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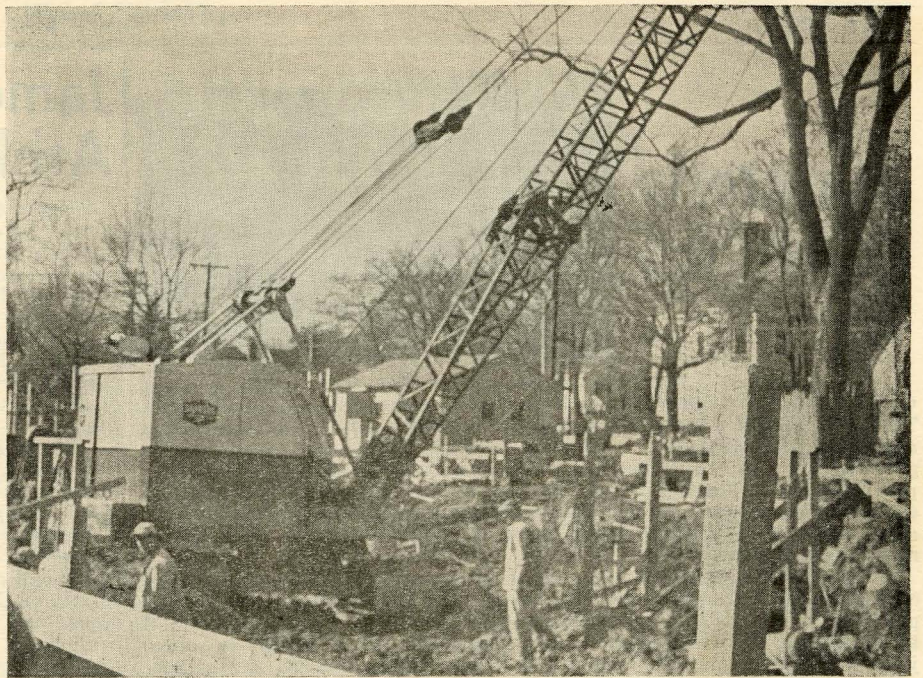
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New Building Booms

Student Council Meets Ohio Dean

Recently, Dean Irvine and Chris Smith, Dick Goan, Dick Goff, Charles Crockett, Ray Spencer, and Nat Crowley, Jr. of the Student Council, met in the Dean's office with Dean Gobitz, Dean of Ohio University. The purpose of the meeting was to compare conditions and routines at the satellite branch of the University of Maine, known as the University of Maine in Portland, with the six satellite branches of the University of Ohio.

The major comparisons brought out between the University of Maine in Portland and the six branches at Ohio University are as follows:

The six branches of Ohio University range in distance from 40 to 133 miles from their home campus. All the branches of Ohio U. are located in city high schools and are operated after the normal high school day is completed. This is somewhat similar to the local Portland Adult Evening School operated at Portland High School. The class day begins at 4:00 P.M. and runs through 10:30 P.M. The courses are the same courses that are offered at the main campus of Ohio U. and are taught by the same instructors, who travel to the satellite branches from the main campus. Due to the amount of travelling involved, the instructors from the main campus run their courses in the branches a little differently from most college instructors. If you are taking a three semester hour course or a four semester hour course, rather than take one hour a day, three or four days a week, you will take all three or all four hours in one night. If you have a five-hour course it is split up into two sessions of 2½ hours each instead of one hour a day for five days.

The social life at the Ohio University branches is practically nil.

The only social function at each of the branches for the year is a Christmas party. The reason for the lack of social functions is that the branches are operated at night and that the students mostly have to work and study, too.

As you can see, the branches at Ohio University are radically different from the University of Maine in Portland. However, the basic reason for the satellite branches of Ohio University is the same as the reason for the University of Maine in Portland; that being, to bring the facilities of the college to the students.

