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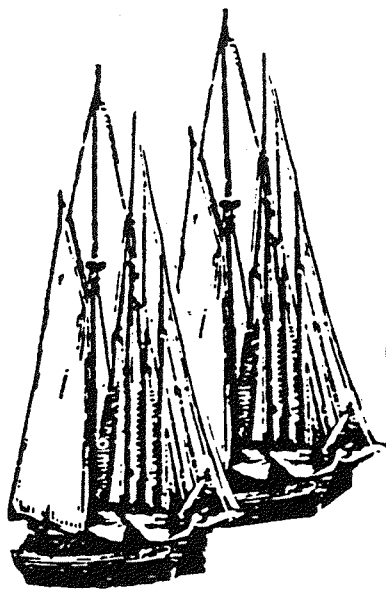
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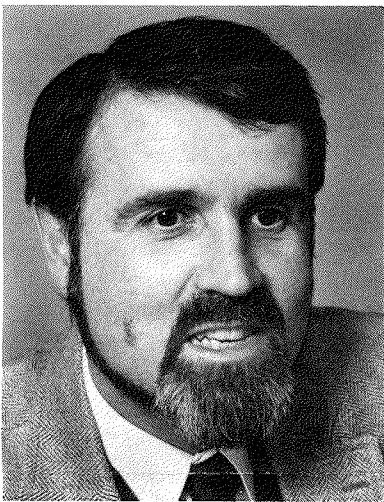
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New Vice President for Student Affairs



Larry G. Benedict,
new Vice President for Student Affairs.

A University of Massachusetts administrator, Larry G. Benedict, was named vice president for student affairs at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, January 25. Benedict will assume his new position on March 1.

Currently dean of Academic Support Services and associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Benedict is already familiar with USM. He served as consultant to the Division of Educational Services two years ago.

Benedict, who holds an Ed.D. in educational psychology from the University of Massachusetts, was chosen from a field of 85 applicants. The search committee was chaired by John Keysor, dean of educational services. Members of the committee were Andrew Anderson, associate professor of technology; Kathleen Bouchard, director of Off-Campus Centers and Instructional Delivery; David Cowie, president of the Student Senate; Richard McKeil, professor of associate business and economics; Remo Riciputi, associate professor of biology; and Susan Silvermail, director of Summer Session.

The departments of Intercollegiate Athletics, Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Affairs, Student Activities/Campus Center, ROTC, Advising and Academic Information, Counseling and Career Development, Police and Safety and Resident's Life/Food Service will all report to the new vice president. The registrar will continue to report to the Provost.

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Lewiston Site Set

After inspecting 15 sites in Lewiston and Auburn, USM asked the University of Maine System Board of Trustees to approve establishment of the USM Lewiston-Auburn College in a 65,000 square-foot facility on Westminster Street, Lewiston.

Trustees unanimously approved the proposal at their Monday, January 25 meeting in Orono.

The site is the former Central Maine Tennis building at 51-55 Westminster Street. The 15-year-old, 120x495 foot facility is located on 7.5 acres of land near Lisbon Street and the Maine Turnpike. Trustee approval of the site helped to clear the way for projected opening of classes in September and capped a five-year effort by area citizens to increase the University's presence in Lewiston-Auburn.

"After consultations with city officials and others, along with numerous inspection visits, we decided that the Westminster location ideally meets a number of key criteria used to evaluate the sites," said Harlan A. Philippi, senior associate with the Chancellor's Office, who is coordinating the establishment of the college.

Among those criteria were: adequate square footage to meet immediate and long-term space needs; a location easily accessible to large numbers of people in Lewiston-Auburn and surrounding areas; ample on-site parking; and a building that could be easily renovated.

The cost of leasing and renovating the building will total about \$460,000 per year. We also will have the option to purchase the building at any time during the 15-year lease period for \$1.65 million. The owner is the Shelter Group of Lewiston.

The last session of the Maine Legislature approved a \$100,000 appropriation for the new college during 1987-1988 and a \$1 million appropriation for 1988-1989. Funds also will be generated through tuition and community support.

"Bringing the site proposal to the Board of Trustees for their consideration takes us one step closer to realizing the USM Lewiston-Auburn College," said USM President Patricia R. Plante. "Community support in Lewiston and Auburn for this endeavor has grown daily, and we are pleased by this most recent progress."

