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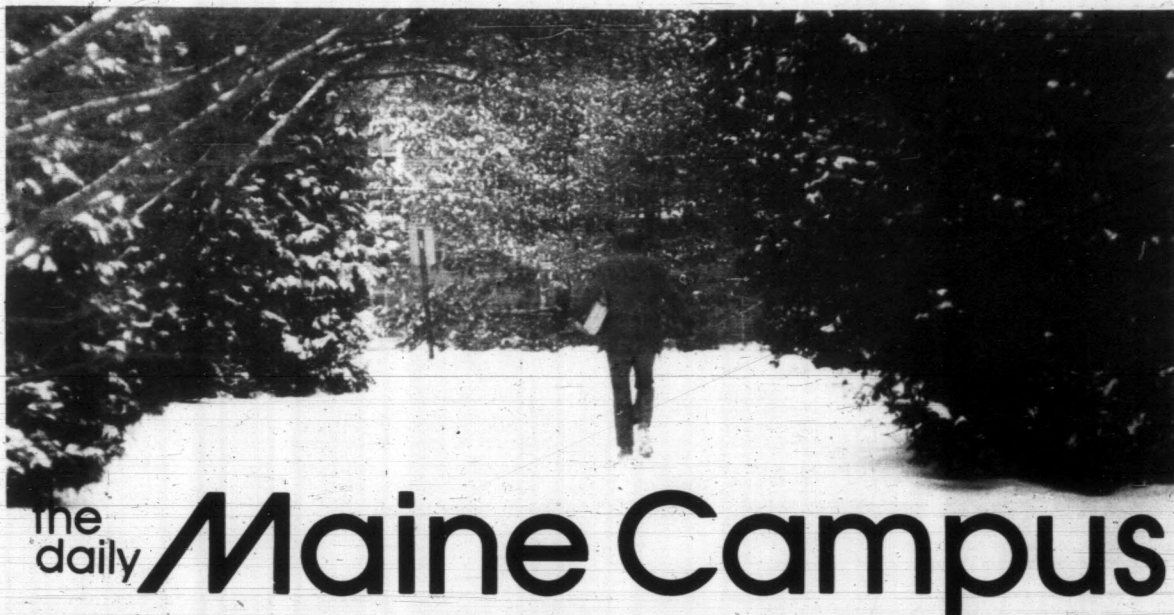
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## Letter raises questions about student election

by Eric Wicklund  
Staff Writer

The Fair Election Practices Commission unanimously decided to bring to UMO President Arthur Johnson's attention a controversy concerning a letter sent through campus mail by a university administrator that allegedly endorsed candidates for the student government election.

Ed Cutting, chairman of the FEPC, sent a letter to Johnson calling for him to take action on the issue involving Phad Dwyer, assistant in recreational sports and lecturer in physical education, who sent a form letter through campus mail to all intramural representatives and resident directors.

The letter, Cutting said, endorsed for president and vice president of the student government Paul Conway and Jon Sorenson and "implied...that the future of the intramural program...depended upon their being elected to office."

Dwyer said, "We were not endorsing any candidate, only urging students to get out and vote." He said Conway and Sorenson only got in touch with him to express their support for a student recreational fee. "They (Conway and Sorenson) were the only candidates that made an effort and came in," Dwyer said. He said he tried to get in touch with the other candidates, but was unsuccessful.

Dwyer said Conway's and Sorenson's names were mentioned in the letter only because they actively supported the student recreational fee, and that the letter in no way urged students to vote for them. If candidates Jason Wright and Mark Livingston or David Webster and Jeff Kelcourse had also expressed support of the fee, he said, their names would also have been included in the letter.

Jon Sorenson, vice president of the student government, said, "It's evident that it (the letter) is not an endorsement whatsoever. The rec. fee is a good issue, an issue that should be brought up before the student government."

Sorenson said neither he nor Conway knew about the letter before it was mailed out, and that the issue "is not related to us at all."

"We're only a third party," he said. Cutting, in his letter to Johnson, dated Feb. 27, said, "Mr. Dwyer not only endorsed a ticket...but also implied, if not directly stated, that the future of the UMO intramural sports program depended upon the election of these two individuals."

"PICS personnel have informed me," Cutting wrote, "that Mr. Dwyer's letter should not have been sent through campus mail."

Cutting cited campus policy in saying, "Federal law prescribes that written communication may be sent through the campus mail service only...when the subject matter concerns official university business."

"Material promoting political candidates or union activities," he wrote, citing the policy, "should not be deposited in any campus mail collection box where campus mail is collected. Such unofficial mail cannot be accepted by employees of the campus mail service."

"It's not in the interest of the university," he said. "Maybe Thad didn't intend it that way (allegedly endorsing Conway and Sorenson), but he sure swayed a lot of impartial people."

"It's a messy situation," Cutting said, "and right now the rules don't cover it."

The president's office said the issue was being looked into, but nothing had been decided yet. Johnson was unavailable for comment.

## Accidental fire started with lit cigarette

by Jane Bailey  
Staff Writer

Two students in Chadbourne Hall said they accidentally set their dormitory room on fire Tuesday afternoon by igniting toilet paper, which was hung around the room, with a lit cigarette.

Stephen Cunningham and Stephen Lawrence said they set their room, 215 Chadbourne hall,

"Usually the alarms are false, and I was very surprised to see the smoke," he said.

Cunningham and Lawrence said they did not mean to start a fire, but had hung toilet paper around the room earlier in the afternoon and had lit a stray piece with a cigarette by accident.

The area around rooms 215 and 217 was "secured until a cause for



A fire started with a lit cigarette was extinguished before UMO and Orono firefighters arrived on the scene. (Fitzgerald photo)

on fire and extinguished it themselves. They called the UMO Department of Police and Safety to report the incident and two fire trucks were sent to the scene.

Earl Jameson, a police corporal, said he saw smoke coming from the window and was very surprised.

the fire could be determined," said Police Officer Robert Norman.

When asked for details, Norman said, "It is under investigation and nothing will be available until tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. Under investigation does not necessarily mean suspicious."

# Degree application deadline set for seniors

by Peter Gray  
Staff Writer

UMO seniors graduating in May of 1985 must return their application for degree card to the Registrar's office before March 15, 1985 if they want to be listed in the commencement ceremonies booklet, the associate registrar said Monday.

Anton Mayer said, "Most significantly, if the student doesn't return (his or her application for degree) card, (he or she) won't be listed in the program at commencement."

"Of course, we're not going to deny graduation if the cards aren't returned, but from the students' viewpoint, being listed in the program is what usually concerns them most," Mayer said.

Mayer said it is important for students to complete the card thoroughly, specifically the two addresses — an address to which information about graduation should be sent and an address to which the diploma should be mailed.

"It isn't uncommon for students not to graduate because they haven't fulfilled the requirements of their department

or college," Mayer said. "We encourage students to come in to our office and review their records."

"Students shouldn't be surprised by our records," Mayer said. "Actually, students should come in as early as possible to review their academic records in order to ensure that they have met all the requirements for their degree," he said.

