

THE MOUNTAIN STATE JOURNAL

In previous years, there has often been a great lack of response and cooperation to the newspaper. This year, I am proud to say, has been different! Although the deadline may not have been met by all, a large majority enthusiastically volunteered to write articles.

This paper is for all the State Center Youthers. If you disagree on any editorials, or wish to add your bits of knowledge, or even desire to indoctrinate any new ideas, feel free to comment in the next issue. Only if you are willing to participate, can this journal be a good publication.

As newspaper editor, I would like to thank all the contributors.

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Message from our State President

Dear Center Youthers:

Now that the weekend we've all looked forward to is here, we can say that this year's Center Youth activities are really under way. Local clubs are planning dances, hootenannies, Washington-New York trips, and lots of other interesting programs.

I would like to welcome you all to Center Youth activities, and to extend a special welcome to our new members, the freshmen. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity Center Youth offers you. Attend your club meetings, volunteer to work on committees, run for office if you qualify. Come to Inter-Center Weekends and meet Jewish teenagers from all parts of Maine. Center Youth features exciting social programs, interesting meetings and discussions, and a chance for you to meet other Jewish high schoolers. It is an opportunity too good to pass by.

I hope that you all have had a wonderful time, and that we meet again at the next Inter-Center Weekend.

Editorial:

Ellen is absolutely right.

Center Youth definitely offers a great number of varied programs for you.

Greetings from our
Portland President

Well, Inter-Center weekend has finally come to Portland. I am sure you have waited this affair with great anticipation. After seeing the Portland Center Youthers working so diligently to make this event a grand success, I know that this weekend will meet up to your highest expectations. We could derive no greater pleasure than to see you having a wonderful time.

In order for you to enjoy this weekend to the fullest, I sincerely hope that you attend all of our programs. If you do this, you will receive every opportunity which can be given in four days to make new friendships, acquire some practical knowledge about the world in which we are living, and, on the whole, have a lot of fun.

As you have probably noticed by now, we have planned many activities so that you will always have something to do. We have done everything possible to make this weekend a good one; the rest is up to you.

Message
Lewiston - Auburn President

First, as President of the Lewiston-Auburn chapter of Center Youth, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Portland Center Youth for a marvelous weekend. It was our first big event of the year and I'm sure it was appreciated by everyone that attended.

The twin-city group has many different programs planned for the following year and we certainly hope our out-of-town friends plan to join us and enjoy the entertainment with us.

We have had a few meetings, and for a varied program at one of our first, we invited Mrs. Herbert Miller, a prominent member of the twin cities, to join us, and she presented a commentary on the works of one of the world's outstanding writers, Shalom Aleichem. This was a very enlightening program and it was enjoyed by all attending. Another program that the group enjoyed was a Hootenany presented by two Bates College students. They provided the group with enjoyable music for a Sunday evening topped off by delicious refreshments.

The Center Youth board, in Lewiston-Auburn has come up with many ideas for the coming season and with the help of our advisors, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Louis Perry, and the Center Director, Mr. Cofman, our year can be nothing but a success.

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Again, I want to thank Portland on behalf of the entire Lewiston-Auburn Center Youth for a wonderful weekend.

We appreciate your terrific hospitality and hope you will come to Lewiston and join us in our various activities.

The new freshmen of Lewiston-Auburn hope to contribute their ideas to Center Youth and add a new spark of life to the group.

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Do you know who is on the State Board or even what the offices are? Well, here is your opportunity to get acquainted.

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A New England Center Youth Movement

In the past few years, the idea of forming a New England Center Youth group has been seriously considered, in Maine, if not in other parts of New England. Basically, its supporters argue, it would enrich Center Youth by a larger group of participants and the facilities of large cities. But what do you want from an Inter-Center weekend? Can you imagine yourself in a crowd of all the Jewish high school students in New England? The very number of its membership would be its downfall. Such a group would pose tremendous administration problems. High school students could not possibly organize or carry out its programming. A group of professionals, trained in planning large social functions, would be necessary. But without teenage leadership, the whole structure of Center Youth would be missing. Our State Assembly's greatest feature is the fact that we, the teenagers, plan and conduct our program independently. A New England Center Youth would be a very expensive and tricky undertaking. Travel costs, housing, and food would be problems. Programming difficulties would be multiplied many times. What can a group of hundreds of teenagers do together? And if they split us into smaller sections for activities, the whole purpose of a large assembly would be defeated.

