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"Oh, You Beautiful Doll"



Photo by Newhall

WHERE SHE IS, BOYS—PAULIE MARCOUS, YOUR CARNIVAL QUEEN, AND A FRIEND. Even though the Queen has Perry Como and the eight-hundred big, hulking, handsome, talented, and attentive wolves on this campus at her feet, we find her still mooning, which gives us cause to wonder. What does Paulie really want—a cracker?

STUDENTS FORM DANCE BAND

Latest innovation of the Brunswick Campus is the Maine Annex band, the newly formed Annex dance band. After the first campaign dance, a group of musically inclined fellows decided that it is a sorry affair to pay a high price for a Union band, when plenty of talent is available on campus. This eleven-piece band is the result. The band is composed of four sax, four saxes, and three rhythm instruments. Playing trumpet is Buddy Madden, old-hand in the dance band line and at present with Bob Green's Orchestra of Bath. On second trumpet is Ray Woodman of Auburn, who played with the striders of Edward Little School and with a Navy vice band. On the trombone is O. Ordway of Yarmouth, a very versatile musician, who plays with the Catir Brothers of Portland, and formerly played with the A.T.C. Band in Cairo, Egypt. Charlie Libby of Rockland is alto sax. Charlie was formerly with the Twentieth Army Engineers Band and at present playing with a thirteen piece band in Rockland. On the third sax is George Fisher from Harbor, who played with the Ivy Dance Band at the Sampson Naval Training Center, also with the dance band on the Navy base, Macon. A Bridgton boy, Mike Crosby holds down the second tenor sax position. Crosby played with the 1503 Army Special Service Dance Band and at present has a small band which plays around Bridgton and Yeburg. Fourth tenor sax is a Portland boy, Dick Pierce, who played with Bob Marcous' Band at Deering High. In the rhythm section we have "Nimblefingers" Webster of Portland, who played with an Army band in the E.T.O. This man is also talented in many other ways. The bass man, a Bowdoin boy, is Don Johnston, formerly with the Bowdoin Polar Bears until their disorganization a few months back. On the old-fashioned drum is Ken Allen, another Portland man, who played with

ANNEXMEN WIN FIFTEENTH

The Annex team polished off their basketball season last February 27, with another victory to their credit when they defeated Bridgton Academy 72 to 32. The Maine men displayed fine defense action throughout the entire battle. Maine led the field at all times. Jackie Anderson and Bob Taylor led the scoring in the initial period. Paul Zdanowicz showed excellent guardmanship in the first stanza and throughout the game. The Annex got away to a fine start and were leading at the end of the first box 20 to 11. Period two was the big period for Begert. He played wonderful defensive ball, capturing many rebounds and intercepting many passes. Stergion of Bridgton set up many plays for his club and was deadly on foul shots. Bridgton had a slow second chapter and picked up only three points more than they had in the first period. Maine picked up twelve credits in the second period before the whistle was blown, and the period ended with Maine 32 and Bridgton 14. The third period was very much like the second. Bob Redman was the hot man in the Maine corner, while Hamel was the big gun for Bridgton. This period ended with Maine still in the lead with 50 points and Bridgton trailing with 21. The game and the season came to end with a lot of rough playing on both sides of the fence, but Maine came through with their fifteenth and final win of the season. Maine 72, Bridgton 32.

various dance bands in the Portland area. Next Monday evening at seven o'clock, the band will hold a rehearsal open to the public, at the Student Union. This is your chance to hear your campus band. The band warns you not to expect Harry James, but with such a bulk of experienced players on our campus, we strongly suspect that Harry is a little wary of his job. Let's get out there and give some support.

DANCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 20

An informal dance will be held at the Student Union Building Thursday evening, March 20th. Coming on the eve of spring vacation, the dance will draw a capacity crowd. Women at three Portland hospitals, at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, Gorham and Farmington Normal Schools, Nason, and Westbrook Junior College have been extended invitations to attend. Tentative, at this date, were plans to obtain buses for their transportation. Dick Haney, senator from Building 17 in charge of arrangements, announced that the affair would be an attraction dance, one of the attractions being the disclosure of the campus mayor. The price of admission has not been set, but it is certain that it will be lower than the admission prices of the two previous dances. After the two dances held last semester, many students said, "I wish I had gone." After the forthcoming dance let's hear more students say, "I went."

