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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 27, 1977
Machias, Maine

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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PRESENT: Chairman Susan Kominsky, Ellen Platz, Nils Wessell, Elizabeth Russell, Thomas Monaghan, Roger Teachout, Jamie Eves. Staff: Mary Ann Haas, Robert Binswanger, Stanley Salwak. Also present: Daniel O'Leary, Sandra Bovard, Frederic Reynolds, Dean of Student Affairs, Machias; Timothy Brooks, Dean of Student Affairs, Fort Kent; Machias students.

Chairman Kominsky convened the student forum which had been arranged at the Machias campus to provide an opportunity for students to meet the Trustees. She briefly outlined the Trustee role in relationship to the University structure and defined the function of the Student Affairs Committee itself; the floor was then open for student discussion.

Campus Pub. The students inquired whether the campus pubs would be able to remain open when the new law raising the drinking age goes into effect later this fall. They were informed that the individual campuses would establish their own guidelines. Daniel O'Leary, a UMO student representative to the Educational Policy Committee of the Board, informed the Machias group that signatures are still being sought for a petition to drive the bill to a referendum.

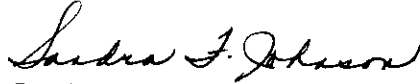
Library. The Machias students were concerned for the need for library improvement. They cited lack of readily available reference materials, need for more personnel, and more hours. It was felt that since it is the only library in Washington County, more budget money should be used for library improvement. The Trustees reported that library quality system wide is already under review as a result of recommendations from the ad hoc Planning Committee and that the campus librarians were meeting to discuss staff, collections, hours, etc., and their report will identify priorities for improvement of University libraries.

Commuters. The Committee was informed that half of the student community at Machias is composed of commuters and students felt that with the commuter population consisting of the older, married student, many tend to become cut off from campus activities. Discussion followed on problems indigenous to Machias and ways to integrate commuters more fully into the campus community.

Counseling. There was brief discussion of courses offered at UMM, and Dean Reynolds informed the Committee that the campus now has a Career Development and Placement Office. The students themselves attested to the accessibility of the faculty and the openness of the campus. The students felt that the faculty listened and that there was a solid relationship between the faculty and the adult learner. There was a unanimous feeling that UMM is a special place to learn and enjoys a small-campus-intimacy that is hard to find in other, larger learning facilities.

Recreation. There was discussion of the lack of recreational facilities at the campus and the students were interested in the proposal for a Washington County Recreational Complex which was on the Physical Plant Committee agenda for information.

Adjournment.



Sandra F. Johnson
for
JoAnne R. Magill
Clerk of the Board