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Presidential Candidate at USM

Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson will speak at USM on Thursday, February 11 as part of a "Presidential Issues Forum" sponsored by our Public Policy and Management Program and the Maine Democratic Party.

Jackson's address will begin at 7 p.m. in the Portland Gymnasium, Falmouth Street, and will be aired later on Southern Maine Cable TV Consortium, Channel 16.

Jackson, his campaign workers say, is concerned with poverty in Maine, the homeless, growth management and the problems faced by family farms. According to his campaign representatives, 400 families in York County have been evicted for non-payment of rent over the last few months, while 30 elderly in Cumberland County who couldn't pay their taxes lost their homes.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina in 1941, Jackson graduated with a B.A. in sociology from North Carolina State University in 1963. In 1965 he left Chicago

Theological Seminary to join Martin Luther King Jr. in the voting rights march in Selma, Alabama. He later received an honorary doctorate degree and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1968. From 1966 to 1971, Jackson was executive director of Operation Breadbasket, the economic arm of King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The following year he became national president of Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity), a national anti-drug campaign based in Chicago. In November 1983, he launched his first presidential bid and won 3.5 million primary and caucus votes, 21 percent of the total for the Democratic candidates.

Jackson is author of "Straight From The Heart," a collection of public speeches, sermons, eulogies, essays, and interviews published in 1987 by Fortress Press.

The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-4380.



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Notes from the President's Desk



1. I am most pleased to announce that Dr. Larry Benedict will assume the position of Vice President for Student Affairs here at the University effective March 1. Dr. Benedict comes to us from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he has served as Dean of Academic Support Services and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs since 1982. While he has considerable experience in virtually every aspect of student life and academic support services, he has in depth knowledge of an area that we should and will address immediately upon his arrival: the complexities of enrollment management.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The Office of Sponsored Research now reports directly to the President and the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics now comes under the Vice President for Student Affairs. Robert Goettel, who will continue as Director of Sponsored Research, will as Assistant to the President assume additional responsibilities for research, writing and analysis related to strategic and long term planning. William Wise, to whom the Director of Athletics will continue to report, will become Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

These changes were made in order to place greater emphasis on planning, to reconfirm the University's philosophy regarding athletics as one of its many student activities, and to place a person of broad experience with USM's history in the Office of the new Vice President for Student Affairs whose challenges will be many.



EDITOR'S NOTE: One indication of the respect and credibility accorded to faculty and staff is the degree to which their expertise is used by the news media. With that in mind, the Office of Media Relations wants to recognize faculty and staff who have taken the time to share their expertise with the public. If you have an idea on how you or other members of your department might comment on current news events, please call Media Relations at 780-4200.

William F. Gayton, professor of psychology, was interviewed on KVA Radio of Denver on the psychology surrounding Super Bowl mania.

Richard J. Maiman, professor of political science, was interviewed on WLAM Radio and KISS 100 Radio, Lewiston about the recent Supreme Court decision on the First Amendment rights of high school newspapers.

Patricia R. Plante, president, was interviewed by The Chronicle of Higher Education on the growth and development of urban comprehensive universities.

Oliver H. Woshinsky, professor of political science, was interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 about Senator George Mitchell's announcement that he might seek the Senate majority leader's post. Woshinsky also was interviewed on WGME-TV, Channel 13 on Gary Hart's decision to reenter the presidential race.

James W. Roberts, associate professor of political science, was interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 about the U.S. defectors to the Soviet Union.

Marc Levesque, program specialist for Community programs, was interviewed by The Christian Science Monitor about personal computers.

David Karraker, a research associate in our Human Services Development Institute, was interviewed by MPBN Radio about community support for the arts and the prospects for cooperation among arts organizations in Portland.

Lynn Matyas, senior job controller in the Office of Sponsored Research, was interviewed by the Associated Press on the Soviet agricultural newsletter that she helps edit.

Nancy P. Greenleaf, dean of the School of Nursing, was a guest on the WBBB-TV, Channel 10 show "Mainewatch." Greenleaf discussed the nursing shortage.

Mahmud A. Faksh was interviewed on WSCH-TV, Channel 6 and WMTW, Channel 8 on the Persian Gulf Crisis.