Maine (72)	G	F	P
Feeney, rf	5	2	12
Anderson, rf	5	2	12
O' Toole, lf	3	3	9
McCormick, lf	1	0	2
Somerville, c	1	0	2
Taylor, c	4	1	9
Redman, c	7	1	15
Hopkins, rg	1	0	2
Zdanowicz, rg	1	0	2
Connelly, rg	0	0	0
Begert, lg	2	0	4
Osgood, lg	1	1	3
Totals	31	10	72

Bridgton Academy (32)	G	F	P
Hamel, rf	2	2	6
Bottalico, rf	0	0	0
England, lf	0	0	0
Cobb, lf	2	0	4
Stergion, c	5	5	15
Smith, c	0	0	0
Gadaire, rg	1	0	2
Boyton, rg	0	0	0
McDermott, lg	2	1	5
Bownes, lg	0	0	0
Woodbury, lg	0	0	0
Totals	12	8	32

Referees: Parks, Farrell.

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TEAM 8, CHAMPS IN INTRAMURALS

Team 8 from Bldg. 17 clinched the intermural basketball championship of the Brunswick Campus Monday night with a convincing 50-39 win over Team 6 from Bldg. 18. Team 8 raced to a 21-10 first period lead as Leach and Morse loaded the hoop. Team 8 continued its sparkling play in the second period and left at halftime with a commanding 35-17 lead. Surprising to many was the play of Bob Cratty, big gun for Team 6. All season long Cratty had been the big gun for his team, but Monday night he was definitely off.

In the third period Team 6 had little success penetrating the tight defense of Team 8, but the boys from Bldg. 17 seemed to have little difficulty with their scoring as they scored time and again on fast breaks. In the final period Team 6 narrowed the gap somewhat as they poured seven baskets through the hoop. The final score was 50-39.

For Team 8 every man played good basketball. They used two teams, and it seemed as though they both played equally well. Leach and Moore were the high scorers with 14 and 19 points respectively. For Team 6 Davis and Jones played their hearts out in a losing cause. Congratulations Team 8 on your victory; you are every bit a champion.

SPORTSMANSHIP AT ITS WORST

Those who witnessed the intramural champs and the faculty beat each other's brains out on the local court Tuesday night in a game of "casketball" left the fracas with a feeling that maybe basketball isn't a game of skill and speed after all. We take into consideration the fact that many of us enjoy a little roughing-up once in a while, but isn't there a time and place for everything? This spectator, for example, was very badly impressed with the display of poor sportsmanship which took place Tuesday night.

Certainly the game did provide an unorthodox type of diversification for one and all; the spectators cheered and hissed the participants in the battle of muscle and bone; blood made its appearance here and there, but was anything worthwhile attained during the course of battle? No, a severe case of bad feeling between the fans and of the players on one side, and the faculty and referees on the other was the only thing gained from this display of ball playing. What do you say, fellows; let's think this over and play the game as it should be played whenever we compete in any sport. Serious injuries to fellow-students can be prevented now—let's not wait until it is too late!

Five students on the campus received all A's for their first semester ranks: Martin Fehlau of 127 Holland Street, Lewiston; Kenneth Catlin of 42 Longfellow Avenue, Brunswick; Lynwood Hill of Saco; Eugene Boyd of Portland and Herbert Harriman of Wiscasset.

Thursday night, March 20, at the dance, someone of the Brunswick Campus will be presented the key to the campus! The Mayor will be King for a day. Among the numerous gifts for the mayor will be a ride in the link-trainer, breakfast in bed Friday morning, March 21, served by the staff of **The Maine Annex**, and an authorized excuse from all classes Friday. More information will be published next week as to the Mayor privileges.

