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Research field workers face unemployment

by Paul Fillmore

With things slowing down at the Social Science Research Institute, some employees are worried.

"We're all feeling a little scared down here right now," said Beth Ellen Curren, director of the field research division of SSRI. As of March 1, all field research workers for the institute will be laid off.

"Right now, we are working on the last interviewing we have to do," Curren said. "We have had dry patches before, but not to this extent."

Although the program is receiving approximately \$4,000 more this year in funding from the university, it also has four less full-time employees and ten less part-time ones than last year. SSRI is also funded by outside sources. In the last fiscal year, university funding to the institute was only about 17 percent of its total budget. The remaining monies come from the state and federal government, as well as private industry.

"About five-sixths of our expenses are paid for by government grants and contracts from various private companies," said David Kovenock, director of SSRI.

The university gets a return from all the projects done by the institute which are not university related. This "indirect cost recovery" has made the institute fairly self-sufficient, said Kenneth Hayes, former director of SSRI. "The contracts that have come in the past have been money

making for the university," Hayes said. "In that sense, the institute has been self-sustaining."

With the institute so dependent on state and federal money, getting additional grants for research is becoming more difficult. "The grants and contracts are just getting tougher and tougher to find," Kovenock said.

Other people at SSRI are also worried about the lack of work available for the institute right now. "I have mixed feelings right now," said Kathy Wentworth, accountant at SSRI. "It was like this somewhat in the summer of 1978, so I've seen it before," she said.

The current lack of field work for the interviewers, most of whom are students in the area, does not mean that the institute has nothing to do. Full-time employees will continue to work on projects which are underway, analyzing information and working on the computer. "We have about 30 projects which we are either working on right now or have finished this year," Kovenock said.

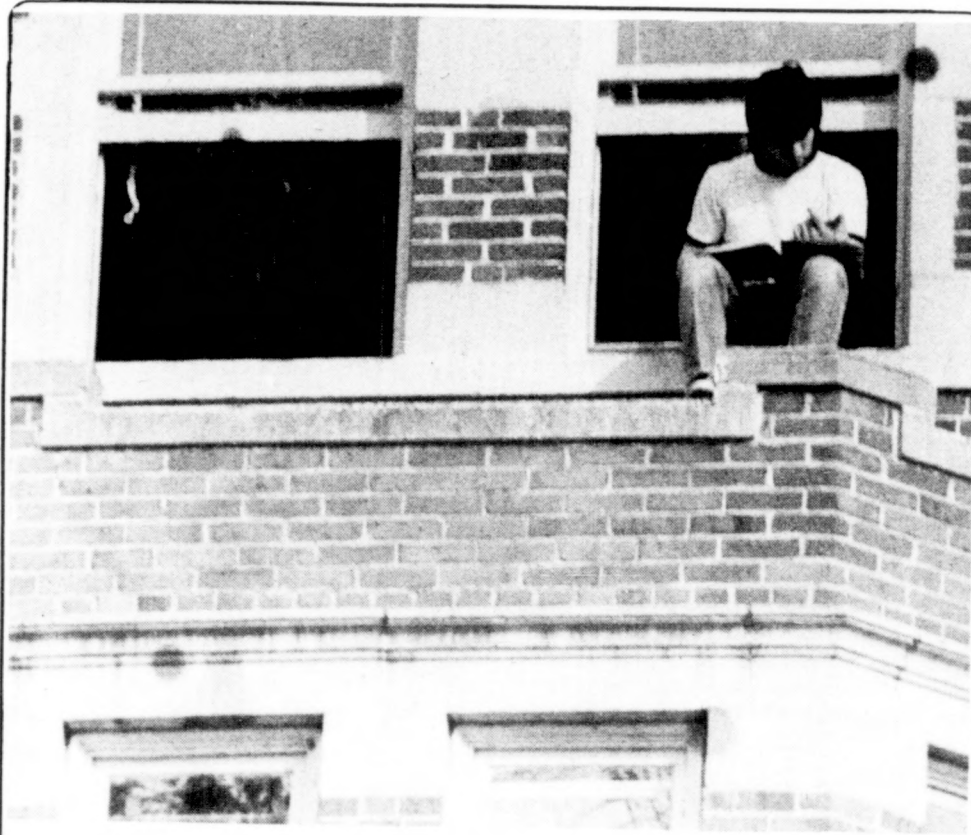
Kovenock said projects would be planned for this spring that were involving interviews by the field research division.

"Some interviewers are worried about their jobs because they are hired on a job to job basis, and they might not have anything to do for awhile," he said.

Kovenock did say the institute had grown considerably since he arrived three and a half years ago, although he admitted this year had been a little slower than last.



The Social Science Research Institute, which has been used for statewide polling projects, is in danger of becoming another victim of economic hard times. [David Lloyd-Rees photo]



Todd Prodeno appears to be looking through a dorm directory to find out where he will live next year, as Hannibal-Hamlin-Oak will be closed for massive repairs. [Steve Peterson photo]

Hannibal to be restored; may be closed in fall

by Steve Peterson

The Department of Residential Life is formulating a plan that will call for the gutting and renovation of Hannibal Hamlin Hall that may displace the dorm's 60 residents next fall.

The plan, in its infant stages, will appropriate funds to renovate the inside of Hannibal during the summer of 1981. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Thomas Aceto said the project would have to be funded by Residential Life but that the final plan for reconstruction would have to be approved by the board of trustees.

Proposed reconstruction may cut into the 1981-82 academic year which would make the dorm unuseable, Aceto said. Ross Moriarty, Director of Residential Life, has decided to take Hannibal out of the room sign-up pool for the next academic year.

"They will be given first chance to squat a room (after those who already have squatted rooms) in any other dorm next year," said Aceto,

"Asking students to live in that kind of situation is just not right. Ross and I are both upset about it," he said.

There are some problems, however, that could hamper the plan for new construction. Aceto said after the cost projection figures are reviewed it could be cheaper to construct an entire new facility.

Wells Complex Coordinator Andy Matthews said the reconstruction of Hannibal could cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"We've made plans to do something with the building, Matthews said, "but we don't know where the money will come from."

Two Hannibal residents, Tim Lauer and Derek Norcross, said they were informed two days ago by Resident Director Mark Blanchette that no one could squat rooms in Hannibal for next year.

Another resident, Mark Ake, said, "We had no input whatsoever."

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Professor conducts study of Maine 'in-migrants'

by Andy Meade

Who's moving to Maine?

