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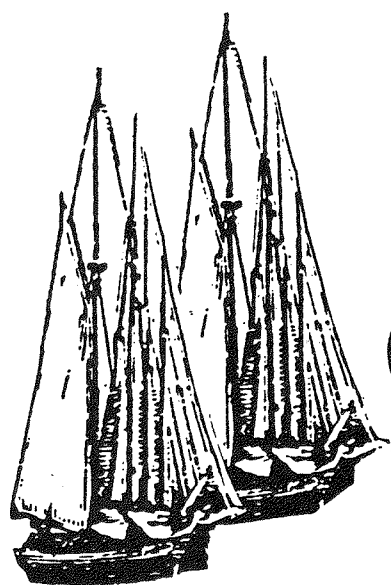
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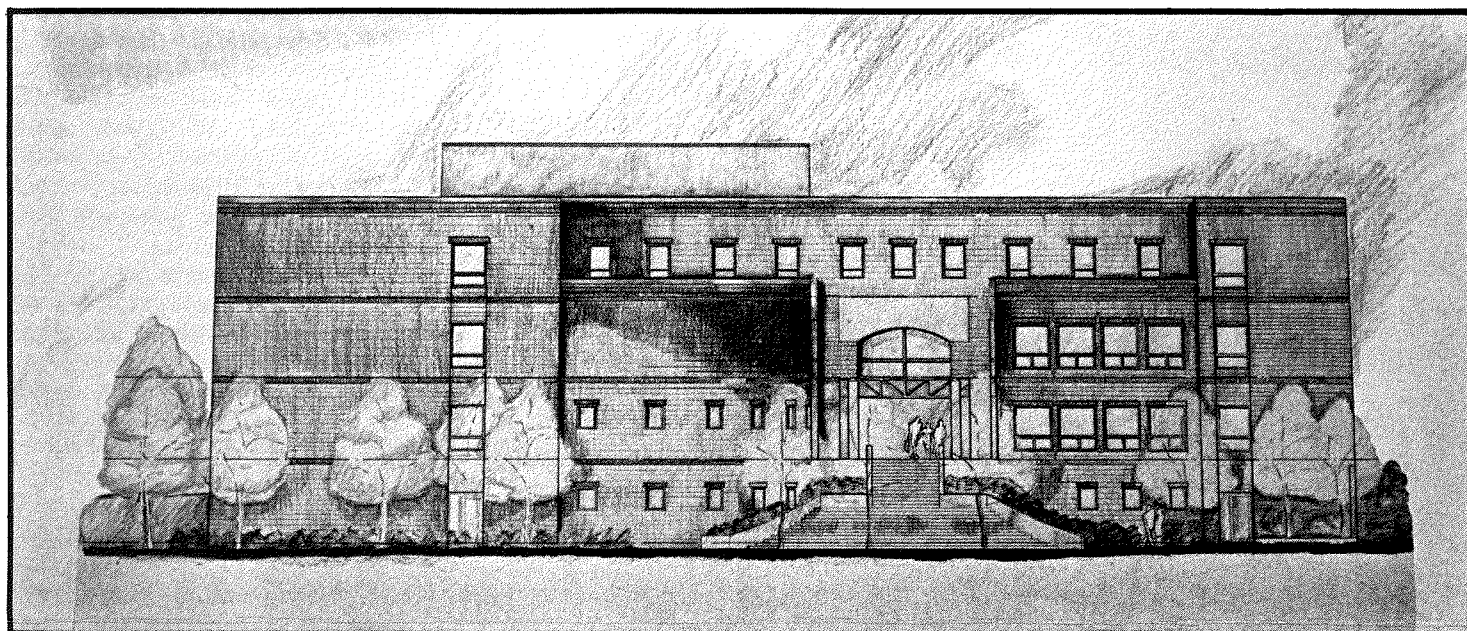
With Progress Comes Challenge

Construction of the new \$3.5 million classroom building on the Portland campus is underway with the removal of a ledge behind Luther Bonney Hall.