Cub Reporter Interviews Council President Smith

Editor's note: Cub reporter John Webb was given the relatively difficult job of interviewing Chris Smith to see if he could handle a reporter's job. Here is John's report intact. Any comments on it, good or bad, will be forwarded to him.

I fell into the coffee hole at 0950 hours, 25 November, hunkered beside Ol' Chris Smith's private table, whipped out my notebook and said in an authoritative type tone, "Hi." "Errhh?" grunted Smith in that familiar nasal tone usually reserved for answering roll calls, "Wha' d'yer want, kid?" "I'm from the newspaper. I had an appointment, remember?" "Oh, sure. Well, ask me a question, any question." "O.K. What's your name?" "What?" "I said what's your name?" "You don't know my name? I thought everyone knew my name." "Well, I do, but on TV all the big-time reporters always ask the name of the person they're interviewing, so I thought I should." "Oh, I see. It's Christopher C. Smith." "College?"

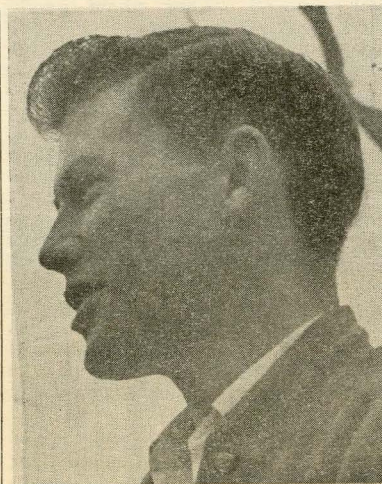
First Permanent Class-Rooms With Girls By Fall

For the past three and a half months, workmen of the Paul B. McLellan Construction Company have been biting into unused land of the former Deering Estate with bulldozers, cranes, and cement mixers. Now, hardly a single motorist passing the intersection of Deering Avenue and Falmouth Street fails to notice the large pile of snow-covered rocks, sand, and frozen clay which hides partially an exciting, daily event. The first, permanent type structure is in the process of being erected on the campus of the University of Maine in Portland.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building were held on the

rainy morning of September 14, 1959. For the past several years, and including this date, classes have been held in wooden, one floor structures of a temporary nature only. The new, modern school building, designed by Wadsworth & Boston, will hold numerous classrooms, laboratories, offices for faculty members, a bookstore, a cafeteria, a lounge, and a library. Cost for this newest addition of a fast-growing school community will be \$1,021,514. UMP Dean William L. Irvine has estimated that completion date will fall close to September 1, 1960. In spite of cold weather and much rain, construction has continued at a rapid pace; hard working crews have already started pouring cement into tall, wooden foundations. This building is the first of six tentatively planned buildings to be erected in the future. The entire cost for this first structure was appropriated and approved by Maine's 99th Legislature.

Reaction among students on the UMP campus is riding high in favor of this new building. For many, it is a concrete symbol of an educational institution that is keeping in time with present-day needs.

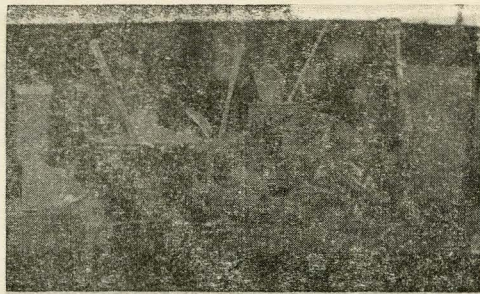


"Arts and Science." "Class?" "Sophomore." "Vet?" "Airman First Class." "Married?" "Yep." "Children?" "One and a half." "Dean's list?" "Yep." "You were the VP of the freshman class last

year and you're President of the sophomore class as well as President of the Student Council this year. Right?" "That's right." "Now we'll get down to business. How's the Student Council making out this year?" "Actually good. Better than last year. I think we've accomplished a lot more." "What do you think of the 'clean sweep' of your 'Square Deal' party?" "Great! But really I think it just showed good organization." "What prompted the Yearbook referendum?" "Well, the Student Council usually gives the Yearbook Staff an appropriation, but this year we felt it should be self-supporting. Last year the sophomore class subscribed to

