuition hike.

Alden E. Stuart, director of budget and fiscal services at UMO, did not speculate on the size of the rate hike but said, "I would guess that there will be an increase. We have no idea what it will be next semester, though."

Over the last two years there has been no increase in the tuition rate for resident students. Non-resident fees rose from \$2,476 to \$2688.

Whereas resident tuition at UMO has more than doubled during 1968-1980, at some of the other campuses in the university system (Farmington, Fort Kent, Machias and Presque Isle) it has increased over 700 percent.



Student Legal Services attorney Chalmers Hardenbergh, who will be giving up his post after this semester along with attorney Judd Esty-Kendall. [photo by Gail Brooks]

Candidates narrowed for SLS attorney posts

by Brian Farley
Staff writer

Student Legal Services (SLS) has narrowed the list of candidates to ten in their search for two full-time staff lawyers, according to Schuyler Steele, SLS board chairman.

SLS attorneys Chalmers Hardenbergh and Judd Esty-Kendall will be leaving this year for personal reasons, Steele said. Hardenbergh hopes to obtain a position in diplomatic service and Esty-Kendall tentatively plans to go into private law practice.

"It's time to move on," Hardenbergh said. "When I took this job, it was the right thing for me. I've learned a lot about working with people and I've learned a lot about law. Now I want to do something different," he added.

Esty-Kendall will remain on staff over the summer to assist the new lawyers in their on the job training.

Last February, SLS advertised the job openings in the *Bangor Daily News*, the *Portland Press Herald*,

and through local law schools. Applicants were requested to submit applications and resumes, and finalists will be required to write an extensive essay demonstrating their legal writing skills, Steele said.

Twenty-one applications for the jobs were originally received from office-seekers who are either third-year law students or practicing attorneys. SLS's hiring committee plans to continue narrowing the field through a series of interviews that will allow the candidates to visit the SLS offices and meet with the staff. Steele said this will "help to give the applicants an idea of the environment they will be working in."

The SLS staff currently consists of two full-time paralegals, two full-time lawyers, ten student paralegals, two student clerk/typists. SLS hopes to have the lawyer vacancies filled by May 1.

The new lawyers will be responsible for giving advice, drafting letters and forms (wills, contracts, etc.), negotiation, interpretation, and court representation when necessary.

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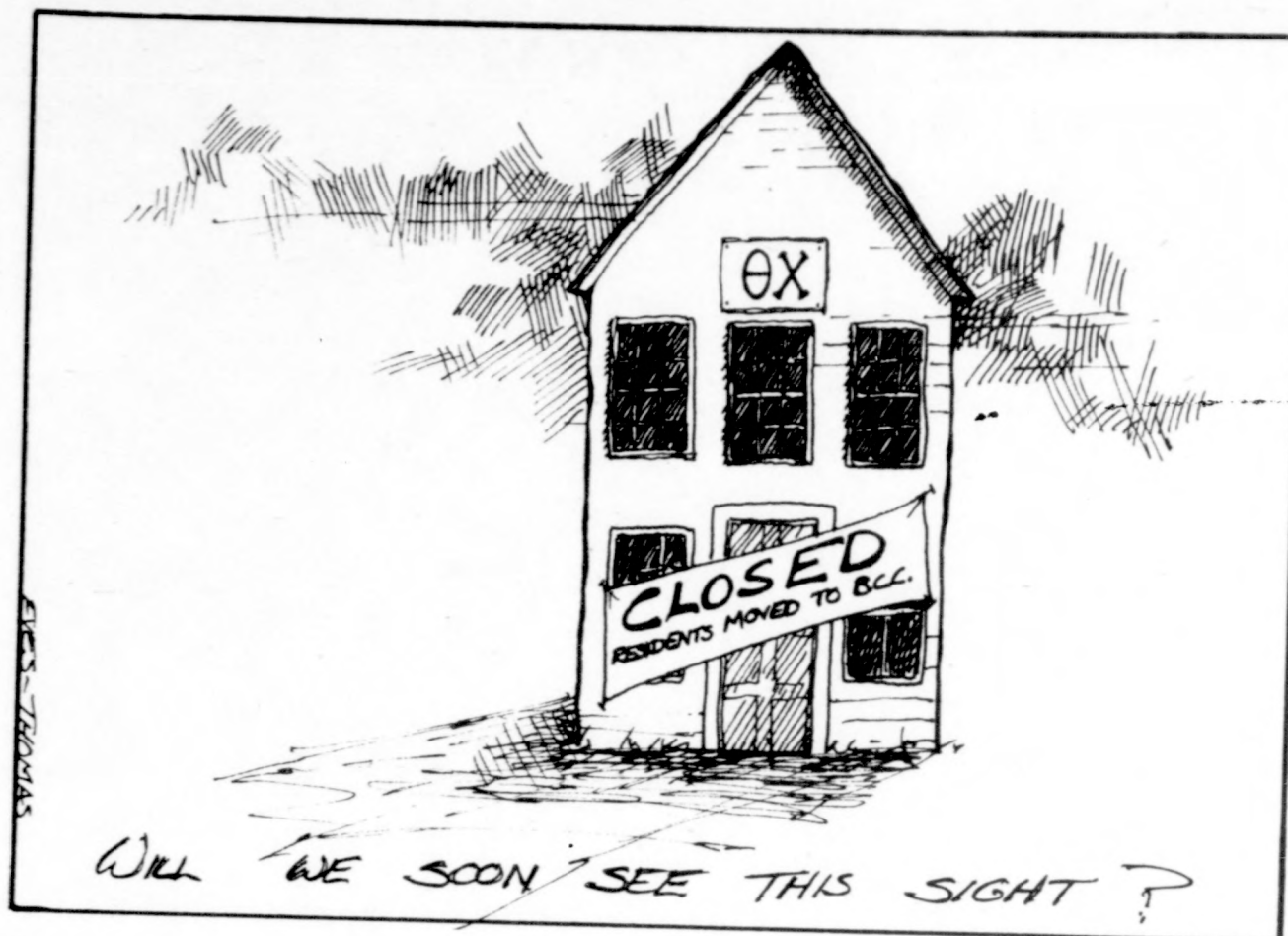
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Two wrongs...