The 33,355 square foot, four-story building will primarily house the School of Nursing, including administrative and faculty offices, classrooms, a lecture hall, clinical practice rooms and a learning lab. The first floor will be occupied by the academic computer facility. The projected completion date is July, 1988.

As you probably know, the parking lot behind Luther Bonney is the site of construction. "The loss of that lot will have a significant impact on the campus parking situation," said John F. Keysor, dean of Educational Services. During the construction period, fencing will surround the area and only 10 of the 112 parking spaces will be available. Alternate staff and faculty parking is available in the lot on the east side of Bedford Street where 135 spaces have recently been added. Also, the Gym/Science lot has been designated for staff and faculty parking.

Yet even with the new lot and the redesignation, the overabundance of nature's white stuff has turned a tight parking situation into a frustrating one for many; not only at USM but in the



Artists rendering of the new classroom building scheduled for completion in July, 1988. entire city of Portland.

A parking study of the Portland campus done in June 1986, to gain city approval for the new classroom building, showed that the vast majority of the USM community parked in the campus lots (931 spaces) or within two blocks of the campus (555 street spaces). We have since added 135 spaces to the lower Bedford Street lot, bringing the total to 1,621.

At press time Samuel G. Andrews, executive director of Financial Resources was negotiating with three separate property owners to lease local

lots for parking. If the negotiations are fruitful, 100 more local spaces will be available to the USM community.

The parking situation in Gorham is also tight. Keysor suggests that if you're already parked in Gorham and have business on the Portland campus, that you may wish to take advantage of the shuttle bus. He also suggests that we may also try the old standby: car-pool whenever possible.

Interim President Harlan A. Philippi said in a recent memo, "I know you join me in looking forward to having this new facility available and I am

confident we can find, as always, the requisite patience and sense of humor to 'get through' this project's demanding stages."

During the construction of the new building, we can expect some blasting during the late winter/early spring period. There will also be increased congestion in the area due to the heavy equipment entering and leaving the site. DFM will be keeping us advised and updated through memos, Currents and the Free Press.

In the meantime, let's all practice our creative parking skills!

Honey Leaves Rhode Island for USM



Tim Honey

(Press Herald photo)

Former Portland City Manager Tim Honey will be returning to Maine to direct USM's Public Policy and Management Program.

Honey left Maine in January of 1986 to become executive director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, the agency responsible for developing affordable housing. Lila M. Sapinsley, chairperson of the housing corporation's board of commissioners, announced Honey's resignation, effective March 1. "While we were most disappointed at Tim's departure, we could not be more pleased with the leadership he has provided our organization during this critical time of rebuilding," said Sapinsley.

Honey is cited as the administrator responsible for reestablishing the credibility of the scandal-plagued agency. Allegations that the agency was in-

volved in fraud, embezzlement and misappropriation of mortgages had resulted in indictments against Honey's predecessor, Rhode Island's largest bank, attorneys, accountants and the former speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

"Today's resignation of Tim Honey is one which I view with regret," said Rhode Island Governor Edward DiPrete. "At the same time, I would like to commend Tim Honey for his outstanding leadership of the housing agency, serving to restore Rhode Island Housing to the highest standard of integrity and professionalism. Tim's expert management has constructed a solid foundation on which his successor will undoubtedly build. Rhode Island owes Tim Honey a debt of gratitude for his year of service, and as governor, I wish him much future

success."

The Connecticut native plans to begin full-time work at USM on Monday, March 2. He will be here part-time this month. The University of Maine Board of Trustees unanimously approved his fixed-length (March 2, 1987-September, 1988) appointment at their recent meeting.

"My tenure at Rhode Island Housing has been most challenging and rewarding," said Honey. "It is only the unique quality of this new opportunity that has led me to this difficult decision. I leave with regret but fully confident that Rhode Island housing is an agency of openness and integrity, and is moving with vigor and determination toward fulfilling its public purpose."