Editorial: Many pros and cons come up concerning this proposition. What are your ideas on this subject? Don't hesitate to submit your comments concerning this proposal.

Plenty of activities have sure been planned in the various Youth groups.

Bangor Center Youth's Upcoming Program

The Bangor Center Youth has a jam-packed program for the teens this year.

A few of the educational and instructional classes that are held each week are:

Conversational Hebrew

Personal Typing

Ceramics

Art

Young People in Modern
Society (Discussion group)

Also as extra programs the Center will use the Junior High gym every Sunday for basketball, as they have done in previous years. The Center is open every Saturday night for recreation purposes.

A third Washington trip is in the stages of development for April of '64. We are taking one bus which is full and we have a waiting list.

During the school year, we have five supper forums scheduled with guest speakers.

This year, in Bangor, we have an excellent program and it should work out fine with the Center Youthers.

PORTLAND CENTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES '63 - '64

While talking to Mr. Gerald Sheriff, Activities Director of the Portland J.C.C., he told me of the planned dates for Center Youth '63 - '64. This year looks like one of the best years yet. Of course, the big event of the year is the Juniors' and Seniors' Washington trip. The kids are planning many fund raising events for their trip and need everyone's support. There will also be many other fun activities. The November highlight will be the big Football Hop right after the bonfires at Deering and Portland. Some December highlights will be a sleigh ride and dance, roller skating party, and, of course, the New Year Eve Dance. January 11 will see a Center Youth show - and won't that be fun! On January 18, you can get rid of all your cares and woes at the annual Mid-Year Blues Dance. There will also be a splash party, Purim Festival, car wash, movies, and dances, dances, dances!!! As the end of the season approaches and the Seniors start getting nervous about next year, there will be a Senior Fairthewell Ball, and the last event of the season will be a picnic at Center Day Camp.

Mr. Sheriff said that, so far, all events have been a great success, and everyone has participated in his share of work...Let's not disappoint anyone and make this Center Youth year one of the most successful years ever!

Many song titles seem to describe a great number of our

Center Youthers

Wonderful, Wonderful -- Inter Center Weekend
Surfer Joe -- Mike H.
Walking Miracle -- Pete M.
Lucky Lips -- Stan T.
The Boys That Don't Want Us -- The Senior Girls
Only in America -- Inter Center
A letter from camp -- Janie S.
You've Got What It Takes -- Ilene E.
Losing You -- Sneb
Welcome Home -- Janie M.
He's So Fine -- Dickie S.
I'm Going to Marry My Childhood Sweetheart -- Sherri K.
Deep Purple -- Bobbie F.
Heartaches -- Seniors who don't graduate
Love Me to Pieces -- Jeri F.
I Want To Thank You for Giving Me a Wonderful Summer --
Jill C.

Cross-Fire -- Howard R.
End of the World -- Report cards
I'll Take You Home -- "The Twins"
The Boy Who Loves Her -- Harvey S.
Walk Too Much -- Deb Hugo
Walk Like An Angel -- Jackie Y.
Sugar Shack -- Deering High
More -- Debby Trough
Talk to Me -- Robin K.
Breaking Up Is Hard to do -- S.T.
I Adore Him -- Barbara H.
True Love -- Naomi & Jimmy
Our First Day Back at School -- Sophomores
Please, Please Don't Eat the Daisies -- Larry P.
Hit Parade "California, Here I Come" - Norma Cohen
"Johnny Angel" -- Marsha Stein
"Bobbie's Girl" -- Marty Miller
"Ain't She Sweet" - Illy Isaacson
"Me and My Shadow" -- Vita and Ronnie
"A Wonderful Guy" -- Howie Hayman
"If I Had My Way" -- Johnny Isaacson
"Who Cares?" -- The Cjaperons
"We're Gonna Have a Hootenany" -- Stevie Blatt
"Shake It Up Baby" -- Cindy Zellen
"Party Lights" -- Van Afes
"Run Around Sue" -- Sue Silverhart
"Walk On the Wild Side" -- Lester Stein
"My Fair Lady" -- Shelia Ruttenberg
"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" -- Rebecca Meltzer
"I've Got Rhythm" -- Charlie Rosen
"Who's Sorry Now" -- The kids who are not here

Lewiston Personalities

Lewiston-Auburn Center Youthers can speak with pride about their senior class members, and we feel that two deserve special attention....Marty Miller and John Isaacson, who have managed to be active in Center Youth, maintain excellent grades, and keep busy with their individual interests throughout high school.