Being a fraternity member myself, the news on the front page sticks a bit in the back of my throat.

The university is considering just punishment for one of UMO's 16 fraternities because of their involvement in the illegal sale of liquor.

The possibility of closing down the fraternity, Theta Chi, is even being considered as one of the alternatives.

Also, the dean of Student Affairs has sent letters to all of UMO's fraternity presidents and executives at the fraternity national chapters informing them of the possibility that their local chapters may be shut down if the houses are involved in the illegal sale of alcohol.

Hence, the first wrong that is mentioned in the headline.

Fraternities do far too much good and offer too many beneficial alternatives to students on this campus to be brought under a blanket charter-revoking policy.

Sure, it is wrong that they are selling liquor illegally at parties. Sometimes, they sell liquor to minors, which is also wrong in all cases.

And there is no justification or reason for fraternities to break the law. They should not be allowed to escape legal punishment if they are in violation of liquor laws.

Along these lines, two fraternities have already had members arrested and sentenced to pay fines. Theta Chi should be treated no differently than the other

two fraternities were and face their legal punishment if guilty.

If punishment is felt to be necessary by the university, it should be of a constructive manner. Let the fraternity do something beneficial for the community to make up for their wrong.

Closing a house and revoking a charter serves no constructive measure and seems a hard way to teach a lesson. It seems like a pretty harsh measure for a house that just last semester finished with the highest fraternity grade point average.

Now to the second wrong.

Fraternities themselves have to smarten up.

When I was a freshman, the first time I came down to my fraternity house was at an open party. Those days are over.

Last semester, the *Campus* ran a full-page cover showing a policeman with the words, "The party's over."

Well, the liquor inspectors, the police department and now the university have proved that it is. It's up to the fraternities to take the message.

The director of the Department of Police and Safety, Alan Reynolds, once said they were trying to stop the flagrant liquor violations.

Fraternities can no longer be campuswide drinking establishments.

They must serve their own needs—and just their own needs.

S.M.

Anne Lucey



Forbidden words

Chances are pretty good when you were in the third grade your teacher told you pretty much not to use good words too much. Those pretty good words, she told you, are overworked words in the English language - like the words "pretty" and "good".

If that teacher was at UMO today to hear us talk, she'd expire (as opposite to die) on the spot.

Not only would she die, but so would a word in the English language that is terribly overworked on this campus.

Yet, people continue to use it, resurrecting it from a potentially peaceful death. People are wicked.

The use of the word "wicked" is a case in point.

The first time I heard the word was in the *Wizard of Oz*. You remember the Wicked Witch of the West. She was terribly ugly and a personality to match.

This connotation of the word "wicked" is engraved in the vocabulary section of my brain. I remembered the word as an adjective, or a word to describe nouns.

The next time I heard the word was when I went to summer camp in western Massachusetts. The co-ed campers threw the word around without batting an eye.

For some reason, the way in which they used the word, any memory of the word did not match.