So asks UMO rural sociology professor Louis A. Ploch in a survey being conducted on "in-migrants" to this state.

"We're looking at where they come from, their age, skills, education, why they're coming to Maine, and what they think of the state," said Ploch.

A questionnaire has been mailed to approximately 200 new Maine residents, pulled together from the list of people

exchanging their previous driver's licenses for Maine licenses between July and December, 1980. Ploch said the sample was random, but that he excluded "institutionalized addresses" and certain cases such as Air Force and prisoner.

In a similar study five years ago, Ploch found the rate of "in-migration" in Maine higher than in most other northern states. The new residents were attracted by Maine's low population density, its people, scenery, lakes and the coast. Ploch said most of the immigrants originated from New England, but added, "they came from

every state."

The rate of migration is probably as high now as it was in the early and mid-1970's, according to Ploch. He sees the migrants as "basically middle class" in terms of education, income levels and job ambitions. They range from "counterculture migrants" to environmentalists to young executives searching for a more peaceful work environment.

Ploch said he believes the survey will show that the recent stream of people have been settling in the larger cities. They appear to be concentrating in York and

Cumberland counties and along the coastline.

One of the reasons for the high rate is that Maine seems to be more accepting of newcomers than in the years prior to 1970. Ploch found in an earlier study that the immigrants don't represent any type of people (such as retired persons), they are generally of the same ethnic and racial background and that the inflow is not too high in any given place.

The first findings will be reported at the Governor's Conference on Economic Development March 18 at the university.

Student input sought

Mercer and Oakes preparing for new jobs

by Ruth DeCoster

Following their Wednesday night victory Charlie Mercer and Donnie Oakes have already begun working on their new positions as president- and vice president-elect of Student Government.

"Donnie and I," Mercer said Thursday, "are ready to go to work and get things going. We're pushing for student support, and we want to get students involved."

Next week will be "a transition period," said Oakes. "It'll give us a chance to relax a little and unwind, to think and get ideas together."

Mercer added that the time was needed to "get a perspective."

Mercer and Oakes met with administration, faculty members, and students at the Thursday Morning Breakfast Club.

"We were trying to get some ideas out into the open," Oakes said, "and we had a chance to talk to them. They don't really

know us, so we were getting acquainted."

Mercer said, "We told them (the administrative members) about the concerns of students we found out in our door-to-door campaign, the ones we're going to enact upon. We got a good reception."

"For our first meeting," Oakes said, "they were really receptive."

"We discussed how a lot of students felt that talking to the administration was like talking to a brick wall," Mercer said.

Keeping in mind the opinions of those students who don't always speak out, Oakes said he tried to stress the views of the silent majority.

The new student government leaders will begin their term Tuesday, Feb. 24. They are presently working on various appointments to be announced at Tuesday night's senate meeting.

Also beginning Tuesday, coffee will be

served every morning in the Student Government office on the third floor of the union. "We're doing it to open up the office," said Mercer. "It's part of our goal to get students up here."

Mercer and Oakes have plans to "take a look at the cabinet, because now it's a policy-making board."

Oakes said the purpose was "so that everyone knows what their positions and relationships to student government are. We want to work with individuals in the cabinet in order to get a clearly defined role of it."

Mercer said he has already begun work on the issue of exempting textbooks from taxation. He said he has called a state senator and a representative to discuss the possibility.

Mercer hopes to meet with Joline Morrison, associate director of Residential Life, to discuss views on the university

drinking policy and the banning of kegs in the dorm.

In dealing with next year's budget, Mercer and Oakes plan to carefully go over all expenses.

"We'll look at each group on an individual basis, to see what they deserve." They will not use the present year's figures as guidelines.



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"One day there was a sign on the door saying, 'Hannibal closed next semester'."

"Most everybody is pretty mad," Ake said.

He said many of the residents had "heard through the grapevine that none of us are coming back."

Moriarty said, "The Residential Life Advisory Committee told us that something had to be done to Hannibal. We're taking those recommendations and will form committees of Hannibal residents, IDB (Inter Dormitory Board) and student representatives."

Moriarty said he did not know if the Hannibal residents would be allowed in after the renovations. He also said the internal structure of the hall would not be changed because adding rooms would be an impossible situation.

Another resident of Hannibal, James Mullen, feels that the changes in Hannibal are needed. "The only thing you can do is gut the place," Mullen said. "The walls can only take so many coats of paint. These two windows in my room have been broken for two and one-half weeks and they still haven't been replaced. Most dorms are fixed the same day," he said.

Matthews said he felt the residents of Hannibal believed Residential Life didn't care enough about the building because it was so old.

Aceto said, "We all have a tendency to respond to the environment we live in. If we live in an environment like that, we



Mark Campbell pitches to Ed Cuddy in one of many softball games that took place around campus yesterday. [David Lloyd-Rees photo]

tend not to care as much about it."

Mullen agreed that Hannibal residents didn't always treat the dorm well but said, "I still think Hannibal is the best place to live on campus. Everybody is very close here. It's just that it always seems like Hannibal against the administration."

"We are embarrassed that we have a dorm that looks like that," Aceto said. "We think that getting that building up to par is of great importance."

Hannibal was built in 1911 and was partially burned in a fire after the original construction.

Seniors challenged to contribute \$100

by Deb Kupa

This year's crop of seniors will soon be feeling the effects of becoming up and coming alumni of the University of Maine as the Senior Challenge Committee begins its annual drive for donations.

The Senior Challenge committee is formed by a group of seniors recruited by Robert Holmes of the Alumni Center. "We are a group formed by seniors to get the rest of the class interested in donating to their University," said Terry Leavitt, a member of the group. "Most of us are members of the Student Alumni Association."

The Challenge is an annual event put on by the senior class to raise money for

various university projects or funds. "In the past, money raised had been donated to the Fine Arts Center," Leavitt said. "Now we are encouraging people to donate to the General Alumni Fund." This fund is built up to use for merit scholarships, and in other ways as seen fit by the University.

"Our theme is 'One in Five -- Keep Maine Alive,'" she said, which incorporates the group's goal of \$100 contributions over the course of five years by the new alumni. The donations have been set up so as not to put a strain on the possibly slim budgets of new graduates, raising from \$10.00 in the first year to a \$30.00 contribution during the last year of the challenge. Last year's challenge raised a

total of \$18,225 in pledges.

"The program is essentially the same as other years, but our goal is to bring in more money," Leavitt said. Seniors are not required to donate to the General Alumni Fund, but are given the option of donating to specific organizations on campus.