Marty, a four year honor student at Lewiston High, has recently been elected "Most Likely To Succeed" by members of her class. She spent the summer at Jackson Memorial Labs in Bar Harbor, where she carried out a research project in biochemistry. She plans to do independent research at Bates College this year, furthering the knowledge she gained at Jackson.

This peppy girl takes an active part in several school clubs...she writes for her school newspaper and yearbook, belongs to Future Nurses and Science Clubs (thus pursuing her interest in medicine) and is a member of Political Science Forum and Latin Club. An active Center Youth worker, Marty is State Recording Secretary this year. During high school, Marty has shown a definite preference for mice, medicine, and MALES!!!

Johnny's outstanding achievements are in the oratorical field. That boy can talk his way out of anything! Also an excellent student, John is the star member of the Edward Little Debating Team.

Among his debating accomplishments, John has earned a \$600 Bates College scholarship for being the best high school debater in Maine, and was elected President of the Senate at the Boston Model Congress last year. He won the New England tournament in the extemporaneous speaking division, and went on to capture thirteenth place at the National Debate Tournament held in Texas in June.

This year, besides carrying a full load of senior subjects at E. L., John is taking a freshman English course at Bates College. He is vice president of Lewiston Center Youth and parliamentarian of the State Board. Johnny plays a good game of tennis, will always be remembered for his ginger ale on Memorial Weekend.

Marty and Johnny are two people with high aims that they mean to realize. Some day, when Marty is a famous medical specialist, and John, a world-renowned lawyer, successfully completes a difficult case, we will be able to say:

"We knew them when....."

Portland News!!

Gossip gathered around the Portland scene is very scarce. Everyone has been behaving and the scandal mark is gone. Congrats must go to Harris Gleckman, Gary Venner, Stuart Rubenstein, etc. for becoming National Merit finalists. It's an honor well deserved by these boys.

Driving licenses are going like crazy. John and Larry are the newest to hit the road.

Janie and Mike are still battling it out. Don't ask about what..even they don't know about what they're fighting... they just fight. The way they do it seems like fun...

Bobbie and Steve are still going but don't quote me on that, as probably by the time this paper is published, they will have broken up and gone back at least two times. "True love never runs smooth!" Bobbi claims her true love is her dog..Buster..imagine being second fiddle to a dog!

Pete and Ellie make an adorable couple. Both of them are always standing in front of a mirror with combs in hand.

Jackie Young is a very busy bee. She's been making the rounds with all the guys.

The Crasnick boys are really twisting up a storm and twisting along beside them are Libby and Kathy. This happy foursome seems always to be smiling.

Leiba, sorority's sophisticated President and Gail, sorority's loveable V.P., are always talking quietly about some guys. Who are the lucky guys?

Janie, R.C.Y.'s pert and pretty President has been seen around town with..... They really are quite friendly!

Sheri and Stan have worn a path down from Boston to Portland. These two still manage to see each other almost every week or else they talk to each other twice a week.

Nancy and Dickie are still going strong. I hope this time it will last and last. Everyone agrees that they are an adorable couple.

Goodbye from Portland. All of us here wish that all of you will have a marvelous time at this 4 day convention.

Hymie's Hot List
by R'uvain, Yitzhak, v'Schlomve

EDITORIAL

(U.C.C.A.) In good Yiddish tradition, the makes have finally forced the abolition of any puritanical influences formerly to be found in the local gossip column. In fine style, Hymie's Hot List, syndicated no less, brings to you all latest from the Lewiston-Auburn scene.

Flash! An Irish invasion has erupted under the Willow Trees in Marsha Stein's backyard. Hymie forsees spreading influences of the Irish invasion in the vicinity of Ash Street at Cohen's sans willows.

Attention all girls! If your efforts in the past to accost Lester Stein have been unsuccessful, weep no more. A combination of Boston girls and Mary's curls have bestowed upon our Lester unlimited sophistication.

Hymie's information bureau requests the whereabouts of one Howard Zack on last and previous Saturday nights. Has he been joining the Connoisseur, Jay Baker, at the formal initiation into the routine Saturday night Y.M.C.A. dances?

Hymie's Weather Bureau takes note of this fabulous stretch of Indian Summer sunshine after a cold and disappointing August. Where, oh where has Kathy Platz gone? We note severe cold waves in Mass. Credit for the warm season partially goes to James "Casanova" Platz (close relation but no resemblance).