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It's One for the History Books

USM women's basketball coach Richard "Doc" Costello collected his 200th career win when the Huskies defeated Eastern Connecticut 64-49, on Friday, January 23.

According to the NCAA and NAIA records, Costello is the first to coach a college women's team and men's team to 200 victories. Costello coached the USM men from 1954-1971 and compiled a 220-148 record.

After the game, his team presented him with a special cake. ESPN, the nationwide sports network, was scheduled to run an interview with Costello last week.

Backlash in China: The End of Liberalization?

by Craig Dietrich

EDITOR'S NOTE: Deng Xiaoping's so-called cautious democracy campaign took an unexpected turn last month, resulting in a massive student demonstration in Shanghai's People's Square. That demonstration was the climax of three weeks of campus protests in at least nine Chinese cities. Craig Dietrich, professor of history and author of the book, "The People's Republic," reviews the backlash in government, and the chances that the protests may result in economic setbacks.

In early January a certain USM history professor assured a local television interviewer that China's student demonstrations, although dramatic manifestations of discontent, would probably not trigger any backlash against the liberalization of recent years. Historians should stick with the past.

A stern reaction has taken hold in China. The very secretary general of the Communist Party, the leader most closely associated with the policy of permitting some criticism of the party, Hu Yaobang, has resigned. This has confounded long-held expectations about the transfer of power from Deng Xiaoping.

Backlash Begins

Important intellectuals have been expelled from the Party, including Liu Binyan, a widely admired muckraker into official corruption. The famous astrophysicist and vice president of a technical university, Fang Lizhi, has lost his post and his Party membership. The liberal president and vice president of the Academy of Science have been replaced by apparatchiks.

Students have been arrested. One named Lin Jie was charged with the treasonous crime of giving secrets to journalist Lawrence McDonald of Agence Presse Francaise. This is reminiscent of 1979 when, on similar charges, a student leader was sentenced to 15 years in prison. MacDonald was expelled from China, the second journalist to be shown the gate in recent months. Meanwhile the government has taken steps to tighten its control over every newspaper and journal, in order to block all channels of unsanctioned communication.

This erosion of liberalization has been happening, ironically, just as General Secretary Gorbachev pushes his reform program in Moscow.

These developments give little cause for cheer on this side of the Pacific. Not only East Coast editorialists, but also hundreds of Chinese students studying in the U.S., have publicly expressed their dismay over the turn of events. Nearly 500 of these students took the unprecedented and risky step of signing their names to an open letter of concern.

Economic Setbacks?

It seems that even the economic reforms could suffer a setback, if attacks in the Chinese press against decentralization, freer markets, and Western style management translate into official policy. Certainly it is possible that a leadership less favorable to all sorts of liberalization could emerge

Teacher Shortage on the Horizon?

Will there be a teacher shortage in the not-too-distant future?

Statistics that give an indication of this trend can be found in the recently issued annual report from the USM College of Education Placement Office.

According to the report, the College of Education graduated 93 students certified to teach in 1986. All 93 responded to the Placement Office survey, the results of which were used to compile the annual report. In 1974, graduates totaled 436. In only 12 years, at only one institution, there's a 79 percent decrease in graduates. Yet at the same time, births have edged upwards, boosting kindergarten and nursery school enrollments to record levels.

USM's Educational Placement Office monitors current conditions in teacher supply and demand. And although no predictive forecast can be guaranteed 100 percent, there is little question that the future holds excellent job opportunities for graduates looking for teaching positions.

Seventy-eight percent of the 1986 USM teacher-certified graduates are today employed in the field. More could be employed if they accepted teaching positions in remote areas.

According to the Carnegie Task Force on Teaching as a Profession, there will be more jobs for teachers than there will be qualified applicants for the next 10 years.

The annual report does list some promising statistics for Maine. For instance, the vast majority of the 1986 USM graduates who obtained teaching jobs have remained in the state, even though Maine's average beginning teachers' salary is \$14,027, significantly below the national average.