Let's get the campaigns started now! Tentative election date is Thursday, March 20. Get your parties organized. There are plenty of speech platforms on the top of every building. If anyone wants to be conservative, the Student Commons can probably be obtained for any political rallies.

To give you a small picture of previous campus elections — The mayor of U. of N. H. carried a pig around with him while campaigning. He called himself "Swineburn" Jones. At Orono one candidate rode a bike around the top of the gym for days, while another jumped off a bridge to prove his qualifications.

The **Maine Annex** will publish the platform of any candidate. It must be submitted to **The Annex** office by Wednesday, March 12, to make the publication deadline. On the Ball — let's get these election candidates and parties organized!

PROF. EVANS TALKS TO TECH. STUDENTS

Professor Weston S. Evans, head of the Civil Engineering Department, addressed the Technology students Monday morning at the Student Union. His topic was **The Different Fields of Civil Engineering** and he told how the U. of M. helped the student prepare for these professions. Many people are under the impression that Civil Engineering is not as highly paid as other branches of engineering. But Professor Evans made it quite clear that it paid at least as much money, if not more, than Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

In his lecture, Professor Evans told about a few of the men who were graduates of the University who had attained prominence in the field of Civil Engineering. One of these men supervised the construction of Boulder Dam.

Professor Evans stressed the fact that engineering is not a field of glory alone but of hard and tedious work. He livened his speech with humorous anecdotes and immediately won the interest of his audience with his friendliness.

In concluding, Professor Evans told his audience that if there were any stout individuals who didn't mind freezing weather, cooking for themselves, or moving from one place to another that Civil Engineering should be their goal.

The largest item in the Brunswick budget for this Red Cross fund campaign is \$5300.00, to provide maximum service for veterans and servicemen, and their dependants. **GIVE!**

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INERTIA

The other day I was browsing through a copy of my good friend Webster when I happened upon the word inertia with the following meaning: "lack of activity, sluggish, that property of matter by virtue of which it tends to remain at rest." Oddly enough the word inertia ties in with an attitude I have this week. I'm tossing out both the word and my attitude to you for what they are worth.

Last week *The Annex* publicized a plan for holding movies on this campus. We published the plan with high hopes of getting some comment, either favorable or unfavorable. What we did get in our suggestion box was just a little more dust than last week.

I don't want anyone to tell me where to have my card punched (I know already) but why don't some of the students get out of their state of inertia and either back this plan or down it. *The Annex* started the ball rolling. Someone has to keep it on the right path or it will roll off into a gutter and die.

We also published an item on a proposed minstrel, giving the time and place of the meeting. No one turned up. I can't believe that there is not a single person on this campus interested in minstrels. Someone must have the "Mammy" bug.

Dances, plays, and many other activities have died a like death due to inert students. If you don't favor a plan, you could at least down it. As it is now, *The Annex* and many other struggling organizations can only take the attitude that everyone is perfectly pleased with their work, even though their projects are not backed. It's a wonderful feeling to know that you please everyone. You can travel off to Cloud 16 and play your harp all day — until the cloud starts to fall out from under you because nothing is holding it up.

From a partisan standpoint, it would appear that a good many men are not yet out of the habit of being led by a Second Looie. In that case, the importation of fifty Second Looies to lead these civilian Sad Sacks might be a great asset.

This week we institute a new column, *Gripes and Grumbles*. We still have our suggestion box, although it is suffering from disuse. Let's tackle the movie question once more. If you don't give a damn one way or the other, that's O.K. But if you would like movies and have some preference as to time, how about letting us know. If you think movies would be a complete bust, let us know that. We are down on our knees begging for suggestions on this topic. If you don't want to help us, at least kick us over into the snow where our suffering would be shorter. It would take only a couple of jabs with

Your Faculty



By Olaf Mercier

This week the attention of *Your Faculty* centered on the Physics Department where it found Mr. Frederick Barbour Oleson deep in the affairs of his department. He was persuaded to donate some of his time for an interview, and I spent a pleasant and educational hour gathering information about his life.