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Kafeteria KAPERS



The campus cafeteria is and always has been the cradle of ideas. On the other hand many ideas are born to live and die over a coffee cup. This unfortunate history of the "cafeteria idea" need no longer be (after all, Hitler got his start in a beer hall!). Any student of average intelligence or less can capitalize on the "cafeteria idea" if he jots down a few points made at any of the conference tables. Of course, I wouldn't advise an elaboration on the origin and distribution of "Cheat Sheets" as material for popular consumption because I hear tell that faculty members are people, too.

The beauty about the publication of the cafeteria idea is that the collector and publisher of the article can save face in the event that its publication flops. That latter distasteful occurrence can be shirked off by merely saying, "Well, I never said it was MY idea," hence the author just puts the blame on a group of coffee break geniuses. Men, there are great possibilities linked with this coffee break idea; they are just dying for consolidation and exposition. Sitting in on some discussions that go on in our "club house" has given me some food for thought, as well as thought for food (about 30% to 70%, respectively); as a consequence here are some points overheard (very condensed):

There seems to be quite a bit of concern over the status of the freshman class. Of course this is no startling discovery. However, the reasons for this concern, I think, are rather novel. First and foremost is the show of apathy given by the freshman class over the last election. The Pioneer party felt the need for competition. Many of the comments made about this particular subject were fairly critical. In general the apathy shown by the freshmen was attributed to fear more than any other factor. It was said that the "Kids" just out of the high schools did not have the courage to oppose something that had been sanctioned by the powers that be. Immaturity or inexperience was also touched on quite often. However, the novelty to which I referred was the uncovering of an "over-zealous pressure group." The Circle K Club was said to have herded votes in the sophomore class as well as the freshman class. Perhaps this may be an exaggeration, but exponents of the theory were *emphatic enough to reveal* some very pointed information. For example, the first six freshmen admitted to the Circle K Club were the candidates of the Pioneer Party; likewise the present Vice President and President of the Student Council are the President and Vice President of the Circle K Club (respectively). How much truth may be involved in the alleged pressure group activities is uncertain by reason of source. The fact remains that this and many other related topics are discussed openly and freely (subjects that may be of interest to other students directly or indirectly involved). No harm is meant by the frank discussion and it is the privilege of any student to dispute the information.

The pessimism that dominated the atmosphere of the discussion culminated in the general acceptance that the freshmen would again be "led by the nose," or escape from making any decision by submitting to suggestion too readily. The group cheered up somewhat at the statement made by one of the members, "Damned glad I won't be around to suffer the consequences." This was followed by the standard of all optimism, "Who knows, they may wake up before it's too late."

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the yearbook. We felt this year's class would and the Freshman Reps said their class would also, but we felt it should be voted on by the students." "What did you do after the referendum?" "Well, the results were legal and would have stood, but questions were raised about it being legal; therefore we decided to take the vote as a poll and assess the students anyway, which we will do as soon as the constitution is ratified." "What about all this dispute that was stirred up by the referendum?" "At first it was a large group of misinformed people, but it dwindled to a few when they heard the facts of the matter." "What's your opin-

ion of the few who have stuck to their guns?" "They show good spirit, fighting for something they believe in, but they are a minority group." "Don't you think dissension is a sign of a healthy atmosphere?" "Yes, it's good. We can't all agree on everything. The vote in the Student Council on whether to have another referendum was 6 to 5." "What about the Circle K Club? Some people seem to think they got too much money." "The Circle K got less per active member than any other group on campus, with the exception of one small club. They received less than \$4.00 per active member while others got as high as \$15.00 per active member." "What about school spirit here at UMP?" "It could be developed more. Students are missing a part of their education by not joining a club. They should come to the meetings just to see for themselves what they're like. They're missing a lot of fun." "Well, that's about it. Thanks for letting me interview you. I know you're a busy m—." "That's right,

James Sullivan Heads Athletics at UMP

Former scholastic, collegiate, and service football, basketball, and baseball standout, teacher, coach and currently the Director of Athletics and Physical Education along with being basketball and baseball coach at the University of Maine in Portland, James Sullivan has been associated with the various phases of athletics throughout most of his life.