I figured why that was.

Those campers were using the word as an adverb, or to describe an adjective.

It threw me for a loop.

"The game is wicked good."

"This chow smells wicked bad."

"My counselor is wicked snotty."

After this traumatic session at camp, I went for six years without hearing the word - except in annual re-runs of the *Wizard of Oz*.

It hit me again. That word "wicked" was a contagious disease on campus. It seemed as if there was no escape from the word.

My roommates used it. My R.A. used it. People across the hall used it. People on the next floor used it even more.

I looked up the word in the dictionary: Wicked (wik'id) adj. 1. Vicious; depraved. 2. Mischievous or playfully malicious: a wicked joke. 3. Obnoxious: a wicked stench. 4. Formidable; excellent: a wicked set of tennis. - wickedly, adv.

I made a solemn vow to never use the word unless I were describing a witch.

I did pretty well. Pardon me; I did extremely well for the first five semesters of my college life.

Then it happened. It slipped. I didn't mean to use it. But I did. I hoped no one had noticed. I talked faster to cover up my blunder.

It has been almost three semesters since the day I used that intolerable word.

My third grade teacher would be wicked proud.

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To the Editor:

Gamma Sigma Sigma is a national service sorority, and has been spreading its ideals of friendship, service, and equality on campus for the past 10 years (celebrating its 10th anniversary last October).

The sisters volunteered over 1,200 service hours last semester, including projects such as football concessions, a crafts fair for Easter baskets for the needy, trick or treating for UNICEF, a program with international students, a fashion show to benefit MS, and weekly bloodbanks.

Scheduled projects for this semester include a bank of tour guides for students interested in attending UMO, a dance-a-thon to benefit Pine Tree Camp for Crippled Children, Easter baskets for the needy, "Casino Night" to benefit the campus, and weekly bloodbanks.

Both Gamma Sigma Sigma and its brother fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, are eager to serve the campus and community in as many ways as possible.

Thank you,
Beth Blouin
419 Hart Hall

What are you signing?

To the Editor:

All day Monday, there was a man outside the Memorial Union trying to get registered Maine voters to sign a nominating petition enabling two communist candidates to be on the ballot. I watched in fascination as he stopped a female coming out of the Union, speak to her for approximately a minute, and then give her his pen to sign the petition. Curiosity got the better of me, so I ran after the girl and tapped her on the shoulder.

"Can I ask you a question?" I asked.

"Sure," she replied.

"How do you feel about the Soviet Union?"

"Well, gee, I'm against the Soviets and all."

"Do you know what you just signed?"

"Yeah, I signed to get those two people on the ballot. That's all."

"That's all? You're against communism and yet you signed that nominating petition?"

"I'm not in favor of them. I don't have to vote for them or anything. Hey, they're not going to win anyway."

"Of course they're not going to win. They don't even want to win. They just want political recognition. They want to be able to say, 'we've got our foot in America, too.' Pure Manifest Destiny of Communism."

"Hey, they've got to obtain 4,000

signatures. They'll never get that many."

I just stared at her in disbelief. Four thousand signatures. If everybody signed it because they believed obtaining 4,000 signatures was impossible, the petition would be filled before you could blink an eye.

I hope that young woman sees this article. Maybe now she'll start thinking about what she's signing before she signs it. I'd hate to see the mess we'd be in, if people signed petitions for reasons as strong as hers!

Maureen Kelleher

correction

In the Tuesday, March 4 edition of the *Campus* was a letter to the editor written by CARD representatives. In addition to an 11 a.m. bus, there will be a 10 a.m. bus leaving Hauck circle on Sunday, for the rally in Augusta.

commentary

Richard Obrey

Yes folks, there is hope for salvation

I've had two really bad scares in the last few days.

No, I didn't eat in one of the dining commons.

I stayed up Sunday night and watched the PTL (Praise The Lord) Club on television, and then Monday, I read *The Daily Worker*, the newspaper of the American Communist Party.

However noble you consider the purpose of these two organizations, it often appears that they share the common attribute of overshadowing their purpose in their quest for cash. Commercialized Christianity and Sold-out Socialism, if you will.

The PTL Club was in its last hour of a telethon to raise money for its Christian television ministry, "buying souls for the Lord," through the miracle of satellite communications.

Throughout the show, on the bottom of the screen, were the telephone numbers, and a viewer decided to make a pledge, another to call if a person wished to pray with a PTL counselor.

It struck me as hypocritical that the pledge number was toll free (1-800), while the prayer

number was not.

"Praise God!" host Jim Bakker exclaimed, "The 800 numbers are jammed. We can give the Devil a real black eye!"

