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Court terminates eviction dispute

Judge's ruling produces student relocation order

BY MIKE DOSTIE

After a five-hour hearing and a weekend of deliberation, Penobscot Superior Judge Robert L. Browne granted a permanent injunction Monday ordering Kent Coffin to vacate his room in Somerset Hall and to "occupy alternate dormitory accommodations offered by the University of Maine at Orono."

Browne's oral interpretation appears to have settled the four-month long eviction controversy in favor of the university as Coffin's attorney, Russ Christensen, said Tuesday he would not appeal the ruling. Under the permanent injunction issued by the court, Joline Morrison, assistant director of Residential Life and Housing asked Coffin to leave his room in 416 Somerset Hall by 4 p.m. today. His new room assignment is 323 Aroostook Hall. Even with Coffin's transfer to Aroostook Hall, Judge Browne's decision is not a complete victory for the university.

In the verified complaint introduced to the court by the university's lawyer, George M. Shur, on Nov. 21, the university also sought compensation for the costs it incurred in bringing the suit against Coffin and to obtain "further relief as the nature of the case may require." But Judge Browne's decision did not outline any specific procedures for the remittance of court costs.

Judge Browne based his decision on evidence and arguments presented at a four-hour hearing held Friday, Jan. 16 at Penobscot County Superior Court on Hammond Street in Bangor. The hearing was originally scheduled for Dec. 3 but postponed until Jan. 16 to alleviate any interference with final examinations and to give Christensen a chance to adequately prepare his client's defense. Shur's case for the university followed an administrative chain of command, as he called several witnesses who were involved in the decision-making aspects of the case. He opened for the university by waiving any opening remarks and calling Barry M. Singer to the stand.

Singer, a Resident Assistant on Somerset Hall's fourth floor, testified that during the first week of September 1975, he saw Coffin "running down the halls yelling" and that a section meeting held the following week failed to temper Coffin's activities. Singer also testified that on September 11 he reported the yelling incidents to Lauri Sue Sirabella, Somerset Hall's head resident.

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

vs.

KENT J. COFFIN

Coffin claims victory; administration sighs

BY MIKE DOSTIE

Judging solely from each side's reaction this week to Judge Robert L. Browne's ruling in *University of Maine v. Kent J. Coffin*, even a psychic

might have to strain to figure out who won the suit.

While no one involved took Judge Browne's decision lightly, most were composed, reserved and somewhat relieved that the Somerset eviction controversy that had raged for four months was finally settled.

Russ Christensen, the Student Government's retained lawyer who represented and advised Coffin throughout the struggle, felt that even though his client was being relocated to 323 Aroostook, he had won a more important and more gratifying issue, the right to due process.

"There are fairly decent possibilities of appealing and winning the case," Christensen posited, "but I think Kent has already won in a sense. I feel he did a good job for all students. His goal was to bring attention to the fact that students have rights and that before you punish, you should have an impartial hearing. I think Kent is a hero on campus because he made the university do just that."

Coffin's attorney also stated that he thought "it's a shame that the administration hadn't learned how to deal with and assist students who have as much energy as Kent Coffin" and that the university "didn't live according to its own rules" outlined in their administrative handbooks. "It maybe cost the university \$3,000 in this matter," the young attorney explained. "It took a court hearing for them to admit that they had not lived up to their own rules. That's a hell of a way to learn that they have to give students due process."

Christensen's only regret in the case was the shock he felt it would have on Dean of Students Affairs Dwight L. Rideout's relationship with students on campus.

During the Jan. 16 hearing in Bangor, Rideout denied ever receiving any letters written by the students of fourth floor Somerset despite student complaints that they had written and deposited a stack of letters in the Office of Student Affairs last September.

"The worst thing, I think, that came out of this matter," Christensen said, "is its effect on Dwight's credibility. I think he lost a lot of ground and has not gained any ground in hearing this case. I just wonder if it's been justified. I just wonder if he had to do that."

Kent Coffin echoed many of his attorney's opinions on the case as well as on the university's credibility status.

"I feel like I really won," the engineering physics major explained. "I had to move out of my dorm and that's not winning but I was supposed to move on Sept. 29 so I've gained an extra semester there."

"I also don't have to pay the university a thing," Coffin added, "and all they're making me do is move my stuff from

Somerset to Aroostook. I can go to the dorm to visit and can eat at the cafeteria too."

Preliminary decisions early last semester had hinted that Coffin would not be allowed to use the Hilltop Dining Hall or visit Somerset Hall if he was evicted from the dormitory.

Coffin also asserted that the university could have "handled his case better out of court" and that "the whole bureaucracy had lost a lot of their credibility" in obtaining his relocation.

"When I got moved a lot of people on my floor objected," Coffin added. "Over half wrote letters. With that kind of support for me, it shows that I should have had the right to a hearing."

Coffin said he hopes no one else on campus would have to go to court to obtain their right to due process and vowed that

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"if it did happen to another student, he would help him and anybody else who thought they were getting shafted by the administration."

Coffin plans to comply fully with Residential Life's relocation order and to work through his Student Government committee appointments to either "eliminate Article 13 from the housing contract or to provide some sort of student input which is going to be really used."

On the university's side of the case, Dean of Student Affairs, Dwight L. Rideout, did not wish to comment on who benefited most from Judge Browne's decision fearing that "once anyone begins talking about who actually won the case, that would polarize people."

"My whole job," the dean of student affairs added, "is built around bringing people together." Rideout said it was too early for anyone to tell just how the decision and his testimony in court would affect his relationship with students.

"I suspect there are a few people who were disappointed at the outcome and probably a few who were happy with the outcome. And there's probably a great bulk out there who really don't know that much about it," Rideout said.

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Maine sports benefactor gives \$400,000 to Fund

Harold A. Alford, owner of the Dexter Shoe Company, has brought UMO's dream of a multi-purpose arena one step closer to reality with a \$400,000 contribution.

Alford, a 35 year resident of Waterville, had reportedly agreed to make the contribution last November, but did not wish to have it publicized at that time.

The goal of the Second Century Fund campaign is to raise \$4,000,000 for a multi-purpose arena and a Performing Arts Center. The Alford contribution has now boosted total receipts to \$3,012,630, which includes a \$500,000 Hudson Memorial Gift earmarked for a museum wing in the proposed Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Harold Chute, director of development, estimates that the arena, which will be named the Harold Alford Sports Arena, will cost about \$1.5 million.

Alford, a well known mentor of Maine sports and athlete himself, has also generously contributed to the Thayer Hospital in Waterville, Waterville's YMCA and Boys' Club, Kents Hill School, and Colby College.

President Neville said the contribution is "a further expression of Harold Alford's really great interest in Maine and the young people of Maine. His generosity over the years has helped many to attend college who otherwise would not have been able to do so."

Through his help on a number of projects, it has been possible for a much larger number of people to participate in sports activities around the state," Neville said.

Although another million dollars is still needed, Chute said he is optimistic because the campaign is now "75% down the road for both buildings." He is hoping that another major contribution will soon be made.

Chute made no indication as to when construction will begin, however President Neville has expressed hope that it will get underway this summer.

The structure has been designed by Daniel Tully and Associates of Melrose, Mass., a design/build firm which has built similar facilities at Boston College, Middlebury College and Brown University in Providence.

Located on the northwest corner of the campus and adjacent to the football stadium, the complete arena will contain an official size hockey rink with a seating capacity of 3,000 to 4,000, with room for additional seats. The arena will accommodate hockey and skating programs for UMO students as well as residents of the Greater Bangor area.

It will also be possible to convert the facility for non-ice uses such as concerts, graduation, exhibitions, and other large group functions.

President Howard R. Neville has called a meeting of the UMO "community leadership" Monday afternoon to review the university's current budget problems and contingency cutback plans should the 107th Special Session fail to alleviate to the salary and program budget crunch. Neville said he invited the Council of Colleges, Student Government leaders, Interdormitory Board Officials, classified, extension employee leadership, faculty professional, and extension employee leadership, faculty leaders, and the press.

Special Assistants to the President Stephen Weber and Peter Fitzgerald will aid Neville in the presentation in the auditorium of the new English-Math Building at 3:30.



Kent Coffin

Photo by Mike Kane

Competing claims confuse verdict in Coffin case

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The dean also admitted that he had reviewed the case many times in his own mind and still found no instance where the university could have acted differently.

"With what was there," Dean Rideout posited, "what could have been done differently? I don't see anything right off the bat that could have been done differently with the existing situations."

"You believe you are within your rights and you believe you are right. How do you change anything? I don't know how you change it," Rideout explained.

Although Rideout could not predict whether or not the university would set up any committee to review the Student Housing contract and any disputes it may ignite, he did suggest that the contract would probably be reviewed as part of the university's regular operating procedure.

"Every year residence hall policies have been reviewed by a committee," the dean said, "and there has always been a sub-committee on the contract alone. I suspect that the contract will be reviewed again this year as a normal and natural procedure."

"It would be naive of me not to say that having gone to court and having had this case revolve prominently around a certain item in the contract, certainly when they read down the contract to Article 13, they will have memories of the case and will probably review it," Rideout said.

The dean also emphasized that during the case the university tried to avoid getting "ego involved" and "tried to handle it like any other problem" they uncovered.

Assistant Director of Residential Life, Joline Morrison, characterized the course action instituted against Coffin as "unpleasant" but still maintained she would adhere to the same procedure in any other case, "if she felt it was a fair thing to do."