Mr. Oleson, chairman of the Physics Department, lives at Burland, N. H., a town in the White Mountains. His early education took place at many different schools, because his father's business forced him to travel. In 1938 Mr. Oleson received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colby College. After his graduation from Colby, he entered the University of Maine to continue his study. Following his graduation, he performed the duties of a Graduate Teaching Fellow in Physics. He received his Master of Science Degree from the University of Maine in 1940. Before he enlisted in the Navy in 1944, he was an instructor of physics at the University of Maine. In the Navy he attended electronics engineering courses at Princeton University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When he had completed his course of study, he was assigned to development and training in radar counter-measures. His work was very secret, and it is only since the war that any information about radar counter-measures has been published. Later he was assigned to a secret base south of Cape Hatterus. This base was a training center to instruct on how to interfere with enemy radar. Mr. Oleson was sent from Cape Hatterus to the Fargo Building in Boston, Massachusetts, to construct a similar base. The radar counter-measure that Mr. Oleson was working on is a form of defense that can be used against radio-guided missiles by jamming its beam. This procedure was used effectively in this war to jam radar beams directed against our planes.

After discharge Mr. Oleson returned to Maine to take up his duties at the Brunswick Campus. His interests, other than that of physics, are in the photography club and a Naval Reserve Platoon in Electronics Warfare that has been formed. Anyone interested in this line of work would find it profitable to contact Mr. Oleson.

a pencil to write a suggestion. Those two pencil jabs might be enough to break the ice and pull this campus from its present state of inertia.

At press time, the Red Cross Drive on campus had collected a total of \$130.00 from the student body.

This drive has been backed and conducted by the Student Senate with the senator in each dormitory wing doing the plugging and collecting. These men have done a fine job and deserve a lot of credit.

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Gripes and Grumbles

By Alfonso

In accordance with *The Maine Annex* policy of airing all legitimate student complaints and suggestions, we're offering this week a few "gripes" and ideas that have been overheard lately on the campus.

Bellows in the bookstore: Studying and homework are full time projects at best, but when a student hasn't the necessary materials (meaning books), what then? This bookless situation confronts not only the new students but others as well. Perhaps it's solely because of the book shortage, which is severe along the textbook line, we know, but a rumor has it that it's due to a foul-up in placing orders by the administration. We pose the question, and will welcome the answer. If anyone knows, let us hear about it.

Through a keyhole in Building 25: No beef this time, but what we consider a suggestion worthy of consideration. One has only to take a look at the Bowdoin dorms here on the campus to note the large sign on each, denoting it as "So-and-So" Hall. Are we to allow this to happen; to let it be said that Maine is not as up and coming as its friendly rival? The process of naming the four U. of M. dormitories would require a little thought, some boards and paint, a hammer and nails, and a bit of manual labor. That's not too much, and it would remove the curse of that "Building 17," which has somehow always irked me. Perhaps that's because it hearkens too much of the military and all of us want to get away from that. So if anyone has any ideas on some appropriate names for the four buildings, let's have them and get the ball rolling.

General complaint (not to be confused with private grievances): The walls in all the buildings are of pretty thin material, and sounds echo as if they were made in a canyon. With hundreds of fellows living under one roof, noise is something which must be expected. But the radio blaring at one in the morning, the all night "bull-sessions," the wrestling matches in the corridors are all things which it's hard to see the necessity for. Surprising as it may seem, in a startling survey it's been found that there are some weird characters lurking in hidden corners of the campus who do want to study at night. And there are also a few weak souls not blessed with the constitution of the proverbial owl, who like to sleep when one or two A.M. rolls around. Perhaps after a sojourn to the big city for a show and a bag of pop-corn afterwards, you feel just so light-hearted and gaw that you can't keep your voice from breaking into cheery song, or maybe you feel like doing a 100 yard dash down the hall, but how about trying to curb these primitive impulses? Keep the radios and chatter down at least to a dull roar during the week. On week-ends, burn down the place if you want (strictly a suggestion of the

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From The Suggestion Box

TIDBITS

After a week's recess, things returned to normal at Lambert Park. March 2, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shaw of Mathew Street became the parents of a six pound boy. Congratulations to Carl and the Mrs.