As I was getting up my nerve to call the toll-free number and share my observation, Bakker came on the screen and related the marvelous work the PTL legal counsel had done in handling a government investigation into the PTL Club's finances.

Bakker said the government had checked the club's records and found no wrongdoing. I believe him.

"You can destroy Jim Bakker," he said, "but who am I?" The Bible, he added, credits Jesus with saying "Touch not my anointed."

I decided not to call.

I had an urge to call the last time I watched the show, a year ago New Year's Eve, right after a guest on the show found a natural progression from homosexuality to child molesting, right to axe murders.

I failed to follow his reasoning.

Yesterday, I signed a petition that would place the names of

two Communist Party members on the Presidential ballot in November.

Pretty liberal of me, I thought, giving myself a quick pat on my First Amendment rights.

Later, I picked up a copy of the *Daily Worker* someone had left for Ernie in the Bears Den.

I didn't expect it to hold the same views as the *Village Voice*, but I was a little dismayed to read a study saying: "Soviet troops will start withdrawing from Afghanistan as soon as all outside intervention is completely ended, it was stated 'very definitely' by President Leonid Brezhnev of the USSR in a speech last Friday to voters in Moscow."

The *Daily Worker* was also using a "phone-a-thon" to raise money. Also, advertisements called for readers to give the *Daily Worker* "any items that can be converted to cash. How about that tea set — the silver platter — those old earrings or watch band...." Another ad offered information and assistance in drawing up a will that included the *Daily Worker* as a beneficiary.

According to Jim Bakker, I

can relax, because the Devil is only after God's people.

As a firm believer in democracy, I don't lose any sleep worrying that the Communist Party will come to power in the U.S. in the near future.

So what scares me? These two groups have more in common than the desire to raise money. They are fanatics (no, that's too harsh). They are extremists (no, too soft). Extremists?

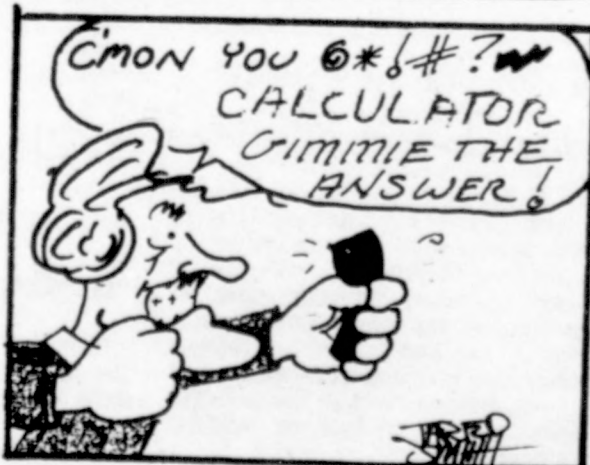
Whatever they are, it scares me.

The PTL Club has helped millions of people, that's indisputable. The Communist Party is not without its faithful supporters, either.

But the single-minded purpose of these organizations is frightening. You're either with them or against them, and plumb out of luck after the revolution (or on Judgment Day).

There is hope for salvation (or political enlightenment) if you're beginning to worry.

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GM agrees to refund \$2M to customers

DETROIT—General Motors has agreed to refund two million dollars to consumers in a case where GM was accused of repossessing cars, selling them and pocketing the profits.

The Federal Trade Commission charged GM's credit subsidiary, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, with running "sham" sales that deprived customers of money to which they're legally entitled. When a person's car is repossessed and auctioned off, the consumer is supposed to get back all profits except for the outstanding debt and some expenses.

The FTC said GMAC got around this by selling some cars to itself at a low price, then re-selling the autos at higher rates.

In signing the consent agreement, GM and the subsidiary did not acknowledge any law violation.

A GM spokesman says consumers eligible for the refunds will be notified as soon as they can be identified.

O'Neill predicts draft proposal will survive House committee vote

WASHINGTON—House speaker Tip O'Neill predicts that President Carter's draft registration program will survive a key vote Wednesday in the House Appropriations Committee. The panel will be considering legislation to fund the registration of men. An appropriations subcommittee last week turned thumbs down on that proposal. But the House speaker says committee leaders believe there are enough votes in the full appropriations committee to approve the bill and send it to the House floor. There, he expects it to be approved. Says O'Neill: "I still think there's enough concern and patriotism in the House to pass a registration bill."

Court forces Rumford to have policewoman

RUMFORD Rumford has a woman police officer for the first time in its history though she had to go to court to get the job.

Jacqueline Walton started work Tuesday after a four-year battle to gain a job in her hometown.