Graduating seniors usually receive their degree two months after the ceremony in May. If an employer needs verification that the student's degree was awarded in May, UMO will verify the degree over the phone or by letter but cannot release the actual grades, Mayer said.

John Collins Jr., UMO registrar, said, "As far as I am concerned, it could be disappointing to the parents of the students who are graduating if their son or daughter wasn't listed in the commencement program."

Although UMO students can graduate three times during the year — May, December and August — May is the only time a large commencement ceremony is held, Collins said.

Collins said, "The number of students graduating in May has been pretty consistent for the last few years."

"We actually graduate about 2,200 students in May," Collins said. "However, only about 1,500 to 1,700 actually show up for commencement ceremonies."

## Dean of engineering and science to be chosen from field of 3

by Chuck Morris  
Staff Writer

One of three candidates for the position of dean of UMO's College of Engineering and Science said Tuesday he would be interested in seeing course requirements changed if he is selected. The candidate, Fred Beaufait, spoke to a small group of faculty at 2 p.m. in the North Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union.

Beaufait, the current associate dean of academic affairs and research in the College of Engineering at West Virginia University, said, however, that if he is selected, he would not enter the UMO

system with a set requirement for the students.

Collins said students are expected to forward information concerning graduation to their parents. "We used to issue each student a certain number of invitations, but now they aren't limited as to how many family members or friends they can ask to the ceremonies," he said.

"I think it would be a mistake to come in with a certain set of ideas," Beaufait said. "My basic philosophy is although you must set down basic requirements, one must always allow deviation from them. You need to learn what the basic needs are and then develop a plan (on) where the program should go."

"If a dean has to be a leader," he said, "he must form ideas and sell those to the faculty. The dean has influence, but it is not a one-man show."

The other two candidates for the position are Norman Smith, currently the acting dean of the College of Engineering and Science, and Don Boyer, of the University of Wyoming. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronald Tallman said all three candidates are sufficiently qualified for the position.

"We (the committee formed to evaluate the candidates) have had very good experience with all three people," Tallman said. "They all have good administrative experience."

Tallman said the committee, which comprises faculty and students in engineering and also Tallman and Ann Schonberger of Bangor Community College, may make a decision by the end of this week.

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# Maine railroad study shows need for help

AUGUSTA (AP) — A study of the future of three Maine railroad lines could add to the cost of a report that recommends subsidies of nearly \$1.5 million a year and certain tax breaks to the industry, a state official who helped prepare the report said Tuesday.

Deputy Transportation Commissioner William Fernald declined to speculate how much more might be needed to help preserve the three Maine Central Railroad lines that are threatened with abandonment. "That's what we're struggling with right now," Fernald said. He said Maine Central has agreed to defer the abandonments of the Brewer-Calais, Brunswick-Rockland and Portland-Fryeburg lines at least until the end of the current legislative session.

The follow-up study is expected to be

completed in mid-March, and recommendations on whether the state should preserve service on individual lines is expected before the Legislature adjourns.

Whatever recommendations emerge would be added to proposals from Gov. Joseph Brennan's Rail Policy Committee, which warned that one-fourth of Maine's rail system faces abandonment within five years.

To prevent that, the panel has recommended that the state contribute \$1.5 million a year toward maintenance of railroad crossings and that rails, ties and other track components be exempted from the sales tax at an annual cost of about \$180,000.

"Among the transportation modes that serve our state, the rail industry is

somewhat unique in that it continues to operate essentially as a privately owned system, utilizing facilities that it owns and maintains," Transportation Commissioner Dana Connors wrote in a cover letter to the panel's 24-page report.

"Other modes of transportation generally utilize facilities that are provided with public funds, such as airports, marine terminals and the public highway system," said Connors, who chaired the committee. "Accordingly, the issue of equity in the treatment of various transportation modes has been an important part of the committee's deliberations."

The panel, comprising a diverse group of officials from government and private industry, said Maine's 1,500-mile freight rail system will shrink by 25 percent

within five years unless steps are taken to prevent the abandonment of marginally profitable lines.

Before announcing plans to close three more lines, Maine Central Railroad dropped its Farmington and Bingham lines. The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Co. has abandoned its Houlton-Van Buren line.

Thousands of Maine jobs depend on freight transportation, and a scarcity of truckers brought on by deregulation of the trucking industry makes the rail system more important, the panel said.

In addition to the proposed subsidies and sales-tax exemption, the panel's other recommendations include asking Amtrak to conduct a study into the possibility of restoring passenger rail service in Maine.

## GSS votes to maintain training program

by Ken Brack  
Staff Writer

The General Student Senate voted Tuesday night to uphold a policy for training new committee chairmen during the last four weeks of the spring semester before they assume responsibility during the fall.

By voting not to repeal an apprenticeship program for incoming committee chairmen, the senate rejected Senate President Jon Sorenson's attempts to direct all committee chairmen to resign by April 1. Graduate student senator Rodney Labbe said the training program, established two years ago, "guarantees continuity in the committees, and it works." Sorenson said he was not questioning the credibility of the chairmen but asked for the resignations to ensure that they were interested in working with the new administration, and to promote a volunteer apprenticeship program. Off campus senator David Webster and Labbe both said they resented being asked to resign from their respective committee chairs before their appointments ended. Webster said, "It is the will of this body not to have an all-powerful executive. We have to look forward to what this could do in future years."



The GSS voted to maintain a training program for committee chairman, and to change the starting time of the meetings to 6 p.m. (file photo)

A senate Ad Hoc committee investigating the student government election of 1983 gave its conclusions to the senate, finding nothing to substantiate the conclusion that the election was "emphatically rigged." Off campus senator Linwood White read the com-

mittee's final report, which said that "although the rigging cannot be substantiated in terms of previous contrived individual actions, major discrepancies were noted by the members of this investigation." The report attributed the discrepancies to the "poor judgement and

irresponsible action on the part of the leadership of student government." Lindsay Mills criticized them for endorsing one of the candidates. The report also blamed the Fair Elections Practices Committee for "not adequately controlling the retrieval of the ballots when the polls closed."

In a related matter, Labbe introduced a resolution to give Masters/Ehrlich the disputed losers to Freshley/Mangione in the 1983 election-honorary titles as president and vice president of the student government during the 1983-84 year. After hearing the Ad Hoc committee's findings, Labbe said the senate had a "moral obligation" to make a determination. The resolution was referred to FEPC. In other business, in a vote of collective approval, David Mitchell, Brock Kwiatkowski and Thomas Mundell were appointed Executive Assistant to President Paul Conway, Legislative Assistant to Vice President Jon Sorenson and Legislative Coordinator to both, respectively.

Also, Kristin Paul was appointed Treasurer of the student government.

Seven new senators were sworn in also: Mark Fortin and Katharine Taylor from Oxford Hall, Elizabeth Simpson and Elizabeth Bizier from off campus, and Don Ross, Sue Hopkins and Jeff Kirlin from Bangor Community College.

