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At a 2:30 news conference in the Chancellor's Office on Wednesday, the Chancellor announced that Provost David R. Fink will resign effective at the end of this semester.

Chancellor McNeil stated in a prepared statement, "I am pleased to announce that Dr. David R. Fink, Jr., has agreed to handle a new and important task for the University of Maine. After consultation with President Winthrop C. Libby, Dr. Fink has agreed to organize a center for coastal and environmental research.

"The transfer in responsibilities will take place in January of 1970. We shall work out the details of the position later.

"This does not mean the Portland campus will be deprived of an effective voice within the University. President Libby will appoint a replacement for Dr. Fink... I would like to take this opportunity to commend Dr. Fink for his outstanding work as a key figure in the development of the Portland Campus. I am sure the community joins me in this."

Dr. McNeil added during the news conference that in his new position Dr. Fink will be even more helpful to this university "in its merged situation."

Dr. Fink was appointed Dean at UMP in 1965 and Provost in 1968.

Moratorium Day a huge success

376 UMP marchers left the campus around 10:45 Wednesday, and headed up Deering Avenue to Congress on their way to City Hall for the moratorium protest being held there.

They were the first group to arrive, but before the ceremonies ended, there was over 4,000 participants. When the law school contingent arrived under banners, they received a two minute ovation.

The ceremony started with Portland City Councilman Charles Allen, who acted as moderator, saying, "It will be known in history that it is the youth of America, and not members of my generation, that have spoken out against this nation's folly."

Then Peter Goranites, UMP Senate President spoke and received a thrilling ovation when he said, "I say that no president, whether he is president of a student body, of a Lion's Club or Rotary, or of a nation, should turn a deaf ear to those he represents."

Mike Caron, a UMP Student from Westbrook and a decorated Vietnam veteran received the biggest applause of the afternoon. He began his speech with, "South Vietnam is a land of farmers, the South Vietnamese Army is an army of peasants, the South Vietnamese Government is a Government of landowners."

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PRAISE FOR POLICE

The Viking wishes to express the highest commendation for the conduct and energy of the police officers of Portland that were involved in a duty capacity at the motorium events on Wednesday.

The demonstrators, at times, put the policemen in a surprise situation by calling spontaneous unplanned marches up the middle of Congress Street after the afternoon protest and on the unscheduled candle light parade from Deering Oaks to the City Hall Plaza and back to High and Congress.

The police were not notified of these marches, but acted swiftly in a fashion that was quickly realized that their first consideration was the safety of those people who were in the march.

Words can not express the deep appreciation to the Portland Police Department on the part of the Viking for a job well done. Other cities should learn from the responsible actions of our police department.

WAS PROVOST FIRED???

With the example of General Hershey fresh in everyone's mind, it raises the question of whether or not "this promotion" was not an excuse to get rid of our administrative head. We have heard that health reasons may be involved. But if it is not brought out to the students of the real reason for the "resignation" there may be trouble from the student body. The Viking would also hope that he was not fired to bring in a personal friend of the Chancellors or the President's up at Orono. We want to be informed.

CALL FOR JOINT SENATE MEETING

This past week the Gorham Student Senate ran to the press stating that they "will accept any changes in the role of its campus to improve higher education opportunities in southern Maine."

The Viking believes that the UMP Student Senate should have a joint meeting with the Gorham Student Senate to iron out their differences. This is of student concern and its is important that our student body be kept informed in all events of this merger situation.

We congratulate the Senate on its plan to distribute the Minority Plan en masse.

VIKING UNDER NEW SPONSOR

The Viking is now being sponsored by the UMP Literary Club, a chartered organization, interested in promoting publications and periodicals, on the UMP campus. We thank President Larry Leone and the rest of the Literary Club for their kind cooperation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

STUDENT: "Why is it that 99% of the beautiful people are ugly as sin." (Chris True, YAF Chairman).

FACULTY: "See me after class." (Larry Weinstein).

Administration: "Oh, I don't have anything to do with that." (Art Mayo).

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CHANCELLOR SPEAKS ON MERGER

Chancellor McNeil was asked at his Wednesday press conference if a UMP student would be able to plan on coming to the Portland campus rather than the Gorham campus. He replied, "No, I can not definitely guarantee that."

Then he was asked when we would definitely know. He replied, that without complications, he would not be able to tell us until January. The delay is because of the "orderly process of legislation."

A student asked, "Sir, if your boss told you that he might fire you next September or he might not; would you not want to know right away." He replied that he would want to know immediately; but he also would wait until he knew for sure.

The Minority Report of the Gorham Task Force was not released Wednesday because those that prepared it did not sign it and others on the Task Force group, had not had the opportunity of seeing it.

The Chancellor was also asked that if 95% of UMP students voiced an opinion against the merger, would you and the Board of Trustees still try to push the merger through. He answered with an example. If 100% of UMP students voted to support the Moratorium, he would not be moved by that vote.

CAMPU S COUNCIL TO SPONSOR DEBATE

The Campus Council, the faculty government at UMP, this last week agreed to sponsor a debate between the merits of the majority report and the minority report of the GSC-UMP Merger Committee. As soon as it is available the Student Senate will be distributing the Minority Report to the Student Body.

YAF ORGANIZER OUSTED

Alex Holt, organizer of the right-wing Young Americans for Freedom, was voted out as temporary chairman at the first organizational meeting of the new group. Chris True was named to replace him.

After continued complaints of Alex's dictatorial action, Larry Leone moved that Chris be made Chairman and the motion carried.

The right-wing organization is now drawing up a constitution and club philosophy under the direction of a Steering Committee. This committee is made up of Chris True, Alex Holt, Eddie Beard, Larry Leone, Irish, Wilmot, Murthy.