Ms. Walton, who was represented by the Maine Civil Liberties Union, filed suit in federal court a year ago, alleging her application for a job as a police officer was denied because she was a woman.

The consent decree arrived at by both parties and signed last week by Judge Edward Gignoux said Ms. Walton would start work this week as a part-time officer. Under the agreement, she is to be appointed to the first full-time police opening available in Rumford following successful completion of police academy courses.

Leftists hold embassy in Bogota, postpone scheduled negotiations

BOGOTA—Twenty-seven people, including the US ambassador to Columbia, remain hostage inside the Dominican Republic's embassy in Bogota. A scheduled resumption of negotiations was postponed Tuesday without explanation. The leftists holding the embassy said they would not back down from their demands for money and the release of political prisoners.

Research underway for joint energy study

BRUNSWICK—Twenty liberal arts colleges in the northeast have agreed to investigate the possibility of a joint study on ways to lower soaring fuel costs. The president of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Dr. Willard Enteman, advanced the plan in letters to his fellow presidents at the 19 other colleges. He said today he has received positive replies from all of them.

Enteman said he was suggesting essentially a study program. Together, he said, the colleges could ask a major research corporation to conduct a study on common energy problems at campuses in the northeast. He said such a study might establish general principles within which each college could conduct its own building-by-building energy audit.

Enteman said that after an estimate of the cost is obtained, the colleges could ask corporations, foundations and the Department of Energy to fund the study.

Ayatollah agrees to let UN commission meet the hostages

Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini has agreed to a meeting between the UN commission and the American hostages being held at the U.S. embassy. Tehran radio says Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh made the announcement after a meeting of the revolutionary council Tuesday. The council itself had given its consent.

No date was mentioned for the meeting. So far, there's been no response from the militants for the response from the militants occupying the embassy. The last word from them on the matter was that the UN commission could not meet with the hostages until after it had made its report.

Trailers with harmful waste to be moved to disposal site in N.Y.

BERWICK—A spokesman for the Maine Attorney General's office says trailers containing hazardous waste will be moved from a parking lot in North Berwick to a disposal site in

New York by the end of the week.

Assistant Attorney General Philip Ahrens said all seven trailers were leased to a New Hampshire firm, which sought to set up an industrial waste transfer station.

The trailers have been parked at North Berwick since last fall. Ahrens noted that two trailers had been moved from the site during the past two months, but two more trailers containing drums of hazardous chemicals appeared in their place last week. Officials say the new trailers apparently were parked in the lot at a time when 24-hour-a-day police surveillance was broken.

Increase in defense spending likely

There are growing indications that whatever economies the country may make to fight inflation, they won't be in defense spending. In fact, Pentagon sources say that the military establishment may need billions of dollars more than already anticipated to meet rising fuel costs.

President Carter, in asking other government departments to restudy their budgets with a view to cuts, did not make a similar request to the Pentagon. Carter has come out for a five percent "real growth" in Pentagon spending for the next fiscal year. That means five percent after inflation is taken into account. But some representatives, including Democrat David Obey of Wisconsin and Republican James Jones of Oklahoma, say the defense establishment should share any necessary cuts.

Rhodesian plans to integrate government

RHODESIA—In Rhodesia, Prime Minister-designate Robert Mugabe has announced plans to form a broad-based, racially-integrated government. Mugabe was the heavy winner in the parliamentary elections.

J.P. Stevens Co. to fight unionization

GREENVILLE, S.C.—The chairman of the J.P. Stevens Company said Tuesday the large textile firm will continue to fight attempts to unionize its workers. Whitney Stevens told a stockholders' meeting in Greenville, South Carolina, that management does not believe that a union has anything to offer the company of its employees. J.P. Stevens has long been the target of a union-organized boycott. Maine Governor Joseph E. Brennan has proposed that state agencies stop buying the company's products because of what he calls its "scandalous" labor policies.

United Arab Emirates discovers new oil

The United Arab Emirates says it may have far more crude oil reserves than commonly thought. Available estimates put the proven reserves at 81 billion barrels of crude. But the UAE petroleum minister says new reserves of oil and natural gas are being discovered.



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Johnson gone

by Scott Cole
Staff writer

A talented basketball player took a ride down the turnpike to Boston Monday and may have taken a promising UMO career with him.

Freshman forward Joe Johnson was picked up by his parents at his Aroostook Hall residence Monday afternoon and left campus for his Mat-tapan, Massachusetts home.

The Registrar's office stated yesterday afternoon that they had no one by the name of Joe Johnson on their withdrawal list. Thus Johnson is still officially a student at the university.