Portland Housing Proposal

Increases in the costs of new construction coupled with a continuing demand for more student housing has prompted USM to lease the Best Western Executive Inn at 645 Congress Street, Portland.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees approved the proposal at their meeting in Orono on Monday, January 25. We will use the facility to house students beginning in September of 1988. The proposal is still contingent upon obtaining all appropriate city approvals.

"A proposal for building student apartments on the Gorham campus is still under evaluation by the University," said USM Vice President for Administration Samuel G. Andrews in reference to the project known as Woodside. "But the availability of immediate housing in the Best Western facility has reduced the need for the rapid conclusion of negotiations on Woodside. We will need some time to evaluate the impact of the Best Western proposal on the demand for student housing on the Gorham campus." The Best Western can accommodate up to 369 students.

According to Andrews, the Best Western proposal offers several opportunities: the facility would require only "modest" renovations, allowing USM to house students much sooner; it allows flexible living arrangements, from traditional two-person rooms to apartments that can accommodate four students; it offers an alternative to students who want an intown location; it provides dining areas within the building. At a lease cost of approximately \$1300 per student per year (based on 350 students) it compares very favora-

bly to the \$2,000 per student per year for a newly constructed complex. And its location would further cooperative agreements with other local colleges to accommodate their students.

The owners, First Atlantic Corporation, approached USM earlier this year with a proposal to lease the hotel. Terms of the proposed agreement call for USM to lease the property at \$450,000 per year for a five-year period. The lease agreement could be renewed for two additional five-year periods. USM also would have the option to buy the property at the end of the first year, at the end of five years and at the end of each subsequent five-year period.

The 1.67-acre property includes the original hotel building containing the restaurants, lobby area, a large conference room, offices, hotel rooms, and apartment units.

In addition, there are three two-story buildings on the property. The entire facility includes 121 rooms and 36 apartments. Twenty-four of those rooms are presently leased to a local college for student housing.

If approved by city officials, the facility will give us our first new dormitory space since 1970. The USM Student Senate unanimously endorsed the proposal at its meeting on Thursday, January 21.

During each of the past five years, the waiting list for student housing has numbered close to 250. "There is no way of estimating," said Andrews, "how many other prospective students decided to attend college elsewhere rather than wait for USM dorm space to open up."

Rating USM

How do our programs, services and resources compare to similar universities?

That question is answered in the report "Comparative Study of the University of Southern Maine and Nine Other Higher Education Institutions" prepared for the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

President Patricia R. Plante cautioned Trustees at their Monday, January 25 meeting that such studies do not take into account that other institutions "may not nourish the same ambitions or dream the same dreams." Nevertheless, comparative studies can identify a norm against which certain institutional characteristics can be evaluated.

The nine institutions USM was compared to were University of Arkansas in Little Rock, State University of New York at Binghamton, Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Northern Kentucky University, University of Lowell, George Mason University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Portland State University and Rutgers State University, Newark. These institutions are considered similar in terms of demographics, mission, fields of study, size and history and are each part of a statewide, public university system but are not designated land grant institutions.

Some findings that are of interest to members of the campus community are:

Programs: USM offers fewer degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels than "virtually all of the comparison universities."

Enrollment Growth: USM's 13 percent undergraduate increase is exceeded only by Rutgers Newark. Plante noted that the growth and development of all nine institutions has been driven by the economic characteristics of the metropolitan areas they serve.