The challenge committee chose about 120 members of the graduating class as the people who would do the soliciting.

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Student athletes work same way as scholars

by Brenda Bickford

UMO, unlike some other colleges, does not have much of a problem with its varsity athletes doing poorly in their classes or not receiving a degree.

"It's a matter of finding time. Some students add a social life to studying and athletics. How an athlete does (scholastically) depends on the individual," said Linwood Carville, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Physical Education and men's athletics.

"The football coach has players go to a study hall at night, where they are supervised by coaches, and helped if necessary. Tutorial programs are also available to the athletes who want or need help," he explained.

"The assistant baseball and football coaches keep track of the players' grades, to encourage those who aren't doing well to get on the ball.

"A few players on the football team have had a problem with grades, but it is not a major problem at UMO. Grade problems do occur among athletes, just as it does with any other student," Carville said.

Each athlete has to meet at least the minimum requirements of the college he or she is enrolled in, and have to take 12 hours of classes to be eligible to play.

President Paul Silverman said the athletes do not receive preferential treatment concerning grades.

"They're scholars like everyone else. They're expected to attend their classes, and every effort is made to schedule practices so they don't interfere with classes," he said.

Harold Westerman, athletic director, said varsity away games are scheduled so that the players will miss a minimum of classes, but that UMO doesn't always have a say in the matter.

"Some schools won't come this far so we have to go there. If the athletes are going to miss an exam, they must arrange a make-up with the professor," Westerman said.

"We haven't had many athletes who haven't received a degree. You could

almost count the number on both hands," he said, adding "Guys like Rufus (Harris) who have been here four years and don't get a degree, as far as I know, that's a problem in the system. He should have been declared ineligible. That's our problem."

"I think some professors feel they have to pass the athletes. We try not to put pressure on the professors but rather, on the athletes," Carville said.

A few years ago when the whole baseball squad had a 2.9 GPA, the all mens was 2.6, and the fraternity was 2.4, Carville said.

Bus run to go to Bangor Mall

by Sue Wright

A weekend commuter bus to the Bangor Mall may become available to students next weekend.

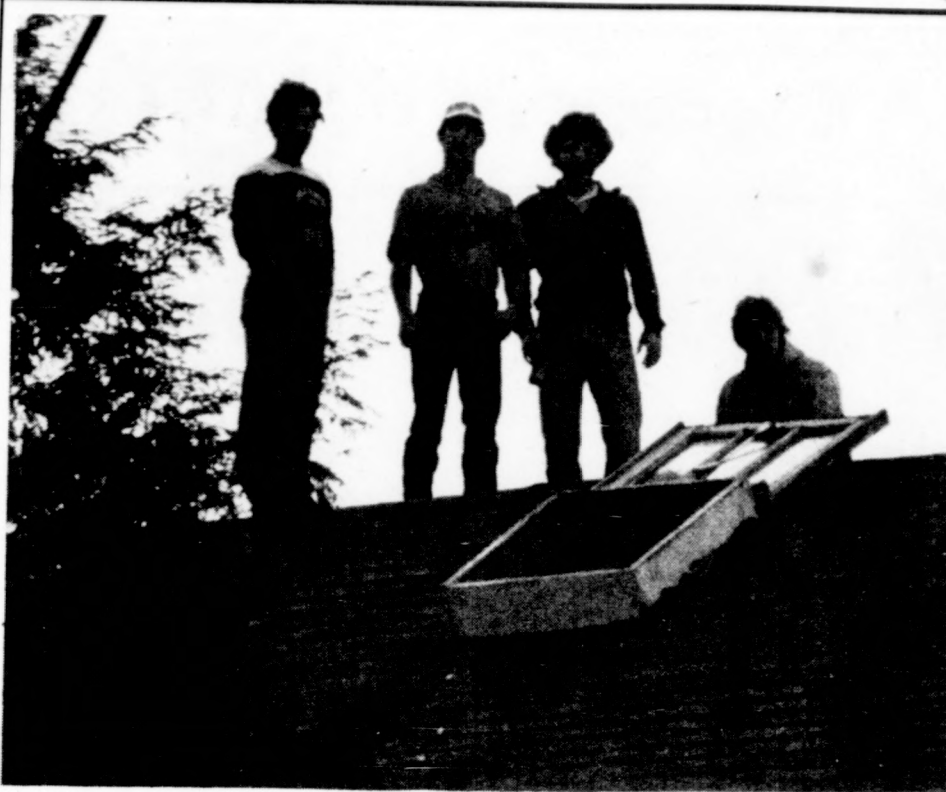
The bus is a joint effort of APO and GSS, the service fraternity and sorority on campus. The service organizations plan to rent a 15-passenger van from the university to be used for student transportation to the mall on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons or nights, said APO president Greg Phelps. It will cost around 50 cents one way.

"We are hoping the bus will be self-supporting," Phelps said. "We haven't decided on a (customer) charge yet. Basically we just expect to break even."

Phelps said "if there is enough student interest in the shuttle bus we're thinking of expanding and going out to the cinemas in Brewer."

The two organizations are also responsible for organizing a shuttle bus to Bangor International Airport following vacation breaks.

Phelps said a joint committee would meet as early as possible next week to finalize plans for the bus and it would "possibly be ready a week from this weekend."



Four brothers of Beta Theta Pi fraternity enjoy the warmth of winter from the rooftop of their house. [David Lloyd-Rees photo]

'Cut and Run' to be shown

The controversial film "Cut and Run", a movie depicting life in the Maine woodsman, will be shown Monday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. at 120 Little Hall.

The movie, produced by UMO history professor Howard Schonberger, was originally scheduled to be aired on MPBN a few months ago but a decision was made not to air the program because, in the words of MPBN program director Bernie Roscetti, "it didn't follow out standards for objectivity and fairness."

"The end impression was a one-sided view of the entire situation," he said.

The film has been shown around the state, and has drawn tremendous response from viewers. The movie depicts the economic and physical hardship of the Maine woodsmen, a sentiment that is not shared by members of the forest industry. Industry representatives say the film takes a negative view of the entire Maine woods operation, labeling the life of the woodsman as a no-win situation.

Lowdown

Friday, Feb. 20

CONTRADANCE - March of Dimes Benefit - Boys of Blue Hill, 8 p.m. Lengyl Gym. \$1.50 donation. Sponsored by School of Forest Resources, open to public.

INTERNATIONAL FOREST ECOLOGY SEMINAR - 1-5 p.m. Nutting Hall. Open to public.

SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES WINTER CARNIVAL: Fri. 12-2 p.m. Broomball Game. Sat. 1-4 p.m. Woodsmen's Events at Stump Dump. 8:30 p.m. Bonfire.

SPEECH SCREENING TODAY. Keep your scheduled appointment or drop in at the Conley Speech and Hearing Center, North Stevens Hall (lower level), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21

10 a.m. Sigma Nu fraternity will hold a car wash at the Orono Texaco station to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Sunday Family Movies present "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 1:30 p.m. in 101 English-Math. \$5.00 admission. Bring your own popcorn.

Monday, Feb. 23

5 p.m. South Africa Divestment Committee meeting. Ham Room, Memorial Union.

8 p.m. The film "Cut and Run" will be shown in 120 Little Hall. This is open to the public, and a discussion period will follow the film.

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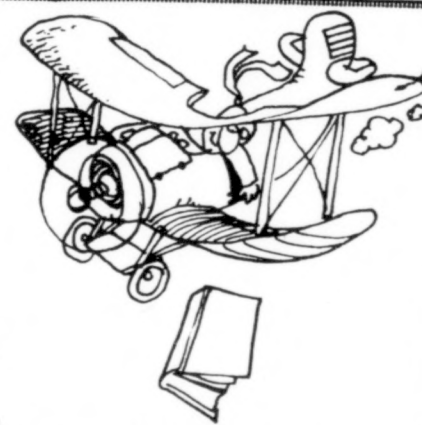
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Editorials

Banished 'Animals'

For the first time since 1911, Hannibal Hamlin Hall may be getting a facelift.

Since that date of construction as one of the first buildings on campus, Hannibal has weathered many storms and students, and the condition of the building has been allowed to slowly run down.

Damages were many times left unrepaired. Floor carpeting was considered a luxury and was not added until last year. Such services as dependable heating and front doors which locked worked only sporadically.

Because of this situation in the dorm, students living there and, to an even greater degree, persons from outside mistreated the building.

Over time, the condition of the building and the attitudes of those living there have declined.

But, perhaps no more.

Residential Life is seriously proposing the total renovation of Hannibal. The plan, which the Wells Complex coordinator said might cost as much as \$100,000, would gut out the entire building for complete modernization.

The proposed renovation presents a problem to dormitory residents, however. Total construction will not be completed by the end of this coming summer and will require that Hannibal be closed for all of next fall semester.

Students now living there will have to find living quarters elsewhere and the possibility seems strong

that they will not be able to move back into their old rooms when the project is finished.

Many dorm members have voiced anger that the work would not be completed before school begins again in September, but such a job does indeed take a great deal of time. But, in any event, those who are living there now should not be discarded in such a fashion. Residential Life does act as a landlord for all UMO dormitories, but discretion should be used in choosing who has a right to live in Hannibal.

These current residents have chosen to live in Hannibal, even as it stands today. For years, the condition of the dorm has been pitiful and students have still made it their home.

Living in Hannibal has allowed for residents to become closer in battling the elements of the building, while at the same time gaining themselves the names "Hannibal's Animals" or "Hannibal's Cannibals".

For years, Hannibal has needed major renovations and they never came. Now just when it seems residents may get a dorm as modern and clean as all others on campus, persons abiding there are being told they may get the boot.

The renovations must be completed, as soon as possible. But, above all the consideration of those living in Hannibal should be taken into account.

Residential Life may be the landlord, but it's the student's dorm.



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Cops and Robbers

While gazing out the window during an unusually boring class Thursday, I was wondering about a topic to write on when it hit me.

Last week, I got a call from my brother, John, who has the unenviable job of policing Montgomery County, Md.

It seems every week my brother has an unbelievable story about his life as a cop and the different and bizarre situations he encounters. Last week, he told me about an incident which occurred while he was off duty.

One night, while he was walking home from the station after work, he noticed that the local Persian rug store had a broken window and an open van parked out front with several rugs in it. Being after 11 o'clock, John became a little suspicious about this setup.

Turning from the van to look towards the store, he was confronted by two degenerate-looking men carrying some rugs. Luckily for John he was not in uniform, nor did he have his gun. All he had with him was a pair of shoes that goes with his uniform, which he faithfully polishes every day before work.

Now John is no dummy. When he saw the men exiting the store with the rugs he continued to walk on by and pretended as best he could that nothing concerned him. When he got a little further down the sidewalk, he glanced back to see the men load the rugs into the truck. As one of the characters stooped to enter the van, John noticed the handle of a gun sticking out of his pocket.

Realizing that this was no time for bravery, John continued his pace and decided he'd call for reinforcements when he reached the next phone.

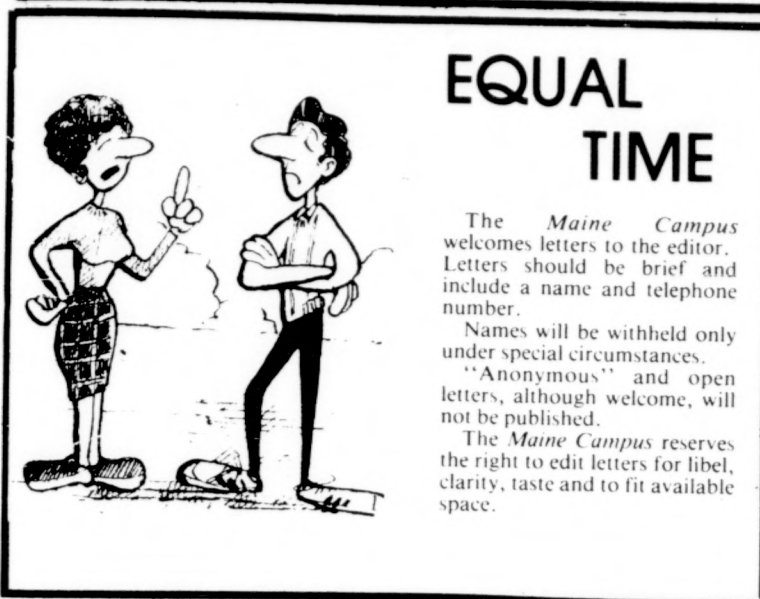
Suddenly, he heard the engine start up and watched as the van pulled away, leaving in a cloud of smoke. He managed to get the license number of the vehicle as he headed toward the rug store.

Upon entering the store, he found the front door unlocked and a general state of disarray inside. He bolted for the cash register, where the phone was located, but ran into a detour along the way. He heard a noise come from behind a stack of rugs which were effectively blocking any line of sight. There he stood, in the middle of the dark, unfamiliar store, investigating some noises coming from God knows where, and all he had with him was his pair of shiny work shoes.