Johnson told his roommate and teammate Bruce before leaving Monday that he was having family problems.

When contacted early Tuesday afternoon Sumpter stated he was "not sure" if Johnson would return this semester but was not surprised by his friend's departure.

Johnson called Sumpter from Mat-tapan later on Tuesday afternoon and said he was having "personal problems" and would "try to come back this semester."

One basketball player when informed of the freshman shotblocker's leaving commented that Johnson had not attended a class yet this semester.

Several attempts were made to reach Johnson yesterday afternoon but his family, like many others in the Mat-tapan area, has an unpublished phone number.

Coach Skip Chappelle was unavailable for comment as he was on the road in Massachusetts with assistant Peter Gavett recruiting.



Is Joe Johnson [30] walking away from the "Pit" and UMO basketball? (photo by Bill Mason)

In 28 games this season Johnson racked up 146 points, averaging 5.6 per game. Though he saw limited first half action, Johnson still came on to finish second to Rufus Harris in rebounding with 181 boards. The Boston Globe Div. 3 high school player of the year in 1978-79 hauled down an impressive 17 rebounds against a much taller Holy Cross team in last Thursday's ECAC playoff defeat. Johnson left Memorial Gym crowds buzzing in awe of the spectacular blocked shots he came up with in the season's second half.

Mueller wins World Cup

Lake Louise, Alberta - Herbert Plank of Italy won the final men's downhill World Cup ski race of the season at Lake Louise in Canada Tuesday. The overall title went to Peter Mueller of Switzerland, the defending champion.

Ken Read of Canada, who went into

Tuesday's race with a chance to take the crown, finished seventh. He would have had to finish third to win the overall title. Mueller did not wind up in the top ten in Tuesday's event, but he still had enough points for the overall downhill championship.



Gymnast Julie Goulette performs on the balance beam against Vermont. Consistent performance by Goulette and follow all-arounder Laura Schuster helped lead Maine to a 9-4 season. (photo by Al Pelletier)

Rufus All-American

UMO's Rufus Harris was named All-American honorable mention by the Associated Press yesterday. No one in New England was named to the first three All-American teams, but

Harris, UConn's Corny Thompson, and Holy Cross' Ronnie Perry were all honorable mentions. The only other honorable mention ever for Maine was Bob Warner.

9-4 record

Gymnasts end season

by Dale McGarrigle
Staff writer

The UMO's women's gymnastics team concluded its season with a 9-4 record, against a bigger and better slate of opponents.

Maine's first meet of the season was against Vermont Dec. 8, their only home meet of the season. Maine edged Vermont 105.2-104.85.

Laura Schuster placed second on the uneven bars and the balance beam, and finished second in the all-around competition. Julie Goulette finished third in the all-around, winning the vaulting, finishing second in the floor exercise, and third on the balance beam.

In their second meet, the lady gymnasts again conquered, downing Rhode Island College and MIT at Farmington. Schuster won the all-around, winning the beam, placing second on the bars, and finishing third in the floor exercise. Goulette finished third all-around, placing second in the floor ex and the beam, and third in the vaulting.

The next meet against Salem State and UMF at Farmington was what UMO Coach Lisa Burger termed "probably the peak of our season." Maine scored 109.05, their highest total score for the season, to down Salem State, which scored 102.65. Schuster won the vaulting, Goulette won the floor exercise, and Wendy Miller captured the uneven bars. Goulette and Schuster finished second and third in the all-around respectively.

Coach Burger, said, "We looked the best we'd looked. Everyone had a good meet, with only one fall in the entire meet. Everyone hit their routines. The girls were really psyched, because Salem State had won last year by less than a point and they wanted to get them back."

At Westfield, Mass., the following weekend, Maine finished a disappointing second to Vermont. Bar specialist Wendy Miller won the uneven bars,

but tore cartilage in her knee to put her out for the rest of the season. Goulette finished third all-around.

The next day, UMO defeated Rhode Island College 101.25-92.45. Goulette won the vaulting, placed second in the floor exercise, and placed second in the all-around.

Schuster finished second on the balance beam and third on the uneven bars and the floor exercise. Mary Rossi placed for the first time, grabbing a third on the balance beam.

The gymnasts then finished fourth at the Tri-State Meet in New Hampshire, the result of too many injuries.

Coach Burger will be losing senior Pam Selva, who will be graduating this year, and Jennie Watson, who will be student teaching in the spring.

The best all-around gymnasts have been Laura Schuster and Julie Goulette. Both have been equal during the season, alternating back and forth as top performer.

