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WEEKLY CALENDAR IN BRIEF

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
6:30 p.m. - AWS Meeting, student lounge

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
8 p.m. - Business Club Dance, gym, Jay Barron Four (band)

MONDAY, APRIL 25
7:30 p.m. - Great Books Club Meeting, room 100

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
6:30 p.m. - Circle K Meeting, room 100, Student Union

UMP LECTURE SERIES

Next Tuesday, April 27, at 3 p.m. in room 100 of the Student Union, Dr. Coriolano Vieira, prof. of political science at the University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil will speak on the "Economic and Political Aspects of Brazil". This is an open lecture and all students are invited to attend.

CIRCLE K ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Last Tuesday evening, the Circle K Club elected new officers for 1965. They are president, Gary Curtis; vice-president, Stu Olson; secretary, Charles Griffin; treasurer, Jon Roderick, and new executive board members, Don Simpson, and John Donovon. On April 4 at the Circle K Convention in Hartford, Conn., UMP's own Lee Sapiro was elected district secretary.

FIRE UP FOR MAINE DAY

Three weeks! Just three weeks, you amateur athletes. Twenty-one days of twenty-four hours each to condition those muscles for Maine Day. How's the javelin arm? Those legs feeling okay? Time "round the back forty is just the thing for those of you who hibernate in the winter?

In fact, the work of Maine Day was designed for the winter hibernator- no stuffy classrooms, of just sitting; no smoky cafeteria of just talking; but plenty of open air and exercise.

What do you think the first thing a bear does when he comes out of hibernation? He loosens up his stiff muscles. So, you, Maine Bears (we know you're Viking's, but for the sake of the story we had to say bears) be there May 5.

TO THE CLASS OF '68

How can we sponsor large events? How can we present groups like the "Four Preps", The Brandeis Singers and others on campus? How can we look forward to a memorable college career?

Class dues is the answer to these and many other questions that stem from a lack of funds for campus events. The money can be used for banquets, dances, and social functions which need financial backing such as the hiring of groups like the "Serendipity Singers" who require large payments prior to the engagement. It can also be used to finance any public service projects that the class may conduct.

Mr. George Crosby of the Orono Staff informed UMP students at a meeting at the beginning of the semester that all classes at Orono levy dues upon their members and through these dues comes the hiring of all of the big groups, sponsorship of banquets etc. He said that it was up to the members of each class at UMP to make the decision as to whether the class should have dues or not.

After looking into all of the pros and cons on the matter we find that only one other method of gaining revenue has been used. This is the "Activity Fee" which used to be in effect at Orono. Mr. Crosby reported that this type of fee was removed from the books because of problems that it created. He said that because of the removal of such a fee, the class dues system had come into being.

The method used to assess dues would be a billing attached to each class member's individual tuition fee.

Your Freshman Class Officers feel that class dues would appreciably assist the class in presenting more activities to its members and with this in mind we invite all members of the "Class of 1968" to attend a meeting on the subject to be cont. on page 3, col.1
INSIDE SPORTS

with Walt Abbott

The intramural basketball season ended last Friday when the Unquenchables nipped the Moneymakers by a score of 50-48. Thus, the Unquenchables take the championship. This game was hard fought from the start and at halftime the Moneymakers were down by six. However, they battled back and led by one point late in the game. The Unquenchables sank a foul shot to win it in the last minute. There were no individual stars in this game as both teams played a strong man-to-man defense.

The home opener for the baseball team is Maine Day, May 5. They play SMVTI (Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute) at Payson Park. Coach Sturgeon informs me that at first base he has H. Moulton; at second, freshmen Pemberton and R. Millette are battling each; at third base, it looks like T. Trufant or Minville. Catchers will be J. Jackson, D. DeTore, D. Emerson, or S. Cummings. The best battle is at shortstop where B. Small is coming against B. Bradley. The outfield positions will be filled by F. Peery, R. Bowie, K. Curtis, Jackson, Emerson, Ross, Marchilli or J. Andrews. I'm picking the first three for starting outfielders. Top pitcher is partisider K. Weatherbie backed up by Eaton and McKinney, both inexperienced freshmen. This team has strong potential and it if gets some good, tight pitching, look out.