Peeking around the rugs, John found a large, lumpy Persian rug, which was unrolled over the top of something that was obviously moving. He quickly threw back the rug to discover three men who were bound and gagged and apparently struggling for air. After untying his three new-found friends, he learned they were the proprietors of the store and that the men John had seen outside were indeed in the process of stealing rugs.

What is the significance of all this? Ever since my brother became a cop my whole attitude toward police in general has been slowly changing. Feelings of distrust and resentment are being replaced by concern and possibly even pride. So let's have a "Be Kind to a Cop Week." If for no other reason, for my brother's sake.

Letters



Mercer/Oakes express thanks to voters

To the Editor:

We would like to take this time to thank all the students who voted in Wednesday's Student Government elections. Your concern and support were extremely heartwarming.

We would also like to express our hope that Chris McEvoy and Jim Beaulieu remain active in Student Government. Their continued support of Student Government is needed.

In our door-to-door campaign, we made several

promises that we would like to act upon. We also met numerous students who seem to be genuinely interested in becoming involved in Student Government. We hope that each and every one of you will take this opportunity to take that step. Your input and concerns are vital if YOUR Student Government is to function effectively for you.

We want you to feel free to stop by the Third Floor of the

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Once again, our sincere thanks for your overwhelming support.

Sincerely,
Charlie Mercer, President

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Deplorable situation in Gannett

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to your attention the deplorable situation which exists in the laundry room of Gannett Hall and several other dorms on campus. First, however, I thought it might be interesting to provide an economical cost analysis of the vending service currently in operation.

A conservative estimate shows the following. Based on a steam system with 50 percent mechanical efficiency, heating value of number 6 grade fuel of 18,200 BTU/lb, and costs of energy at \$34.38/BBL of oil and 4.9 cents/KW—HR of electricity, it would cost 28 cents /load to operate a washer and 22 cents /load to operate a dryer; for a total energy cost of 50 cents /load. Based on a cost of money at 14 percent and a five year life (12,000 loads), it would cost 6½ cents/load to own a washer and 5 cents /load to own a dryer; for a total cost of ownership of 11½cents/load. Profits are, therefore, 85-65½ or 23½ cents /load; a neat 27.6 percent. One can make this assumption because repairs and servicing are rarely, if ever, done.

One might note at this point that, if the Residential Life Department is not receiving income from the laundry vendor, the actual cost to the student increases to \$1.35 a load by paying energy costs twice.

It would be beyond my wildest dreams to think that

Residential Life would make contracts that were not in the students' best interests.

However, I must question the need of this exorbitant profit margin, considering the virtual monopoly the vendor has on campus. Profits, made at this rate, exceed \$1400 per semester from Gannett Hall alone.

I realize that any repairs made to the washers and

dryers must necessarily come at the expense of profits. But, the coins are removed each week and no service is being provided in exchange. Therefore, I, on the behalf of the residents of Gannett Hall, would like to request your help in seeing the service contract fulfilled.

Sincerely,
Stephen A. Kramer
124 Gannett Hall

Streaking is a violation

To the Editor:

On November 18, 1980, we went on our traditional mid-night streak to the library steps, to celebrate the first snowfall. Subsequently, our group portrait appeared in the *Maine Campus*.

We soon were informed by the conduct officer that here at UMO streaking is a serious violation (Sect. 111 B. 4 of the Student Conduct Code).

Police officer praised

To the Editor:

Often in this column I see letters maligning the UMO police officers. True, sometimes they may deserve a dig or two, but I had an experience this weekend that has made me reevaluate my former assessment of the UMO.

I was driving two very loaded young ladies home from a formal when I was pulled over for a minor in-

fringement (by probation and a work requirement.)

We want to warn would-be streakers that the Administration is cracking down on such public displays, in an attempt to prevent future incidents. Let it be known that our tradition has been permanently broken.

Sincerely,
The Former Streakers of
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discretion. The officer, upon checking my license and registration, handed me a warning to be more careful next time and bade me good evening.

The officer was polite, courteous, and judging from his tactful solution to my situation, a gentleman. Thank you, Sir.

Sincerely,
Stephen T. Woodworth
ATO

bruce wildes auto tips

Ford Escort

Ford replaced its pony car this year with a car that was "built to take on the world". I question how much of the world it will take on, and win. Proving to be a popular choice amongst this year's car buyers, I decided it was time to find out why.

My test car was a four-door hatchback that looks more like a mini station wagon. It was the deluxe model, featuring all sorts of creature comforts and options that were both pleasant and unpleasant. The car I drove was fresh from the service area and had several hundred miles on it. Canning Pinto's mold and starting from scratch, Ford has produced a very European American-built car. That may be the biggest reason it is so popular. It has front-wheel-drive, rack and pinion steering, independent suspension, etc. All the characteristics of a foreign-built car, except one. The acceleration of this car was terrible. Obviously attempting to squeeze the most mpg from the car, Ford failed to leave any extra rubberbands under the hood. The only other annoying flaw I found in the design of the car was the failure to make the back seat fold flat with the floor. It sticks up enough to make it annoying when it is time to go to the lumber yard.

The body is tight, with very little road and wind noise penetrating the interior. It handles quite well and rides like a small car. You know when you hit a frost heave, but is a great improvement over its predecessor, the Pinto. I did

not like the power steering unit found in this car. I imagine that it is a variable ration, which means that it does most of the work around the parking lot but does little work when you are on the highway, thus giving you a feel for the road when you are cruising at highway speeds. I found that it was very spongy and unresponsive at speeds between 20-40 mph. Unless you are unusually weak, I do not recommend that option, since it is such a small car.

Someone has finally come out with a small car that actually carries back seat passengers comfortably. It is one of few small cars that I can actually sit in the back seat and not have my knees hitting my chin and my head hitting the roof. Certainly a bonus for the small family, or commuter.

Surely this car will be popular to a wide spectrum of the car buying market. Many people in this market are starting to do minor maintenance on their cars themselves. The Escort allows this to be done without too much effort, however, it does have a bit more plumbing around the engine than what I like to see in a totally new design.

If you are in the market for a new car that is easy on your pocketbook and fun to drive, you might want to consider this American-built car. By today's prices, it is no bargain but is still a lot of car for the price, which is around \$7,000, with the usual options. Next week I will report on the Mazda RX-7 and GLC.