"Coach" as he is popularly known throughout our Portland campus, came to us in an indirect way. He spent five years at the University of Delaware where he was a very successful freshman football and basketball coach. While at the University of Delaware he was also the buyer and supervisor of athletic equipment. In 1956 he left Delaware and came to South Portland High School where he was regarded as one of the finest football coaches in the state of Maine. To him, the associations he has formed from knowing and working with boys in athletics, are ones he will never forget. It is his spirit and desire that keeps Coach Sullivan in the field of athletics.

Mr. Sullivan attended Stephens High School in Rumford, Maine, where he began his career as an athlete at an early age. He participated in football and was also a winter sports enthusiast while at the Rumford high school.

Upon graduating from high school he entered the United States Navy from 1943-1946 where he also took part in the sports activities by participating in basketball and baseball. After he completed his hitch with the Navy he attended Farmington State Teachers College. While at Farmington, Coach Sullivan was an outstanding basketball player. He later transferred to the University of Maine where he was regarded as one of the best defensive football players to attend the University. At the University he had a defensive unit named after him very similar to Louisiana State University's "Chinese Bandits." He graduated from the University of Maine with a B. S. in Physical Education.

Coach Sullivan has come a long way in his field and will continue to do so through his desire to be a winner as well as a great competitor on and off the field. Next to winning ball games and constant work, the most important thing to our Coach is to see his boys do well with their education as well as their athletic ability.

The Intercollegiate program at the University of Maine in Portland continues to move to the fore among contemporary institutions and with such men as Dean Irvine and Coach Sullivan, the students as well as the athletes and the athletic policies are in the best of hands.

kid. I've got to go see the Dean, Coach Sullivan, and then go see about that New Year's Eve par—." His conversation became undistinguishable as he disappeared out the

SPORTS

With

DICK WHITMORE

UMP BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 2 — Maine Vocational Tech. Inst. — Home.
Dec. 4 — St. Francis — Away.
Dec. 8 — Nasson — Away.
Dec. 11 — Portland University — Away.
Jan. 6 — Bowdoin Frosh — Away.
Jan. 8 — Nasson — Home.
Jan. 9 — Univ. of Maine Frosh — Away.
Jan. 13 — Colby Frosh — Away.
Jan. 15 — St. Francis — Home.
Feb. 2 — Maine Vocational Tech. Inst. — Away.
Feb. 5 — Portland University — Home.
Feb. 8 — Gorham State Teachers J. V. — Away.
Feb. 24 — Bates J. V. — Away.
Feb. 27 — Univ. of N. H. Frosh — Away.

cafeteria door. I popped my notebook back in my pocket, unhunkered and waddled out of the coffee hole with a feeling of accomplishment.