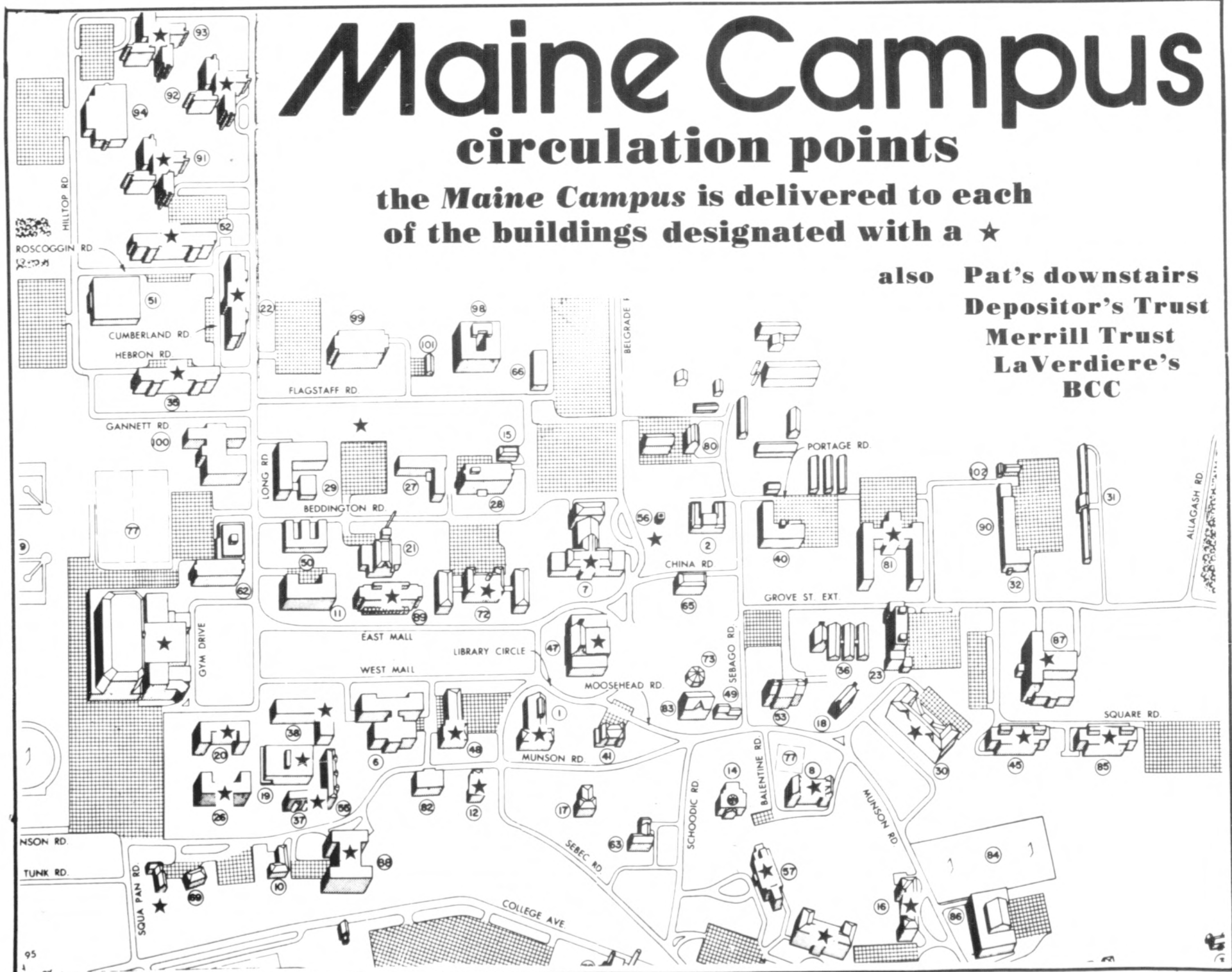
"If there were a better way of handling this kind of thing," the assistant director contended, "certainly we would be open to using it. But right now, I don't know if there are any other alternatives. I do hope that this kind of thing does not happen again."

Morrison, who decided which room Coffin would occupy after leaving Somerset Hall, said her selection (323 Aroostock Hall) was "based on where there was a space that hadn't been promised to another student."

Barry Singer, one of the resident assistants on fourth floor Somerset, maintained that everything was "running smoothly" on the floor and that he did not foresee any problems with morale or discipline.

"The students will probably miss him," Singer stated, "because he's a good friend of everybody on the floor. I don't think it will be anything tragic because he'll still be on campus and he'll be around all the time."

The junior from Brooklyn also said he was not surprised by the way the residents of Somerset Hall were reacting to Coffin's relocation. He explained that "everybody on the floor was cool during most of the things that were going on before" and no one had really changed their disposition.



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Error forces bookstore to suspend discount

BY MERRY FARNUM

Returning students who had hoped to save a few dollars buying their books this semester had a disappointing welcome at the University Bookstore.

Due to an inventory error, the bookstore was forced to discontinue on Jan. 5, the 10 percent discount, which had been promised for the entire spring semester.

Early last December, Thomas P. Cole, general manager of the bookstore, announced the tentative discount which went into effect Dec. 15. The discount was to be possible because of high profits of last fall.

Cole explained, 'When we took inventory last July, our physical count showed some questionable overage. We had more merchandise according to the inventory than we could explain.' Inventory determines whether there has been a financial loss or gain. No error was discovered in the count, but a machine error was made overstating the bookstore's profit.

Cole add, 'In other words, we double-checked to account for an inventory overage which in fact, did not exist.'

Profit for the 1974-1975 school year was thought to be \$119,000 said Cole. But once the error was discovered, it was reduced to

approximately \$70,000. 'Looking from a business point of view,' Cole commented, 'that figure is not unrespectable. The margin cost and retail is small, thus I don't expect a quarter of a million dollars in profit.'

Cole plans to turn over his \$70,000 profit to a five-year old debt incurred through costs of storing surplus inventories, losses in inventories that failed to sell and high operating costs.

'If it were not for the debt that we owe,' Cole said, 'then we would have the discount. After this year, we will rid of it. The current policy of the bookstore has been to turn back profits for discounts, but as of now, we don't have enough money to do that.'

The bookstore charges 20 percent markup to students on the books. A student may pay \$10 for a book for which the bookstore pays approximately \$8.

It is estimated that students will pay \$350,000 for books this semester, opposed to \$450,000 for the fall. The smaller sum is due to fall courses which carry over to the spring and thus do not require students to buy a new book. If the discount were to remain in effect, Cole estimated a \$35,000 savings to the student body.

Sympathizing with the student who pays the high cost of today's books, Cole utilizes a few 'money saving kicks.' 'We try and buy as many used books as we can. At the moment, we are spending \$30,000 on used books and hope to jack that price up to \$150,000.'

Careful shopping is another money saver, Cole has discovered. 'We don't just go out and buy the first book we see. We buy as best we can and use careful

purchasing techniques from publishers and whole salers.'

Cole also tries to place early orders before the prices go up again. He has already placed an order for a mechanical engineering kit which is expected to increase 25 per cent in cost next fall.

A discount for the future? Cole is striving for a 10 percent year round discount on texts. 'That will hopefully happen if we make a \$115,000 profit this year.'

Best-selling author will speak on bizarre Bermuda triangle

Charles Berlitz, author of the recent best-seller 'The Bermuda Triangle', will be a guest speaker Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Gym. The Bermuda Triangle, also called the Hoodoo Sea, the Devil's Triangle, and the Graveyard of the Atlantic, is a triangular patch of ocean roughly bounded by Bermuda, Florida and San Juan. Since 1945, more than 1,000 people and 100 ships and planes have vanished in this area without a trace.

Berlitz, who has extensively studied the mysterious events and unexplained disappearances in this triangle, will recount to students some of the more unusual stories and offer his theories on what may have happened.

One of the incidents Berlitz describes in his book involves five torpedo bombers that took off from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. on Dec. 5, 1945 on a routine training mission over the Atlantic. In less than two hours, the flight commander radioed that he was 'completely lost.' Then silence.

A rescue plane dispatched that same day to find the missing squad was never seen again. Even one of the Navy's most intensive searches, utilizing over 300 planes and dozens of ships, failed to turn up the slightest trace of any of the planes. In all, six planes and 27 men were added that day to the triangle's list of casualties.

Over the last two years, this 'graveyard of the sea' has ignited considerable public curiosity and much controversy. Theories and speculation have abounded. Three hot-selling books, a television documentary, and a special exposition at the Library



Charles Berlitz

of Congress have intensified public interest, but none of these investigations have yet yielded an answer to the Bermuda Triangle mystery.

Charles Berlitz is being sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series.

University receives grant for joint marine program

University of Maine and New Hampshire Sea Grant officials expect to receive Federal funds totaling \$860,000 in 1976 for a marine studies programs jointly operated by the two schools. Dr. Fred Hutchinson, UMO vice president for research and public service, said last week.

UMO and UNH agreed last July to apply to the National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), which disburses Sea Grant funds, for awards on an institutional basis. The joint proposal was presented to NOAA in Portland in October, and \$1,257,000 was requested.

NOAA tentatively approved the proposal and offered \$850,000 to UMO, which will administer the entire program and subcontract to UNH for its share because NOAA can deal with only one school. Later negotiations between NOAA and Robert

Correll, UNH Sea Grant Director, increased the grant offer to \$860,000, with \$350,000 coming to UMO and \$510,000 for UNH. Hutchinson stressed that the work of the two schools will be 'a blending—not a duplication or segregation of programs.' The only major overlap will be in a project studying the nutrition and growth of blue mussels.

In 1975, funded on a project-by-project basis, the two schools requested a total of \$1 million, and UMO received \$327,000 and UNH received \$500,000.

NOAA Sea Grant recognizes three levels of marine studies programs—a coherent program level, UMO's previous status, the institutional status, in which the school is funded as an entity instead of project-by-project, and Sea Grant College, a high level of funding similar to Federal Land Grant status.

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"Our house, is a very very very fine house...." goes the old song, and it comes to mind amid the staccato slamming of doors as two lawyers, funded by the same sources, head back to their offices and their books. They rest after fighting on opposite sides of a case fought over the rights of those financial sources — students.

University of Maine vs. Kent J. Coffin, said the Superior Court Summons. In this corner, George M. Shur, Esq., for the Department of Residential Life, paid for by student room and board, tuition, and taxes. And in this corner, Russ B. Christensen, paid for by student activity fees.

They went the full fifteen rounds over four months. It was a tough fight, won on a decision by the plaintiffs.

This, then, is the sixteenth round. So, like any good fight commentator worth his weight in Howard Cosell glossies, one should attempt post-fight analysis beginning with the last rounds and working back to training camp, where it all began, after all with fourth floor Somerset jogging through the hallways practicing primal scream therapy.

But on question humbles all others: Why did this fight occur at all? For sure, now, as the university sums its legal bills, it has to wonder if it was worth it.

Of course it was worth it. There was no other choice, as Rideout and Morrison *et al* steadfastly asserted. They desired simple enforcement of a contract agreed to by themselves and Kent J. Coffin requiring that he move out of Somerset Hall when they asked.