Coach Cole of the tennis team feels that he will have a building season, after last year's fine record, this will be interesting to watch. The team lost several good players most notably J. Lancaster who is playing at Orono. Some holdover players are J. Cote, R. Ginn, and C. Coleman.

RESULTS OF THE STUDENT SENATE SURVEY

1. Did you attend the UMP Winter Carnival? 44% yes, 56% no

2. Which event did you enjoy (a) most, (b) least? (a) semiformal, Pleasant Mountain, Friday evening dance (b) semiformal, Friday night, Pleasant Mt.

3. What do fell could be done to improve the Winter Carnival? predominant ans - more advertising, more student participation, more organization

4. Did you attend Mountain Day? 33% yes, 66% no, 1% no ans.

5. Do you think it is a worthwhile event? 62% yes, 13% no, 25% no ans

6. What do you feel could be done to improve Mt. Day? pre. ans - more student participation, more advertising, more organization

7. Do you attend the dances sponsored by the various organizations at UMP? 77% yes, 23% no

8. What do you like (a) most, (b) least about them? (a) bands, opportunity to socialize, (b) too many high school students

9. Do you what Maine Day is? 86% yes, 14% no

10. Do you plan to attend Maine Day? 78% yes, 12% no, 10% no ans

11. Do you think that the Student Senate is a worthwhile organization? 83% yes, 8.5% no, 8.5% no ans

12. What contributions do you think the Student Senate has made for students' or school's benefit this year? pre. ans - organizing traditional events, done nothing

13. What contributions could it make? pre. ans - create more school spirit, become more active, promote student body unity, maintain or establish better liaison between students and administration

14. Do you think that the Student Senate and the clubs consider students' interests and attitudes when they plan their activities? 66.6% yes, 33.3% no

15. What traditional UMP activities, if any, do you feel are inconsistent with the interests of the students? pre. ans - none

16. What new activities would you like to see sponsored by the Student Senate? mixed ans - more school holidays, more plays, more well known lecturers, fairs, big name bands, spring barbeque, revive inactive clubs, hayrides, folk singing, Sadie Hawkins dance, debates, fencing, inter-college meetings, honor society, beach parties, women's service organization, winter sports weekend, soccer, dramatics club, German club, card club, football team, rallies, homecoming weekend, intramural coed softball, more formal dances, more informal dances, more civic activities, more competitive events between clubs, formation of an UMP band, concerts, ski team, glee club, book discussion group

17. Do you feel that individual students should be asked to help in formulating and organizing various activities? 78% yes, 8.5% no, 13.5% no ans

18. If you were on the Student Senate, what would be your main project? pre. ans - promote school spirit, student participation, Senate image

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held on May 10th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

At this meeting all facets of "class dues" will be discussed after which a vote will be taken to approve or disapprove the levying of class dues commencing with the fall semester of next year. This is "major legislation" for the class and a step forward for students of UMP. It behooves every Freshman Class member to attend the meeting.

Charles L. Cragin III

OFF THE CUFF

...The Easter bunny has come and gone leaving a pile of eggs, DDD has come and gone leaving a pile of girls...

...not only is SP crammed into a 15' by 11' hole, but -- ole! East Hall is being invaded by ants. Think about that 1000 Sy liers... The Portland and Saco drive-ins opened up last weekend with a full house but some people didn't see the "We're all filled up" sign... Student Publications with an eye towards an increased staff welcomes a new staff member this week, frosh Diane O'Donnell. The next year talent search is on, particularly for people interested in the advertising and layout ends of publications. If you're interested and will be at UMP come September of...

SENATE PRESIDENT ELECTION

Although the Student Senate is offering a hundred dollars per semester towards tuition for its new president, only a few candidates have taken out papers to run for election. All perspective candidates must be full time students and have an accumulative average of at least 2.0, and be a junior or senior for the term he is to serve. The deadline for all presidential hopefuls to return form to Mr. Van Amburg is April 21st.

