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1978 DEDICATION

In appreciation for his support of and faith in the students of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, the staff of the REFLECTION dedicates this edition of the yearbook to President N. Ed Miller.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Clara Burnham, who served as house director of Robie-Andrews dormitory from 19 - 1978. A Friend and confidant to many.
Ugggh! A new day jumps out at you from nowhere, presenting its challenges and disasters in bright array. Slowly you roll (or fall) out of your comfortable and oh-so-secure bed, regretting the late studying, or late (burp!) partying. Can you make it to your first class on time? What about breakfast? Don't forget your shower. You blindly stumble to the bathroom — bumping and bouncing off the walls to the shower. All the while, your mind is racing with thoughts of today. Can you meet all that's required of you? But of course, my dear child! This is just one day in many more to come — some worse and some better. You'll adjust perfectly (we hope!).
Breakfast isn't for everyone - especially UMPG breakfasts. The empty cafeteria rings with sounds of clattering dishes (they actually wash them) as those first few stragglers drone in for an early morning repast. They scan the vast assortment of greasy donuts, soggy cornflakes, sour milk and hard pancakes. Is it safe? Oh, come now - you've faced greater challenges before. Some people grow to enjoy breakfast here — it can be a welcome relief to an empty stomach. So don't be afraid to take that first bite. It's never as bad as it seems, and eventually your taste buds even begin to crave a steady diet of donuts and the like (oh where is my Pepto-Bismol?).
Oh no — not classes again! UMPG offers a delightfully different potpourri of subjects from which to choose. Just make sure that your choice is the right one! Some professors go on and on about seemingly nothing, driving the student to sleep or suicide. Other professors make each class a joy to behold, and the learning experience is fun. The good, the bad, and the ugly is an appropriate way to describe classes at UMPG. Keep an eye open and you'll learn. Keep them closed, and you'll have sweet dreams!
For those poor unfortunates who travel on the bus, we wish you our deepest condolences. Over the course of the year, you'll find buses that are so crowded that they resemble an overblown sardine can. Once in a while the buses are virtually empty (save for the driver, who talks to himself constantly). Speaking of drivers, they range from silent, to happy (hi there, hi there, beep, beep, hi there — please reprogram meeee), and grumpy (those "#$%^& women drivers). You’ll meet them all and what’s more, they’ll all become a permanent part of your life at UMPG.
Ah! Afternoons at UMPG are oftentimes long and lazy. In the fall there's always time for a football or soccer game - that is, if you're the rough and tumble type. Frisbee is also extremely popular. Some of the more intelligent among us find the afternoon a perfect time for cracking books. The winter and spring months provide afternoons of skiing, sliding, skating, and playing basketball. Then again, when there's really nothing to do - and if worse comes to worse - your bed will provide a relaxing place to take an afternoon (snore) nap.
Wow! The nights really buzz at UMPG! As soon as dinner is over (and sometimes even before), a different aspect of college life comes into view — the social side. When the sun sets on the Gorham and Portland campuses, it's an automatic signal for the partying to begin (and begin it does!). The Gorham Pub (also known as the "Cork and Cask") is the scene for much merrymaking and usually there's a party of some sort found somewhere on campus. For those who don't wish to go to campus activities, Portland has countless entertainment facilities. Of course, some of you may want to study, and a perfect place to do this ungodly practice would be in both the Gorham and Portland libraries. The night life at UMPG is always varied and usually interesting.
Phew — you've FINALLY made it through another day. Now that wasn't so bad, right? No, of course it wasn't. But remember: it begins all over again tomorrow — so make sure to go to bed early tonight! And as you sink down into that warm abode known as a "bed," may the bluebird of happiness fly through your window and give you nothing but good dreams for the evening. Nitey-night!
This section is dedicated to all those who teach, challenge, and encourage us to live and grow.
"For me the initial delight is in the surprise of remembering something I didn't know I knew."

