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Theta Chi objects to board members

by Richard Obrey
Staff writer

Theta Chi fraternity, its charter revoked for illegal sale of liquor, has objected to the composition of the conduct committee that will hear the fraternity's appeal.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Sharon Dendurent, revoked the fraternity's

charter last week. Dendurent is also the conduct officer.

The objections were made in a letter written by Theta Chi President Brian Hadwen to Chancellor Patrick McCarthy yesterday. The conduct committee hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, at 3 p.m.

Hadwen said the letter was prepared with the help of "an alumnus", who "went

through" the UMO Student Conduct Code. Hadwen said the alumnus told him the code was "poorly written and vague," and allows the university to "perform sanctions that violate the (US) Constitution."

The absence of fraternity representation on the committee was objected to by the fraternity. The letter states "the committee was selected entirely by the Conduct

Officer (Dendurent), who had already judged Theta Chi's case." The letter claimed the committee "does not reflect an impartial cross-section of the UMO community."

Dendurent said the fraternity was free to voice its objections to the Chairman of the conduct committee at the hearing. There is a provision in the conduct code, Dendurent said, for the chairperson to determine if a person was qualified to sit on the committee.

According to James Thomas, a member of Beta Theta Pi, he and two other regular committee members had not been asked to hear the appeal because they belong to fraternities. Thomas said Dendurent had told "another member" fraternity brothers would not be allowed to sit on the committee because of "conflict of interest." Thomas said he felt at least one fraternity member should hear the appeal.

Dendurent, who has responsibility for choosing who will hear a case before the conduct committee, said she had made her choices "from regular committee members and it just happened that none of them were fraternity members."

The fraternity also challenges the seating of Tracy Gran and Brian Crowley on the committee "on the grounds that (they are) not members of the UMO

Community," and the seating of Charlotte Bailey "on the grounds that she is an off-campus student and not within the jurisdiction of the Student Conduct Code."

Gran is an associate professor of sociology at BCC, while Crowley is a UMO student living at BCC. Hadwen said he felt they would "better know (the situation) if they lived on the Orono campus."

The Student Code defines the jurisdiction, as applying to "Any person(s) enrolled in any course or program offered by the University....Hadwen said Bailey should be excluded because she was outside the jurisdiction of the code.

Theta Chi also claimed in the letter that several of the fraternities constitutional rights were violated by the conduct code provisions concerning the denial of legal counsel at the hearing, and the admission of evidence. The fraternity also called the conduct officer's actions in closing Theta Chi "arbitrary, capricious, and uncalled for." An atmosphere "prejudicial" to Theta Chi had been created "which will make it difficult...to receive a fair and impartial hearing," the letter added.

Representatives criticize closing of fraternity

by Julia Frey
Staff writer

State representatives, including Richard Davies (D) of Orono, announced they were all "very disappointed" with University of Maine Officials for "contradictory policies" on the sale of alcohol at university parties, according to a press release Monday.

Representatives Davies, Bob Barry (D) of Fort Kent, and Stephen Hughes (D) of Auburn exclaim in the release these officials "singled out" Theta Chi fraternity for selling alcohol on the Orono campus while "allowing four dorms to sell alcohol this past Saturday night."

"The University of Maine is using a double standard by using selective enforcement for the selling of alcohol as a criteria in determining sanctions against Theta Chi fraternity," Barry said.

Theta Chi was closed down, effective March 15, this past week for selling alcohol at a party. This decision is expected to be appealed to the conduct committee on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

"We find this discriminatory when Hancock Hall, Dunn Hall, Stodder Hall, and Oxford Hall were all charging between \$1 and \$4 per person to drink beer at these parties Saturday night," Barry said.

The release states all three representatives as asking, "We wonder if these same officials are going to close down dormitories?"

Barry said when he talked with
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Also recommends task force

Council asks for plus-minus repeal

by Stephen Olver
Staff writer

The Council of Colleges voted Monday to recommend the repeal of proposed plus-minus grading for the 1980-81 academic year.

The council, which had earlier voiced support for plus-minus grading, reversed its position after results of a campus-wide survey showed both faculty and students were against its implementation.

Professor Andrew Abbott, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, questioned the results of the survey.

"We question the validity of the survey," Abbott said. "It was done last fall and students attitudes change constantly."

The survey questions 300 students and 150 faculty members and was conducted with the cooperation of the Social Science Research Institute.

Ironically, the Council of Colleges first endorsed plus-minus grading last semester after student government leaders pushed for its approval.

Former Student Government Vice President Steve Bucherati apologized for the reversed position, but stressed the survey

showed students and faculty ~~also were~~ opposed to a change in the present grading system.

In other action, the council passed a resolution recommending a task force be formed to investigate alleged "appalling conditions" in some UMO residence halls.

The resolution, authored by English professor Carroll Terrell, and amended by zoology professor Mary Tyler, calls for Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Aceto to chair the task force which will locate problem areas and coordinate solutions.

Aceto confirmed after the council meeting he would go ahead with implementation of the task force.

According to the resolution, because of the poor behavior of a few dormitory residents, some "serious-minded students are being victimized and are not able to do their work."