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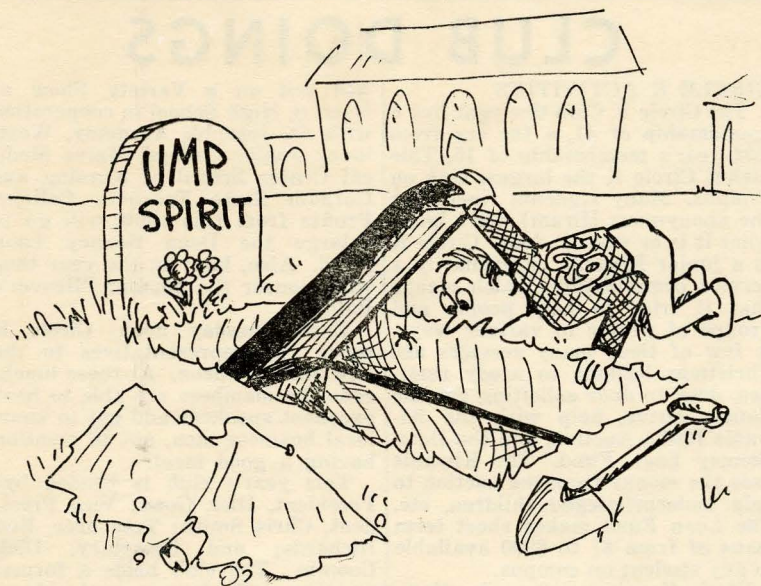
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L'ESPRIT DE CORPSE

I don't mean corps either! The cadaver of the UMP spirit is quivering after a summer hibernation. I still maintain, as I have maintained, that spirit does exist on the campus however "dead" it may be. True there was no active or "live" spirit and this positive life-giving power of "issue" has roused the decaying giant of all educational systems "Esprit de Corps."

The recent controversy over the referendum and the action taken by the Student Council and the Parliamentarians Club have brought to life the potential of an interested student body. More has been accomplished within the past few weeks along the lines of public opinion based on various sources of information than could normally have taken place. Criticism always has been the health and wealth of our democratic system. Those not expressing their views just allow the spread of the vilest of all diseases, "apathy." Therefore, it is toward a better end these rabble-rousers and hurt feelings contest each other in exposing issues.

Some People Have It

Intestinal Fortitude

During a lifetime of minor and major events every man can find one or two occasions that leave lasting impressions. This writer recently experienced just such an incident.

Have you ever felt that you were talking to a truly courageous person? A person who had no apparent knowledge of possessing this characteristic. The type of man that inspired you without exerting any special effort to do so.

Lying stretched out on his forehead in the white folds of a hospital bed this man exudes a philosophy free from depression; although philosophy is a term he would surely shun. As you listen to him discuss basketball, college, and mutual friends, your mind wanders to note the complete lack of self pity in his nature. He mentions that he knew his ailment would catch up with him sooner or later, but to prolong his education he easily outwitted the doctor during his physical examination. This gave him a few weeks' reprieve, but he was finally forced to submit to the element of pain. This has meant losing a full year in college, more expenses, lonely days and nights in an odorous hospital, operation after operation; and yet he can talk and plan for a return to college with a glib unforced tongue.

As if this isn't enough to plague him, he will be leaving the hospital knowing his cure was probably not permanent; that the pain will return, that he may suffer more setbacks to his ultimate goal. And yet, he couldn't seem to care less —

"Today is today and tomorrow is tomorrow and I am what I am by Nature, not by circumstance." You leave his bedside with these thoughts piercing your own shaded mind knowing that you're richer in understanding now than you were forty minutes before.

Philosophy

The Search

More than ever before man is now seeking security. He is beginning to realize that this commodity is not limited to its economic connotation. Today he has more technological knowledge and thus more material benefits. Still he finds that the element of security remains within sight — but just beyond his outstretched fingertips. Society today is grasping for an element that transcends the materialistic security of this progressive space age.

The real search of man will not culminate until he grows philosophically and theologically at the same rate as science. The cultural lag is an historical fact. The duty of today's intellectuals is to revitalize the stream of humanity by emphasizing the nature of man on earth and his obligations to his fellow creatures. Perhaps through this rebirth of a Biblical tenet man will suddenly begin to scratch with his fingernails the hard shell of inner peace commonly labeled security.