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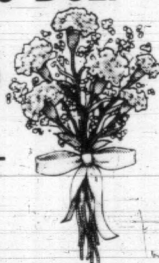
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## Senate committee trims defense by \$79 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled Senate Budget Committee, in a sharp rebuff to President Reagan, voted tentatively Tuesday in favor of a \$79 billion reduction in military buildup over the next three years.

On a bipartisan vote of 18-4, the committee proposed freezing defense spending authority at current levels after adjusting for inflation for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. That would be followed by after-inflation increases of 3 percent for each of the two subsequent years.

It was the first formal indication of the widespread dissatisfaction in Congress over the president's proposed fiscal 1986 budget, which includes a \$30 billion increase in defense spending and nearly \$40 billion in cuts in domestic programs.

Eight Republicans joined all 10 of the committee's Democrats in voting for the defense spending proposal. The four "no" votes were cast by GOP senators. The defense spending proposal is subject to possible change when the committee completes its work and takes a final vote on the entire budget package.

The vote came a few hours after Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., said the administration must be prepared to negotiate with House and Senate leaders to get a "consensus" budget that will reduce federal deficits.

The vote on defense spending marked the beginning of the Budget Committee's efforts to draft an alternative to the president's spending blueprint.

With the committee facing a series of proposals to cut domestic spending, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said, "The defense number is pretty key to getting a consensus on the rest of the budget."

The Budget Committee considered five plans which would have allowed defense spending to rise each year, but by less than the amount Reagan wants.

The president has called for increases in defense spending authority of 5.9 percent after inflation in 1986, 8.2 percent in 1987 and 8.8 percent in 1988.

The plan that won tentative committee approval, sponsored by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., would hold the increase far below the range proposed by Reagan.

In terms of actual estimated spending, if Hollings' proposal were implemented by Congress, the Pentagon would have \$10.9 billion less in 1986 than Reagan proposed, \$25.3 billion less in 1987 and \$43 billion less in 1988, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan "stands squarely behind his budget."

Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., argued for after-inflation increases of 4 percent a year, saying that "one of the reasons the Soviets are back at the negotiating table is because we have shown the willingness" to provide for large defense increases in the past.

Hollings said his proposal was intended as part of an overall effort to reduce budget deficits. He said he was submitting it because "this is where the Congress will eventually come out" at the end of the year on defense spending.

But several senators, including Grassley, committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Mark Andrews,

R-N.D., said it was possible to reduce Reagan's defense budget without harming national security.

Domenici broke with Reagan on Monday when he proposed slashing the administration's military buildup by \$92 billion over three years — a full \$13 billion more than the committee approved Tuesday.

## House approves bill to tie state aid to selective service registration

AUGUSTA, (AP) — The House gave initial approval to a bill on Tuesday to deny state-funded scholarships, loans and grants to students who fail to register for the draft.

After an hour of debate, the House voted 97-49 against a motion to reject the bill after proponents, led by World War II veterans, said those who refuse to register should be denied the privileges enjoyed by law-abiding students.

"If they want to be conscientious objectors, let them go to another country," said Rep. J. Robert Carrier, D-Westbrook.

Rep. Eugene Paradis said the "simple" bill would withstand a constitutional test

of Maine," said Reeves, who voted against the measure in committee.

She said the federal government already checks registration compliance for students applying for state-backed aid.

Rep. John Bott, R-Orono, urged the bill's supporters "not to wrap yourselves too tightly in the flag." He said the bill is unnecessary and would impose a financial burden on Maine's colleges, which would also have to administer the registration check.

"You're going to nickel and dime the colleges to death," said Bott.

The House will vote on the bill again Wednesday.

In other legislative action, the Senate

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## Mislabeled chemical may cause patients death

MIAMI (AP) — Doctors accidentally injected a toxic preservative into the spine of a 64-year-old retiree, leaving him comatose with little hope of recovery in what the head surgeon called "a tragic series of human errors."

The substance, glutaraldehyde, was mistaken for spinal fluid that had been removed earlier from the patient during an operation to remove a facial cancer, according to the surgeon, Dr. James Ryan Chandler.

The patient, Bob East, underwent the operation last Friday and was declared brain dead on Monday. East, a photographer who retired earlier this year after more than 30 years with *The Miami Herald*, was listed in very guarded condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

"I don't know what should be done," Chandler said Tuesday. "We've done what we can for Mr. East, which seems pitifully little."

Hospital officials said that if another scan indicated no brain activity, the family and doctors would decide whether to turn off life support systems.

"I know nobody did this on purpose," said East's wife, Tina. "It just fills me with such terrible rage. I think that people who take other people's lives into their hands should be more careful."

The mistake was not discovered until an ophthalmologist, who had dropped off the toxic chemical in an unmarked bottle, returned to the operating room to retrieve it. The substance was to be used to preserve the cancerous eye tissue that

Both were injected into East near the end of the operation, Chandler said.

"It was preventable," Chandler said. "It didn't have to be. It was a tragic series of human errors. It is due to the errors

of many — doctors, myself included, who somehow bypassed all the safeguards to prevent such an occurrence."

East was donating to research, Chandler explained.

The substance "was misidentified and then mislabeled and then was injected into the spinal column of Mr. East, thinking, of course, that the labeled material was spinal fluid," Chandler said.

The surgeon said spinal fluid is removed from patients in such operations and then re-injected after the procedure to check for leaks in the protective brain covering, which is exposed during surgery.

Chandler said the syringe containing East's fluid was properly labeled "CSF" for cerebrospinal fluid. Somehow the originally unmarked vial containing the glutaraldehyde acquired the same label.

"I accept full responsibility," he said.

George Hill, the hospital's claims administrator, said disciplinary action would be taken if an in-house investigation disclosed "gross negligence on someone's part of a serious enough nature."

"We can't blame just one person," Chandler said. "The doctor who brought the material into the operating room is just as much to blame as the person who didn't label it properly or me as a surgeon for even allowing this to happen."

## Grant proposal for teachers faces opposition

AUGUSTA (AP) — A proposal to extend \$2,000-a-year recognition grants to private and parochial school teachers met opposition Tuesday from Maine's largest teachers' union, the state Education Department and a representative of some of those schools.

"In short, public schools: public dollars; private schools: private dollars," said Michael Butera, executive director of the Maine Teachers Association, at a hearing before the Legislature's Education Committee.

And William Pagnano, Maine's associate education commissioner, said the plan would be unconstitutional.

The Legislature last September approved \$1,000-per-semester grants for public school teachers, suggested by Gov. Joseph Brennan to bring pay rates up to professional standards and to enable schools to attract and retain good teachers. Lawmakers are still debating which school personnel may be defined as teachers.

The sponsor of the bill to extend the grants to private and parochial school teachers, Rep. Alfred Brodeur, said his plan raises "constitutional questions" over the separation of church and state, since many of the private schools have religious affiliations.

But private school teachers tend to be paid less than their public school counterparts, the Auburn Democrat said, and the new grants might attract the better private school teachers into the public sector.

That would weaken the private system and cause more students to enter public schools, at additional cost to taxpayers, Brodeur said.