BCC Student Government Vice President Rookie Crowley disagreed.

"This is simply a reactionary move," he said. "Residential Life and IDB should be the ones to address any problems, it's their area."

"The real problem is the inadequacy of

Residential Life, but it's the students who get blamed," council member Dave Sterling said.

However, history professor Stewart Doty feels a task force will bring this issue into the open and be beneficial.

"This area needs much discussion," he said. "Hopefully then we can face these problems."

"This is not an easy problem," Aceto added. "But, if we can stir enough comment from all sides, we can better solve these problems."

Student senator Ben Zeichick expressed surprise the student senate wasn't contacted or asked for comment on the resolution.

After lengthy debate, the resolution's initial sponsor, Terrell, called for the resolution to be tabled until students showed open support for the task force.

"Unless students also support the resolution, I don't think it would be productive to continue," he said. "The worst thing we can do is have a student vs. faculty and administrator gap."

Terrell explained that his original intent was to show the genuine faculty concern
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Theta Chi reveals their potential status in front of their fraternity house on College Avenue. [photo by Gail Brooks]



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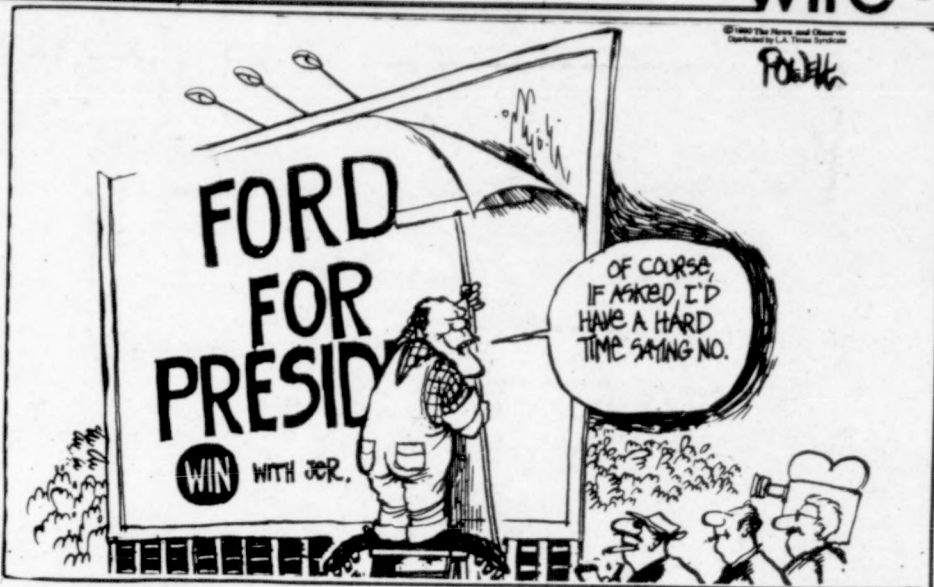
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A "yes" vote would favor putting a new law into effect and getting rid of

the roughly 400 slots machine that have sprouted through a loophole in the state gambling laws. A "no" vote will be to repeal the new law and keep the machines.

Reports filed with the secretary of state's office indicate that proponents of the "armless bandits" had outspent a group opposed to the devices by more than 250 to one.

Conventional slot machines are illegal under Maine's six-year-old charity gambling law, but distributors got around the restriction by designing remote-controlled electronic machines.

The legal loophole also allows distributors to enlist a charity group and then place the slot machine in bars in the name of the charity. According to state police, Maine's slots grossed 7.8 million dollars, with about 2 million dollars going to the charities which sponsored them.

Correction

The fraternity Alpha Tau Omega is no longer under probation for the illegal sale of liquor as reported in last Friday's Campus. ATO's probation period ended as of Dec. 31, 1979.



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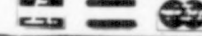
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Decision on slots in Maine due today

AUGUSTA—Maine voters go to the polls today to decide whether electronically operated slot machines should be outlawed in Maine.

A "yes" vote would favor putting a new law into effect and getting rid of

the roughly 400 slots machine that have sprouted through a loophole in the state gambling laws. A "no" vote will be to repeal the new law and keep the machines.

Reports filed with the secretary of state's office indicate that proponents of the "armless bandits" had outspent a group opposed to the devices by more than 250 to one.

Conventional slot machines are illegal under Maine's six-year-old charity gambling law, but distributors got around the restriction by designing remote-controlled electronic machines.

The legal loophole also allows distributors to enlist a charity group and then place the slot machine in bars in the name of the charity. According to state police, Maine's slots grossed 7.8 million dollars, with about 2 million dollars going to the charities which sponsored them.

Correction

The fraternity Alpha Tau Omega is no longer under probation for the illegal sale of liquor as reported in last Friday's Campus. ATO's probation period ended as of Dec. 31, 1979.



Tuesday, March 11

12:15 p.m. Dialogue on Rye "How to Save Time and Money on Your Income Taxes." Coe Lounge, Memorial Union.

4 p.m. Maine Peace Action Committee meeting. Virtue Room, the Maples.

4:15 p.m. Poetry Reading by Edwin Brock. 304 English/Math.

5:30 p.m. Penobscot Valley Energy Alliance Meeting. North Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union.