KYROS SPEAKS

Last Monday, Representative Peter Kyros spoke in Luther Bonney to an overflowing crowd in Room 326. After speaking on the issue of Vietnam and the Moratorium, he stated that he believed that the war could only be settled between Hanoi and Saigon after the U.S. leaves. Concerning Abe Fortas, he said, "The only trouble with Fortas is that he was too damn greedy."

He complained that cigarette ads are affecting the minds of eleven and twelve year olds and when the bill came up to eliminate the ads; not one administration representative came running to his office to apply pressure; whereas on most other bills they do try to apply pressure as long as the bills did not "involve million dollar advertisers or the South."

CAFETERIA TO GET RADIO

In a resolution sponsored by Senator Brian Cross, the Senate voted to provide radio music over the loud speakers in the cafeteria.

TRACK MEET SATURDAY

UMP VS. PLYMOUTH STATE ON EASTERN PROMATION AT ONE O'CLOCK
MOROTORIUM (Con't)

Caron pointed out that American lives are being lost "as the President follows a conservative approach to win conservative votes as the last act of the war." Mike ended with a final statement concerning the Democrats. "There are many Democrats who sit on their hands while 45,000 Americans lost their lives and now they are on our side. That is fine, but now they can not serve the cause by just being here today. They must work after the war in order to prevent the next one." He was the only speaker all afternoon who received a standing ovation.

"From the sunlit shores of Maine," Peter Kyros, with a noticeable Kennedy accent, announced his plan to end the war. He shouted, "I say we can unify America," but he failed to even unify the crowd in front of him. There was dampened enthusiasm for his speech.

After Kyros, Larry Moskowitz, for the past two years SDS organizer in Maine and now a Portland resident, spoke on the perils of the war and "imperialism", as he rattled off figure after figure, fact after fact and amazed almost everyone for the knowledge he was able to spout off. There was irritation in the crowd when he got off the war issue and started talking about oppression at home but he received a huge cheer when he spoke of the school systems in America of not "being what they should be."

After the speeches, came a play by the Blackbird Theater which brought tears to many of the eyes in the crowd. It concerned the horror of the war in the eyes of the natives and in the eyes of the men that are made to fight.

The protest broke up after folk songs and some speeches and everyone marched up Congress St. to Deering Oakes for more songs.

CANDLE LIGHT PARADE PEACEFUL

At six p.m. demonstrators left Mobilization Headquarters for Deering Oakes in order to have a candle-light walk around the Oakes Pond.

About one hundred and fifty demonstrators participated.

They walked orderly down to the Oakes and stayed for twenty minutes singing out slogans against the war. Then they marched up State Street toward Congress. Halfway up the hill there was a barrier erected on the sidewalk as part of a construction project. The demonstrators took to the street. At State and Congress the group was met by a Portland Policeman who inquired from the leaders in what direction did they want to go. When informed down Congress Street, the policeman stopped traffic and directed the marches to the Congress Street sidewalk.

They proceeded down Congress clapping and singing out slogans such as "Stop the War." A policeman directed traffic at each intersection. As the group approached the intersections they gave the traffic cop a big cheer.

They arrived at City Hall and six policemen supervised asking the demonstrators to stay off the ledges. The protesters complied with all police requests.

The crowd sang We Shall Overcome and then speeches were made cautioning the crowd that the war did not end that day and there was much more to do.

Two separate cheers were requested and given for the graciousness of the Portland Police Department.

After this the marchers headed back up Congress Street, under police escort, to their High Street Headquarters and the march dissolved there at eight p.m.

There was only one injury all day. An eleven year old ran into a parking meter and drew blood on his forehead.
EXCLUSIVE: The Story of TRICOM

The following is a letter addressed to Provost David R. Fink from the University of Maine Chancellor. He received the letter this past Tuesday.

Dear Dave:

As we look ahead to all the important things which must be done in our university system over the next months, one matter in which I know you have great interest is the contribution which we can make toward wise development of our marine environment. The Darling Center is already deeply involved in marine research, particularly relating to graduate programs in oceanography, and through TRICOM we are also having some input. I understand also that various scientists on the Orono campus are considering an organized environmental research effort.

In addition to all this, however, I believe that we should at least investigate the possibilities of participation in a wholly new concept, namely a research and development center which would look at the Gulf of Maine or parts thereof as an ecological system which should be studied in its wholeness. To the extent that plans for the Research and Advanced Study Center stress interdisciplinary analyses of human and other problems in a coastal environment, you are taking steps in this direction now. What I agree that we need, however, is a workable plan for combining our interests with those of the Maine community, state and federal government, and private enterprise. Obviously there are public agencies and authorities who are as deeply concerned with rational coastal planning and development as we are. We could certainly not make any pretense of "Doing it all" or of interfering with legal prerogatives of others. We could, however, be an excellent catalyst, and at the same time begin to get reliable data into the public policy arena. I would stress one other principle to accompany the eco-system approach noted above. This is that the new center should devote its major efforts to applied research relating directly to real concerns of the marine community. The Sea Grant Act of 1966 stresses this concept as the Land Grant College Act did over 100 years ago. The center should take up this challenge.

In short, the mission of what might be called the Coastal Environment Research Center would be to study the interrelation of man and the sea.

After consultation with President Libby I would like to offer you, beginning in January 1970, an initial 18-month assignment to plan such a center and try to get it operational in as short a time as possible. As you know, the University currently has no operating funds which could be freed, so a major task will be location of risk capital. Another vital aspect of the planning will be to relate the University's concern to the plans of others so that the end result is a workable, joint endeavor. If many will help, I believe this can be done. Cordially, Donald R. McNeil, Chancellor.