Brodeur was the only proponent of the bill to speak during the hearing.

The executive director of the Christian Civic League of Maine, Jasper Wyman, said the intent of Brodeur's bill was good

but the proposal "poses a serious threat to the hard-won freedom" of private schools.

"It would be the height of hypocrisy for private Christian schools to insist upon their independence from the state on the one hand and accept financial generosity from the same state on the other," Wyman said.

Pagnano urged the committee to ask the Attorney General's office for an opinion of the bill's constitutionality before taking any action. He also said he opposed the plan because it "would reward teachers in schools (in) which the education department has virtually no control."

## Governor plans to promote new UMLA bond issues

AUGUSTA (AP) — Gov. Joseph Brennan, hoping to promote new citywide voting in Lewiston and Auburn for bond issues to help finance a new University of Maine campus, is making tentative plans to discuss the matter with the city councils from both cities, aides said Monday.

Plans call for Brennan to address a joint session of the two councils later this month, when he reportedly will urge officials to ask voters again to agree to pick up a share of the construction costs for the proposed campus.

Ballot questions seeking approval for \$3.1 million in borrowing by the two cities, to augment \$2 million offered by the Legislature for the project last year, were narrowly defeated in both cities in November. About 10 days ago, Brennan

told Androscoggin County lawmakers and the mayors from both cities that their best chance appears to be going back to referendum.

Brennan aide Richard Davies said the governor had cited "many potential stumbling blocks" in any new moves to redirect the money already committed by the Legislature for the proposed campus.

Rep. Gregory Nadeau, D-Lewiston, said Monday a variety of legislative and municipal officials from the area were reviewing the possibility of staging new referendums before the June 30 end of the state's fiscal year, at which time the state funds set aside for the project might be put to other uses.

"There has been talk about that," Nadeau said, but "there's nothing concrete at this point."

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# Editorial

## Hidden costs

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as state and local police, has in the last few years depended on undercover investigations to make sensational arrests. Whether the investigations involve drug smugglers or high-ranking politicians, these probes relied on the ability of law enforcement officials to participate in criminal activities and then turn evidence over to a prosecutor.

The ABSCAM cases, which resulted in the conviction of congressmen and one U.S. senator, and the John Delorean cocaine case are two of the most publicized uses of undercover techniques. Although the two cases made headlines across the country, the fact remains that the routine use of these techniques has led to a number of abuses when it comes to protecting the rights of defendants and innocent bystanders.

The damage that has been done by FBI undercover operations, exhibited by cases which have received public attention but few convictions, represent the range of problems such operations can and do produce. It is these problems that prompt the continued scrutiny of the Congress and the enactment of legislation and other measures to reduce the chances that these problems will be repeated.

In 1983, the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, led by Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., came up with several important facts about the FBI's use of undercover investigations.

The subcommittee found that FBI undercover operations, involving large expenditures of money numbered 54 active cases in 1978, but rose to 92 in 1980 and 1981. In the operations which were smaller

in duration, cost, and do not involve "sensitive circumstances," the number of active operations more than doubled, from 122 in 1978 to 309 in 1982. However, these figures in fact actually misrepresent the number of undercover investigations, because of the terminology adopted by the FBI in its reporting of cases.

In 1977, the Department of Justice's appropriation request began to specifically seek funds for undercover investigations. From \$1 million in 1977 the budget has steadily grown to a total of \$12,581,000 for 1984, suggesting that recent operations are longer in duration and more expensive. Yet these sums include only those items that the Bureau has chosen to leave out as special costs of the operations, such as informant payments and bribes. The majority of the expenses — FBI salaries and overhead — are basically excluded, and from present FBI record-keeping practices do not allow for the actual cost of undercover operations.

The scholars who researched the FBI's files in the subcommittee's investigation concerning undercover operations confirmed a pattern of deviation from the usual standards, with substantial harm to individuals and public institutions.

At a time when President Ronald Reagan has chosen to undercut various social programs to reduce the federal deficit, one would have to wonder if he should also consider the cost and benefit of future FBI undercover operations.

*Peter Murphy, Deputy*



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What the flip?

RICH GARVEN

## Tacit approval for domestic terror

While many anti-abortionists don't support the actions of groups like the Army of God, which took credit for six explosions in 1984, they also disassociate themselves from it, claiming abortion is worse. These people think it's murder to kill something that fits in a jelly jar, but indirectly advocate the physical endangerment of living human beings for the betterment of all.

The basic question surrounding abortion is whether the fetus is a human being or not. Is a baby being murdered when an abortion takes place? At this point the law says the fetus is not a human and most Americans support this view.

Some form of legalized abortion is supported by 75 percent of all Americans, but the fundamentalist fanatics feel 75 percent of America is wrong. They can't change the law so they continue to try to make it impossible for anyone to comply with it.

Simply stated, an abortion doesn't kill a human, it only keeps a woman's life from being wrecked. By bombing abortion clinics the chance occurs that both the future child and the mother's life will be ruined.

In January of 1973 Supreme Court justice Harry Blackmun wrote the court's decision which essentially legalized abortion. In March of 1985 some nut with a rifle fired a bullet into Blackmun's home. Fortunately no one was hurt, but apparently time doesn't heal all wounds.

For the past 15 years abortion has been one of the "do no wrong middle class's" biggest issues. Christian Americans living in the suburbs who think abortions kill humans while allowing the mother to remain promiscuous, have decided to take the law into their own hands. In the first six months of 1984 11 bombings or arson attacks were made on abortion clinics, beating the all-time high of eight set during all of 1982. But 1984 didn't end with a whimper as a Wheaton, Md., abortion clinic was bombed and a Planned Parenthood office a mile away was set on fire later in the year.

The government has taken a non-involvement stand that these actions are isolated incidents committed by individuals with no connection to the right-to-life movement. This is the same government whose president invited a group of anti-choice leaders to the White House on Jan. 23, the day right-to-lifers annually protest the Supreme Court's 1973 decision.

One such person in attendance at Reagan's party was Joseph Scheidler, director of Chicago's Pro-Life Action League.

In the past Scheidler has called abortion the American holocaust, as in the Nazi/Hitler holocaust, while saying, "violence is permissible as a last resort when it must be used to stop a greater violence." If this type of thinking sounds like Reagan's "Peace through Strength" philosophy then you win an invitation to the next inauguration dinner.

## when

The Maine Campus commentaries. Let's see, comments are short, snappy letters or columns are welcome, but publication only on Tuesdays. The Maine Campus has the right to edit letters for length, taste and clarity.

## Students calls

To the editor:

When the team and Jon Sorenson announced their government "profession" agenda, I was elected everyone's baited breath. What they would do to the whole campus to see just how far socialism goes.

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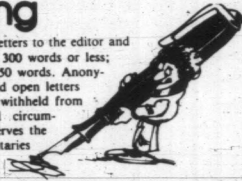
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# Response

## when writing

The Maine Campus welcomes letters to the editor and commentaries. Letters should be 300 words or less; commentaries should be about 450 words. Anonymous letters or commentaries and open letters are welcome, but names will be withheld from publication only under special circumstances. The Maine Campus reserves the right to edit letters and commentaries for length, taste and libel.