6:30 p.m. Student Senate Meeting. 153 Barrows Hall.

7 p.m. Forestry Club 100 Nutting Hall.

7:30 p.m. Rob Gardiner of the Natural Resources Council of Maine will give a slide show on the Dickey-Lincoln Dam. Refreshments. No. Lown Room, Memorial Union.

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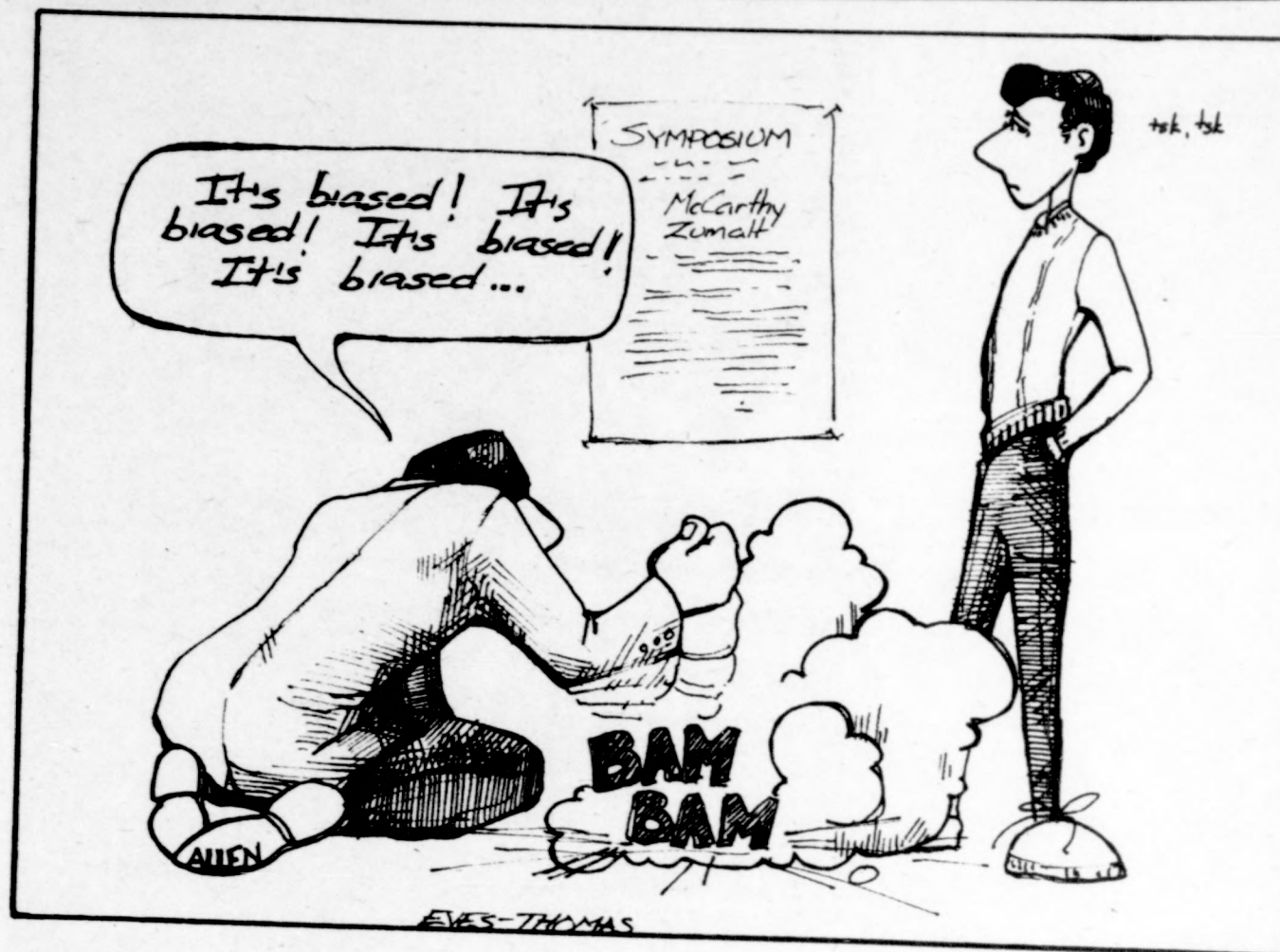
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The Real World Mike Lowry

I usually end up sleeping through most of Saturday.

But for some reason on that particular Saturday a while back, I got up early (waking up about 30 minutes later), and for lack of anything better to do, I switched on the TV.

As dulled as my senses were, there was a faint tinge of recognition from within in that simple action of the wrist. *What could it mean*, I thought, dwelling deep into my memory for some sort of sleepy revelation.

Just as I had decided that it wasn't worth racking my brain about the boob tube image appeared and I was faced with the continuing adventures of the coyote and the road runner.

Instantly, the familiar explosions of dynamite, crushing boulders, and runaway trains brought the memories to the surface. *How could I have forgotten? Cartoons! I know everyone of them by heart!*

In my past, you see, my Saturday mornings were not spent on such drab and mundane activities as mere sleep. No, indeed. Such activity was for the lazy.