World news

Postal service to increase rates

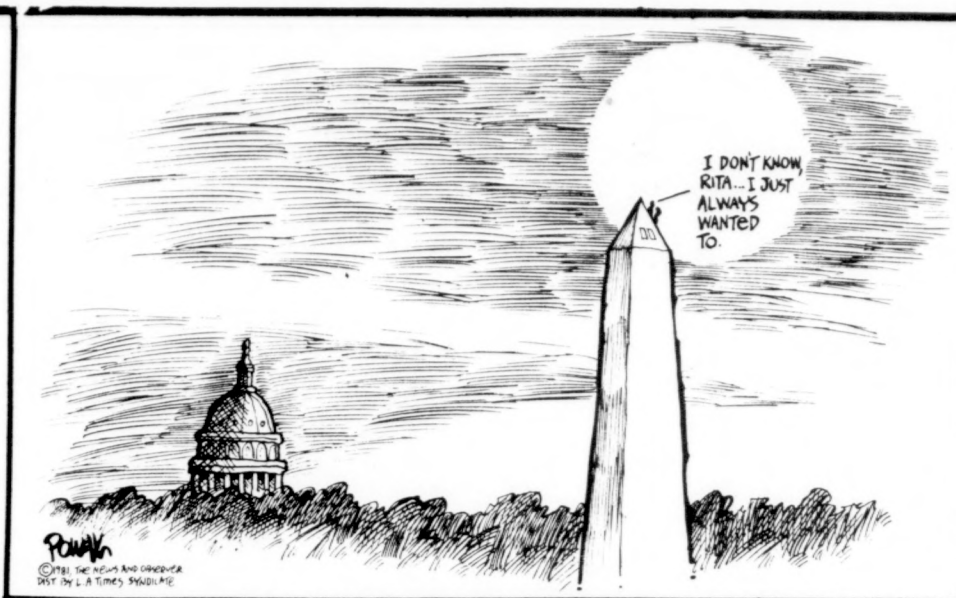
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Postal Rate Commission approved on Thursday a 3-cent increase for first class mail and added another two cents to the price of a dime postcard. The increases could take effect as early as next month.

The new 18-cent stamp still will be two cents short of what the Postal Service requested, and may lead the mail agency to ask for another increase next year.

Commission Chairman Lee Fritschler said the rate decision was "anti-inflationary." A dissenting commission member said the new rates will be inadequate to cover Postal Service expenses and agreed another increase is likely before long.

The decision will give the Postal Service about \$1 billion less per year than the \$3.75 billion it said it needs. Moreover, President Reagan is proposing cuts in the postal subsidy.

Postmaster General William F. Bolger said last week the agency may need to ask for higher rates again later this year if the rate commission did not approve the full request.



Brennan assesses Reagan's speech

AUGUSTA (AP) - President Reagan's budget address left Gov. Joseph E. Brennan worried about Maine's economic development, energy planning, and welfare programs Thursday.

Brennan, lawmakers and lobbyists gave wide-ranging assessments of Reagan's speech and most pleaded for time to review the specifics of the budget before speaking out on its potential impact in Maine.

A single copy of the budget was scheduled to arrive in Augusta by air freight Thursday morning, as Brennan aides stood by waiting to pick it up, but the airport was socked in by fog until the afternoon.

After it arrived, the inch-thick document was rushed to Finance and Administration chief Rodney Scribner, who dove into the weeks-long task of finding out what it could mean to the state budget.

Brennan, speaking with reporters in his office, wished Reagan luck in defending the massive cuts he has proposed to Congress.

"I haven't heard of a governor or a president who is for fraud or for waste, but the fact is, these things exist in government," Brennan said. "If he's going to make that effort, I truly hope he's successful."

Pope comments on family issues

CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES (AP) - Pope John Paul II, hailed by more than 1 million Filipinos in this cradle of East Asian Christianity Thursday, condemned casual sex, upheld priestly celibacy and strongly reaffirmed a Roman Catholic Church ban on artificial birth control, divorce, abortion and polygamy.

Reflecting his pastoral concern, the pontiff at the same time stressed that the church "as a good mother" will aid its children "in difficult times."

It was the pope's most comprehensive statement on family issues since the Roman Catholic bishops discussed the subject in a month-long Vatican synod last autumn.

The pope was greeted by huge crowds in this city where he celebrated a 2½-hour Mass at the spot where the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan raised the cross of Christianity for the first time in the Far East in 1521.

News Briefs

AUGUSTA (AP) - The largest environmental lawsuit of its kind ever brought in Maine was filed against Lincoln Pulp and Paper Co., Attorney General James E. Tierney said Thursday.

The suit, filed in Kennebec County Superior Court, follows the refusal of Lincoln to take remedial action or pay any penalties in connection with numerous alleged violations of air and water pollution laws, Tierney said.

GREENFIELD, MASS. (AP) - A judge has sentenced "Waffles the Clown" to give eight free performances for trespassing at a nuclear power plant.

District Judge George Gregianes on Wednesday sentenced Joshua Dostis to six months probation and ordered him to perform eight shows for Franklin County children. Dostis, 39, of Northfield, was convicted by a Greenfield District Court jury of trespassing at the Yankee Atomic plant in Rowe.

Dostis, dressed as Waffles, was arrested in September 1979 when he tried to obtain a sample of the plant's discharge water.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (AP) - A 23-year-old busboy was formally charged with first-degree arson and eight counts of murder Thursday in last week's fire at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

The criminal complaint filed in Clark County Justice Court alleged that Philip Bruce Cline set the fire "willfully unlawfully, maliciously and feloniously," killing eight persons.

AUGUSTA (AP) - A Superior Court jury has awarded \$129,000 in damages to the family of a man who committed suicide at Mid-Maine Medical Center in Waterville in 1975.

Norman Clark was found dead by hanging two days after he admitted himself to the hospital's psychiatric unit.

The jury, after nearly seven days of testimony, decided on a 6-2 vote Wednesday that the hospital's negligence caused Clark's death and that the hospital should pay damages and funeral expenses to his family.

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Basketball team seeks to end losing streak

by Ernie Clark

The University of Maine basketball team will be looking to rev up its offense in preparation for the ECAC-North tournament Saturday night when the Black Bears host Marist College in a 7:35 tapoff at Memorial Gymnasium.

Maine, now 11-12 and currently in the midst of a four-game losing streak, has had trouble sustaining its offense through an entire contest during this latest skid. The Black Bears went over eight minutes without scoring during the second half of a 57-52 triple overtime loss to UNC/Wilmington last Saturday, and then failed to score for more than three minutes down the stretch of a 77-74 loss to Fairleigh-Dickinson Monday.