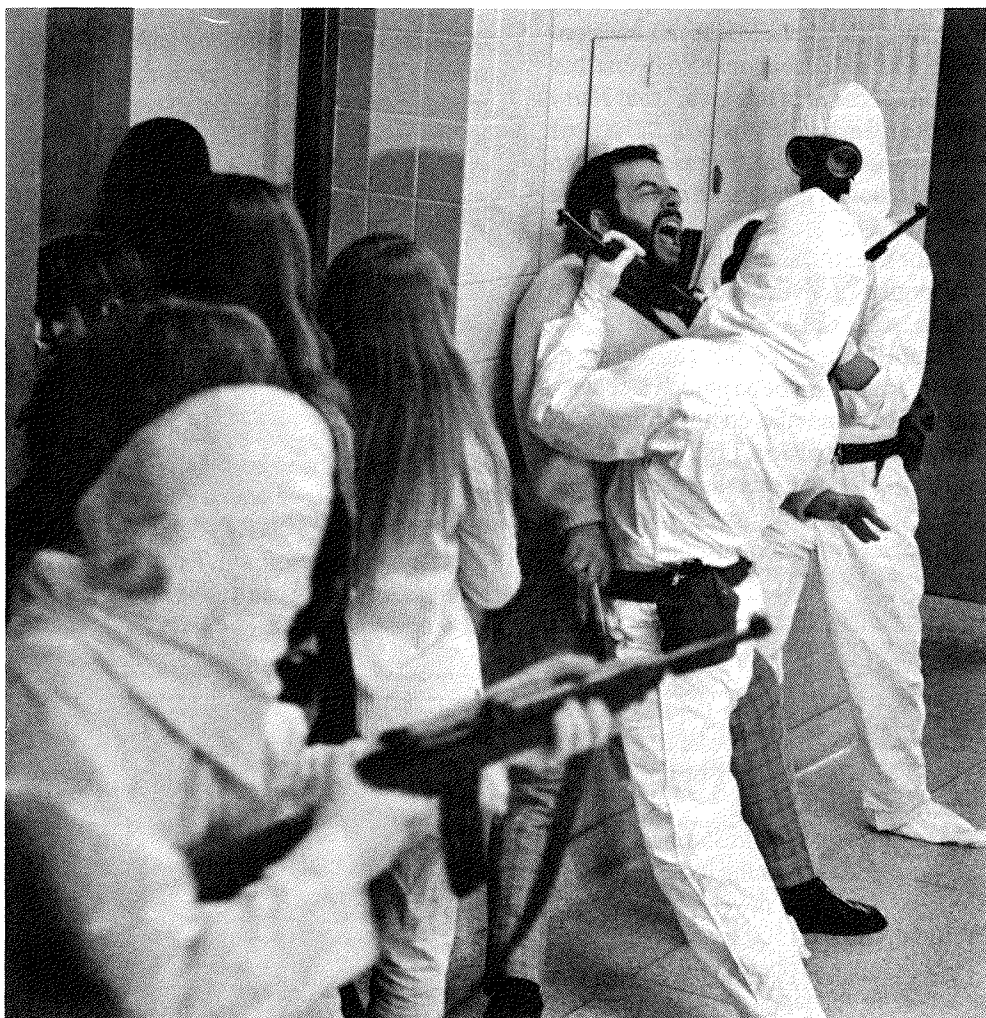
Students: USM has the highest percentage of undergraduate part-time students of the group surveyed. In average freshman SAT scores, USM ranked six out of 10. Students admitted to USM's MBA program have the highest average GMAT scores of the entire group.

Faculty: We had the second highest percentage of part-time faculty (27 percent) in 1986-1987, but the hiring of new faculty this year brought us closer to the other institutions. USM had the lowest average salaries in 1986-1987 for assistant professors (compared to the eight other institutions for which data was available), and the fourth lowest for both associate and full professors.

Resources: USM has the second lowest E&G budget per full-time-equivalent (FTE) student. We ranked fourth in the ratio of FTE students per full-time faculty and seventh in

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NY Playwright Showcased in Play Reading



Playwright Richard France as a scientist under attack in George Romero's film "The Crazies."

The successful play reading series sponsored by USM's theatre department continues on Saturday, February 6 with a reading of unproduced work by Richard France, an award winning New York playwright. Like other pieces performed in this series, France's "An End in Sight" is a work in progress, and audience commentary will provide an essential part of the evening.

France, who was a visiting professor in the theatre department last semester, won an award in December from the Writers Guild of America for the film script version of his last play, "The Bishop," which explores the rise of neo-nazism in America and which is thematically a sequel to his play "Station J," which won the Silver Pen Award in 1982. In the past year he has also won an award from the National Musical Theatre Network for his musical "Trilby and Svengali."

France, who holds a Ph.D. in theater history from Carnegie Mellon University and trained as a playwright at Yale Drama School, has won grants from Ford, Schubert and Rockefeller Foundations, three National Endowment for the Humanities scholarships and two creative writing fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. His background includes radio announcing, television appearances and theater performances in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Tokyo, London and Berlin. He has been a visiting professor at Brown University, the University of Massachusetts and Adelphi University. He is the author of more than 40 plays, a number of which have been produced or published in the United States and Europe.