I was up before 8 a.m., armed with a bowl of soggy Life cereal (please, I've heard all the jokes before...so don't bother mentioning the commercial...I really did eat the stuff) and perched in front of the Motorola that always seemed to be on the fritz. I was ready for another cartoon marathon.

In my early years, the pilgrimage began with Mighty Mouse. Later, the Groovy Ghouls became the flagship cartoons for me. Yes, they were simple, they relied largely on low humor and slapstick, and they really were *not* hard-core cartoons for hard-core fanatics like me, but they got me hooked.

As the morning wore on, and Oreos took the place of cereal for sustenance, the *real* stuff started. Scooby Doo. Not the garbage you see now (where *did* Scrappy Doo come from anyway?), but the originals, the first Shaggy-Scooby mysteries.

But my addiction was the most severe with Bugs. Week after week, year after year, I watched the same old cartoons. I saw Yosemite Sam fall off the highdiv platform so often I felt bad for the old geezer. To this day, I can still sing most of those songs Bugs sang while showering or walking through the woods (and often do, to the dismay of my comrades at the *Campus*).

I was also partial to The Jetsons and especially Rocky and Bullwinkle, who came later, but neither ever diluted my devotion to all the loony tunes. They were like friends.

And so it would go, until almost 2 p.m., when the cartoons would end or when my mother would decide it was time to go outdoors, where I would proceed to pretend I was Shaggy with my trusty great dane Scooby, finding ghosts deep within our garage.

But now, as I saw the cartoon for the millionth time where Tweety got the jet powered birdcage, I noted those days were long behind me. Besides, I thought, cartoons are different now, almost amateurish. Fred and Barney meet the Thing. Casper meets the Space Angels. There ought to be a law.

I turned up the volume and focused in on Sylvester's latest scheme. Luckily, some things never change.

M.L.

Major problems

If you haven't taken off for spring vacation early, you should really catch part or all of the two-day symposium here at UMO Wednesday and Thursday.

It's about relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, the cold war, and the general state of foreign affairs in this country. The highlight will be a debate between former Sen. Eugene McCarthy and retired Admiral Elmo Zumalt Thursday night.

This is major, folks.

How we get along with the Russians these days is a major issue, of major importance to all Americans, especially to college students like us, whose futures could be determined by the state of those relations.

McCarthy and Zumalt are major figures, and no matter who you side with, their opinions are important to consider and debate.

And, lest we forget, this symposium itself is a major media happening. UMO could be the center of attention again.

But already, even before it has started, the symposium is causing major problems.

The problems stem from claims by at least two members of the UMO community, Doug Allen and Mark Lutz, that the symposium is biased and that the eight panel members

who will question McCarthy and Zumalt "represent only a narrow range of political thought."

Allen claims "the persons who have worked on the symposium are practically 100 percent conservative and it's reflected in the symposium itself." He also feels that posters advertising the event are misleading.

As a result, there's a lot of dissention. Come on now.

There's one "major" here that seems to have been forgotten.

This symposium is a major opportunity in education. That's the whole purpose for this symposium. Education.

Not whether or not the liberals are liberal enough for everybody on this campus.

There should be a realm of political attitudes, yes, but is all this fuss necessary now, just a few days before the event?

If it was all that important, that "major" an issue, why did Allen, Lutz, and his contemporaries wait this long? This symposium was being planned long ago.

That was the time to complain. Not now. What's happening now is really as Pete Labbe put it, just "nit-picking."

Leave the debates to McCarthy and Zumalt.

After all, isn't that the major idea here?

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Narrow, biased views

To the Editor:

The student government deserves to be commended for the idea of improving the image of the university by sponsoring a symposium on an issue of political importance. Unfortunately, they should be embarrassed at the symposium their organizers have actually produced.

I would assume that the aim of inviting legislators, trustees, and potential donors to such a symposium would be to show them that the university is a lively intellectual community which can make an important contribution to discussions of public affairs within Maine. The organizers of the symposium next week seem determined to demonstrate just the opposite.

The symposium is designed so that members of the university community have almost no opportunity to question or challenge the invited speakers, Sen. McCarthy and Admiral Zumwalt. No questions at all will be permitted from the audience. A panel of eight faculty and students will have a very limited opportunity to ask questions, with little or no chance to respond to the speaker's answer. The format suggests that the organizers have no confidence in the ability of university community to contribute to the discussion. Dialogue and argument should be the lifeblood of a university; the symposium committee seems to be making every effort to eliminate it from this event.

In determining the topic of the sym-

posium, "Conflict or Compromise: How Should the U.S. Respond to the Soviet Threat in the '80's?", the organizers have committed the logical fallacy of begging the question, as any beginning logic student would recognize.

The same concern to avoid any substantive interchange is manifest in the composition of the panel of questioners. The panel is composed of some very distinguished and articulate representative of American conservatism and liberalism. In terms of the range of positions taken in serious intellectual discussion of American foreign policy, however, this is a very narrow and biased spectrum. Conservatives and liberals share many of the same fundamental assumptions on issues of U.S.-Soviet relations, and this ensures that the debate will be narrowly circumscribed, will not question many cherished beliefs, and will stir few intellectual sparks.