Sustaining the offense is not always easy for a club which relies on outside shooting for the bulk of its offensive firepower, but Black Bear coach Skip Chappelle is confident the team will break out of its current cold snap.

"It happens in a lot of games, it's part of the momentum of basketball," Chappelle said. "You read in the paper a lot of times where a team went on a 15-2 run or scored 12 points in a row. Well, while this is going on, the other team isn't scoring."

The Black Bears did have some bright spots on offense during the loss to Fairleigh-Dickinson, as two players who have had difficulty scoring during the first three games of the current streak kept the Black Bears in the FDU game until the final seconds.

Champ Godbolt rebounded from a

6-21 shooting performance against UNC/Wilmington to hit 10 of 16 shots against FDU en route to a 21-point performance. Meanwhile, center Clay Gunn, who has been busy all season defending against some of the nation's best big men, found time to take the ball inside against the Knights, scoring 18 points in one of his biggest offensive showings of the season.

Marist College, from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., brings to town a tall and talented Division II club, one that forced ECAC-North leader Northeastern into an overtime before losing, 86-80.

The Red Foxes, 11-14 on the season, boast balanced scoring, with three players averaging more than 15 points per game. Six-foot-five-inch forward Steve Smith, last year's ECAC Division II Rookie of the Year, leads

Marist in scoring, averaging 16.4 points per game while playing with a style similar to that of Maine's 6-5 forward, Rick Carlisle. Smith was named to the ECAC honor roll last week for his contribution to two Marist wins.

Joining the Marist frontcourt are 6-8 center Bill DeWinne (15.9 ppg and 10 rebounds per game) and 6-8 junior Anthony Timberlake (6.3 ppg).

Ted Hasler (15.6 ppg) and 6-0 Rufus Cooper (106 assists) head up the Marist backcourt.

The Red Foxes have seven Division I contests on their schedule. Among the upper-level clubs Marist has already faced this season, in addition to Northeastern, are two other clubs Maine has faced. The Red Foxes lost to both Drexel (67-50) and Siena (85-74). Maine defeated both of these clubs earlier in the season.

While Marist is a member of Division II, this situation won't stay the same for long, according to Marist sports information director Andrew Meyn. The Red Foxes will be moving up to Division I next year, and compete as a member of the ECAC-Metro-New Jersey conference.

Saturday's game should provide an interesting duel between Carlisle and Smith. Both play similar styles of basketball and have been most productive for their respective teams. The matchup could be intriguing for

Carlisle, who hasn't played against players his own size most of the season.

The ability of one of these players to shut off the other could be a key factor in the outcome of the contest.

AROUND THE RIM: Maine has dropped out of the New England rankings, according to latest poll compiled earlier this week. The Black Bears were ranked seventh in last week's poll, but were removed from that position by ECAC-North rival Boston University (11-10). UConn continues to lead the poll, with Boston College close behind in second place.

The ECAC-North has adopted a round-robin format for next season, which means that Maine will play each of the other eight teams in the conference at least once during the 1981-82 season. Already scheduled is a Portland clash between the Black Bears and 1980 ECAC-North champion Holy Cross.

The Black Bears are not the only ones that have been keeping busy playing basketball. UMO's 130 intramural basketball teams, completed its regular season last week and held its play-off this week.

In the Fraternity "A" and "B" leagues Delta Tau Delta defeated Phi Eta Kappa 68-54 for the "A" championship and 44-43 for the "B" championship. The two victories for the "Deltas" shows an impressive display of its members' basketball talent.

The J.C.'s defeated the Cod Fish 68-60 to become the independent champions-the campus champion will be determined this Saturday. The intramural league champs will play off in a preliminary contest before the Maine, Marist game.

Farragher keys swim team, has reached potential

by Jim Doiron

Desire, self control, responsibility, high threshold of pain, talent: these qualities describe the type of athlete necessary for top-grade swimming. Captain and lone senior member of the UMO men's swim team, Peter Farragher, is just that type of athlete.

Farragher holds the school record in the 1000-yard freestyle and he has been strong in various other events including the butterfly, 100-yard through the 1650-yard freestyle, backstroke, and the relays.

Swim coach Alan Switzer said, "Peter was not a blue chip athlete when he got here, but he realized his potential and has made himself a blue chip. Pete stayed with it and he has achieved and he will achieve this year."

Farragher comes from Randolph, Mass., and when he was 12 years old, a pool was built in his town. That's the year he started swimming on a recreation team. At age 14, Farragher started swimming competitively at the Y.M.C.A. level in Brockton, Mass.

Early training is essential in college level swimming because competition is keen and, in many instances, freshmen must be able to compete with upperclassmen or they will not make it.

During Farragher's freshman year at Maine, the team won the New England. Farragher got second place in the 1650-yard freestyle and anchored the 800-yard freestyle relay. He feels this meet was one of the high points of his career.

That performance emphasizes the fact that Farragher learned a tremendous amount his freshman year. Switzer was impressed by the fact that the 1650 "is a long race and requires a great deal of knowledge and experience and pace concept," which Farragher obviously showed a great deal of so early.

During Farragher's sophomore year the swim team placed eighth in the Easterns, its first year in that class. The following year the team placed ninth and this year Farragher is setting his sights for the Easterns. "I have to do well," he said.

The Easterns are comprised of some of the best teams on the eastern seaboard, including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Cornell and Dartmouth. Last year Farragher placed fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, and was one-tenth of a second away from placing third in the 200-yard backstroke.

This year Farragher will be swimming in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke, which are his "forte," one other individual event as yet undetermined, the medley relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay, and maybe the 800-yard freestyle relay. Although this is quite a

burden, Farragher said he is hoping for a sixth-place team finish in the race.

To excel in swimming, as in any sport, extra effort means a lot. Switzer sees this characteristic shining in Farragher. "There are certain degrees of pain that you have to go through in order to achieve good results and he puts himself through that. He has in his mind goals for his own individual achievements and he sets them high, but he knows they are within reach. Pete has set his sights toward being right up there among the leaders and his work in practice reflects this."

Farragher realizes the demand swimming puts on a person. For many, the experience of college swimming is a short one. The academic and social aspects of campus life are constantly pulling at one, and the desire tends to fade. Farragher, however, has withstood the pressures. "You're busting your butt and guys get tired of it. Every year I've seen an improvement in my swimming, so I've been able to keep my attitude up. Also, being captain makes you push that much harder."