The mailing of packages and the buying of stamps may now be done at the campus post office. On March 3, the campus post office became a government sub-station. In two weeks, the office will have facilities for registering letters and making money orders. A new schedule also went into effect on March 3. Mail now goes out at 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning and 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Perfection Personified

"The truly perfect composition," lectured the professor of English at Harvard, "embodies an appeal to the imagination, has in it something of religion, and besides for these modern times, is somewhat risque."

A number of compositions were submitted by the class, each trying to exemplify these salient points. The one the professor considered best he read to the class at the following lecture.

It began thus: "My God," screamed the Duchess, "take your hand off my leg."

On March 3, the Agricultural Club held its sixth meeting of the season. Mr. J. Baxter of Brunswick, who is president of the Baxter Canning Corporation, spoke about Maine's Canning industries and the future of agriculture in the state. After Mr. Baxter's talk, the movie "Feeding Farm Livestock" was shown.

A new social organization on this campus is the Bridge and Chess club. Members Bob Leighton, Guy Goodwin, Bob Freeman, Conrad Grondin, Wendell Thrush, Dick Hancay, Bernard Berkowitz, Ray Ingalls, Henry Butlers, L. P. Gilbert, and Ralph MacKenzie have been meeting at 9 o'clock Tuesday evenings in Wing 30, Room A.

This is a complaint which is up to the students themselves to adjust. It requires a little co-operation and consideration from all, so before you throw that chair through the window next time, think of the guy studying his funny book in the next room, and throw a lamp instead.

This survey of campus conditions which need explanation or adjustment will be continued in a later issue. So let us hear your gripes and grumbles, and we'll see that they're made known.

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Dear Editor,

I thought the readers would appreciate this wonderful portrait of George H. Grant, Building Room 60, received an award bomb ring this week from Kellogg Company, Battle Creek, Michigan. Mr. Grant had only send one Kix box top and five cents.

Mr. Grant is a native of New York. After having completed high school in Baldwin, he went out with high hopes to Mt. Pleasant. He graduated from there in 1943 and joined the OSS as mentioned in a previous article. His OSS career was as colorful and lackadaisical. He was released reluctantly from the OSS in 1946. In October, he applied to and was accepted by the U. of M., where he has brightened the campus life ever since.

The Atomic Bomb Ring is gold plated in rich, fuschia karat yellow gold and has a figure of a bomb on top. The assembly can be removed, thus closing a compartment for secret code messages and a spy lens reading microfilm.

Anyone desiring further information concerning this wonderful offer, please contact Mr. Grant. He can be found in Room 60 at any time, listening to Rogers or "Portia Faces Life."

Sincerely Yours,
 Dick Whitehurst

Let's not pass up this opportunity, fellows. —Ed.

Tips For Vets

By L. Littlehale

Q. How many days of grace do I have for payment of premiums on NSLI?

A. A period of 31 days after the due date is allowed as grace period for the payment of any premiums except the first during which time the insurance remains in force.

Q. Can I get a loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration to buy an automobile?

A. Well, if the car is necessary for the veteran's business or for the proper performance of his job, a loan may be guaranteed by the VA. But not if the car is going to be just a convenience.

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HATS OFF

By Mike O'Toole



ROBERT (Bob) TAYLOR

all, reserved, hard-working Taylor has been one of the mainstays of the Annex Five for a year. Bob can hardly be called the colorful type, and yet he has definitely added color to the Annex Five with his distinctly different, original style of play. His one-handed push shots have been a constant headache for many an opponent this season, and once he cuts through a bucket, a basket or a set-up, the result is the result.