There is evidence that just such an understanding of life is developing. In political writings it is noted

UMP Courses Are Not Tough Enough

The University of Maine in Portland has answered a real need in providing a two year branch of the U. of M. This enables students in the heavily populated greater Portland area to put in their first two years of college while living at home, thus making it possible for many, who couldn't afford it before, to attend college. Next year with the admission of girls and the completion of the new building, the potential will be even greater.

Meanwhile, our tuition has become one of the highest of any state university in the country. If we are going to have the highest tuition in the country, why can't we have the highest standards, too. It won't cost anymore.

In order for a student to get anything out of his courses, they must be hard enough to stimulate him; to make him sweat and work — really dig, not lean back and say, "I don't have to study, I've got that course racked."

Students shouldn't enjoy a course; college work isn't supposed to be enjoyed and it shouldn't be. It should be difficult — challenging — forcing a student to work and think if he wants to pass.

The feeling in America today is that life is all enjoyment. As a college boy said the other day when asked what he wanted to do for his life's work. "Oh, I just want a Job where I won't have to work very hard and the pay is good."

That's entirely the wrong attitude.

Life's work — think of that for a moment. Do you realize that you're only going to have one life on this planet, only one chance at living? You've got to make it on the first try. You want to be able to look back on your life and say, "I really tried and I accomplished a lot. I learned a lot and I did a good job."

You've got to take each day and remember that never will you see that day again or get a chance to undo or redo anything you did in that day. The present is not to be wasted—it's precious—you'll never see it again. You should use each day to its fullest and when these days make up the four years of your college education they're even more important. What you do and learn in these years will have to carry you and your family through the remainder of your life. Four years in which to learn how to live for fifty more!

And what good does it do you if you waste those four years on courses which aren't difficult, don't challenge you and don't really teach you anything? It's just like chopping four years out of your life and throwing them away.

Let's not waste our time. Let's get more challenging courses and toughen up our present ones. Let's make a Maine Diploma worth even more than it is now. Let's make it a reward for hard work and a sign of a really educated man.

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Editor Says

Here's the first issue of the UMP Campus, volume three, of UMP Newspapers, but tracing its ancestry back nineteen odd volumes through the Portland Junior College News.

We are trying to make this year's paper live up to and surpass all of its forebears. Part of our Editorial Policy this year is "Bringing your University of Maine to the Greater Portland area." We will try to act as sort of a public relations organ for the people of Greater Portland by distributing copies around town to stores, libraries, and high schools to make people more aware of the University of Maine in Portland.

As for policies in regard to the students, we will try to present a well-rounded assortment of material on a college level—articles to inform, articles to amuse, and articles to make you think.

Thinking is a part of college, so why not take the UMP Campus home, really read it, and then THINK.

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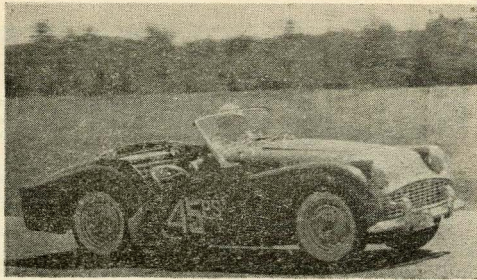
When an individual is asked for his opinion on this or that broad issue does he think first in terms of humanity at large? Or does he exercise the egocentric element of nature regardless of its ultimate results?

As we grow, develop our understanding of mankind as a single unit, so, also, will the distance between "security" and the individual be decreased.

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GREASE PIT

With Joel Eastman



Since this is a commuting college, I decided it would be appropriate if the UMP Campus had an automotive column; so here we are. Walking through either the freshman or sophomore parking lot, you find a wide cross-section of domestic and foreign-built machinery.

Although Ford and Chevy have the edge in numbers, Volkswagen seems to be running a strong third; with Buick, Rambler, Mercury, Pontiac, Plymouth, an occasional Studebaker or Lister-Jag, a Hillman, a weathered Healy, and sometimes an expensive, well designed, low-slung, open-topped, racy-looking English bicycle, with a two speed rear end.