And they won contract enforcement — the university still retains the literal right "to make room assignments, and, in its sole discretion, to

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make reassignments for the benefit of the individual student or the university."

As Kent Coffin packs his books and his calculator, he also has to wonder if it was worth it.

Of course it was worth it. He had nothing to lose, with free legal help, and everything to gain.

So we viewed the funny spectacle of one R.A. (that's a Resident Assistant, sometimes confused with Administrative Assistant) testifying that he heard students "running up and down the halls yelling things." Omigosh. And another testifying that Kent baked brownies made from brownie ingredients, but that since he was Kent, everyone had thought there might have been something more in them.

And there were both R.A.'s, and a Head Resident, admitting they never had the decency or respect to take a peer aside and tell him face to face that he was a pain in the ass, a disruption in the normal social atmosphere, and that he was endangering his immediate future freedom.

Then, suddenly, from the seasoned administrators, came the brutal left-right combinations of cut-and-dry contract law.

From funny spectacles we moved to the sorry spectacle of a defense lawyer realizing that all is lost for his client and trying to sneak out of the ring with only cuts and bruises and a time out instead of a TKO.

Suddenly, the fact had hit home that Coffin never had a chance to prevent enforcement of his contract agreement, whether or not he was guilty of the alleged misdeeds.

But that simplifies the controversy, as Residential Life officials would have the record

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read. To them, there was good reason to throw Coffin out of Somerset Hall, but they claim they don't need good reason to evict a student.

But Coffin was not really fighting for the right to remain in Somerset Hall. He was fighting to force the university to admit that students deserved a chance to defend themselves before the power of "sole discretion."

And the university had better admit it. If not publicly, then privately in conference and memo. Because even though Coffin lost his challenge to Article 13, he got his due process and won the legal precedent of fair hearing for all students to rely on.

Never again should the university make the error of summarily reassigning a student from room to room, under any circumstances. Never again should the university threaten to offer a due process hearing in Penobscot County Superior Court. It costs too much.

They could have gotten out of it cheaply and honorably. They could have offered a hearing on the merits of the allegations before an impartial or bipartisan or whatever body, instead of claiming "sole discretion" as their authority. Sole discretion is not due process.

Judge Browne's decision does not say that, but anyone mulling the history of the so-called Coffin case would be naive and foolish at least to ignore that obvious reality.

Russ Christensen and the Student Legal Services are to be commended, even in recorded defeat, for fashioning this real victory for students rights in the first test of SLS talent.

And also is Kent Coffin to be commended, and those who urged him on and supported his cause, our cause, for the determination to fulfill a challenge to the the last bell.

Commentary

by Pete Wilkinson

Why throw away the crumbs?

For several years, UMO faculty members have shared a fringe benefit with faculty members of several other New England land grant colleges. Under a mutual agreement, they have been allowed to enroll their children in any of the four other participating schools for in-state tuition rates.

Last spring, however, the University of Maine Trustees withdrew the University of Maine from the program when the other institutions refused to extend this exchange privilege to the faculty members of all seven University of Maine campuses. (See *Maine Campus*, Dec. 12, 1975, p. 4).

In making this decision, perhaps the trustees felt a responsibility to the Maine faculties system-wide which outweighed any responsibilities to the faculty of any one campus. Perhaps they were reacting to complaints from faculty members of the six satellite Maine campuses.

Perhaps it was a mistake to withdraw.

In recent months, the admittedly sub-standard salaries and fringe benefits paid to University of Maine employees have been openly scrutinized, and compared with those of other universities' employees nationwide.

Why then, in the midst of all this concern, did our trustees suddenly and unilaterally cancel a fringe benefit simply because they could not guarantee that benefit to the

faculties of six other campuses? by withdrawing, they deprived not 1/7th of the faculty of this benefit, but over 50 per cent because there are more faculty at the Orono campus than at all the other Maine campuses combined.

It is easy to understand why the University of New Hampshire decided to withdraw. What school wouldn't withdraw from a program costing \$50,000 annually in uncollectable out-of-state tuition fees?

However, Maine was receiving fewer students from out of state than it was itself sending to the other four schools, and shouldn't have been losing money on the program. Overall, the program looks more like a financial asset to the University of Maine than a financial burden, as it was to UNH.

By withdrawing, the trustees are placing a financial burden on those Orono faculty who have or will have children otherwise eligible to participate in the program.

I agree with the other four institutions' refusal to grant an extension of this privilege to all seven University of Maine campuses, because doing so would most likely place additional burden on schools like UNH. Furthermore, the program, was developed before the University of Maine was a multi-campus institution.

The trustees' method of bargaining boils down to throwing away your half rations simply because you cannot get full rations; not a healthy idea, especially when you are feeding hungry people.

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Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

COLUMBIA, Mo.—“For a public official here it's like being attacked by a swarm of horseflies,” says county prosecutor Milt Harper. “They're everywhere, calling us at all hours of the night, harassing and badgering us.”

Mr. Harper gets particularly annoyed when they come stumbling into his office asking “impertinent” questions and demanding to see his records and private files. They can also be found at every meeting of the city council, sitting there with their notebooks poised, devouring every scrap of information.

And the residents of this peaceful college town are getting a little weary of answering the same questions over and over again. “I've been interviewed so many times I can't see straight,” says a businessman. “I think we're suffering from a journalism glut.”

The 1,102 journalism students at the University of Missouri, the nation's oldest journalism school, are determined to record every minute of the daily life of Columbia in their quest to become future media stars. Ambitions are running equally high at universities across the country because journalism education, once regarded as the poor relation of the liberal arts, has become so popular that it would seem to be running out of control. Unhappily the schools are graduating far more students than the journalism job market can absorb.

Inspired by Watergate
Inspired, among other things, by the investigative reporting that brought the Watergate affair to a climax, the enrollments at journalism schools have reached 64,000 this year, an incredible 481% increase over the 11,000 students in 1960 and a 93% increase over 1970 enrollments. Just between 1974 and 1975 the number of students grew by 16.5%, and educators see the trend continuing.

Actually, the new interest in journalism as a career began even before the reporting of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in The Washington Post helped drive Richard Nixon from office. “Students want to prepare for some kind of a vocation when they graduate,” says Edward Bassett, director of the journalism school at the University of Southern California. “They feel that traditional liberal arts disciplines like English or history just don't prepare them for any kind of a job.”

But the reasons may go deeper than that. Roy Fisher, dean of the Missouri journalism school, believes that in the mid-1960s students became concerned about Vietnam, the environment and the direction the U.S. was taking. “Journalism was involved in what was going on, so they entered journalism school,” he says. Mr. Woodward and Mr. Bernstein, he notes, accelerated the trend.

Many journalism educators and newspaper editors say that journalism is now being viewed as a high-status profession by young people. Journalism schools across the U.S.

now have more bright youngsters and more honor students than ever before, says Thomas Engleman, executive director of the Newspaper Fund, a foundation that encourages talented students to enter journalism. Says Elie Abel, dean of the graduate school of journalism at Columbia University in New York, “We're getting a new kind of young person. Journalism is now attracting the kind of student who would have entered law or medicine in the past.”

Jobs Are Scarce

The problem is that the job outlook for journalism students is grim, partly because of the oversupply of graduates and partly because the recession caused many news staffs to be cut back.

A Newspaper Fund survey found that only 62.4% of 1974 journalism graduates were able to find jobs in news, advertising and public relations. Columbia and Missouri have placed about the same percentage of their 1975 graduates. (The rest of those 1974 graduates were forced to go into teaching journalism or into other fields, such as law, medicine or business. Some are still unemployed.)

The long-term outlook is no better. The Newspaper Fund estimates that in 1978 there will be about 20,000 journalism graduates chasing only 5,600 media job openings.

Only about 10 reporters and editors will be hired this year at The Washington Post, says managing editor Howard Simons. And he notes that the paper has received 1,600 applications from hopeful journalism students for the paper's 15 summer internships.

At The Wall Street Journal, managing editor Frederick Taylor says that the paper's New York office alone received 1,000 job applications last year, nearly twice the number of five years ago. The paper hired only 10 news people last year and it now has three years' supply of “hot prospects.” Says Mr. Taylor, “I'm glad I'm not getting out of journalism school now.”

Making matters worse for journalism school graduates is the fact that some papers, including the Journal, have a bias toward liberal arts graduates, further increasing the competition.

Another headache for graduating students is that a few major metropolitan newspapers, among them The New York Times, won't hire people straight out of school. The Times will hire beginners as

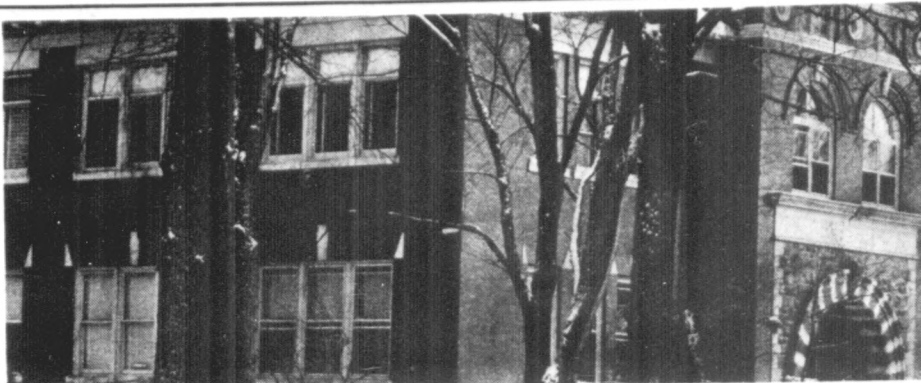
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news clerks, but even here the outlook is “bad,” says assistant managing editor Peter Millones. (Last year the Times hired just six reporters and two copy editors, only half the number hired annually during the 1960s.)

The hiring picture is even more bleak at the news magazines and in television news. Hiring at Time magazine is “tight,” says a spokesman. And CBS news says it can offer no encouragement at all.

The recipients of this excess of journalism graduates are the nation's smaller newspapers. The extent to which small-town news jobs are being snapped up can be seen by a glance at the help-wanted columns in Editor & Publisher, the industry magazine which is the traditional place to find jobs on smaller papers. A recent edition had just two columns of advertisements for job openings. Seven years ago the classified ads ran for 12 columns.