Wangor, his alma-mater, was reserved for the most part of his basketball career he suffered a back injury which just about finished his playing days, at least on the team. Recovering sufficiently, he was, however, able to answer the call for basketball in his senior year, but he participated in the first three games of the season. But due to the return of his old nemesis, the football injury, he was forced to idleness. He bounced back within a month with enough zest to start anew, in his old position on High School Five was filled so Bob, content with a rest he richly deserved, started playing independent ball and ended up his playing days by being instrumental in his team's winning the Major City League Championship during the season of '44. The call to arms was answered by Bob in '44, and his new home name a Sub-Chaser "Somebody in the Atlantic" as a Navy "ivvy-waver."

Reverting a bit from his abilities as an athlete, it might be noted that this shy, modest lad is quite popular not only with his teammates, but also with the rest of the student body, if his being elected to the post of class officer can be any criterion. Not considering the fact that the population here at school is not hundred strong.

HATS OFF once again to a tall Joe. Your hard, clean-play is a credit to the team, and your diligence and friendliness a credit to the institution.

Annex Hoopmen Have Undefeated Season

Brunswick Campus Basketeers Chalk Up Fifteen Straight Victories With 76.09 Game Average

By W. E. McAvoy

When the Annex basketball team defeated Bridgton Academy last February 21, the team had won their nineteenth game of the season. It has been a very good season for the Brunswick Campus club. They have picked up 141 points to their opponents' 67 points. This team under the expert guidance of coaches Joe Zabalski and Bob Raymond has proven that teamwork, rather than individualism, pays off in victories. It is very unusual for a group of men collected from all over the state to get together and go through a basketball season undefeated. We must realize that these men never played together before they came to the Brunswick Campus this year.

The Annex team was never once built around any one group of men. There were many combinations of men on the club, such as Buzzer Feeney and Jim O'Toole, Osgood and Bob Taylor, Hank Peasley and Begert, and a few others. This club is one of the few in the country that boasts of having fourteen men that could be set up in any combination and still come out on top of the pile at the finish of a game.

The Annex basketeers only once throughout the entire season were ever close to losing a game, and this was against the Maine Central Institute. The score of that game was Maine 51 and M.C.I. 50. The highest tally that the Junior Maine Bears ever attained was against the Big Green from Hebron. The score for that game was Annex 101 and Hebron 69. The Maine men picked up an average 76.09 to their opponents 51.1, which is very good on anybody's scorebook.

Only one man on the Maine team was seriously hurt during the season, and he was Hank Peasley. Hank broke a finger on his right hand. This injury kept Hank from participating in the Annex's two final games. In the words of Hank's coach, Joe Zabalski, "Hank was a team player, one hundred per cent."

Next season many of these men will be up at Orono playing for "Eck" Allen.

The results of the past season follow:

Annex	75	Bates JV'S	61
	70	Maine Maritime	52
	81	Bowdoin JV'S	43

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by Cliff and Mac

Do you want a volley ball or bowling league? If you do, ask your senator to visit the athletic office and to make known your wishes to the athletic director.

If enough men are interested, intramural softball and/or baseball leagues will be organized.

Bridgton's center, Stergion, led his team's scoring attack and was particularly accurate on foul shots.

Deliberate fouling in the faculty-intramural champs game Tuesday night marred what might have been a cleaner, more sportsmanlike contest.

Bob Redmond dropped in baskets regularly from the foul line in the Bridgton game.

Zdanowitz and Begert led the Annexmen in defensive work throughout the Bridgton game.

Referee Farrell kept both teams well in line with his usual, steady brand of good refereeing.

Baseball batteries started working out in the gym last Wednesday. Take it easy, boys; muscles strain easily this early in the year.

Don't forget spring football.

60	Brunswick High	30
78	Hebron	49
72	Bowdoin JV'S	55
93	Maine JV'S	71
96	Coburn	57
51	MCI	50
69	Colby JV'S	47
89	Higgins	59
81	MCI	44
53	Maine JV'S	46
101	Hebron	71
72	Bridgton Academy	32

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Below entrance to Air Base at left



Photo by Robbins
ARTIST ON THE BARREL STAVES! Gerald E. Mayberry of the BUMS in some classy skiing on the Bridgton slope.