## Blue mascot more loveable

To the editor:

I have recently become aware of Alpha Phi Omega's popularity poll of Bananas the Bear's color. As a former Bananas (1980-1984) and the person responsible for the "blue color" of the bear, I feel several points should be made.

The color blue was not taken lightly as some APO members have suggested or implied. Maine blue was chosen because this color has soft qualities that are important to the image of a mascot. The Maine blue plus the "Yogi Bear" look create a bear who cannot help but be loved. Too often children were afraid of the harsh black aura that surrounded Bananas' previous fur coat. Children who

were previously hesitant in approaching Bananas in a black coat had no qualms about approaching and petting a blue bear. Once a decision has been made, it should be stuck to, especially now that fans have adjusted to the new costume.

The durability of "new" Bananas has also been questioned. Granted, the costume has deteriorated in the past year, but it is not the fault of the costume, but rather from overuse.

During my tenure as Bananas, the popularity of the mascot rose dramatically from two public appearances a year to over ten a month. No one uniform is designed to handle that much use, without a yearly overhaul. This was not done,

despite my repeated efforts to get APO to do so. This cost is minor compared to the cost of a new uniform (\$300 to \$1500). If APO cannot afford its care, perhaps it is time to give control over to another group. One final point: Is it fair that only a small group of men are eligible to be Bananas? Currently no women and no one outside of Alpha Phi Omega can portray Bananas. Remember, it is the University of Maine at Orono's mascot not APO's. Above all, I hope the university community will voice their opinions and keep Bananas blue.

Pat Dunn  
Bananas 1980-84  
Callowhee, N.C.

## Student leaders' critic calls for action

To the editor:

When the team of Paul Conway and Jon Sorenson ran for student government, they promised "professionalism" and "a new agenda." When they got elected everyone sat back with baited breath waiting to see what they would do. Last week the whole campus had a chance to see just how far professionalism goes.

On Tuesday night, at the senate meeting, they were inaugurated while four goons stood guard over the doors to the senate. Later that night Jon Sorenson announced that from now on, all senators had to sit in the front three rows (Why not just seat them boy-girl-boy-girl?) and conduct all business with their right hand (perhaps representing their political ideology?). Then Sorenson proceeded to call for the resignation of all committee chairmen, calling it a mere "formality." Several chairmen have expressed their intention to stay on until the end of their terms (the end of the semester). Late last week Sorenson's formality turned into a new agenda of purges. On March 1, Conway and

Sorenson sent a letter to all campus leaders advertising the fact that all committee chairs were open, even though he knew full well that several of those chairs did not intend to resign. Sorenson's excuse (a lame one at best) was "Maine state law mandates this." Sorenson seems to be under the mistaken impression that Maine state law mandates purges. When will he get a grasp on reality?

The Conway-Sorenson team's promises of "professionalism" and a "new agenda" are in reality just another example of the "new political right" rearing its most ugly head. If you have any doubts as to why their way is right, they employ plenty of goons who are more than willing to convince you of the sainthood of these two persecuted individuals. I suggest to you that purges, vendettas, blood feuds, and goons are not the way to professionalism. It is time for the students to realize what Conway-Sorenson are really all about, and take appropriate action.

Bob Portland  
Orono



## Commentary

## Several things on my mind

Tom Harris

Keep an eye on state government, ladies and gentlemen, because things are getting a little out of hand. Proposals are being made and legislation is being passed that nip away at our rights and responsibilities as United States citizens. For example, have you checked out the advertisement on WLBT-TV that proposes a driving curfew on 15-17 year olds? It claims that a curfew, 9 p.m.—6 a.m. would greatly reduce the accident rate. Be that as it may, put yourself in the shoes of a 16-year-old who is not allowed to have a nighttime job because he cannot drive home from work. Or the 17-year-old who cannot go on a date without having mommy drive him. And how would such a law be enforced? I can see myself, a 22-year-old, being stopped by police, having my ID checked (plus the usual flashlight scan of the inside of my car) all because I was suspected of being 17 years old! Does this sound a bit fascist to you?

The driving curfew would restrict people's rights,

but now there is a law and proposed legislation that reduces our responsibilities as adults. I'm talking about the law that holds bartenders and bar owners responsible for how drunk their patrons get. A proprietor can have civil or criminal action taken against him in court for serving a person who later goes out and gets in a drunk driving accident. The situation here is that the state government has determined that this person is not responsible for his actions! They claim that it's the bartender's fault he drank too much. And you better not have a party because if somebody leaves the party and gets in an accident, you could be sued for letting him drink too much.

Well, if this is the case, then the person who gets lung cancer from smoking too many cigarettes should be able to sue the store on the corner for selling him the cigarettes! Where does it stop? How far will the government go to assume our responsibilities?

Another case of this is the proposed seat belt law, already enacted in New York and now before the Maine Legislature, which would make use of seat belts mandatory. A law like this would give the police another excuse for pulling a person over, checking his ID (again, the usual scan of the car interior) all because of suspected seat belt neglect. The policemen would not be at fault; they would just be doing their job of enforcing the law. The law would be at fault for taking away our responsibility for our actions and denying our right to privacy! If a person chooses not to wear a seat belt and he gets hurt, he is only hurting himself. He should not be forced to wear one: it is his choice.

If you feel strongly about these issues of rights and responsibilities, I suggest writing WLBT-TV or your local state representative. America is a free country, so do your part in keeping it free. Be aware of what is happening and let your opinion be known.

# Magazine

## Alumni Field awaits new concession stand

by Gregory J. Schwartz  
Staff Writer

A new concession stand for Alumni Field at UMO may be built this summer, the Alpha Phi Omega concessions chairman said.

Jim Cassida said APO will move into the new stand and will not operate out of the old stands.

"Equipment from the old stands will be moved and we will be purchasing some new equipment," Cassida said.

Acting Vice-President of External Affairs Kenneth Allen said the idea to build a new stand was based on the inadequacies of existing facilities.

"The two stands are marginal as far

as cooking food and water use are concerned," Allen said.

Cassida said UMO is funding the cost of building the shelter but APO will provide the money for any new equipment.

"The new stand will be larger and out in the open," Cassida said adding "the stand will be open on three sides" instead of just operating from the front.

The remaining buildings APO used in the past will not be used once the new shelter is built but they may still remain in the area, Cassida said.

Director of Facilities Management Thomas Cole said, "The plans for building were made last summer," but that no funds have yet been allocated.

"The funding problem still exists,"

Cole said. "Nothing is scheduled at this time."

APO President Andrew Graff said Thursday the concession stand is still in the beginning of the planning stage.

"We (APO) and the University want the new stand to be built but the plans haven't been drawn up yet," Graff said.

APO member Scott Lemieux said Thursday that the University is not doing anything until this spring.