“We used to place our graduates directly on metropolitan papers, now they are lucky to get jobs on weekly papers or small dailies,” says William Hachten, director of the University of Wisconsin's journalism school. And the personnel director for Gannett Co.,



which owns 50 small-to medium-size newspapers, says that “we have no problem at all in obtaining quality students. The biggest problem now is selection.”

But many journalism students set their sights much higher than small towns. “I want to stay in New York. I don't want to go to some hick-town paper,” complains Columbia student Joseph Seldner. A large number of students “aren't satisfied with the jobs they get,” adds Christopher Trump, assistant dean at Columbia's journalism school.

It's no wonder, then, that students at the nation's journalism schools are an anxious, grim group. Melinda Leach, a 25-year-old graduate student at Missouri, says she wants to be a public affairs reporter, but she says she dreads looking for a job this June. “My friends have each sent out 70 to 80 letters to newspapers around the country, and the only replies they have received have been from small papers,” she says.

Competition at Missouri is ferocious, says Miss Leach, because there are so many student reporters and so few stories in Columbia (whose population is only 58,000). “Everyone in town is interviewed at least five times a year. You can't even tell your best friends what story you're working on for fear they'll steal it out of sheer desperation,” she says. (One recent story, about housing violations, brought grudging reforms from the city. Another investigative story brought about the closing of a massage parlor on the outskirts of town.)

The students' stories are published in The Columbia Missourian, the city's daily newspaper, which, with 300 student reporters and editors, has one of the largest news staffs in the U.S. (The staff changes every three months as a new class in news reporting begins.) The students also run a television station and an FM radio station.

Training Is “Tough”

Many of the journalism students at Missouri seem to have an unhealthy pallor that comes from nights spent writing stories for the Missourian or working at the television station while also completing assignments for other courses.

Only about 10% of the student reporters' stories are published in the Missourian without extensive rewriting. “It's a lot tougher here than in the real world of journalism,” says Mike Guidicessi, a 22-year-old senior from Des Moines.

In an attempt to ease the pressures on the town, Missouri holds special reporting courses, taught by former news people, in several U.S. cities and even abroad. The students, who must pay their own way, can attend a course on state politics in Jefferson City (Missouri's capital), on urban affairs in St. Louis, on national politics in Washington, and even on foreign reporting in London, England (taught by a former foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News).

Many of the students' stories written in these cities appear in the Missourian. All the worry about getting a job has taken its toll on students' spirits, life-styles and attitudes. “In 1969, journalism students were an uproarious group,” says Dean Abel at Columbia. “They wanted to close down our school in protest over Kent State and the bombing of Cambodia. The class of 1976 is quite different: enormously businesslike.

sober and hard-working.”

“New Journalism” Fades

Dean Fisher at Missouri adds that the students also are “more conventional and less creative.” For example, no longer are students interested in the “new journalism,” a type of advocacy journalism written in an individualistic, personal style. And, says Dean Abel, classes in business, financial and science reporting are booming because of the belief that it will be easier to get a reporting job in these special fields.

But there is a paradox to the glut of student journalists. While some journalism schools are attracting the best and the brightest of students (the quality is “exceptionally high,” says Bill Thomas, editor of The Los Angeles Times), a great number of poorly qualified students also are being attracted to journalism.

Smaller newspapers, while benefiting from some of the better graduates, also find that some of the young journalists they hire can't spell, have only a rudimentary knowledge of English and can't even type very well. “If students can't write or spell, I think journalism schools should flunk them out,” says Ronald Elmstoss, a Reno, Nev., newspaper publisher.

He has a point. At the University of North Carolina in 1974, 50% of the students in a basic news writing class flunked the spelling and grammar test. Last fall, 55% of the Wisconsin students failed an English usage test.

As a result, some schools are getting tougher. North Carolina now demands that a journalism major pass a spelling and grammar test before graduating. And Wisconsin makes beginning journalism students take an English usage test.

Too Many “Theorists”

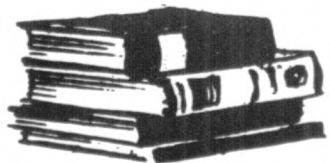
Many editors say that part of the problem is that journalism schools don't have enough talented professional journalists on their faculties but rely instead on Ph.D. “theorists.” Mr. Thomas at The Los Angeles Times says he is “horrified at some of the things that journalism professors write.” Many of them, he says, haven't been in a newsroom in 25 years.

The big reason for the lack of top journalists on faculties is that large newspapers pay far better than the schools. A “good reporter” with seven to eight years at The Los Angeles Times earns about \$30,000 a year, Mr. Thomas says. After only two years at The New York Times a reporter is paid \$22,672, and after four years at The Washington Post, \$24,700. In comparison, only a few of the most senior journalism professors at Missouri earn between \$25,000 and \$28,000. The University of Southern California pays even less.

There's another factor to the journalism job market that could make things even worse than they are now. A movie is being made of Mr. Woodward's and Mr. Bernstein's book on their Watergate reporting, “All The President's Men,” starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman. At Columbia University, Edward Hersh, a 22-year-old student, points out that he is desperate to get a job before the movie comes out with all of its alluring publicity. “After that, forget it,” he says.

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Conrad Davis, a senior plant and soils science major, and Robert Resh, a sophomore theatre major, tenants of the 12' x 55' trailer, were both away for Christmas vacation at the time of the blast, and were not injured.

The trailer was a total loss, and the two tenants are claiming losses of personal possessions which they estimate were worth more than \$5,000.

According to Mr. Beverly Sibley, a Milford volunteer firefighter, the incident on County Road was reported to the Milford Fire Department at 4:10 p.m., and the department arrived on the scene at 4:15 p.m.

Davis and Resh say they are still in the dark as to what actually caused the catastrophe.

When Milford firefighters arrived at the scene, "flames were coming out of the door and windows, and the back wall burned out in a matter of a few seconds," Sibley explained.

"Nobody will tell us exactly what happened," said Resh noting that the kitchen sink had been blown clear out of the trailer, and the door of the trailer was found thirty feet from its former location.

Leland Cunningham, Milford fire chief,

was not available for comment at press time.

State authorities have been notified but as yet have made no announcement of a formal investigation of the incident.

Davis said he has asked State Representative Dick Davies to look into the situation.

Both Davis and Resh said they could smell gas fumes in the trailer the week before the disaster. Their landlord, Leon Haskell, had reportedly inspected the gas stove at noon on the day of the explosion. According to Resh, Haskell, had found the stove to be in good order.

Neither Davis or Resh feel Haskell was negligent in his inspection of the stove, and both said he has been an excellent landlord.

Davis estimates he lost about \$3,000 worth of property, and Resh about \$2,000 worth. Both men lost their stereos, plants, rugs, dishes, appliances and 80 per cent of their wardrobes.

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Court says ad agency violated anti-trust laws

BY BETTY BANGS

The National Educational Advertising Service (NEAS), an agency which solicits national advertising for college newspapers, has been found guilty of restraining free trade in U.S. District Court in Northern Illinois for trying to enforce an exclusivity clause in their contracts with college newspapers.

The January 12 decision was handed down more than three months after another advertising agency, Cass Student Advertising, Inc., had filed suit claiming that NEAS was exercising monopoly power in the college advertising representative market, in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Cass Inc. also charged NEAS with violating section 1 of the Sherman Act with the exclusivity clause which prohibited college newspapers from engaging in business transactions with other such

agencies if they already had signed a contract with NEAS.

In recent years, Cass Inc. has expanded to national competitive size and was trying to sell its services to many of the same newspapers that had already signed contracts with NEAS.

For several years, NEAS was lax in enforcing its exclusivity clause, but began clamping down on these newspapers when Cass was seen as a competitive force in the advertising market.

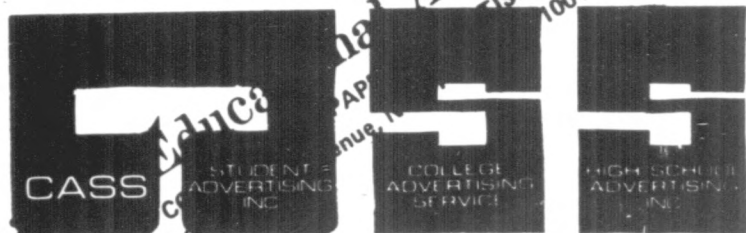
The *Maine Campus* was one newspaper which had been doing business with both NEAS and Cass Inc. When NEAS tried to enforce the exclusivity clause, the *Campus* wrote to Cass Inc. and cancelled business with that agency. According to Jeff Beebe, present editor and former advertising director of the *Campus*, the volume of NEAS advertising was too valuable to the *Campus* budget structure to risk its loss. The Cass volume was insignificant in comparison, he added.

"Now that the decision has been made we will use both agencies," explained present *Campus* Advertising Director Mark Hayes. "NEAS gives us three times the business that Cass gives us."

Cass first brought suit against NEAS in 1973 contending that NEAS was monopolizing the national college advertising market. Judge Bernard M. Decker, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, rendered judgement in favor of NEAS. His legal opinion stated that college newspapers are not the only advertising market available to college students, and therefore a monopoly did not exist.

Cass appealed the decision, and The Freedom Committee, a group of more than 150 college newspapers joined Cass in the suit. They challenged the ethics of the exclusivity clause, or the rate structure of NEAS, which charged a 25% commission on all national advertising coordinated through their agency. The standard rate for national advertising agencies is 15% commission to the agency. Current *Maine Campus* Advertising Director Mark Hayes explained. Most college papers felt that the rate commission rate was too high.

The Freedom Committee circulated a petition which challenged the rate structure and the exclusivity clause in the NEAS contract to college newspapers. The *Maine Campus* was among the undersigned colleges on that petition.