Snow tires are sprouting here and there and everybody has their anti-freeze in, I trust. (That reminds me, I'd better put some in my bomb.)

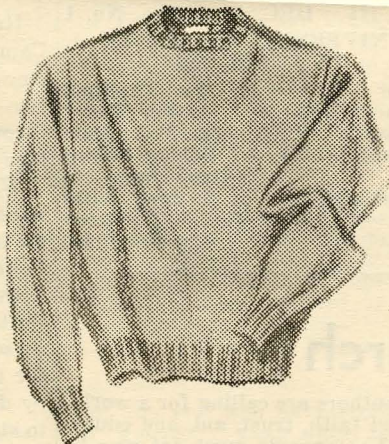
All this means winter is here, with its icy roads and accidents. This prompts me to put forth a plan I conceived the last time I skidded into a ditch during a storm last winter.

I propose a state law requiring all roads, where the speed limit is 40 MPH or above, to be cleared 20 feet from the pavement on both sides of all trees, scrubbery and solid objects, including utility poles.

Thus, in bad or even fair weather, when a car leaves the road, the driver and passengers have an extra margin of safety. Think of all the accidents where a vehicle has collided with a tree or light pole. Also, when an accident seems inevitable, a driver could leave the road to prevent it with less risk to himself and car. And in winter, you all know a road open to the sun melts off faster than a road closed in by trees.

Well, this is something to think about. Until next month this is O' Greasy Paw, hisself, saying, "Lay off that accelerator, Bunky, you'll live longer."

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CLUB DOINGS

CIRCLE K ACTIVITIES

The Circle K Club this year has a membership of 41, a far cry from last year's membership of 15. This makes Circle K the largest club on campus. Many students (including the anonymous Hiram) don't know what it is or what it does. Circle K is a junior Kiwanis or primarily a service organization, which means that it tries to help people and groups of people in various ways. A few of their many services are Christmas baskets to needy families, door to door soliciting for the Cancer Drive, help with the Kiwanis Radio Auction, and the Dean Bonney Loan Fund. The Kiwanis uses the money from the auction to help underprivileged children, etc. The Loan Fund makes short term loans of from \$1 to \$200 available to any student on campus.

Circle K raises money for these projects in various ways. One source is a small appropriation from the Student Council which gives working capital to sponsor activities and raise money. This is supplemented by occasional support from the local Kiwanis. However, the most important source of money is profits made from various dances and suppers. The Spaghetti Supper in November was a great success (excess food from this supper which filled a number of boxes was donated to a mother with eight children whose husband had recently died). In February, Circle K

will put on a Variety Show at Deering High School in cooperation with St. Joseph's Academy, Westbrook Junior College, Maine Medical Center School of Nursing and Gorham State Teachers College. Profits from this show will go to enlarge the Dean Bonney Loan Fund. Also, later in the year they will sponsor the popular "Beaver's Ball."

Each Tuesday noon, Circle K sends two representatives to the Kiwanis Luncheon. At these luncheons the members are able to hear excellent speakers and get to know local business men, not to mention having a good meal.

This year's club is headed by: President, Dick Goan; Vice President, Chris Smith; Treasurer, Bud Richards; and Secretary, Dick Coombs. The club holds a formal meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 with club advisor, Mr. Nason. Later, most of the members get together at Valle's Sandwich Shop for another, less formal, meeting.

You are paying to go to school here and you aren't really getting all that you're paying for if you don't take part in student activities. In the future, take time to attend a few Circle K meetings. The club feels that it will be well worth your time and effort.

LONGHAIR CLUB

The members of UMP's Longhair Club were pleased with the fine program presented by the Program Committee at their December 9th meeting at South Hall.

Two motion pictures were shown, *Woodwind Choir and Symphony Orchestra*. A recording of Handel's *Messiah* added a Christmas tone to the meeting, which was topped off with coffee and cake.

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