One need not agree with the left to be angered by the parochial character of the student government symposium. Universities should ideally challenge our prejudices, and make a point of presenting those perspectives which are least familiar to us; they should not just spoon-feed us what we already believe. Those trustees, legislators, and donors who reflect upon what they see on March 13 will not be impressed with the "new image" of the university. They will more likely be discouraged by the university's failure to contribute any thing provocative or new to the current political debate. Those who consider that they were expected to be impressed by this symposium may well be insulted as well.

It is not too late to change all of this. The panel can be broadened to include groups other than those labelled "conservative" and "liberal" by the symposium organizers. The very able panelists already chosen can be given a more substantive role in the debate. The questioning can be opened up to the audience. The topic can be read, "What Should U.S.-Soviet Relations Be in the 80's?"

Joseph Rouse
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Editor's note: This letter was received March 5, but, because of space, could not be printed until today.

Open appeal

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the F.F.A. Room, Memorial Union, there will be a hearing before the conduct committee about Theta Chi's closure and alleged liquor involvement. I have requested an open hearing and urge all students who are interested to please attend.

Brian Hadwen
President, Theta Chi



Olympics 'stepping stone'

To the Editor:

I'm writing in regards to the March 4 letter to the editor entitled, "Hockey Win: Big Deal!"

First of all, let me bring up an important point that was, for the most part, overlooked. What was the *real* meaning of the U.S. hockey victory over the Russian? It was perhaps one of the greatest upsets in the history of sporting events. As most of you probably know, the odds were swayed so much to the Russian team that we (the American team) hardly should've been on the same ice rink with them. We earned that honor though by going undefeated in our won tough division and then prayed for at least a close battle with the incomparable Soviet squad.

Who says there's no such thing as a miracle? A 4-3 victory by the U.S. team was the next closest thing to one. The young underrated, amateur American team, who was picked to finish seventh overall, had de-throned the world champion Russian team, a professional and experienced group of the finest quality athletes. This was the first loss the Russian had suffered in 12 years of Olympic competition, and one that will never be forgotten.

The impossible dream was then made complete when the gold medal was won in the final matchup with Finland. That was it in a nutshell.

commentary—Richard Obrey
James Thomas

Save the library

Stately Fogler Library may become a victim of the wrecker's ball if a proposal to tear it down is approved.

Superintendent of UMO's Grounds and Services Department Peter Cutmore said the department is considering tearing down the older section of Fogler, because it is impairing growth if the modern new wing at its rear.

Cutmore said a study of the old section had recently been completed. The study found no signs of deterioration of structural damage (with the exception of some graffiti on study desks and in the restrooms), but, said Cutmore, it will fall down eventually anyway.

The UMO chapter of the National Librarians Union quickly criticized the proposal demolition. NLU spokesman Binder Whiteglue said the move was totally unnecessary. "There hasn't been an outbreak of overdue book disease in four years," Whiteglue said.

Cutmore said the addition was completed in 1976, "at a time when we were losing more books to the disease than we were buying."

Nothing more, nothing less. Simply an incredible feat by a group of young men, who happened to come from the United States.

Second of all, and most important by far, I can see no sane reasoning by stating that "the Olympics are a detriment to the prospects of peace." I would be the first to admit that the political propaganda that goes on in the Olympics is almost too much to bear. The media, the coverage, the afterthoughts, etc., all can be found to be a bit nauseating. But in all this, one shouldn't lose sight of what the Olympics accomplish. They aren't a detriment at all but have an opposited value. There has to be some stepping stone toward the pursuit of world peace-some unifying quality. Aren't the Olympics a good place to step in this pursuit? Don't they in fact give a glimmer of hope for the world? I truly believe they do.

Stop the Olympics? Why not stop world sporting competition? Stop detente and trade between countries! Stop....! Strife, isolate, anger. God forgive. Let us please keep *this* tradition, even though it's only every four years, going healthy and strong. The results may be a lot more than just political!

Sincerely,
Ron Riley

Whiteglue said the situation had changed drastically since then. At the present time, he said, there is an equal chance of a book not being returned of time from both sections of the library. Whiteglue said the security system installed in the old section (completed in 1946) has been "key" in reducing this dread disease.

Student and alumni response was largely opposed to the planned destruction. Said one student, "I've always enjoyed hanging around the old part of the library." A friend agreed, saying the aesthetic value of the old section was much greater than "that hulking, modernistic blot behind it."

One other student said, "Do they plan on tearing down Hauck Auditorium if the Theatre-in-the-round takes root and begins to grow?"

A UMO alumni said he could foresee a cutback in alumni donations for building construction if the trend continued.

"Next thing you know," he said, "they'll want to cut down the elm trees on the mall."



Limited views reflected

To the Editor:

I am distressed by several things concerning the upcoming cold war symposium involving McCarthy, Zumwalt, and various UMO people.