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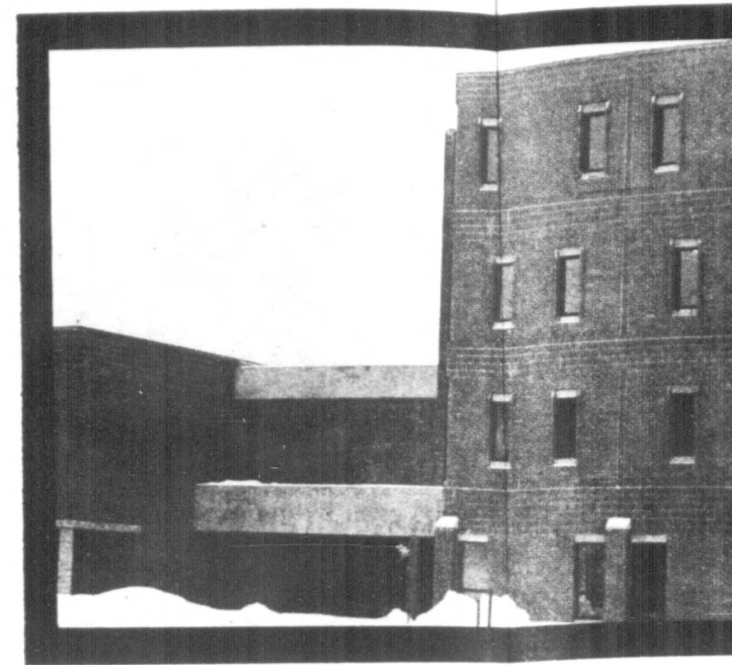
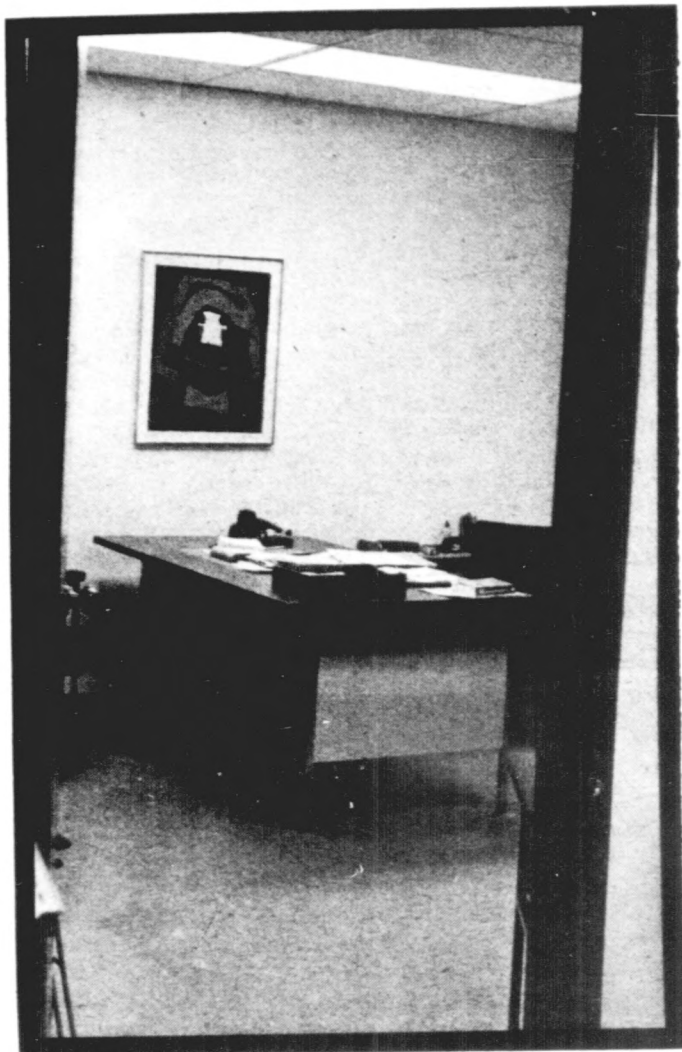
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The new English-Math Building, which opened for the spring-term Jan. 19, relieved a campus-wide situation of faculty over crowding, according to Alan Lewis, director of the Department of Engineering Services.

The four-story, brick building and attached Computer and Processing Services (CAPS) wing is located between Barrows and Jenness Halls on the east side of campus. Not counting space on the unfinished fourth floor, the building contains nine classrooms, a math lab for 50 students, work rooms for grad students, reading rooms, a seminar room, a calculator room, and, in addition to the two department headquarters, 46 faculty offices. Once the fourth floor is finished another 22 offices, four seminar rooms and three classrooms will be available.

A special feature of the new building is the 350-seat multi-media auditorium, the largest lecture hall on campus, with plush purple cloth-covered seats. It was designed for

concerts, films, and special lectures, and has excellent acoustics. Another lecture hall, seating 100, is in the same wing.

It should not be hard for students to find their way around the building, compared to Little Hall. The building was designed "simply", Lewis pointed out. The interior is divided vertically, the Math Department in the south end and the English Department in the north end. The corridors are straight.

The first floor is devoted to providing space for graduate assistants. The second floor contains classrooms and faculty offices. The third floor contains the offices of department heads.

The lecture halls and the CAPS wing are opposite ends of the building and can be entered without going through the building.

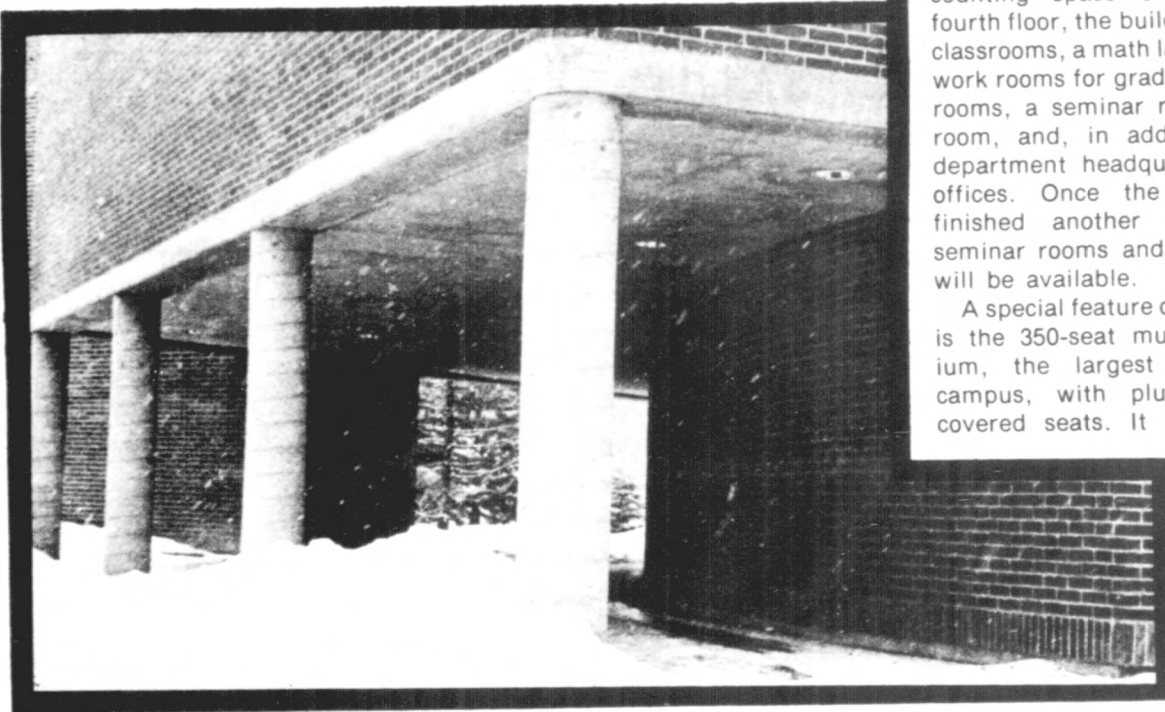
The building is carpeted and the walls are brightly colored with different hues. In the reading rooms the chairs are multi-colored also. One

particular reading room on the second and third floor contains books provided by faculty members, and pictures of Robert Frost and William Faulkner hang on the wall.

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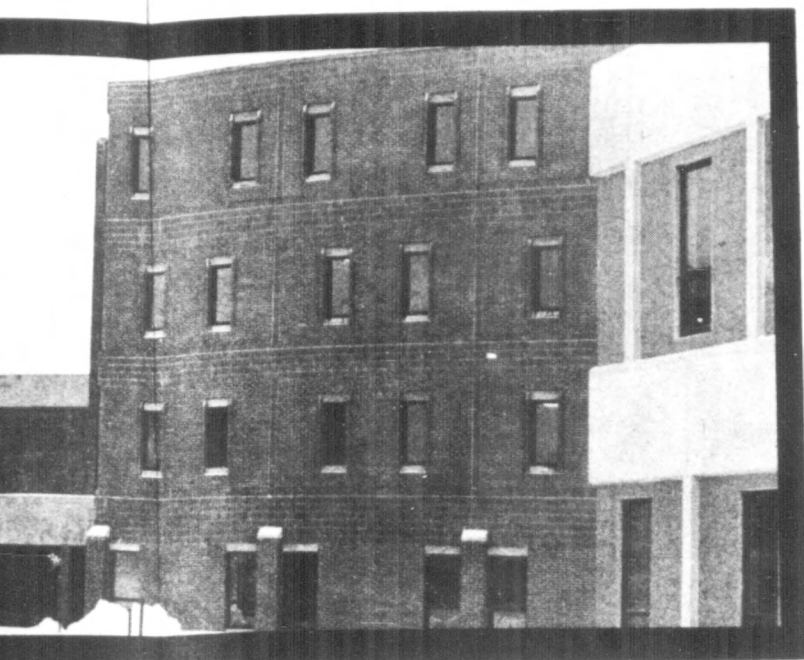
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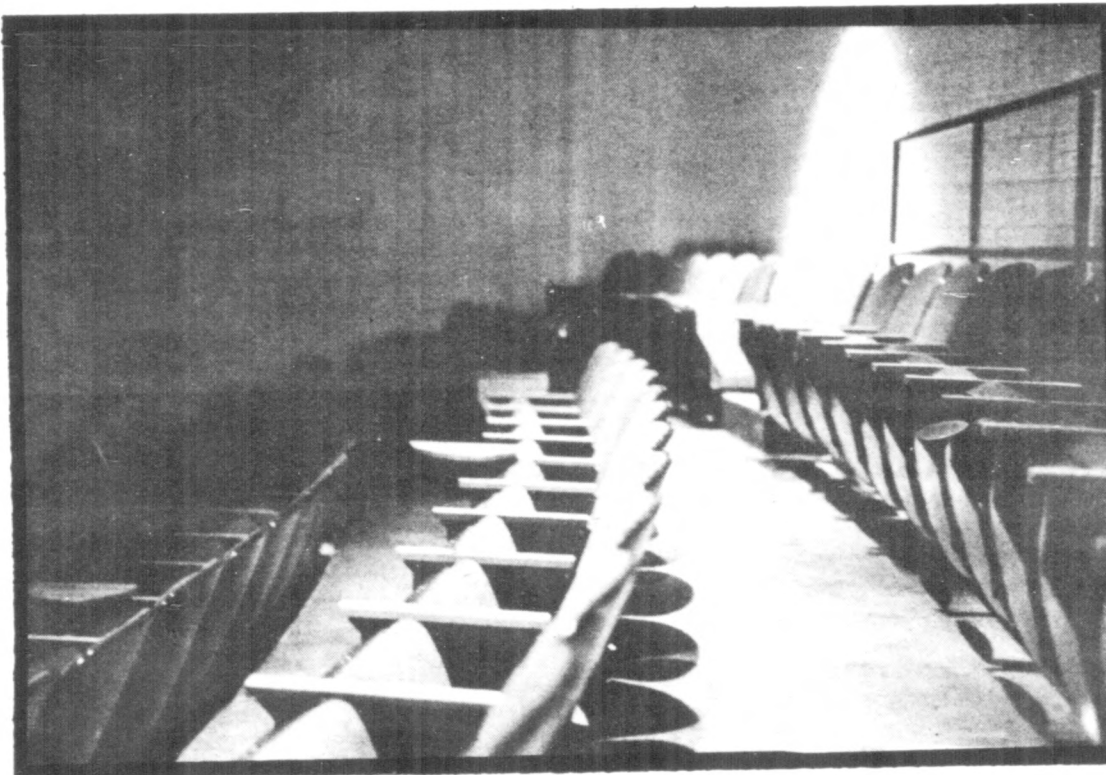
stuff to come. Some things were damaged in shipment," Lewis said. A few seats are missing in the auditorium, and the loaming and seeding of the landscape must wait until spring.