SLOPE DOPE

John R. Lawrence

The BUMS captured first place in the ski meet held last Saturday at Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton, winning a total of 15 points to Portland High's 5 points and Edward Little's 2. Except for a disputed first place in the slalom event, which was awarded to Warren of Portland, the BUMS dominated the meet. The officials claimed that Warren failed to enter one of the gates, but the Portland boy won the argument.

The BUMS placed in the following order:

Downhill	
1st—Belyea	45.3

2nd—Cates	45.8
5th—Hammond	49.9
6th—Shaeffer	51.1
7th—Hawks	51.9

Slalom	
2nd—Hawks	2:32.0
3rd—Belyea	2:32.9
4th—Hammond	2:33.5
5th—Cates	2:37.4

After the competition, the BUMS departed for North Conway, had an enjoyable evening at the dance at Intervale, then returned to their lodging in Conway for the night. Sunday was spent on the nearby slopes.

More applicants are wanted to apply for membership through the club to the Eastern Amateur Ski Association. This membership gives official sanction to one who wishes to compete in a U.S.E.A.S.A. Meet.

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PERSONALITIES

By Larry Pinkham

Undoubtedly known to many of you, Elmer Snow, this week's personality, operates an amateur radio station here at the Brunswick Campus on the second floor of the Ad Building. Elmer, using his home-made transmitter and operating with his personal call letters, W1MUY, is probably the first radio operator of amateur standing to broadcast from this former Naval site.

First a little past history: An avid radio enthusiast from Belfast, Maine, Elmer first obtained his amateur operator's license in 1940 while he was still a junior at Crosby High. He recalls that during the last two years of his high school career he spent the larger part of his time in the cluttered corner of his bedroom which contained his first home-made transmitter.

Graduating from high school in 1942, still eager to engage himself in his first-love, (next to his girl friend) radio, he worked in the capacity of radio repairman for an automotive store. This job terminated when dear old Uncle Sam called in May of '43, and he then became a communications man in the tank corps of the 16th Armored Division. Elmer fought in varied campaigns in Europe, and after V-E Day he tried vainly to get authorization to set up an amateur station in Germany. Failing in this, he impatiently waited to get back to that little old set at home.

A year later, in May, 1946, he received that priceless bit of paper known as a discharge, quickly doffed his sergeant's uniform, and dashed home to his family, his girl friend, and last but surely not least, his radio. Four months later he was enrolled in the Electrical Engineering Course here at the U. of M.

Elmer, during his six years of operating, has had many interesting and amusing experiences with his fellow "hams". Perhaps one of the most amusing is the message he received last January when he transmitted from his present station for the first time.



Photo by Robbins
Elmer C. Snow

The gang in the radio club had worked all day, helping Elmer erect a suitable antenna to receive the dits and dahs from other stations and were crowded en masse around the sending key. For several minutes nothing but harsh static was heard in reply to Elmer's calls. Soon, however, he succeeded in contacting an amateur operator in upper New York State. Elmer listened and typed patiently as the "ham" on the other end explained that he was transmitting from an insane asylum! Although he was given to understand that the man in question was director of the asylum, Elmer still harbors the malicious contention that the gentleman might have been an inmate.

Last spring, Elmer received an invitation to a wedding at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The invitation was from a "ham" with whom Elmer used to communicate in pre-war days.

At the present time Elmer "talks" with a high school teacher in his home town, Belfast, each afternoon. Besides being interesting, this daily communique gives Elmer a chance to send greetings to his buddies, family, and girl friend, thus saving him a lot of letter writing.

Elmer wishes to thank the physics department for their

Riffs and Midriffs

By "The Light"

In a recent poll conducted by **DOWN BEAT** magazine, many of the top band leaders stated that the best way of making the public conscious of a musical organization is to let the disc jockeys handle the publicity by devoting certain portions of their programs to specific bands. This belief was well illustrated a few weeks ago when Stan Kenton was on his way to the Avodon Ballroom from the east coast. Kenton ordered the managers of the ballroom to cancel his airtime and to use the money on record programs instead. This is all well and good as far as we Easterners are concerned, because we seldom hear the big name bands stationed on the west coast. One would have to stay up till the early hours of the morning to hear those bands when they come on the air. One can easily picture the waste of time and money by having bands broadcast direct from the bandstand. However, what will happen to the quality of the music on some of the better disc programs if all the bands commence to pay the platter spinners for playing the type of music which the bands themselves are sponsoring? Should such a policy be adopted by the broadcasting stations, the listeners can prepare themselves for a very boring phase of radio commercialism.