And this year at USM the number of students enrolling in the elementary education degree program almost doubled its previous five-year average.

For more information, you can contact Elaine F. Howe of the placement office at 780-5336.

• Honey

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USM's graduate program in public policy and management focuses on regional, state and local issues in such areas as economic development, business regulation, the environment, and intergovernmental relations.

"This new position," said Honey, "will enable me to combine my 15 years in public administration with my very keen interest in the critical public policy issues facing southern Maine. Training students to pursue a career in public affairs is a value I deeply hold, and I welcome the opportunity to share my commitment to public service with the USM community."

"The practical knowledge and insights Tim Honey will bring to our program will be invaluable as we train people for leadership careers, and work with the public and private sectors to address the crucial public policy issues facing our region," said Interim President Harlan A. Philippi.

"We're extremely excited that Tim will take on the directorship," said Provost Helen L. Greenwood. "We look forward to him continuing the fine work initiated by founding director, Mark R. Shedd, and the most recent director, Richard H. Silkman." Shedd, former Philadelphia superintendent of schools and Connecticut commissioner of education, died recently after a long illness. Silkman has been named the director of the Maine State Planning Office.

The 40-year-old Honey joined Portland city government in 1977 as deputy city manager. As city manager from 1980 to 1986, he oversaw many of Portland's redevelopment projects, among them: \$150 million in new public/private waterfront investments; construction of the Charles Shipman Payson Museum of Art; development of the \$28 million One City Center office/retail complex; and programs to strengthen the city's neighborhoods.

A graduate of Cornell (bachelor's in history) and Georgetown University (master's in government), Honey is the former senior legislative counsel for the National League of Cities.

at the thirteenth Party Congress this fall.

But there may still be grounds for at least a little cautious optimism. China's "open door" is now so wide open as to be nearly impossible to shut. Expanded trade, tourism, and joint ventures, to mention the most obvious things, would be terribly costly to abandon now. Rhetoric aside, even those who rant loudest about "spiritual pollution" would be unlikely to risk the economic implications of returning to the pre-1980 system.

The Bright Side

Even in politics it is possible to discern a few rays of light. The current backlash, assuming that it has almost run its course, is mild compared to the brutalizing of intellectuals in 1957, or compared to the heavy hand that terminated the student movements of the Cultural Revolution, or even compared to the punishment of student leaders in 1979 and 1980. Even the reestablishment of a freer atmosphere is not out of the question. For it is widely recognized that China's students are the generation which will carry the burden of national renewal; they must be encouraged with a helping hand, not an iron fist. And it should not be forgotten that General Secretary Hu Yaobang has been replaced by Zhao Ziyang, another Deng protege and architect of economic reforms.

It is from this long view that we can see a brighter side. (There I go again.)

Joan Amerling at University of Maine School of Law

by Sandy Hughes

There's a new yet familiar face on campus.

After 12 years as consumer reporter with Portland's WGME-TV Joan Amerling explained, "I still loved what I was doing but the adrenaline just wasn't flowing as much as I wanted it to. So rather than risk burn-out, I left while I was still proud of the job I was doing."

Her new job as director of placement, alumni relations and development for the University of Maine School of Law may seem like a long leap from consumer reporting, but take a closer look.

As a consumer reporter she had constant dealings with the state's Attorney General's Office, the Department of Human Services, the Human Rights Commission and a myriad of state and local legal contacts.

As the state's first (and for a long time only) consumer reporter she set standards and parameters for the job. Her style created good will and credibility for the station.

"I wasn't the sensationalistic consumer reporter that you can find in other markets," she explained. "I wasn't out to get doors slammed in my face just to make exciting television news. I wanted to help consumers and businesses alike; to warn them of fraudulent practices."

L. Kinvin Wroth, dean of the School of Law said, "We are very lucky to have the benefit of Joan Amerling's outstanding background and reputation in the media and in organizational work. Her great personal energy and enthusiasm will give our essential development, alumni and placement activities a tremendous boost."