The math department was previously without a home, "loaned" facilities, such as third floor Shibbes and some offices in Aubert Hall.

And Stevens Hall badly needed relief from over-crowding. Now that the English Department is in the new building, the Department of Economics will move to center Stevens. The College of Business Administration will share South Stevens Hall with Anthropology, and the sociology department will move to the East Annex.

The Career Planning and Placement and Student Aid offices in the East Annex will move to Wingate Hall in space currently occupied by CAPS., placing two student services near other Student Affairs offices in Fernald Hall. CAPS will move into the English-Math Building wing during the February vacation.

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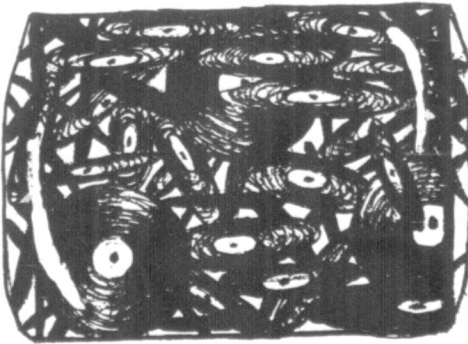
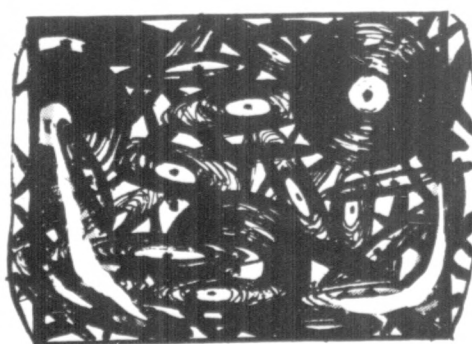
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Under cross-examination by Christensen, Singer was directed to read selections from the *Resident Assistant's Handbook* which outlined administrative procedures for handling excessive noise in the dormitories and counseling problems. Singer admitted that he had failed to meet the instructions set forth in the *Handbook* on four counts.

Singer said he had never spoken to Coffin individually before reporting him to the head resident, nor had he confronted Coffin to tell him he was being reported for the yelling incidents. Under Shur's re-direction, however, Singer emphasized that he had referred Coffin to "higher kinds of advisement" and that the section meeting was designed to caution those involved in the yelling incidents while not "singling anyone out" in particular.

Shur's second witness was Diana Lovett, another Resident Assistant on fourth floor Somerset. Lovett corroborated Singer's testimony and related a suspicion that Coffin had baked marijuana-filled cakes early last September. After strong objections by Christensen, Shur admitted there was no evidence indicating the cakes contained marijuana.

Shur then called the next person in the administrative hierarchy, Lauri Sue Sirabella, resident director of Somerset Hall. Sirabella testified she had met with Coffin four times over the course of the eviction controversy. The first meeting, on Sept. 2, was to discuss new dormitory policies, the second meeting followed the marijuana-cake rumor, the third was to warn Coffin against further infractions and the fourth followed Residential Life's decision to move Coffin for the theft of a banana creme pie.

Shur then presented Caroline Del Guidice, the Area Coordinator for Hilltop Complex, as an expert "qualified in the area of social and educational counseling." Del Guidice testified that she had seen Coffin and three other students steal a banana creme pie from the Hilltop dining hall on Sept. 23.

Del Guidice then said she met with Coffin on Sept. 26 after he received the letter demanding his relocation. She described Coffin as "concerned and very upset" and said that while "he talked about noise as a lifestyle," she explained

that "freshmen did not have the opportunity to select where they were to live on campus" and had no recourse but to stay where their rooms were assigned.

Under cross-examination, Christensen concentrated again on the inconsistencies between the administration's actions and their own guidelines set forth in the *R.A. Handbook*. But Judge Browne sealed off this line of questioning by positing that they were "only guidelines and not strict rules."

Christensen then pursued the area of democratic group government and the need for student input into decision-making. But on the objections of George Shur, Judge Browne ruled "the relationship of the defendant with third parties was immaterial."

Joline Morrison then took the stand for the university and corroborated much of Del Guidice's statement. She said Coffin's eviction from Somerset Hall to another dormitory was her only viable alternative following his actions.

Morrison added that on Sept. 26, Coffin asked if he could appeal her relocation order to Dwight Rideout, dean of Student Affairs, and she swore under oath that Rideout had no authority over her and was not associated with Residential Life.

Although Morrison admitted under cross examination that taking food from

university cafeterias was widespread and that Coffin could have had additional pieces of pie if he wished, she remained convinced that Coffin's actions in the cafeteria constituted theft.

After an hour's recess, Dwight L. Rideout was called to the witness stand. Rideout discussed primarily the reasoning he used in studying Coffin's appeal, which he had quickly denied. He felt the defendant's actions were "sufficient to constitute a disruption of appropriate lifestyles on the Orono campus."

Rideout added the "possible embarrassment of the people in Residential Life was not a factor in his decision" to uphold Morrison's eviction notice.

Under cross-examination, Rideout said Coffin had been sufficiently confronted and warned prior to any decisions. He repeatedly denied ever receiving any letters from students objecting to Coffin's relocation and disavowed any knowledge of Coffin's status with the Student Government, as a member of the General Student Senate.

Rideout also emphasized the University's claim that "the issue was not a disciplinary matter. It was a contract case, a violation of the contract." The University rested its case following Rideout's testimony.

Christensen's presentation was de-

signed to prove the university had "acted capriciously and arbitrarily" in denying his client's rights to due process under the 14th Amendment.

Christensen opened by calling Edmund S. Coffin, the defendant's father, to the witness stand. But Judge Browne objected, calling him "an occasional visitor to the dormitory" and not qualified to comment on any activities in the dormitory.

So Coffin was called as his own first witness. He agreed with what Singer had admitted during his cross-examination, that the *Handbook's* guidelines were not followed during the September incidents.

The latter part of Coffin's testimony dealt with the standard University housing contract. He explained that he had never discussed Article 13 of the contract with Dean Rideout and termed Rideout's decision to deny his appeal "unfair".

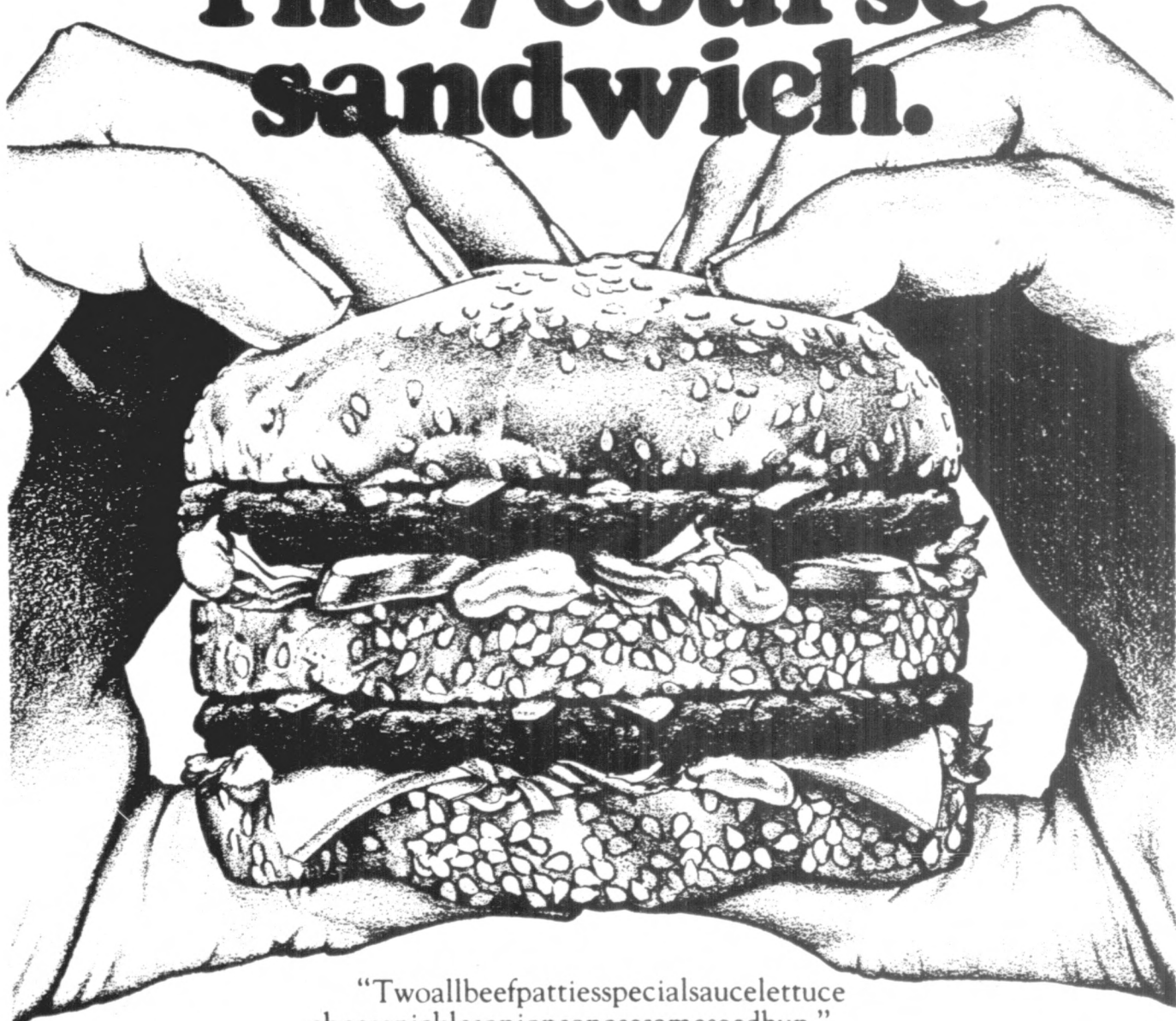
(Article 13 of the Housing contract empowers the university to move any student for the university's "best interests" or those of any other students in the dormitory system.)