Cole said it was hoped that Eastern Maine Vocational and Technical Institute would do all the construction work for free. UMO would provide all of the building materials.

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## Campus News Notes

### Black studies may face threats of elimination

(CPS) — The nation's largest program, at Ohio State, is "under seige," and other departments face extinction or mergers with other programs, said Mary Rhodes Hoover, head of Cal State—Long Beach black studies.

Hoover blames black student drop-out rates and admissions test biases against blacks for enrollment drops in many black studies programs.

### Student informants claim coercion

(CPS) — Michigan State students, arrested in minor charges, said MSU public safety officials offered to drop or reduce the students' charges in exchange for their participation in drug investigations.

Legal representatives said the students were "coerced" into the investigations, but public safety spokesman, William Wardwell insists the students' actions were "absolutely voluntary."

### Murder game banned at U. of Arizona

(CPS) — Students caught playing The Assassination Game (TAG) could be expelled and prosecuted, said University of Arizona officials.

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## Review:

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by Peter M. Tirs  
Staff Writer

Those who were caught the Maine "Sweeney Todd" treated to a performance overflowing with pizzazz as any in town of you who were as a reminder that its 79th season is UMO and is the undivided patron of the stage in late summer Night's Dream.

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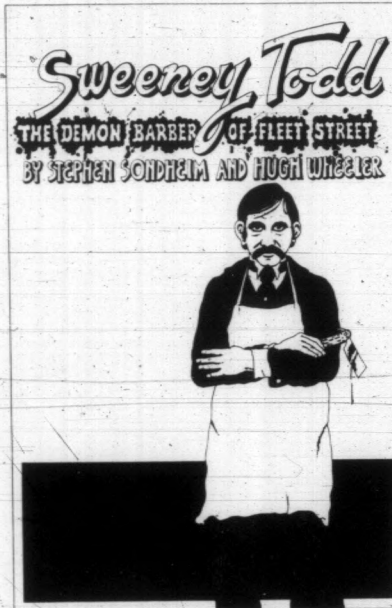
## 'Sweeney Todd' overflows with energy and pizzazz

by Peter M. Tirschwell  
Staff Writer

Those who were fortunate enough to catch the Maine Masque's production of "Sweeney Todd" this past weekend were treated to a performance which was as overflowing with energy and theatrical pizzazz as any in recent memory. To those of you who were not, let this note serve as a reminder that the Maine Masque in its 79th season is alive and kicking at UMO and is therefore worthy of your undivided patronage when they return to the stage in late April with "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

This observer was most taken by the overwhelming complexity of this Stephen Sondheim musical, (which recently closed a number of very successful seasons on Broadway) and the success with which all of it's many parts were adopted to the Hauck stage. Not only did the set penetrate far into the upper stratosphere of the stage area with numerous catwalks, fences and stairways complemented as it was with a huge, singing and extravagantly dressed cast, "Sweeney Todd" left a memorable impression on its audience.

Part of this impression was almost certainly due to Peter Stickney's exacting performance, which gave instant life to the devious and humorously criminal



barber by the name of Sweeney Todd. This was no small chore for him, or for that matter any of the many soloists who had to go to battle with the auditory force of the 24 piece orchestra playing in the pit below the stage. Their voices were at times a bit drowned out, but that in no way diminished the splendor of the production taken as a whole.

"Sweeney Todd" tells the story of how a formally prosperous barber returns to London full of revenge for being banished from his job and his family by one Judge Turpin, and proceeds to initiate a devious and sometimes humorous plan the end result of which will be the judge's murder. In the process he meets up with Lois Sturtevant (Mrs. Lovett) and enters into a lucrative meat pie business, where the meat is produced by the flesh of the innocent patrons of Sweeney's shave shop. The driven revenge with which Sweeney cuts the necks of his customers to further his business and to practice for the day when the judge will sit upon his stool, results in the eventual death of his wife, who he did not recognize due to their years of separation and her insanity.

Therefore in "Sweeney Todd" we are told a story which is funny, yet which does not hesitate to comment upon the larger issues of good, evil, and the absolute non-productivity of blind revenge.

## Communiqué

Wednesday, March 6

UMO Dance Film Festival. "Carmen" and "A Merry Mourning." Dance studio, Lengyel Gym, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m.

Health Fair '85. Free health screenings, sponsored by Preventive Medicine Program, Memorial Union, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Education Brown Bag Symposium. G. Donaldson and D. Fink: "One Principal's Performance Feedback," 159 Shibles, 12 noon.

German Language Table. Yellow Dining Room, Hilltop Commons, 12 noon.

Weight Watchers at Work. Lown

Rooms, Memorial Union, 12 noon.

Ascent of Man. "The Majestic Clockwork," Coe Lounge, Memorial Union, 12:15 p.m.

Contemporary Medical Controversies. Dr. Laurent Beauregard: "Genetic Research," Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, 3:15 p.m.

Women Taking the Initiative. Elizabeth Aube, Brown University: "Mamere, the Wandering Canadian: From Beauce to Lewiston." Also, Janet TeBrake, History, BCC: "The Irish Peasant Women in Revolt: The Land League Years," Wells Commons Lounge, 3:15 p.m.

Plant and Soil Seminar. Ann

Gibbs: "Anatomical Differences of Apple Rootstocks with Differing Degrees of Vigour," 4:10 p.m.

Bible Study. Sponsored by M.C.A., South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Affairs Film Series. "Sugar Cane Alley," Lecture, "Women-Who Make Films," Student Union, BCC, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Repertory Theatre. "Waiting for Godot," Pavilion Theatre, admission, 8 p.m.

UMO German Players Present (in German): "The King's New Clothes" and "The Fisherman and His Wife," Cabaret-style seating. German desserts for sale, no admission fee, Damn Yankee Memorial Union, 8 p.m.



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# Sports

## Huskies defeat Bear 5, 103-81 in playoffs

BOSTON — The Northeastern University express continued to roll as it collected its 10th-straight victory by defeating the UMO Black Bears basketball team 103-81 in the quarterfinal round of the ECAC North Atlantic playoffs Tuesday night at the Madison Square Garden in Boston.

The victory places the Huskies into a semi-final matchup with Siena College, which defeated the University of Vermont 66-56, Tuesday night. The win also ups their season record to 11-17, while the Black Bears end their season at 11-17.

The game was decided in the first half when NU put together a 12-0 run led by 6-foot-6 forward Quinton Dale. Dale, one of two seniors, scored 16 of his 32 points in the first half. Dale Lewis, a

Player of the Year, added 11 of his 32 points in the first half.

The Black Bears jumped on the Huskies early when Jeff Wheeler scored the first three baskets of the game on a pair of jumpers and a fastbreak layup. Dale momentarily halted the Bears with a jump shot before Jim Boylen converted on a three-point play and Jeff Topliff converted on a fastbreak layup. With a little more than two minutes played, Maine had a 11-2 lead.

In the next three minutes, the quicker Huskies ran off 13 unanswered points. It was during this spurt that Maine point guard Boylen, who was questionable to play before the game, left the game because of the flu.