Apparently the students on the symposium committee chose Eugene McCarthy to represent the American political left's position on relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. The committee's first announced choice, William Sloane Coffin, would have been a far better choice. He has long been outspokenly critical of American militarism and conduct of foreign affairs. I have heard that the original date of the symposium was changed at Zumwalt's request, but that the new date was not good for Coffin; instead of deciding on a date good for both men, the symposium committee replaced Coffin with McCarthy. Is that true? If so, why? And regardless of the actual reason for replacing Coffin with McCarthy, why choose McCarthy? Although he ran for President in 1968 as an opponent of the Vietnam war, over the last 10 or 12 years he has hardly been identified with the American peace movement. To consider him a representative of the American left is ridiculous.

The symposium committee's limited view of American politics and foreign affairs is also reflected in the large posters advertising the symposium. In bold black letters at the top, the poster asks, "Conflict or Com-

promise?" Are those the only choices available to us? Did the author(s) of the poster not realize the negative connotation of the word "compromise?" Just below this heading, the poster asks how the U.S. should respond "to the Soviet Challenge." That very question assumes that there is indeed a Soviet threat, something that the American left would dispute in many ways, and that the U.S. needs to respond to it. Is it possible that the threat to world peace is rather posed by the U.S. itself, with its ever-growing military budget and announced readiness to use nuclear weapons in the Persian Gulf? How much has the U.S. contributed to the return of the cold war, and to other foreign crises? The poster does not ask these questions, and assumes that it is the Soviet menace that must be confronted, and not that posed by our own country.

The students on the symposium committee obviously went to a lot of hard work to set up this event. Nonetheless, the result of this effort is seriously flawed. The significant questions of our times are not likely to be raised at the symposium, the fundamental roots of the nuclear holocaust threatening humanity not explored. The symposium, of course, will not end the cold war; it is a shame that it will not even begin to probe deeply into the problem.

Sincerely,

Steve Barkan

Assistant professor of sociology

Abortion involves others

To the Editor:

If Stephen Betts can repeat his pseudo-humanistic, pseudo-prolife argument, I can repeat my several arguments, which I have already presented to him once this semester.

There are women in this world who, through the lack of education by this society will get pregnant before they are emotionally capable of giving a child a decent upbringing, before their lives are prepared for one. Most of the time, especially with poor women, the child will have no father, to speak of. She will do one of two things, if government funding does not allow her to have an abortion in the safest conditions possible. She will have the child and possibly give her own freedom or she will have an illegal abortion and take a very large risk on her own life.

There is nothing you can do to stop this second alternative. I will repeat again—thousands of women have died from illegal abortions!

I am a right-to-lifer. Right to life does not only include an unborn fetus! Are these women not living lives too? Are their lives worth less than an unborn fetus?

I truly believe that Mr. Betts would like to go back to the Middle Ages in our attitudes toward women. No, there is no going back. We cannot give up all we have attained because of society's education in this area being poor. Education comes first. But to take one step forward must we take three steps back?

I wonder, it at this point in his life Mr. Betts ever found himself in a situation whereby a woman was, expecting a child by him how he would handle it. He would certainly not tell her to have an abortion—he would rather she had the baby. Would he tell her to give the child up for adoption possibly creating permanent emotional scars for her? If not, would he accept

full responsibility for the child? Would he disrupt his life in order to become a responsible parent to the child? Or would he back out of his part in it, leaving her with a baby and a loss of freedom in her life? I don't care to speculate. However, I hope he sees a little better how truly complex, as John Simms says this problem is. It is by no means cut and dried. There are more lives involved here than the unborn fetus. Let's extend right-to-life to the people who are living.

Lisa June Cooley
331 Knox

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commentary George Burdick United States being hypocritical

America is adopting a hypocritical, "Do as I say not as I do" attitude toward Russia's invasion of Afghanistan. Three times in the past America has committed its own troops to military intervention. But blinded by their patriotic emotions, Americans (including myself) are using a Freudian principle called repression, by blocking out America's own military ventures.

Vietnam was probably the largest intervention by a superpower. More than 50,000 American lives, 1.5 million Asian lives, hundreds of billions of U.S. dollars, and U.S. prestige in the world were lost.

True, the Soviets have committed 100,000 troops to Afghanistan, but the U.S. brought its troop level of 23,000 in 1964, to 184,000 in 1965 in Vietnam. By March 1969, there were more than 541,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.

These troops killed many of their own allies in South Vietnam and after effects are still being

Open letter to Dendurent

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to Sharon Dendurent and all other organization or interests concerned with expelling Theta Chi fraternity from the UMO campus:

First of all, it is unfair, unreasonable and absurd to even consider this move. Many other fraternities have committed the same or even more serious offenses, i.e., shooting out windows, ransacking property, and were apprehended without consequence. Granted, perhaps a probationary period was imposed as a result of the policy at the time.

We aren't denying the seriousness of the offense. Yet if such sanctions were not effective. Why weren't the fraternities informed of the possible consequences of the policy? The knowledge of the result of one's ac-

tions is a prerequisite of justice in a system such as ours. Therefore, there seems to be a serious inconsistency in such disciplinary actions. Are you trying to make an example? Or are you merely trying to rid UMO and its fraternity system of a fine group of young men who have earned the highest fraternity GPA? Dispersing the members of the house will surely have a detrimental affect upon their scholastic achievements, as they will be uprooted in mid-semester and thrust into unfamiliar surroundings. This seems contradictory to the purposes of this institution.