During cross-examination Shur pointed out that Coffin had kept the contract for a week and had signed it of his own free will. Shur also questioned whether Coffin had any expertise in dealing with due process.

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Through Shur's questions Coffin admitted being noisy and hyperactive, and he admitted his activities could have affected the lifestyle of other students in the dormitory.

Christensen then called two residents of Somerset Hall to the stand, freshman Shawn Kimball and senior Bill Swift. Both students are close friends of the defendant and were subject to Shur's persistent objections. Judge Browne finally ruled that while he appreciated both students need to help Coffin win his case, he had to sustain Shur's objections and rule their testimony "invalid and immaterial".

Following a brief conference with his client and student para-legal aides, Christensen then asked Judge Browne to grant a motion filed earlier on January 14 sending the case back to the university for an administrative hearing.

"We feel that due process is the issue in this matter," Christensen argued. "The university has admitted that their own standards for due process were not followed." He further admonished the university's case as a "punishing action" and emphasized the defendant "was lulled into thinking that the university would not take any action" on his case.

Shur argued the case did not involve any disciplinary action but was a contract matter.

"No disciplinary probation has been imposed on Mr. Coffin," Shur explained. "We admit that he was evaluated by Residential Life. There is nothing to halt them from doing so."

Shur also felt that the defendant's arguments were "totally immaterial to this case." He pointed out that the university's disciplinary officer, Pat Chasse, was not mentioned in the testimony and that the disciplinary code does not mention transferring a student from one dormitory to another. "Disciplinary measures like suspensions involve knowing the reasons for an action," Shur said, adding that there had been meetings and an impartial ruling by Dean Rideout.

Christensen's rebuttal relied on a recent Supreme Court case, *Goss v. Lopez*, which ruled that students are entitled to due process safeguards prior to any disciplinary action.

In his closing argument Shur stated that the university had not denied Coffin due process. He also used the *Goss* case to argue for the University "Goss requires that a hearing is necessary prior to a decision being carried out," Shur argued. "From Sept. 26 to Jan. 16, the decision still had not been carried out. If we would have forced Mr. Coffin out, we would have violated due process under *Goss*."

Shur also argued that he knew of no better case where the plaintiff's court costs could be granted. He said Coffin had come into court "without a scintilla of evidence that he has been discriminated against or

has been treated unfairly," and asked the judge to issue an order forcing Coffin to reimburse the University's court costs and attorney's fees.

Christensen closed his remarks by attacking Shur's request for a remittance of court costs. "I know of no legal base under which the plaintiffs have been allowed counsel fees. They themselves have brought this action," Christensen said.

"We believe this case revolves around a student's right to due process. We believe

that there were real issues here," Christensen added. "Taking food from the cafeteria is quite commonplace on campus. We believe that the punishment does not fit the crime."

After hearing the arguments, Judge Browne recessed for the weekend, promising he would consider the questions and rule on the case as soon as possible. Browne delivered his oral decision to the two lawyers Monday morning, ordering Coffin out of Somerset Hall.

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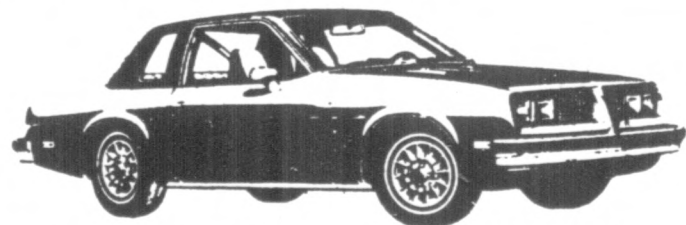
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Events

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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
MEETING: Orono Bicentennial Committee, Community House, Bennock Rd. Orono, 7:30 pm.

MONDAY
MEETING: Fred Harris for President Committee, 13 Merrill Hall, 3 pm.
MEETING: Student Chapter Wildlife Society, Topic: "Conservation Law Enforcement: the Backbone of Natural Resources Management"; 100 Nutting Hall, 7 pm.
MEETING: Politics & International Relations Club/Walter Schoenberger on "Delegate Selection to National Conventions"; International Lounge, 7:30 pm.

ART EXHIBIT: "Women Artists of Maine"; Gallery One, Carnegie Hall, 8-5 pm, until Feb. 13.

CLASSES: Arabic dancing lessons taught by Yolanda; Faculty Lounge, Memorial Union, Thursdays, 7 pm for intermediates, 8 pm for beginners, \$5 for 8 weeks. Sign up in MUAB office before January 28. Enrollment limited.

CLASSES: Folk Dancing; North Lown Room, Memorial Union, Sundays, 7 pm for beginners, 8 pm for intermediate and advanced.

Dining Hall Menus

SUNDAY, JAN. 25
LUNCH—Vegetable Soup; Pancakes & Sausage or Cold Cuts & Cheese; Slicked Tomato & Lettuce; Assorted Breads; Fruit Cup & Cookies; Ice Cream; Sherbert.
SUPPER—Roast Beef or Fettuccini; Baked Potato; Sliced Carrots; Spinach; Tossed Salad; Sliced Pears; Buttercrunch Ice Cream with Fudge Sauce; Sherbert.

MONDAY, JAN. 26
LUNCH—Cream of Spinach Soup; American Chop Suey or Chicken Salad Sandwich; Mixed Fruit Salad; Hermits; Apple; Ice Cream; Sherbert.
SUPPER—Veal Parmesan or Baked Halibut; Whipped Potato; Whole Kernel Corn; Cut Green Beans (froz.); Shredded Lettuce; Celestial Carrot Cake; Applesauce (canned).

TUESDAY, JAN. 27
LUNCH—Fish Chowder; Frankfurts & Rolls or Tuna Salad Roll; Potato Chips; Vegetable Cole Slaw; Blond Brownie; Half Grapefruit; Ice Cream; Sherbert.
SUPPER—Corned Beef or Hot Turkey Sandwich; Parslaid Potato; Buttered Cabbage; Harvard Beets; Green Salad; Coconut Cream Pie; Plums.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28
LUNCH—French Onion Soup; Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Sandwich or Corned Beef Hash with Poached Egg; Potato Chips; Salad Greens; Raspberry Jello with Berries & Topping; Date Square; Ice Cream sherbert.
SUPPER—Chicken Pie or Surf Cakes; Whipped Potato; Stewed Tomatoes; Peas; Cole Slaw; Raspberry Peach Square; Ice Cream; Sherbert; Pineapple Chunks.

Religious

SATURDAY
MASS: Newman Center, 6:15 pm Saturday.

SUNDAY
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RELIGIOUS SERVICE: Mass; Dow Hall, BCC, 12 noon.
RELIGIOUS EVENTS: Worship Service; MCA Center, College Ave., 7:00 pm.

Weather

Partly sunny today, windy cold tonight, lows 5 to 15 degrees below zero.

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SUPPER—Hamburger with Mushroom Sauce or Sweet & Sour Pork; Rice; French Fries; Lettuce Wedge; Mashed Turnip; Pumpkin Pie; Apricots.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30
LUNCH—Split Pea Soup; Sliced Beef on Bun or Creamed Shrimp & Peas on Toasted English Muffin; Tossed Salad; Apple; Chocolate Chip Cookie; Ice Cream; Sherbert.
SUPPER—Lasagna or Fried Clams; Tossed Salad; Hash Brown Potatoes; Mixed Vegetables; French Bread; Squash; Ice Cream & Sauces.

Sports

SATURDAY
WOMEN'S SWIM MEET: Maine vs. UMass; Wallace Pool, 11 am.
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MEN'S SWIM MEET: Maine vs Vermont; Wallace Pool, 2 pm.

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Thirteen vacancies need to be filled in the UMO General Student Senate. Seven openings are at-large off-campus seats, one is an at-large fraternity seat, and one Senator is needed from Corbett, Dunn, Estabrooke-Balentine-Colvin, Hart, and Somerset Hall. Registration is open until next Friday, Jan. 30, and elections will be held Feb. 2.

There are also two student openings in the Council of Colleges, UMO's "faculty senate," one for a representative from the College of Arts and Sciences, and one from the College of Engineering and Sciences. Those representatives will be elected by the GSS.

Dr. Fred Hutchinson, vice president of Research and Public Services, took off for Manila today to attend a conference on food program improvement for developing countries. The conference is sponsored and funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and will be held at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Banoas.

Hutchinson will explain guidelines he helped develop for food improvement to directors of AID missions in Asia. He will return to Maine Feb. 1.

Sculptures, paintings, drawings and serigraphs are on display in a "Women Artists of Maine" exhibition in Gallery One at Carnegie Hall. The show, arranged by UMO Art Curator Vincent Hartgen, features 25 artists and will continue until Feb. 13.