"An End in Sight" brings together a group of outcasts on New Year's Eve in a San Francisco rooming house. Written as a companion piece to his "The Image of Elmer Doyle," which was included in the "Best

Short Plays of 1979," this one act play looks at loneliness and the end of interactions at year's end when assessments are made, but the play is lightened by humorous moments and a touch of mystery. It is part of a series of plays by France on California, which he uses as a metaphor for America. "'Elmo' takes place on a farm in San Joaquin," France said. "An End in Sight" is an urban counterpart in many ways. It's a play I started and put down again, so it still needs work. I am interested to see what the audience makes of it."

The play reading series has drawn considerable interest as a showcase for new work and for the interesting in-put from the audience. France will be on hand to answer questions and to evaluate his first staging.

"An End in Sight" will be read at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 6 in the Portland Campus Center Amphitheater. Light refreshments will be served.

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the number of students per full-time support staff. We also ranked eighth in the number of full-time support staff per full-time faculty.

Library: USM ranks fifth among the group in number of library volumes and number of serials and periodicals. We ranked highest among the five institutions classified as "Comprehensive" (others in the group were identified as "Doctorate-granting.")

Though at the low end of the range in some program and resource areas, Plante told Trustees that "with diligent attention, with strategic planning" we can come closer to the norm in those areas that need improvement.

The Core Reviewed

Some 50 faculty members gathered on Tuesday, January 5 to discuss the Core Curriculum and the meaning of an undergraduate education at USM.

Although it will take months for the opinions and information gathered in the afternoon task force sessions to be formulated as a body of recommendations, the feeling participants took away from the all-day session was one of excitement and accomplishment.

"We accomplished what we wanted," said Henry Amoroso, associate professor of education and director of the Core Curriculum. "We engaged as a group in serious thinking about the meaning of a baccalaureate education. There was an upbeat, 'can do' attitude towards delivering a report on our Core. And beyond that we brought together many faculty members who hadn't previously known each other."

Task forces, with six members each, were created to look at component areas of the Core, including Fine Arts, Natural Science, Social Science, Quantitative Decision Making and Humanities. Task Force members were nominated by their departments. Members of the Honors Program faculty and student representatives were also invited to the review. Amoroso reported a 95 percent attendance despite the cold weather and date, which fell during Christmas vacation period.

Participants felt a healthy dialogue was established for assessing the Core program. "The goal of the Core is not so much to provide a set of requirements for each student, although an assessment of requirements is one important charge," said Stephen Reno, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The Core Curriculum attempts to get at the most central part of our mission as a university, to fan the intellectual fires of our faculty so that they will each strive to ignite the spark of intellectual excitement in our students. Our real goal is awesome and far-reaching. We want every faculty member to revive the enthusiasm he or she felt for the discipline chosen as a graduate student. The program will be a true success if it inspires us to go into the classroom with more commitment to the concept of the joy of learning."

The day of evaluation began with addresses by Thomas Kingston, assistant chairman for programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities, and William Graham, chair of the Department of Religion at Harvard and senior member of their Core Curriculum. It was Kingston's opinion that there has been too much emphasis on teaching skills in recent years. He urged that a balance be found between teaching skills, including writing and critical thinking, and content. He also recommended a compromise between students' need to know their own heritage and that of other cultures. Graham stressed that one of the chief values of meeting to discuss core programs is to review as a body the goals of the faculty and to strengthen collegiality among isolated disciplines. He stressed preparing students for life-long learning and reminded his audience that citizenship in a complex, pluralistic society requires the

ability to think critically.

The day's efforts were summed up by Richard J. Clarey, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management and an ardent supporter of the Core. "It was the most academically exciting experience I've had at USM," he said. "To have everyone together talking about what's really important in education is what should happen at a university."

• New VP (cont. from p.1)

President Plante stated that a first priority for the new vice president will be to develop an enrollment management plan. Benedict was responsible for enrollment management, including undergraduate admissions and long range planning, at the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts.