This campus has a severe housing shortage, obvious to all. The relocation of 40 men is unnecessary burden upon an already serious problem. This will be another detriment to the studies of all involved, including those who will have to accommodate the relocated fraternity members.

What will you do, Ms. Dendurent, if all fraternities find that they can no longer hold parties? Will this curb drinking and make wholesome, studious individuals of us all? No, even you can't change the norms of society. We, as well as many other, will be forced to party within dorms or make numerous excursions off-campus, because obviously, the Bear's Den cannot accommodate the entire student body of UMO. These excursions will inevitably increase drunken driving and thus endanger lives. Thankfully, in the past, this has not been a serious problem. Also, increasing the number of parties within the dorms will undoubtedly create a situation for further damages, an already serious problem.

Consideration of these points has convinced us that presently, as in the past, there is a lack of communication between the administrators and administrators on this campus. A more constructive rapport between these parties would be much more beneficial to all.

Theta Chi Fraternity does not deserve such harsh treatment. We hope that you will reconsider your decision after reflection upon the above issues.

Sincerely yours,
Judi Grant
Dianne McLaughlin
Beth Whitten
Other contributors

felt in Cambodia, where millions are starving to death. But Americans are still steeped in self-righteous indignation against the Soviets. American seems to be entering another era of McCarthyism—another era unjustified paranoia.

We seem to jeer at Soviet claims that they were invited into Afghanistan, but wasn't our own claim that Vietnam's government called for assistance equally as ludicrous? The government in South Vietnam was set up by the CIA, so how damn valid was the United States invitation?

In 1965, the United States created a rescue mission to protect Americans in the Dominican Republic. American citizens were caught in the midst of a rebellion in Santo Domingo that eventually ended in warfare.

Rebels were attempting to overthrow the military-based government of Donald Reid Cabral and in the process were endangering American lives. So Lyndon Johnson ordered

evacuation of the Americans and later revealed he had sent 400 marines to accomplish the mission.

Days before a leftist coup in Iraq which was thought to be inspired by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic and the Soviet Union had overthrown the pro-Western government.

Lebanon feared that the coup would spill over from Iraq so Lebanon's president, Camille Chamoun, appealed to President Eisenhower for support. Immediately the marines moved in from the Sixth Fleet. More than 15,000 troops were brought into Lebanon over the summer. The troops never participated in actual combat, and 14 weeks later, withdrew.

Considering these events in America's past I find it difficult to justify Jimmy Carter's cold war tactics and his philosophy of, "do as I say not as I do."

George Burdick is a senior journalism major.

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The sports low-down from Paris to Winter Haven

The Red Sox

The Boston Red Sox divided up players yesterday for the first intra-squad game of training camp. Manager Don Zimmer is tuning up the team in preparation for Thursday's exhibition opener against the Cincinnati Reds. Reliever Bill Campbell won't be one of those pitching this week—he's taking his time coming back from a troublesome shoulder injury. The 31 year old Campbell says doctors are pleased with the progress he's made through therapy to build the muscles in his shoulder.

The Bruins

Bruins captain Terry O'Reilly says the club has been playing playoff hockey of late—but only every other game. O'Reilly, acting captain in the absence of the injured Wayne Cashman, was one of several members of the team trying to figure out how they could be tied 1-1 Sunday by the Hartford Whalers. On the other hand, Whalers coach Don Blackburn was saying his club should have beaten the Bruins. Interestingly enough, if the regular season ended today, Hartford and Boston would meet in the playoffs.

Boston remains four points behind first place Buffalo in the NHL's Adams Division, while Hartford ranks 14th in the race for one of 16 playoff spots. Both teams are back on the ice Wednesday night—the Bruins at Washington and the Whalers at Detroit.

ECAC hockey

The E.C.A.C. Division One Hockey Tournament starts tonight with four quarterfinal games. Top-seeded Boston College will be at home against eighth-seeded Cornell. The semifinals and finals will be played next weekend at Boston Garden.

The Celtics

The Boston Celtics will have to make do without Tiny Archibald for the next couple of games, at least. The playmaking guard suffered a bruise to his eye in Sunday's overtime loss to Washington, and will miss tonight's game in Indiana and Wednesday's Boston Garden duel with Houston. Coach Bill Fitch says he'll use Gerald Henderson and Pete Maravich to sub for Archibald, who starts in the backcourt with Chris Ford.

Boycott

The counter-attack against President Carter's proposed Olympic boycott opened yesterday with a barrage from Paris.

The big guns of the International Amateur Athletic Federation spoke out against the boycott. The IAAF, the

supreme international group in amateur athletics, said it will withhold approval from any athletic meets organized to coincide with the Moscow Olympics.

This is a clear reference to suggestions that the United States hold a counter-Olympics to punish Russia for its move into Afghanistan.

While the IAAF was meeting in Paris, there was another move in Australia. Home Affairs Minister Robert Ellicott left for the United States. His mission was to confer with the U.S., Britain and West Germany about a set of athletic games this summer as an alternative to the ones in Moscow.