Switzer, coach since the installation of Wallace Pool in 1971, has seen many bodies fall along the roadside because the demands of the sport are just too much. With the shift from New England competition to Eastern Seaboard competition has come a much more intense training program. For some, the desire to achieve is lost. Switzer said, "If all the swimmers who show so much interest this year would only show as much next year, then we'd be golden, but they won't. That makes it difficult to predict the team's future."

Farragher feels that the increased practice load over the past few years has been worthwhile because the team gets faster each year.

Practice sessions, in the intense training phase (which is going on now), run from 6-7:30 p.m. four days a week with two-hour sessions in the afternoon. One major change is the institution, this year, of team weight training. This type of training has always been emphasized in the past but this is the first year that it has been done on a team basis.

Peter Farragher has excelled in swimming at UMO. In a few weeks, swimming will be over for him. He is not likely to ever compete again. The senior education major will be looking for a job, and is not likely to be disappointed. "I don't like to lose," he said. "I don't think about when it hurts, I just do my best."

With one meet left, Farragher has only lost once in the backstroke this season.

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Sports

Bears to battle Colgate, aim for play-off position

by Scott Cole

It will be a stretch run that would do the Kentucky Derby proud. And it all begins tomorrow night for the University of Maine hockey team as it takes on a fine Colgate team at Starr Rink in Hamilton, N.Y. with Coach Jack Semler saying, "We need a win desperately."

Indeed the Bears do need a victory over the Red Raiders to begin solidifying an invitation to that post-season madness known as the ECAC playoffs. At 10-7, Maine stands in fourth place overall in the ECAC rankings behind Clarkson (10-2), Northeastern (12-4), and Boston College (10-4-3). Right behind the Bears are New Hampshire (10-7-1), Colgate (8-6-1) and Providence (9-7-1).

Besides the Colgate game, the Bears have Div. I games remaining with New Hampshire, Providence and Northeastern. Realistically, the Blue and White's chances to host a playoff game took a definite turn for the worse with the BC loss, said Semler, realizing the fading hopes of having a post-season

game in Alford. "Our biggest goal now is to make the playoffs," he said.

Making those playoffs will be a task, to say the least. As the above-listed standings show, every team Maine has left to play has a shot at making the playoffs. Translated, every team the Bears have left will be playing for blood, and survival in the post-season for that matter.

"In a way we're almost lucky to be playing these good teams," said Semler, "because these are the kind of teams that we'll be facing if we make the playoffs."

Certainly Colgate coach Terry Slater hopes that his skaters are the kind of team that is a playoff team. The Red Raiders are making inroads to earn that classification. As mentioned earlier, the New Yorkers are 8-6-1 in the ECAC, 16-8-1 overall. They are second to Clarkson in the West sector of the ECAC. Their most recent outing was a 12-3 stomping of New Haven in a non-conference game last Saturday night. But the night before at the Starr Rink, the Red Raiders helped Northeastern continue its late-season

slide by running over the Huskies 6-5.

One Red Raider who has been looking good to the rest of the ECAC is left winger Dan Fridgen. The guy is Colgate's answer to Gary Conn. Fridgen has piled up 29 goals and 24 assists thus far. No doubt he's the hottest player in upstate New York besides Clarkson's Brian Cleaver, whom Fridgen trails by one point in overall scoring in the ECAC.

Two more Raiders with radar are Mike Houle with 17 goals and 24 assists, and Steve Smith who has 17 goals and 23 assists to crow about.

Coach Slater is expected to turn to goalie Guy Lemonde to hold off Maine. Lemonde has won 12 games and lost six and has a 4.10 goals against average.

If Lemonde can frustrate the Bears like BC's Bob O'Connor did, he'll be doing alright. O'Connor turned away 25 shots and held Maine to a single goal in the Eagles' big 4-1 victory Tuesday night at Alford. His performance served to magnify Maine's biggest problem of late -- cashing in

opportunities to score. The chances have been there, the puck just hasn't been going in. "We're getting the first shot, but we're not getting the second and third shot," said Conn, who knows a few things about scoring goals since he has 24 on the season.

Clearly, Maine's goal for the Colgate game is to hit the Red Raider zone hell-bent-for-leather and do everything possible to turn on that red light behind goalie Lemonde.

"If we put enough pressure on the other teams, the puck will go in," said Semler. "We have to storm the net and swarm to goal, we might not get pretty goals, but they'll count."

No doubt the goals count, and so do these big four games in this pressure-packed stretch run.

BLACK BEAR ICE CHIPS...Maine came out of the BC game with a casualty...Defenseman Dwight Montgomery took a hit early in the second period which left him with a severe charley horse. He played the rest of the game with the injury and hopes to be available for the Colgate game...Now is not the time to be losing key players...Jeff Nord will get the call against the Red Raiders, his play in that first period against BC when he turned away 17 shots was vintage Tony Esposito...

Women's hockey club to play benefit game

by Annette Higgins

The UMO Women's Ice Hockey Club will take on the Bangor Daily News in a benefit game at Alford Arena Feb. 21, Saturday. Proceeds will go to the Cancer Fund at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Laura Durham, co-organizer of the event said, "We're asking for donations because we're not allowed to charge admission." Women's hockey cannot charge admission because it is not a varsity school sponsored sport.

"The whole team pretty much

thought up the idea of a benefit game," Durham said. "We were looking for a way to get some recognition for our club."

Durham organized the event with hockey team member, Barb Woodcock. "They're building a new wing at Eastern Maine Medical Center for cancer patients and we thought it was a good cause," Woodcock said.

A sports writer for the Bangor Daily, Larry Mahoney, will captain the team and play goalie. The benefit game will be the last game at home for the UMO club. It will travel to Bowdoin for a game on Friday.



The women's ice hockey club shown here in action earlier this season will play a special benefit game Saturday. [David Lloyd-Rees photo]

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Proposal opposed

NEW YORK (AP) - Major league owners decided Thursday to implement their compensation proposal for re-entry draft free agents, triggering another major labor crisis for baseball.

Under the proposal, premium free agents meeting certain standards would bring compensation for their former clubs when they sign with new teams.

The players association is adamant in its opposition to the clause and has until March 1 to notify management if it intends to strike over the issue. The players will meet in Tampa next Wednesday to decide on their next step.

The four-year basic agreement reached last year in a marathon last-minute negotiating session which averted a May 22 strike, left the compensation issue unsettled.

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