In addition to his role as dean and vice chancellor, Benedict served the University of Massachusetts as adjunct assistant professor of education.

Announcements

Daniel Sheehan, general counsel and public policy director of the Washington-based Christic Institute, will examine the background of a pending civil suit brought on behalf of U.S. journalists Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey against 29 Contra supporters, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Portland Gymnasium. The lecture is free and open to the public. His appearance at USM is sponsored by the Guest Lecture Series and the Maine Peace Action Committee. For further information, contact Barbara Molis at 780-4044.

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The University of Maine School of Law and the 1987-88 Convocation Committee will sponsor a symposium entitled "Varieties of Constitutionalism: Do Britons, Canadians, Irish and Americans Speak a Common Language?" It will be held at the School of Law on Monday, February 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Professor Kevin Boyle, University College, Galway; Professor J.R. Pole, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, will each give major presentations. Responding panels with professors from Dalhousie Law School, University College, Galway and the University of Maine School of Law will follow each presentation. Issues such as privacy, abortion, freedom of the press and government secrecy will be addressed. For more information, call Professor James Friedman, 780-4362.

What We're Doing

THOMAS CARPER, associate professor of English, has had three sonnets, "A Corner of the Garden with Dahlias," "Titian Makes Preliminary Studies for a Picture of Saint Sebastian," and "A Couple in the Cafe de la Gare," accepted for publication in "Boulevard: Journal of Contemporary Writing." This summer Aralia Press will publish his chapbook, "Musicians."

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, had a paper, "Paired and Joint Similes of Aeneas and Turnus in the Aeneid," specially featured in the December issue of The New England Classical Newsletter.

LEIGH GILMORE, assistant professor of English, has an article, "The Gaze of the Other Woman: Beholding and Begetting in Dickinson, Moore and Rich" forthcoming in "Engendering the Word" from University of Illinois Press and will be delivering a paper on "The Double Translation: French Feminism and Medieval Mysticism" at the University of Warwick, England.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, addressed the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association on the topic, "The Philosophy of Culture," in New York last December. ROBERT B. LOUDEN, assistant professor of philosophy, had the article, "Aristotle's Practical Particularism," published in the Fall 1987 issue of Ancient Philosophy.

RAYMOND NEVEU, professor of finance and RICHARD L. MCKEIL, professor of associate business administration, were on a panel at Gorham High School and evaluated students' proposals for balancing the Federal budget.

FRED PADULA, associate professor of history, and Lois Smith of Latin American Research Associates, presented a paper on Women and Labor in Socialist Cuba at the American Historical Association Convention in Washington last December. Also present at the convention were CHRISTINE HOLDEN, assistant professor of history; PARKER B. ALBEE, associate professor of history; and EILEEN EAGAN, assistant professor of history.

PATRICIA R. PLANTE, president, was the featured speaker at the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce monthly "Eggs and Issues Breakfast Meeting" in January. Dr. Plante has accepted an invitation to give a keynote address at a symposium on "Shared Governance in the Modern University" to be held at Temple University in February.

NEAL S. ROTE, director, Applied Immunology Program, had the articles, "IgG antiphospholipid antibody (APA) subclasses in patients with lupus anticoagulant (LAC)," "Anticardiolipin (ACA) and antiphosphatidylserine (APS) titers in patients undergoing aspirin and prednisone therapy for recurrent spontaneous abortion," and "Incidence of antiphospholipid antibodies in pregnancy," published in the American Journal of Reproductive Immunology and Microbiology, 1987. Another article, "Immunologic aspects of recurrent abortion and fetal death," was published in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1987. Rote presented a paper, "Recurrent spontaneous pregnancy loss caused by lupus anticoagulant (LAC) and antibodies against the phospholipids phosphatidylserine (APS) and cardiolipin (ACL)," at the XIV World Congress of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Washington, D.C., 1987. He was an Invited Session Chairman and presented a paper, "Phospholipid antigens in partial thromboplastin and their relationship to recurrent pregnancy loss," at the Third International Symposium on Antiphospholipid Antibodies and Thrombosis, Kingston, Jamaica, 1988.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of philosophy, had his book, "Philosophical Fact and Paradox," published in 1957, included in the most recent edition of "The Philosopher's Index." The Index goes to all universities and libraries, and is published world wide and computerized.

