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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Board of Trustees

University of Maine at Farmington
November 13, 1988

Student Affairs Committee

PRESENT: Geneva Kirk, Chair. Thomas Dukes, Bennett Katz, Stewart Smith, Susan Anzivino, Scott Harriman and Stephane Fitch. Absent: Scott Bursey. Staff: Mary Ann Haas.

Chairman Geneva Kirk convened the meeting and introduced the Committee. She said that the University of Maine and the Maine VTIs had been mentioned as donor institutions in a recent publication circulated by the American Red Cross.

Ski Program. Michelle Jarrod, a member of the UMF Student Senate, began the presentation by introducing Roni Sue Pomerleau, also a member of the UMF Student Senate, as well as Student Representative to the Board, who spoke on the ski industry. Ms. Pomerleau said that UMF has a special program recognized by the U.S. Ski Industry which offers skiing at the professional level, coaching, and aspects of the skiing business. She commended Coaches Ralph DesRoches and Thomas Reynolds for their expertise and tireless efforts in the field. The program started in 1983 with just ten students and grew to the point where there are 34 students actually working in the industry today. The program offers certification in ski instruction, and internships with various ski resorts so that students not only hone their skiing skills, but learn various aspects of the business itself. The ski program is offered under the aegis of Human, Health and Family Studies.

Hearttime Fitness Program. Deanna Barnes, a student aerobics instructor, said that the fitness program was founded in 1982. It is a non-profit organization staffed by work/study students and volunteers and directed by Gary Viles, a campus faculty member. It is certified by the Dallas Institute for Aerobic Research. The program concentrates on wellness and offers jog/walk classes; high and low intensity aerobics; lifestyle assessment; and use of the weight room. Funds from the Athletic Department are used to pay the work/study students. Other classes connected with the fitness program, such as intramural aerobics and labs for Health and Physical Fitness, are funded from student activity fees or, as in the case of the labs, a nominal fee is paid by the students.

Student Affairs. Luke Wignal, a student senator, spoke about the current apathy on campus among the students. He said that he and other senators are currently looking for ways to reach students and inform them of what the Student Senate can offer them.

Student Senate. John Day, President of the Student Senate, said that the Senate is composed of 19 members -- 15 senators (6 from the dorms, 6 commuters and 3 at large) and 4 Executive Board members. It has three standing committees. The Senate represents the student body; administers the student activity fees; and reviews problems that insue from student life. The Senate President meets weekly with the President of the Campus.

After the presentation, discussion centered on lack of affordable off-campus student housing; accountability of student activity funds; student apathy; and alcohol and drug use on campus. With regard to the latter concern, alcohol remains the drug of choice for most students. No cocaine or cocaine derivatives have been observed on campus.

Adjournment.

Sandra F. Johnson for
JoAnne R. Magill