Amerling credits the Law School administration for their willingness to listen. "When I was interviewed I appreciated the fact that the people I talked with didn't just look at me as a 'television reporter' but looked beyond that to what skills made me a good reporter.

"They took the time to really look at my background and judge me as a per-

son who could communicate, research, raise funds and who had deep roots in the Maine legal community."

Perhaps communication is the most important aspect of the position. As placement director she will help students find part-time or summer jobs and also offer assistance after they have graduated.

As alumni relations director she will use her writing and research skills to publish the alumni newsletter. The alumni, she says, have a very deep loyalty to the school, and through open lines of communication she intends to keep that loyalty intact.

In the third facet of her job, that of development director, she admits she has had very little experience. But as a founding member and president of the Lark Society, she and her group raised funds to keep the Portland String Quartet permanently in Maine after they left the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

"When I believe in what I'm doing I can throw myself and all my energy into the job," she said. "That's why I feel I can do a good job here. I believe in the School of Law. It's the only one in the state and serves as a valuable resource for the legal community."

Amerling earned her B.A. in political science from Mount Holyoke College in Mass. and worked toward a master's in teaching at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. She and her attorney husband and two daughters moved to Portland in 1973.

And if things had turned out differently back then, Amerling might today be an alumna of the School of Law.

"When we first arrived in Portland, I took my law boards and was set to enter the school next year.

"But then I approached Channel 13 with the consumer reporter proposal and they bought it."

So 12 years later Joan (pronounced Joann) Amerling has entered the UM School of Law. Not as a student with much to learn, but as an experienced staff member with much to give.



A familiar smile to Channel 13 viewers — Joan Amerling

(Hughes photo)

Housing Crunch Relief in Sight

Call it one of the prices of success. For most of the past 10 years we have had more requests for dormitory beds than we have beds.

So with some 200 students on a waiting list for housing (not counting those students who went elsewhere without submitting a formal application for a dorm room) we are looking to private industry to help resolve the housing shortage.

USM asked for proposals from real estate developers to construct off-campus, apartment-style housing in either Portland or Gorham. Once constructed, the University would then lease and maintain the building(s) for a five-year period with two five-year options, after which the University would have the option to purchase the facility or continue rental.

As of the closing date last week, six proposals have been received, three for Gorham and three for Portland. Five of the six developers have proposed buildings for 400 students, the maximum requested. And one developer has submitted a proposal for housing 187 students.

The proposals will be reviewed on campus this month, and in March the results of our review will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Anyone wishing to study the proposals can do so by visiting the Educational Services Office in Payson Smith Hall.

Spring Symposia Announced

Three symposia have been planned by the Department of Human Resource Development of the College of Education for the spring semester.

Faculty, students, and all others interested in participating are invited to attend the sessions which begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in Bailey Hall, Room 116.

In the first installment, Jamie Kelem Keshet will speak on "Love and Power in the Step Family" on Wednesday, February 25. Keshet, a family therapist who specializes in working with remarried couples and step families, is a doctoral candidate at the Harvard School of Education. Her book, "Love and Power in the Step Family: A Practical Guide," has been chosen as an alternate selection of the Psychology Today Book Club.

On Wednesday, March 25, Jane Williamson will speak on "... And Also Teach Them to Read: Education in Nicaragua." Williamson is completing a master of science in adult education degree at USM and has recently returned from Nicaragua where she taught English.

Joseph Grange, professor of philosophy at USM, will speak on "Order, Fact, and Value" on Wednesday, April 15. Grange has recently taught educational philosophy as part of the Teachers for Secondary Schools Program in the College of Education.

For more information about any of the three symposia, call the College of Education at 780-5316.



USM HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

To celebrate Black History Month, the "Women of the Calabash" will be offered at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland Campus.

"Women of the Calabash" is a four-person percussion and vocal ensemble featuring the indigenous playing techniques of the various calabash instruments (gourds with beads) used throughout the Third World. The company revives a rich rhythmic heritage stemming from the heart of African music.