WILLIAM STURNER, professor of management, gave several presentations during the fall semester: "Innovation: Product Development Through Restructuring of Personal Boundaries," at Innovation Day, DSM International in Eindhoven, The Netherlands; "Risking Change," at the National Association for Gifted Children in New Orleans; "Managing Risk and Change," at the Career Counsellors Association of Vermont; "Educational Change," at the Peel Board of Edu-

cation in Toronto; "Calculated Risk," Association for Humanistic Psychology, Oakland, Ca.; "Dealing with Change," The World Conference on the Gifted, Salt Lake City; and "Transforming the Work Place," Canadian Creative Problem Solving Conference, Vancouver.

JAMES V. SULLIVAN, professor of health, physical education, and recreation, presented the topic, "How and Whys of Physical Fitness," to the Knights of Columbus Council #7074 in Cape Elizabeth in January.

BETH I. WARREN, executive director of Human Resources, was given the Community Enrichment Award by the Martin Luther King Day Awards Committee in January. She had a key role in linking the community and USM in a child-care program.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, was elected president of the Maine Bar Foundation at the Foundation's annual meeting in Portland in January. Dean Wroth, one of the organizers of the Foundation, has served on its board since its incorporation in 1983. He has been appointed consultant to the Maine Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. The Committee will refine and implement an experiment in the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution methods in civil actions in the Superior Court. The experiment was recommended by the 113th Legislature's Tort Law Reform Commission on the basis of a proposal developed by the Maine State Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission. Dean Wroth served as consultant to the Bar commission. DOROTHY MOORE, dean, College of Education, and RICHARD MAIMAN, chair, Department of Political Science, were members of the commission.

MELVYN ZARR, professor, School of Law, was moderator of a panel on criminal practice and the Rules of Criminal Procedure entitled, "Is the Criminal Defendant in Maine Becoming a Victim of the Criminal Justice System?" at the Annual Meeting of the Maine State Bar Association in Portland in January. The panel was part of the Association's first bench/bar conference and included participants from the judiciary and the practicing bar.

Lewiston Site (cont. from p.1)

"The establishment of a college of the University of Southern Maine in Lewiston-Auburn fills an educational void that has existed for decades in this area," said Harry W. Woodard, mayor of Auburn. "The need is more urgent now than ever before, given the acceleration of growth and development in the area and the demand that growth creates for a well-trained work force."

"As originally envisioned," said Maurice L. Labbe, mayor of Lewiston, "the Lewiston-Auburn College of the University of Southern Maine will be as unique and innovative as its namesake communities. In keeping with that vision, I fully support the site selected for the establishment of this facility. The site, while practical and functional, provides many opportunities for new programs and ideas. Yet it is the basic purpose—education—of such an institution that is so very important to the cities of Lewiston and Auburn. That purpose, coupled with a curriculum tailored to area needs, will produce a successful and valuable institution for students, businesses, the communities and the state."

We estimate that 300 to 350 students will enroll for classes beginning in September of 1988. As programs develop, enrollment projections call for 1500 or more students.

The College will open in September with a program in management and organizational studies. Guidelines approved earlier by the Trustees call for the eventual establishment of six four-year, baccalaureate programs in professional studies and the liberal arts.

USM has formed committees to help fully plan the curriculum, develop an admissions/marketing strategy and develop plans for the staff that will be needed to support students and faculty.

East European Exhibit

"Out of Eastern Europe," a collaboration of works from Portland area galleries representing thirty East European contemporary photographers, will be represented at USM by the work of Anna Bohdziewicz on view through March 7 at the Area Gallery at the Portland Campus Center. Anna Bohdziewicz's photographs pay homage to the strength of the Polish people.

An East European Film Series will be shown at USM to underline the theme of the exhibit. The movies will be shown in the Portland Campus Center Amphitheater. "Loves of a Blond," a Czechoslovakian film of a factory girl who becomes bored with her life and falls in love with a musician, will be shown Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m., see "Nine Months," a Hungarian film with a Feminist view of a love affair.

The exhibition is free and open to all.



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Butch Morris Quartet will perform original jazz compositions at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Admission is \$6 general public and \$4 students and senior citizens. The concert is sponsored by the Portland Events Board and USM Student Activities.