Coach Burger cited freshman Mary Rossi and sophomore Cathy Shea as two of her most improved gymnasts. She said, "Mary had the basic tumbling skills when she arrived here, but she didn't have the finesse needed in competition. She's now much level-headed and consistent as a competitor."

Of Shea, she said, "Cathy didn't compete for us last year. She's competed on the bars the last four meets, and in that time, she's raised her bar scores two points. After Wendy Miller tore the cartilage in her knee, Cathy has filled in for her, and even placed at the Tri-States."

Overall, Coach Burger was pleased with the season. She added, "I was optimistic at the beginning of the year because we had so many good incoming freshmen. But we started to lose people before the first meet, and the squad was cut down to nine members. I was concerned for a little while that we wouldn't do as well with the bigger schedule. But I ended up very pleased with the season."

New record time

Whipkey wins N.E. 800

by Ed Crockett
Staff writer

Myron Whipkey became the first Black Bear runner to be crowned New England Champion in the last 18 years. The man they call "The Whip" displayed uncanny determination as he moved into the New England track record book with a sparkling time of 1:51.0 in the 800 meters.

In the two-day meet, which took place at Boston University on Saturday and Sunday, Whipkey had to run three preliminary races to qualify for the final. This excessive racing makes his accomplishment that much more impressive. His time also clipped 1.9 sec. off his university record which he set earlier this season. UMO scored only 11 points in the meet which left them well behind Boston University, who captured the title for the second consecutive year. However, according to Coach Ed Styra the team was outstanding.

"Everyone had a great meet. If not for the bad luck we were plagued by we would have fared much better," said the coach.

The misfortune Coach Styra was referring to was the pulled muscle which knocked hurdler Ben Reed out of his event, and the invisible foul that sent relayman Cameron Bonsey sprawling to the track.

Reed was expected to do well in the meet, however, he pulled a muscle in practice Wednesday which lessened his chances of scoring considerably. Yet, he unfolded a courageous effort, explained Coach Styra, when he participated in the trials on Saturday. Miraculously, he qualified for the semis, but was forced to out of the race because he came up lame.

Bonsey was running well and picking up ground on his rivals when one of them cut him off sending him to the ground. For some unexplained reason no team was disqualified.

Other outstanding performances were by Kevin Tarr, Bill Pike, and the mile-relay team. Tarr darted to sixth place in the 60 yd. dash, edging a group of sprinters at the tape. Pike set a new school record in the two-mile with a time of 9:01.6, clipping 5.5 sec. off his own record he established earlier this season. The shocking result of the race was that Pike could only muster 8th place. This event is a good indication of the quality of competition that competed in all the events. The quartet of Greg Harrison, Tim Sawtelle, Tarr, and Kevin Dyer broke the school record with a time of 3:18 in the 1600 meter relay, but had to settle for 7th place.

The Black Bears will compete in the IC4A's this weekend at Princeton University.

PVEA to sponsor energy workshops

by Paul Fillmore
Staff writer

The Penobscot Valley Energy Alliance began last night to organize for their "Energy Options Day" to be held this April.

This day will have an "alternative focus" on energy resources and options available to the people of Maine. The conference will offer workshops on wind, solar, hydroelectric, coal and nuclear energy.

The group decided to steer away from their traditional anti-nuclear position in an attempt to draw as many people as possible to the workshops. The workshops last year were attended almost exclusively by anti-nuclear supporters.

"We have to have a broad-based thing," said Steve Webster, one member of the alliance, "where people can come and learn all the alternatives."

There was disagreement at the meeting as to whether a pro-nuclear speaker should be invited.

"Trying to be fair is, to a degree, counterproductive," said Mark Herrington, another member of the alliance. Herrington said he felt the nuclear industry should not be represented because it already constantly bombards the public with reasons why there should be nuclear power.

Webster did not agree. "By not including them we're sinking down to their level," he said.

Another member of the group, Leeann Hanson, felt the focus of the day should be on people who have not already made up their minds on energy issues. "We have to shoot for the people who haven't decided," she said.

The alliance also discussed their plans for "Three Mile Island Day" later this month. They will broadcast a skit written from actual transcripts of happenings at the plant after its shutdown. "People can see what kind of bungling idiots are watching over the plants," said PVEA member Tom Smith.

Advisors

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Aid as an important problem area.

"The difference in opinion between students and the student affairs staff was tremendous," Hatlan said.

"Residential Life and Financial Aid staff members told us everything was going fine, but students cited problem after problem," he said. "Something has to be done."

Brown hoped that through the study the Board of Trustees would better qualified to deal with these and other issues which affect students.