The National Broadcasting Company as banned **Huggin' An' Chalkin'** from its air lanes — reason, "Suggestive lyrics." Columbia records has recently released an album which features Woody Herman and his Woodchoppers. The numbers in this album are nearly all top-notchers. The album contains **Some Day Sweetheart, I Surrender Dear, Four Men on a Horse, Lost Weekend, Nero's Conception, Igor, Steps,** and the rhythm section, while **Steps** takes one right back to the old New Orleans days. **Mahogany Hall Stomp** by Louis Armstrong is pierced with jazz gems and features a fine solo on the strings. Bill Harris does a wonderful job on the tram in Woody Herman's new version of **Woodchoppers Ball**.

whole-hearted cooperation in getting him equipment and helping him in many ways so that he might successfully operate. As a parting thought to all those eager aspirants to radio, Elmer says, "You don't have to be crazy to be a radioman, but it certainly helps."

The number of loans submitted to Veterans Administration for guaranty or insurance under the G. I. Bill during October continued at the peak levels reached in July and August.

ROVING REPORTER COVERS DANCE

Last Wednesday evening, a roving reporter from the Maine Annex, at his wit's end as to what he could dig up for news copy to fill his quota for the week, somehow found himself in the fair city of Bath. While walking down Front Street, his ears suddenly caught the strains of a melody drifting through the balmy night air. After a brief investigation, he found that the music was coming from the second floor of the building across the street.

The nice lady at the door told him this was the Bath Community Center, and that if he would be a good boy and give her sixty cents he could go inside and dance with all the (?) girls. Thinking there might be a possibility of finding a story, he squandered the sixty cents and walked nonchalantly inside, where he was met with the frank, appraising eyes of numerous ah-well-girls.

Being an Annex reporter, and thus possessing a keen sense of observation, he did a little appraising himself. After making up his mind, he walked up and politely asked her to dance. She was more than eager to accept. (These Annex reporters are handsome boys). Of course she didn't realize that the only motive he had was that of finding some news, so she didn't suspect a thing when he began asking leading questions.

She told him the nine piece band was that of Bob Warren, and that they played every Wednesday evening at the Bath Community Center. For some reason, this seems to be the only pertinent information our reporter accumulated. He said that all the other things he found out were more of a personal nature and were not things that scholastically mined college students would appreciate. From what we hear however, our reporter had a wonderful time.

FROM ORONO

The Student Campaign for the Union Building ended last Saturday, yet last contributions continue to roll in swelling the total to near the optimistic \$100,000 quota. The campaign committee feels confident that by the time all the off-campus students have been contacted the goal will be reached.

According to a statement by James Donovan, chairman of the Student Campaign Union Building Fund Committee, 267 students have subscribed \$79,000 to the Fund. This, together with contributions by organizations, raised the total subscribed to \$93,791.14 as of March 4, 1947 at noon. The "clean-up" phase of the campaign is being done this week. Many campus students had not been seen, and several organizations were considering gifts to the Chairman Donovan paid praise to the thoroughly financed which had been done by the students and workers and on behalf of the Union Building Fund Committee expressed appreciation to the students for their generous support of this Memorial Building which will mean so much to the University. The fact that 84% of the students subscribed is the most significant.

At seven o'clock, March 6, the Masque will hold tryouts for the Student Union for the year in the one-act plays to be presented after spring vacation.

The three productions **Refund** to be directed by A. Harris III, **Button Your Lip** to be directed by Toby Nason, and **Curtain Call** to be directed by Toby Nason. The plays will be presented to students and their wives at no cost.

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