In conclusion, Hymie hopes all had a ripping Rosh, a frugal fast, and a coming frantic first.

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We have been faced with much discussion in reference to the four day week-end. In this issue, members from Bangor, Rockland, Lewiston-Auburn and Portland have all given their opinions on this subject. The majority seem to feel the extended week-end offers not only a chance to be with your friends a little longer, but also allows more time to schedule workshops and discussion, as well as the social activities.

WHY WE SHOULD HAVE FOUR
DAY WEEKENDS

As another four day Inter Center weekend is upon us, we wonder whether or not it is a good idea and worth all the trouble. If it is worth it, why?

Looking at Bangor's schedule for its weekend last spring, I find that much time was devoted to cultural discussions and necessary meetings. Naturally the social activities were increased, but they were not the main time-consumers. During a three day weekend, only one discussion or workshop can be held; however, during the four day weekend, we were able to afford the time for two

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speakers and two workshops. All and all there is more time for programs which should be included, and were not in the past, because of the lack of time.

The four days is especially desirable this year, because only two weekends are to be held, almost eight months apart. It allows for a longer time to become acquainted, which is most important to the freshmen and the sophomores. The extra day also eliminates the constant rush and staggering pace some of us remember, but could never get used to.

We are very fortunate to have such an assembly, able to meet two or three times a year, and the extra day just makes us extra fortunate.

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aware of current events and social problems than in the past will want to make certain that the next four day weekend emphasizes the true image of the knowledgeable teenager.

SPEAKING OUT

This Inter Center Weekend marks the initiation of the proposal to lengthen the convention to four days of religious, social and intellectual activities. It was hoped the additional day would allow more time to perfect new friendships and to promote a greater exchange of ideas among the young people themselves. However, in comparing the now obsolete weekend with its newer model, one sees that no effort has been made to change an already socially satiated calendar. There is no mention of extending the time allotted for discussion of topics of concern to teenagers. It is unfortunate that when several hundred intelligent Center Youthers convene, they disregard the unique opportunity to discuss, to debate, to argue and to promote intellectual stimulation.

Apparently no one has considered that the great mass which overwhelms some humble community center three times a year might be looking for more than just one big social whirl. We, rapidly maturing as we affirm ourselves to be, might find ourselves upholding new thoughts that we never imagined existed as we view our friends as not just social acquaintances, but rather as intelligent conversationalists whose ability to discuss is more important than the ability to dance. Of course, there are some Center Youthers (those suffering from brain overwork) who will regard the present schedule as ideal, but those who feel that today's youth is more

Rockland's Ideas

Since Rockland's Center Youth group consists of only two members, we'd like to tell you what it's like to live in a small town with very few Jewish families.

We have no Jewish social life whatsoever in Rockland since our two Center Youth members are girls!

But....next year, we'll have five Jewish students at Rockland High.....five girls!! So -- you see how it goes!

If it weren't for the Inter Center weekends, we wouldn't be able to get acquainted with any Jewish kids our own age, and for this reason, we'd like to thank the Portland, Lewiston and Bangor Centers for including us in their affairs.

OPINIONS continued.....

DONNIE MURINSON: A four-day Inter-Center gives the kids more time to do more. You have a better chance to meet each other since you don't just arrive and leave.

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OPINIONS

When asked their opinions on four-day Inter Centers, the following Center Youthers voted unanimously FOR the idea.

Read this and see if YOU agree with them.

MILLIS ROBINSON: It gives you more chances to get acquainted with the kids.

CLIFF LEVINE: You have more time to spend with your out-of-town friends.

DIANA GOLDSMITH: Since it's only twice a year, these Inter-Centers should be as long as four days. Most of the teenagers enjoy them, so it's not wasted.

ALAN SCHIRO: If our Inter-Centers were three or four times a year, a four-day program would be too much. In a three-day Inter Center, the combination of your arrival and departure is about one day and this leaves just two days to be with your friends.

ADELE SCHWARTZ: At the Inter-Centers, all the Jewish kids around Maine have a chance to meet each other. At our Inter-Centers, everything is chaperoned and if everyone cooperates, we can have a wonderful week end of meeting new kids, seeing old friends, and getting a little Jewish culture and spirit.

STAN TURESKY: One has a longer time to enjoy himself and to get to know the kids.

GAIL ZADE: It gives the kids more time to mingle.