Professors are reminded of Buckley Amendment

by Melissa Gay
Staff writer

The legality of posting student's grades was raised at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Council of Colleges.

According to the Buckley Amendment, which was passed in 1974, professors must have prior written permission from a student before they can post grades by student number, or any form of identification.

"Some members felt posting grades would avoid errors in recording their transcripts," said Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Henry Hooper. "It was suggested by some that grades be posted by ID for student verification."

The statements of the Buckley Amendment were researched again, according to Hooper, and bulletins sent to the university community.

"Several of us disagreed because we remembered something about the legality of this situation," Hooper added.

The Buckley Amendment states: "Examination grades, laboratory grades, term paper grades, and course grades are all

regarded as part of the student's educational record." The practice of publicly posting grades, used several years ago, violates federal regulations designed to regulate the Buckley Amendment. Similarly, leaving graded examinations in an open location for students to pick up also violates the rules.

"When the Buckley Amendment first passed, instructors were made aware of the rule," Hooper said. "Now there are a lot of new faculty members who don't know about the rule, and there are some old ones who have just forgotten. That's why we reissued the bulletin."

Some instructors still list test grades by ID number and others leave graded exams on chairs or counters for students to claim.

"We initially received instructions from the dean about posting grades," said Joseph Antonitis, psychology professor. "But since they aren't repeated every semester some people have forgotten."

"I used to pass around a consent form for students to sign, but now I announce

that anyone who doesn't wish their grade to be posted to say so when they pass their test in," Antonitis added.

"Several years ago when the amendment first went through we were conscious of the rule," said Dr. Arthur Guesman, Chairman of the journalism department. "We received no comment until the memorandum last week."

"I've violated the rule myself in my advertising class," Guesman added. "Now I'll pass a note around which would give consent to post the grades if the student signed it. If a student doesn't want his grade posted I'll hold it out of the pile."

The Buckley Amendment also covers school records and files. Written permission must be received before information may be released.

"We are involved with the Buckley Amendment because we are the keepers of student records and files," said Registrar John Collins.

"The faculty checks with us to see if it's OK to tell things about a student," Collins

added. Sitting in a courthouse waiting for a story to break may not be all that exciting, but the opening scene of the first act was a bit too realistic for what is supposed to be a classic American comedy.

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But at least the phones rang, and they were authentically styled candlestick phones. For the people in the audience, being in Hauck last night for the opening of *Front Page* was probably a right number.



Members of the cast of *Front Page* rehearse a scene prior to the opening performance last night. The play will run through Saturday with a special matinee on Friday. [photo by Mark Munro]

Review

Getting the scoop on the Front Page

by Susan Day
Staff writer

Every drama critic walks into the theater on opening night with a different background, a different set of biases. Those biases decide that they think is funny, what they think is good, and what they try not to think about.

I thought *Front Page* was funny. A couple of times it was almost really funny. I thought *Front Page* was good. Sometimes it was really good. And there were some parts I'll try not to think about, because they didn't come out that well.

Front Page is a play about newspapermen, so it hit close to home. It had jokes about ending up as grey-haired copy editors, it had lines about that "one big story," the story of a lifetime. And it had cracks about just how far a reporter will go for the ultimate "scoop." To someone "in the business," that is all it takes for a good laugh, started by the players' lines and filled in with personal inside jokes. But that's not the way a play is supposed to function.

Front Page functions fairly well without the inside scoop, without the newspaper background. For the majority of the moderate house in Hauck Tuesday night,

newspapers are just something to read in the morning and wrap fish in in the afternoon, so they didn't have their own jokes. They relied on James Bost's direction and the characters in the Maine Masque play to fill them in. And the combined effort seemed to do pretty well, because there were a lot of non-newspaper people laughing.

By any standards, the life of the party was Francis Parkman in the role of Hildy Johnson of the *Chicago Herald Examiner*. He managed to bring animation to otherwise static scenes in the press room, and brought an exuberance to the part that made him the instant "good guy." It helps that Johnson got some great lines in the script, but great lines can't always make a great part. Parkman made the singing entrances and impromptu schtick fit the character, and it helped give the other journalists something to play off.

Dale Simonton, as the managing editor of the *Examiner*, probably drew the best responses from the audience for his one-liners and double-takes. His newspaper plausibility was pretty good, and his "never give up" attitude definitely is the sign of editorial edginess — anything for an exclusive.

The writers on the whole were a bit on

the dry side. Sitting in a courthouse waiting for a story to break may not be all that exciting, but the opening scene of the first act was a bit too realistic for what is supposed to be a classic American comedy.

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