Umpires upset

The National Labor Relations Board, in Philadelphia says it's prepared to issue a complaint against the National League. It grew out of unfair labor practice charges filed last year by the Major League Umpires Association, which struck both major Leagues.

The director of the NLRB office in Philadelphia says that before the complaint is actually issued, his group gives the charged party a chance to remedy the situation. What this situation is all about is that the Umpires want access to League evaluations of them which are prepared annually by the League.

Austin in Boston

The women's Pro Tennis tour is stopping in Boston this week, with Tracy Austin seeded first in the week-long 125 thousand dollar tournament. Austin doesn't play until tonight. Several opening round matches were played today at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena. Evonne Goolagong is rated second in the event.

World Cup tennis

The World Cup of tennis is being retired permanently at the Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. The final World Cup between the US and Australia was captured by the Americans when Jim Osborne downed John Newcombe Sunday in Hartford.

Ali-Tate

Fight promoter Bob Arum says things are looking up for a fight between WBA Heavyweight Champion John Tate and Muhammad Ali in Taiwan this summer. Arum's representative in Taiwan says the government has approved the bout.



Big Red leads the way

Dave Cowens and the Atlantic Division leading Boston Celtics are in Indiana tonight to take on the Pacers. The Celts will be without the services of Nate Archibald for a few games.

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● Barry

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various resident directors and assistants, they "felt it was too harsh" to close Theta Chi completely. The general consensus of the people he talked with was that the fraternity should have been given a warning and then the next time to pursue the present course of actions.

When Dunn Hall Resident Director, Charles Jones, was questioned about the representative's allegations, he said, "I can assure you that no money was transacted at that party. ID's were required." He said there are occasional private parties in which "someone has agreed to take responsibility for."

Jones sees no reason why people should "start slinging mud (on party policies of residential units) because that's certainly not going to help." He sees the best policy to handling the present situation is to do "it quietly and get it over with."

Stodder Hall Resident Director, Keith Dunton, said there was not money collected during the party, but is usually collected before for "munchies." He said if there ever is collection of money for alcohol it is for a "closed party" within the "privacy of their own room."

Resident Directors for Oxford and Hancock Halls could not be reached for comment.

The press release continues with Davies saying, "They appear to be very satisfied with kicking out 37 college students from Theta Chi, causing undue hardship to this fraternity."

"The university and student government should jointly develop a realistic policy in conformance with Maine Law and announce it clearly, with sufficient advanced notice to the entire campus," Hughes said. "The confusion and a perception of unfairness."

● Council

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for problems affecting students in dormitories.

However, Terrell's motion to table the

resolution was defeated by a 16-13 vote. The council then voted and passed the resolution.

● Chaplin

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Thorndike. Duetzmann is currently enrolled at the seminary. Both ministers plan to remain in their posts for approximately two years.

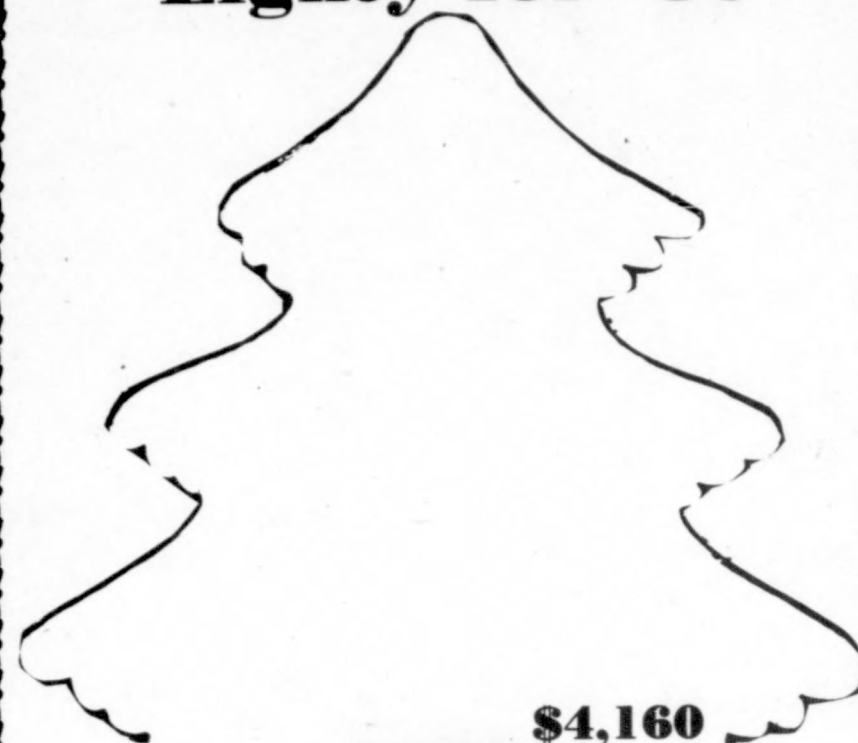
According to Crane, both ministers expect an increase in participation from the community in MCA programs.

"Maybe we won't see any more people this year," Crane said, "But next fall I think

that we'll have more of them coming here because we can serve them better. Like the old cliché says about a person being in two places at the same time."

"All kinds of things can be developed with this program. We're just getting our feet wet, but we're really excited about the team concept," Crane added.

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