Andre Lafleur, who broke former Black Bear Rick Carlisle's playoff record

for most assists in a game with 13 (the old record was 12 in 1983), started off the run with a jumper from the corner. Dale hit the next three baskets with Lewis accounting for the final five, giving NU a 15-11 lead and the Huskies never looked back.

Rich Henry, who had 22 points (18 in the second half) ended the dry spell with an inside basket. Then, for the next three minutes, the teams traded baskets. Dale had four points for NU with guards Wes Fuller and Ernie McDonald adding four and two points, respectively. UMO countered with two baskets by T.J. Forester (22 points), a bucket by Chip Bunker and another by Henry to trail 25-21.

NU upped the lead to eight off baskets by Dale and Lewis. But, UMO cut it

back to three midway in the first with three points by Bunker and a pair of free throws by Forester.

After Lewis and Bunker traded baskets to make the score 31-28, the Huskies crushed the Bears with a 20-2 run. NU used their fastbreak and took advantage of the Bears' 15 first half turnovers to pull away with a commanding 55-35 first half lead. Fifty-five points also ties NU for the NAC playoff most points in one half with UNH (1982).

The closest the Bears would get in the second half was 19 points in the late

(see HUSKIES page 11)

## Maine goalie is named player of the week

by Jeri Tourigny  
Staff Writer

UMO Black Bear goalie Jean Lacoste was named the week's Hockey East Player of the Week for his performance in Maine's two-game sweep over the Providence College Friars.

The sophomore goalkeeper made 37 saves in the Bears' 7-0 win on Saturday night and earned a 41 Providence shots on Sunday's 4-3 overtime victory.

"The whole team is playing at an all-time high for this season," Lacoste said. "You need that kind of mentality going into the playoffs. It's really fun out there these days."

Lacoste is the second Maine player to be named the league's player of the week this season. Freshman center Dave Wensley received the honor for his efforts in Maine's weekend series with the University of North Dakota in December.

The St. Hubert, Quebec native has started 15 of Maine's 20 regular season games this year and is one of the starting assignments in the last seven games. Junior Jay Roy started 16 games in goal for Maine

while senior Pete Smith started in nine.

"I can't help but feel like it's a team award," Lacoste said of being named player of the week. "Coach (Shawn Walsh) has found a system to bring out the potential of the whole team."

"Guys like Paul Lelievre. He played a tremendous role in terms of covering Tim Army (Hockey East's leading scorer, who was held to one goal and had no assists)."

Lacoste is Hockey East's sixth leading goaltender, with a goals allowed average of 4.98 and a save percentage of 87 percent in Hockey East games. Overall, the 5-foot-7 goalie has a 4.92 goals allowed average with the same 87 percent save mark.

"I haven't seen many breakaways — the system doesn't allow them," he said of the one-man forechecking system. "Those are critical, high pressure shots."

"With the extra forward backchecking, the defensemen have a lot more time to pick up the puck behind the net and break out," Lacoste said.



Goalie Jean Lacoste was named this week's Hockey East Player of the Week as the sophomore made 78 saves against Providence College in Maine's two victories. (Dolan photo)

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by Chuck M.  
Staff Writer

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## Men's swim team to compete in Easterns

by Chuck Morris  
Staff Writer

The men's swim team completes its season with a three-day meet Thursday through Saturday. The Black Bears swim in the Eastern Championships at Cleveland State University and the competition begins at noon Thursday.

Coach Alan Switzer said the Black Bears will face strong competition with teams from West Virginia University and the University of Pittsburgh being the meet's top contenders.

"We're going to have to battle to make the top six," Switzer said. "We're in pretty good shape, but unfortunately we don't have the depth to realistically expect to finish real high on a team basis."

**"We've begun to see things sharpening up pretty well. I think we'll have some pretty good swims."**

— Alan Switzer

"We will try to go after as much as we can on an individual basis."

The Black Bears have not had a meet since their loss to Boston University Feb. 9 at Wallace Pool. Switzer said the layoff, however, will help his squad.

"We've been tapering for the last week and a half," he said. "We've begun to see things sharpening up pretty well. I think we'll have some pretty good swims."

Switzer said the Black Bears strong points will be the breaststroke, freestyle, individual medley and the diving events. In the breaststroke captain Neil Bond, Dewey Wyatt and Jon Millett will lead the Maine charge. Jack Kaplan is the strongest competitor for UMO in the medley and Jay Morissette should do well for the Black Bears in the freestyle, Switzer said.

Other swimmers who should perform well, Switzer said, are Rick Desjardins (backstroke) and Brian Dolan (freestyle).

Kevin Martin and Rob Mazen will compete in the meet for the second straight season in the diving events. Diving coach Rich Miller said they should improve on last year's performances. Martin was second on the one-meter board and seventh on the three-meter platform in 1984. Mazen was also a top 10 finisher on both boards.

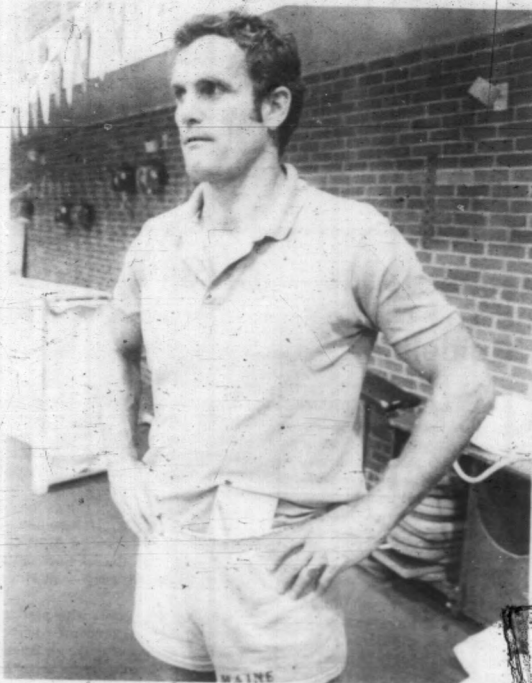
"This year they're diving better," Miller said. "They know what to expect."

"There's at least nine divers shooting for the top spots. The ones who are competitive will be the ones who do well."

Switzer said the Black Bears will also have a strong quarter for the 400-medley relay race. Kaplan (butterfly), Bond or Wyatt (breaststroke), Dolan (backstroke) and Morissette (freestyle) will be vying for the four spots.

Switzer said the Black Bears have been training for this meet all season.

"We worked hard all year and we have been gearing toward this championship," Switzer said. "Everything should come together because everyone is rested."



UMO men's swim coach Alan Switzer and his team will be at Cleveland State University Thursday competing in the Eastern Championships. (File photo)

## ● Huskies

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stages of the game. UMO trailed by as many as 31 but never gave up. Along with Forester and Henry, Topliff scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half to help the Bears.

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As this was Topliff's last game as a Black Bear (in addition to Wheeler and Bob Pomeroy), the swingman captured his first UMO record. Topliff bettered UMO coach Skip Chappelle's 1959-62 best free throw percentage mark of .835 percent.