So far Ed Gorham, Estelle Watson, and Jeff Weinstein are the only candidates having turned in forms. Ed is now serving as junior class pres. and the Senate parliamentarian. Estelle, a sophomore, is the Senate treasurer and an Eagle. Jeff was the freshman class pres. in 1961, and is now organizing a literary club.

Campaigns will begin Thursdays April 22, and the voting will take place May 3 and 4. The new Senate pres. will be announced Maine Day, May 5th.

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... UMP would like to see its foreign language majors looking into study abroad, and perhaps if more students would study overseas, university officials would not hesitate to give credit for subjects taken at foreign institutes. Who knows, maybe UMP would even develop a regular Junior Year Abroad.
On the Subject of Cuts

To the Editor:

The cut rule now enforced by the University is absolutely assinine. It is in close competition with the drinking rule as being the most backward on campus. A student should be allowed an unlimited amount of cuts with no restrictions on their grade. After all, a student (or his parents) pay for their education. If you pay for a car, there is no restriction that you drive it everyday. The analogy is poor, but the same prohibitions should apply in each case.

If a student cuts every class except the prelims, and still comes up with a "B" for the course, obviously he doesn't need to go to class. If a student cuts every class and comes up with a "D" or an "F," that's his tough luck since he made the choice.

I, for one, am rather sick of the paternalistic feeling teachers and administration have for the students. University faculty and staff try to bully and cajole kids to go to class. What difference does it make to them? It is the right of the student as a free human being to do what he pleases - to cut or to attend.

Furthermore, I, a bit tired of the condescending attitude teachers have. They think they are doing you such a big favor as a free tuition. Being there for you read in the papers - of what you hear by the grapevine. In other words, not much. For you, a sum- mation of the Senate's "image" goes something like: "Well, I dunno what they do at their meetings, really - heck, I don't even know who half of them are...what do they do? Hell, what?...there's Winter Carnival, they did that, didn't they, and ah well, you know, they just sit in that room and gum things over for hours...um, well, they do things, I don't mean to say they don't, they sent letters to the legislature about sales tax on text books. Of course, there must be a lot of things they do you nev- er hear about. I've heard the meetings take a long time - I don't know what they do...Image? kind of nebulous - sort of like a secret conclave of thrush agents in a cigar-lit room"

Guess why you don't know anything about the Student Senate? You've never seen a meeting. How could you expect to form a coherent "image" if you've never seen the real thing? Point is, they ought to have open meetings - maybe not every week, but at least once a month. There is no better way to improve liaison between the Senate and the people they are representing than to sit in the same room and discuss the problems together. The students would like to be let in on what's going on around here. It would seem that the Senate does not regard the student body as capable of meaningful contributions?

The Senate has considered open meetings and they have several legitimate objections. They are (1) it's difficult to schedule a convenient time for both the Senate members and students, (2) the problem of finding a suitable room, (3) the Senate members feel they might have to exercise undue tact - that they might be inhibited by the presence of students who might interpret things the wrong way - or magnify certain hilarious aspects of student discussions, or in some prolong the meetings which cont. on page 5, column 1
School spirit is low, they say. Interest is nil. Granted the students were pretty lifeless in December. And no one wanted to forego supper on a cold winter night to hear about Winter Carnival menus. But this is Spring now. And perhaps they could schedule an open meeting during the day.

As for school spirit - there has been a noticeable change in school spirit - you can't tell me that when carloads of students have traveled all the way to Augusta two times to speak up for UMP, and when ever eighty guys have participated in Spirited intramural basketball program, and when a committee of freshmen go out to junior high schools pushing their school - how can you reasonably claim there's no school spirit?

I submit that there is school spirit; there is interest - there is a call for open meetings of the Student Senate. Are they afraid of criticism? Are they shy? Do they have something to hide? Do they consider students incompetent? Let's have an open meeting and find out.

One last reminder - the Businessmen's Club is bringing back the Massachusetts band this weekend to play for their dance Saturday - 8 to 12 - the gym.
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