The UMO Black Bear Hall of Fame awarded 14 honorary memberships in the Graduate "M" Club at halftime of the Saturday Jan. 17 basketball game vs. UConn. Honored were: Prof. William Sezak; Asst. Registrar Earsel Goode; Asst. CED Dir. William Oliver; Physical Plant Dir. Parker Cushman; Orono High School Athletic Director and head basketball coach John Griffin; Judge Edward Stern of Bangor; Judge F. Davis Clark of Brewer; Bangor YMCA Dir. John Coombs;

Also Leith Wadleigh, owner of Governor's Restaurant and head coach of the UMO Bouncing Bears; Bob Createau, UMO PICS sports reporter; Prof. Warren Burns; Memorial Union Game Room supervisor Ken Fournier; and retired UMO employees Carl Myers and George McCorison, both who have collected tickets at UMO sports events for 20 years.

Registration is open until Jan. 29 for this spring's Personal Growth Groups at The Counseling Center. The composed of five men and five women each, will meet for two hours a week to discuss their values and feelings and help promote greater understanding of human interpersonal relationships and personal growth. Participation is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

French films from the New Wave Movement are featured in a series this spring by the UMO Film Society. Also scheduled are two shorter series on Women in Film and miscellaneous special subjects.

The French series will run through May 5 on Tuesdays. The Women in Film Series begins Jan. 28 with "A Woman Under the Influence" and concludes April 29. All films will be screened either at 101 English-Math building or in Hauck Auditorium.

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Sports

Swimmers improve in Florida

What started out as an orange sale last November, ended as a highly successful training mission in Miami, Florida. This refers to the UMO Swim Team's Citrus Fruit Sale this fall, which paid the way for the two teams (men's and women's) to train at the University of Miami.

The trip marked the first time UMO has swum East Carolina University, winners of the Southern Conference Championship for the past nine years. In the meeting of these two teams, UMO dropped their first meet of the year, 49-64.

Jim Smoragiewicz and diver Roy Warren each won a pair of events, and the medley relay team of Jay Donovan, John Westcott, Tom Clark, and Bob Stedman also took first.

In the 200-freestyle, Jim Smoragiewicz's 1:47.27 came within a tenth of a second of Kevin Reader's UMO record. Six events later, the freshman wildlife major erased his own school record in the 200-backstroke

with a time of 1:59.87, marking the first time a UMO backstroke has broken the two minute barrier.

Roy Warren and Rold Olsen swept both the one and three meter diving events. Warren took first place in both events.

Two days later, the UMO mermen swam John Hopkins' team. The Blue Jays whipped UMO, 63-50, aided by freshman Mike Bay's two victories.

UMO's Smoragiewicz captured both the 200 and 500-freestyle. Warren took first in the three-meter diving and garnered second in the one-meter diving. Commenting on the trip, Coach Switzer was pleased with his team's overall performance. "Many good times were achieved at Miami. I think that we were able to build a sound base that will help our training for the rest of the season." "The swimmer's did a good job against both East Carolina and Johns Hopkins," Switzer added.



Freestyler Ron Pospisil, featured here with an unusual hair style, has just finished his warmup laps but not many fans noticed. For those who missed him, Maine takes on UMass this Saturday at the Wallace Pool at 11 am.

Photo by Bill Wallace

Swim team hosts UMass

This Saturday the record-setting UMO women's swim team battles the highly ranked UMass women's swim team at the Stanley M. Wallace Pool. Julie Woodcock, Denise Small, and Marty Wren will lead the UMO swim forces against a team that includes two New England Champions.

At the New England's last March, held at Brown University, Penny Noyes became a double New England Champion for UMass. Her specialty is the 50 and 100-yard backstroke. Noyes and UMO's exciting Denise Small will be excellent competition in the backstroke events.

Through only a freshman, Small holds UMO records in the 50, 100, and 200 yard backstroke.

UMass also has a number of fine freestylers. They boast a 400-yd. freestyle relay team of Mary Ellen Dash, Reenie Groden, Penny Noyes, and Cindy Whiting that was the fastest in New England, and fourth fastest in the East, last year.

UMO's strengths lie in the backstroke, breaststroke, and diving events.

This is the first time UMO has faced the UMass women's swim team in a dual meet. The first event of the meet begins at 11

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Abbott's departure tops 1975 sports survey

BY GEO ALMASI

Spurred on by an overwhelming number of national polls that supposedly decided the top sporting events of 1975, I decided to conduct my own survey changing the rules only slightly. I'm going to keep it local.

Scoring is on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis and any team or sport, whether fraternal, junior varsity, or varsity is eligible.

So without further ado, our top choice (a carefully selected panel of nine sports columnists and a traffic cop down on College Ave. cast the ballots) was the December 9 retirement of Walter Abbott, head football coach here at UMO for the past nine years. Abbott's sudden departure from the football staff left many questions unanswered and started speculation that he was in fact asked to resign quietly. At this date, an alleged national search has produced no successor.

Ranking close to the Abbott story was the 61-52 edging of powerful Springfield, the defending New England champs, by the UMO swimmers. Sporting a 3-1 record (their only loss coming at the hands of John Hopkins in Baltimore) Maine pulled ahead 52-51 with only one event remaining—the 400-yd. freestyle relay. With a storybook finish, the foursome of Bob Steadman, Ralph Turner, Tom Clark, and Kevin Reader combined to give Maine one of their many startling victories. Maine was also helped by Turner, who set a UMO record of 2:04:25 in the 200 Butterfly.

A single basketball game featuring Maine and UConn so excited the ten voters that it easily garnered third place. The

contest, described as one of the most exciting basketball games in many years, had the makings of a truly great exhibition as the lead changed hands several times. With only a minute left in the final quarter UConn was up 79-77, but Steve Gavett, making perhaps his most important shot, hit on a pressure packed 15-footer with just four seconds remaining to put the game in overtime. Unfortunately, UConn proved too tough and pulled away, finally winning 100-90. Maine was led by Tom Burns and Steve Condon each with 22 points.

Two individual achievements, the qualification of Kathie Kenny for the NCAA Swimming Championships and the fine play of goalie Phil Tornsey who was picked as Yankee Conference Goalie of the Week this fall, rounded out the top five events.

Kenny, a physical education major from Brewer, qualified for the championships with a time of 33.76 in the 50-yd. breaststroke during the New England's last winter. Tornsey, a junior forestry major, was lauded after turning back 20 UConn shots and shutting out the Catamounts in one of the biggest New England soccer upsets this year.

The indoor track team made the top ten aided by the heroics of junior distance man Gerry LaFlamme. LaFlamme set a blistering pace in the mile run and crossed the tape with an excellent time of 4:10:5 in leading his team to the State Invitational Meet Championship February 8.

Helping their own cause, the women's ski team gained notoriety by compiling a perfect 7-0 record (and winning all 19 events), boosting them to Division One

status after only two seasons as a varsity sport.

Claiming the number eight position is the spring baseball team. With a weekend sweep of UNH (5-3 and 5-0) the Maine nine ended their Yankee Conference play with a 5-2-1 record. In that decider, Senior Gene Toloczko and Freshman Mike Curry came off the bench to lead their teammates to UMO's first YC championship since 1970.

The Field Hockey team, led by coach Jeanne Walsh, ended a very successful state campaign with a sparkling 9-1 record before bowing out to an equally tough Bates club 3-1.

Rounding out the top ten was the infamous First Annual Snow Bowl. Billed by many as the "greatest spectacle of the off-campus playing season", the match-up between the Raiders and the Black and Blue disappointed none. The Black and Blue, led by Butch Reard's two interceptions (one which he carried to the games' only touchdown) excited the crowd and walked away victorious. The only injury was sustained by coach Joe Stacey when

his jubilant teammates threw him into a snowbank and dislocated his shoulder.

Honorable mention goes to the swim teams' 57-56 upset victory over a powerful Pointe Clair (Canada) club this fall, winning the meet in the final relay. The Volleyball team, featuring a fine 18-2 record, deserves praise even though for unknown reasons they weren't invited to the New England Regionals.

Other fine showing were demonstrated by the women's gymnastic team, who was the Intercollegiate Gymnastic Championship 66.16-60.67. The women, helped by the talents of Deanna Berry on the uneven bars, entered the championships with an 11-1 record.

Delta Tau, sporting the running ability of Jake Ward (600 yard run), and Knox Hall were the eventual intramural champions. Knox was led by Rod Sherman's fine time of 7.5 in the 60 yard low hurdles.

Lastly, the Jayvee Soccer team ended their season with a 8-0 record marking the first undefeated junior varsity team in UMO's history—a feat indicative of future things to come here at UMO.

SAE and Penob take hoop lead

With the promise of a new facility firmly established, the Intramural Athletic Association continues one activity and will lift the lid on two others within the week.

In the 14-league basketball competition, 17 teams enter next week's competition with perfect records, with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity having the proud distinct of holding the leadership in two out of four leagues in the Fraternity division. SAE-A has a 4-0 mark in American league, followed by Sigma Phi Epsilon A and Phi Eta Kappa at 3-1. In American League-B, ATO and Delta Tau Delta follow with similar marks.

The largest division, that of the dorms naturally sports the largest number of undefeated clubs. Penobscot 4 holds the current lead in the Red League, while defending champion Penthouse leads the Blues; each with 5-0 records. The Green

league is being dominated by Corbett 4, and Gannett 1S is on top in the Brown League, both at 5-0. The other league leaders are Old Gold Oak (5-0) and Gannett 3S (4-0), in the White; Dunn Dunkers and Gannett 2S, at 5-0 and 3-0 respectively in the Yellow league, and Gannett 4B and Somerset SOS 4-0 in the Orange.

The final hockey season on outdoor ice begins Sunday with two games in the Fraternity division, and the dorm groups beginning their play in the single elimination tournament on Monday evening. Intramural Director Dave Ames considers Tau Kappa Epsilon and defending champ Delta Tau Delta to be the class of the formerly-mentioned division, while calling the Dorm matchup too close to surmise. Play will end with the Campus Championship tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 10.

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**Beer and Live Entertainment
Every Friday and Saturday Evening**

The Pub Committee, in cooperation with those friendly Food Service folks in the Union, would like to announce the Grand Opening of the Damn Yankee Pub. Beer will be served every Friday and Saturday evening*, and live music will be presented, barring conflicting musical events. This Friday evening The

Bitter Joy present rock and roll at its most deliberate. Saturday evening, The Northern Valley Boys will put on an evening of good old-time string band music. The music will start at 9:00, so come down and have a great time!

*in the Damn Yankee room of the Memorial Union