Topliff also tied Rufus Harris' 1976-80 most games played with 103 showings in four years.

In other NAC playoff action Tuesday night, No. 1 Canisius College dumped UNH 90-56 at Buffalo. And, No. 5 Boston University registered the only upset of the quarterfinal round with a 69-68 victory over No. 4 Niagara University at Niagara Falls.

The semifinals are scheduled to be played on March 7. BU travels to Canisius while Siena goes to NU.

—By Jon Rummier

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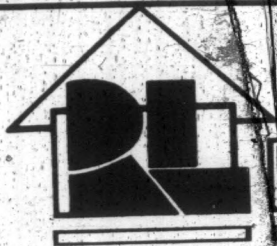
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## Eating Habits And The Dietary Guidelines

by Deborah Pinkham

Nutritionists today are struggling to counteract the problem of faulty eating habits in this country. One plan of attack, put together by the departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture, is the Dietary Guidelines. These six guidelines are designed to help people make informed food choices.

The first guideline is "Eat A Variety Of Foods." This means you should avoid falling into a rut, always making the same food selections.

The second guideline is "Maintain Your Ideal Weight." Make wise choices about your caloric intake, and exercise regularly to burn off those extra calories you do consume.

"Avoid Too Much Fat," the third guideline, refers, especially, to saturated fats. A diet too high in fats may lead to heart disease later in life.

The fourth guideline, "Avoid Too Much Sugar," is perhaps the hardest one to follow for many, because we are faced with the temptation so often. Most of the sugar consumed by Americans comes from soft drinks, candy, and baked goods. Knowing this, maybe the next time you reach for a candy bar you will think twice and reach for a piece of fruit instead.

"Avoid Too Much Salt," is the sixth guideline. Sodium is found in many of our processed foods such as bologna, cheese, and canned products. It is also in many condiments, gravies, and soups. Try avoiding salt by first removing the salt shaker from the table. Then cut down on processed foods, snack chips, and sodas. "Kick the salt habit before it kicks you."

Begin implementing these guidelines tomorrow. Start by concentrating on one guideline and when you've got that mastered, begin the next one until you've reached the six goals.

## Correction Notice

The author of last week's article on Pre-Menstrual Syndrome was Lori Gallanan, a peer educator in the Peer Sexuality Program. Her name was inadvertently omitted.

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## Orwell's "Doublethink" of America Alcohol And The Media

by Steve Gray Shop II

Everyone has heard of George Orwell's novel 1984 where sinister rulers control the people with "doublethink" and mind control practiced through a state-controlled media. We all worry about the possibility that such things could come to America. Unfortunately, 1984 has already come to America. Just like the characters in Orwell's novel, we aren't even aware of it.

Who are the people who practice "doublethink" in America? Alcohol advertisers are bringing the nightmare world of 1984 home to us by using the mass media to manipulate us to buy more alcohol than we should. 93% of the alcohol consumed in this country is consumed by only 27% of the population - in other words, people who drinking problems. Obviously the bulk of the revenue that supports the alcohol industry (one of the largest) does not come from moderate drinkers, it comes from heavy drinkers since the industry's sophisticated marketing techniques make them more aware of this than anyone. Alcohol ads are targeted at those who already drink too much.

For example, one magazine ad for Chivas Regal simply shows a bottle with a chain attached to it and a caption that reads, "Who can blame you?" The purpose of this ad is to play into the feelings of "guilt" someone might have who is drinking too much by saying it's okay to be so attached to drinking. Another ad shows a bridge and a red evening sky over it with the caption "At the end of the day even the sky says Johnny Walker Red." The message of this colorful scene is that we should drink every day not just on the weekends. These are certainly not accidental effects. Either, the alcohol industry pays their advertisers millions of dollars every year and the advertisers spend hours and hours just to arrange the objects in one photograph.

In Orwell's 1984 the people were taught just the opposite of what was true. With, "war is peace" and "peace is war". Don't the advertisers do the same thing by saying that even

for heavy drinkers, alcohol is good?

Many people have heard of "subliminal seduction" techniques advertisers use, usually involving hidden sexual messages that play on our subconscious. But even more insidious methods are common. For instance, one ad shows the imprint of the name brand on a gravestone buried in the snow surrounded by ominous dark evergreens and capped by a full moon. This obvious death imagery is designed to play on a person's anxieties in hopes that a person will drink in order to cope with these feelings. Another ad shows the picture of a woman only from the neck down, her whole body covered by black gloves, boots and a coat with stripes, the caption ends with the woman saying "The next time I will remember to get him Johnny Walker Red, Johnny Walker Red, Johnny Walker Red." This message plays on the fears women have of battering by their husbands. Manipulation?

Many more examples can be cited. It will suffice to simply examine closely the advertisements we see every day and decide for ourselves. Of course, the individual advertising executives aren't necessarily evil or bad - but the system that makes this evil profitable is. The business people are forced to act this way because their product must keep up with all the others. What can we say of an economic system that accumulates huge profits on one end and wrecked lives at the other?

The alcohol and tobacco advertisers are the country's largest. Without their advertising, approximately 50% of all magazines in the country would fold while TV and radio would also suffer severe problems. Because the mass media is so dependent on this money, they obviously cannot afford to be overly critical or even to tell us the real story about alcohol or tobacco use. In a recent TIME cover story on the plague of drugs in our society, the number one drug in the country, the one most responsible, by far, for death and suffering was not mentioned once. That drug is alcohol.

## Academic Awareness At Aroostook

Last week Aroostook Hall programming focused on Academic Awareness. The R.A.'s had concluded that students needed to become more cognizant of academic resources, after residents expressed concerns about poor academic achievement last semester. At the R.A. staff meeting, the R.A.'s discussed what type of programming might help residents perform better academically. This "Academic Awareness" programming was the result. Each night a different program was featured. On Monday, students toured the Fogler Library to find out how to use some of the valuable resources available. "Test Taking" was the featured program on Tuesday. Students learned secrets of preparing for prelims and how to overcome test taking anxieties. On Wednesday, the topic was "Writing the Research Paper" which focused on hints and points on writing papers. "Academic Resources and where to find them" was Thursday's program. Other programs which will be offered are "Note Taking Technique" and "Cooperative Experience" and "Choosing a Major". These types of programs help to promote York Complex's theme of "Excellence in a Learning Community".

## Writing Contest

### "Why I like living in a Residence Hall"

It is not too late to participate in the writing contest sponsored by Residential Life. The first prize is \$50.00, the second prize is \$25.00 and the third prize is Honorable Mention. All winning entries will be published on the Residential Life Newspaper. Any UMO/B&C resident student is eligible to enter. Entries must be typed and double spaced. The deadline date is this Friday, March 8. The judges for this contest are:

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## Peer Sexuality Program To Participate In Health Fair Today

The Peer Sexuality Program will be participating in the Health Fair, Memorial Union today, March 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Female and Male Reproductive Health is the theme of our presentation with information about GYN exams for women as well as self-examinations for both men and women.

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