Also as a part of Black History Month, "The Dream Keeper Speaks" was offered last weekend and featured the poems of love, protest and humor of the award-winning American poet, Langston Hughes. The one-man show was performed by John Patterson, a New York based actor, director, teacher and theater critic.

Admission to "Women of Calabash" is \$5 general public and \$4 senior citizens and USM community. For more information call 780-4090.

New Twist to 300-year-old Comedy

"Tartuffe," Moliere's 300-year-old comic diatribe against hypocrisy, will take on a decidedly contemporary twist when the Russell Square Players stage their production later this month.

Maine theatergoers also will want to note that this 1980s version of the classic will be under the guest direction of Julie Goell. Now a resident of Peaks Island, Goell has worked throughout Europe. Among her credits are roles in the films "Cassandra Crossing," "Eye of the Tiger," the National Public Television production of "The Life of Verdi" and several European theater tours.

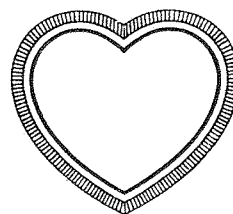
Taking minor liberties with the text, Goell has chosen to represent "Tartuffe" in 1987 because "I feel that it aptly parallels our present political shift to the right. As the Moral Majority insinuates itself into politics and the popular consciousness, hard-won victories of the 60s and 70s backslide and become obsolete. It would be a shame to treat this play as a dusty museum piece when Tartuffes in our own time

abound." In this sense the Russell Square Players production may prove controversial in modern terms.

"Tartuffe" was first performed for Louis XIV at the Court of Versailles in 1664. It created such an uproar among those who saw it as an offense to religion that a public production had to be held up for several years. The production centers on the comedic portrayal of a scoundrelly clergyman bent on defrauding his benefactor of his money, his wife, his daughter and every other possession. When it did get a public performance, it won such delighted merriment from its audience that it was established as a classic that continues to be one of the most frequently played comedies in France, and a play that has won wide popularity in the United States.

Performances will be staged at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, and at 8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, March 4-7. A matinee will be offered at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. All performances

will be in Russell Hall, Gorham. Phone 780-5483 for reservations between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.



JOB OPENINGS

Law Cataloger, Law Library, deadline February 28, contact Anne K. Myers, 780-4350.

Instructor or Assistant Professor/Performer, piano, Department of Music, deadline March 13, contact Ronald Cole, 780-5273.

Director of Jazz Studies, Department of Music, deadline March 13, contact Peter Martin, 780-5267.

Assistant Professor, Women's Studies, deadline March 15, contact JoAnne Preston, 780-4100.

Assistant Professor, School of Business, Economics, and Management, effective September 1, contact Charles N. Greene, 780-4300.

Campus Note

CAPS is offering a series of nine seminars on the use of the IBM main-frame computer for people new to the system or wanting a refresher course on different topics. Seminars are held 2 - 4 p.m., Wednesdays in 101 Bailey on the Gorham campus. They began on January 12 and will run through March 25. There will be no class February 18 due to February break. Also note that the March 11 class will be held in the Microlab in Bailey's basement. For more information, call Wayne Barber of CAPS at 780-4236.

What We're Doing

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, is coauthor of "Intergovernmental Relations and Ocean Policy in the 1980s" which has been nominated for the Pi Sigma Alpha award for the best paper presented at the 1986 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. On Tuesday, January 27 he appeared on Channel 13 news to comment on the President's State of the Union Address.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, has been selected to serve on the Small Business Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for 1986-87. The committee monitors all Institute activities that are directed toward assisting small business.

FRANCES SAYERS, assistant professor of communication, and **JOHN SHERBLOM**, CAPS manager at USM, will have their article, "Qualification in Male Language is Influenced by Age and Partner's Gender," published in the 1987 volume of Communication Research Reports.

WILL STURNER, professor of management, will have his new book, "RISKING CHANGE: Endings and Beginnings," published this month by Bearly Limited Press of New York.



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