ROBERT FROST
The 1977-78 year was “best ever” for UMPG in athletic competition. The soccer team started the victory parade posting a 12-3 record and taking second place in NAIA District 5. The Huskies lost a 1-0 sudden death overtime game at Keene in their attempt to repeat as the District representatives to the National tournament. Coach “Chappie” Menninger’s squad did repeat as Western Maine Athletic Conference champions. During the regular season, the Huskies defeated St. Francis, Lyndon State, Colby, UMF-Onono, UM-Farmington, Husson, Johnson, Rhode Island College, Nasson and Thomas, while losing once to Plymouth State and twice to Keene State. In the tournament, UMPG defeated UMF-Farmington and UM-Presque Isle.

The Field Hockey team finished the season with a 5-5-1 record. Important wins were against the University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of Maine at Farmington, and Colby. High scorer was Captain and center forward Debbie Higgins from Bar Harbor with 9 goals. Freshman goalie Celine Bodin of Oakland made a good showing in the nets with 63 saves in 12 games. The team qualified for the Maine Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for College Women Tournament, placing fourth in the state. The J.V. team had a 1-5-2 record. Freshman Anna St. Peter of Lisbon was the team’s only scorer and shows fine promise for next year. Coach Paula Hodgdon expects a good portion of this year’s squad back in 1978 as only four players will not return.
Ted Child, a student at the U of M law School, did an excellent job in coaching the UMPG hockey team this past winter. Working with small number of players, Coach Child guided the team to an 11-6 record. The squad participated in the District 5 Championship at Biddeford in February and lost to St. Francis in a close game. The team was hoping to represent New England in the National tournament held in St. Paul, Minnesota. However, the Huskies had to settle for the second place plaque. Ted Child was selected as District 5 Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches.
For the first time in the history of UMPG, the Huskies represented District 5 at the National Basketball Tournament in Kansas City. Coach Bouchard's squad has to be ranked as one of the best teams ever to represent the University. They took a 22-6 record to Kansas City including victories over Lyndon State and Husson in the District 5 Championship. The final game with Husson was an 84-83 victory decided by a basket with five seconds remaining in the contest. For his efforts, Coach Bouchard was selected as District 5 Coach of the Year and, along with Ted Child, was awarded a plaque at the annual NAIA meeting in Waterville last April.
The UMPG women finished with a 17-5 record with losses only to Division I schools. The UMPG team won the women’s division of the Western Maine Athletic Conference with a perfect 8-0 record. In the Eastern Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Small College Satellite Tournament for which UMPG qualified, the team lost to top seeded Springfield College by only 7 points. Sophomore Michele Rollins, from East Dixfield, led the UMPG scoring with 17.2 points per game; Diane Carr, a junior from Old Orchard Beach followed with 13.1 points per game. Freshman Sue Shaw, Portland, and Sue Joseph, Waterville, led in rebounds (14.2 and 15.1 respectively) per game. Coach Dick Costello was pleased with the team’s performance over a wide range of talented opponents.
The lacrosse team played a nine game schedule and finished with an overall record of 3-6. Only five matches with other colleges were considered official and resulted in a 1-4 record. The team continues to draw a small, but enthusiastic group of players with limited lacrosse background. Added to the schedule this year were the University of Maine at Augusta club, Colby College, the Brunswick Club and the University of Maine at Orono Club. Wins came over Brunswick, UM-O and Hebron Academy. High scorer for this season was sophomore Kim Goulet with 15 goals. Freshman goalie Julie Clements made 80 saves in six games. Captain Debbie Higgins did a fine job on attack and keeping the team together while junior Judy Orach played extremely well and consistently on defense. Coach Paula Hodgdon and assistant Coach Dave Bongiovanni are optimistic that next year will see improve skill and more women playing the sport.
A young inexperienced softball squad closed its 1978 season with a 7-7 overall record against the toughest competition to date in New England women's softball. After breezing through the opener with a rousing 56-6 win over Nasson, the team faced strong teams from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont in what proved to be a most competitive season. The schedule included several double-headers and the State Championship at Colby in which the team went down to defeat in the final round. Led by a strong freshman battery of Margo Stevens at the plate and Anna St. Peter on the mound, the lady Huskies were rarely out of and contest. With virtually all players returning, Coach Pat Raybold looks for a super season next year.
JOURNEY

Come with me.
We shall go together.
Something new awaits us
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