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Philippi Doesn't Expect Big Cut, Tuition Increase

At unusual mid-year breakfasts January 10, and 11, Interim President Harlan A. Philippi made his first address to all faculty and staff, saying that he expected that USM will face a reduced request for a budget deappropriation of \$372,000 through the end of the fiscal year as part of a \$1.6 million reduction in the University of Maine System budget. Before Christmas the proposed deallocation for the System had been approximately \$11 million. "Full public credit should be given to the students, faculty and staff who, through letters and face-to-face meetings in Augusta, were instrumental, I believe, in achieving that change," he said.

The proposed budget cut would not require tuition increases or layoffs at USM, he said, but would be saved from supplies, equipment, travel, library acquisitions and by not filling administrative and professional staff positions.

Philippi further stated that although there is no certainty about budget reductions during the next biennium, his best guess is that the eventual appropriation will be flat, that is, "no less than [the System's] current year's budget minus the \$1.6 million deallocation." We will not know definitely what to expect for the next biennium until the end of the current legislative session. The System would, he said, work toward having our original budget request met.

While not wanting to downplay the seriousness of the budgetary problems, on top of previous cuts, he reminded his audience that many outstanding institutions weathered worse financial storms. USM, he said, in rebuilding after the devastation of the "Longley years," emerged as "a

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USM has received a \$15,000 grant from New England Telephone that will be used to help assess the progress of various school reform programs. Specifically, the funds were given to the College of Education's Center for Applied Research and Evaluation. The center was created to help educators generate new knowledge and assessments of the issues facing education. The center will use the grant to fund a one-year apprenticeship for a teacher to be chosen from a public school. The teacher will work with the center to evaluate the impact of new programs on student learning. Pictured from the left are: Thomas D. McBrierty, vice president of Maine, New England Telephone; Dorothy D. Moore, dean of the College of Education; and David L. Silvernail, director of the Center for Applied Research and Evaluation. Caswell Photo

Private Support Put to Good Use at USM

Academic programs chief beneficiaries

At a time when state funding of universities is shrinking, financial support from the private sector becomes increasingly important. Figures contained in a recently completed report by USM to the Council for Aid to Education (CFAE) show a substantial increase in private support to the university. For the fund year 1989-1990 a total of \$1.6 million was raised from private sources, including over \$350,000 raised by the UM School of Law. These amounts compare very favorably with the preceding year (1988-89) in which a total of \$577,000 was raised. These funds provide the margin to pursue further excellence in academic programs and a cushion against budget reductions.

Nearly all of this private support

has been directed to the academic division of the university. Close collaboration with the alumni, businesses, foundations and friends has yielded appreciable benefits, especially for the College of Education and the School of Applied Science. Brian Hodgkin, dean of S.A.S. and Dorothy Moore, dean of C.O.E., said these funds have provided significant scholarship assistance for their students, funds for equipment, and support for new academic initiatives.

Nearly \$150,000 in private support enabled S.A.S. to update and expand computer networks and continue to develop the microelectronic laboratory. "Without this external help," Hodgkin said, "we would not have been able to keep up to date with technology."

Moore agrees. "Without such scholarship funding we would lose some of our best candidates. Our students generally can't rely on financial support from their families and often put themselves into debt to go to college," she said. To generate

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Wroth (Left) and Zillman, former and new dean of School of Law. Dratch photo

Zillman Succeeds Wroth

"It is a challenging time to join the faculty of the University of Maine School of Law," said the new dean of the School of Law, Donald Zillman. "I look forward to the school's continuing vitality, even in a period of difficult financial circumstances."

Zillman assumed his new position at the beginning of January, succeeding L. Kinvin Wroth, who had served as dean for 12 years. "It is a pleasure to follow the leadership of Dean Wroth, who leaves with the respect and affection of the faculty and of all with whom he worked in the state. It is a delight that he remains an active member of the Law School faculty."

The affection and respect of faculty, alumni and the legal community was evident at a dinner held by the Law School November 29 to honor Wroth. Presided over by Maine Supreme Court Justice Daniel E. Wathen of the Class of 1965, the dinner included humorous and heartfelt comments by Senator Edmund S. Muskie, Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury, Dean Emeritus Edward S. Godfrey, and other alumni and faculty. Speakers praised Wroth for his efforts in linking the Law School to the Maine Bar, state courts and the academic community. His accomplishments in implementing the legal needs study, his support of public service initiatives, legal education of the public, and building the law library, as well as his success as a scholar and a teacher also were cited.

Wroth said he was pleased to see leadership of the school pass to Zillman, who will also serve as Godfrey professor of law, a chair established from private gifts. "His ideas and energy will lift the Law

School to the next level of excellence," Wroth said. "We also are fortunate to have a person of his stature as our first Godfrey Professor."

Zillman, an expert on government tort liability, military law and natural resources law, spent the fall semester as distinguished professor of law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

He holds bachelor and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and a master's in law from the University of Virginia. He served with distinction in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, then joined the law faculty at Arizona State University. In 1978 Zillman was the special assistant attorney general for Arizona. From 1979 to 1986 he was professor of law at the University of Utah and director of the university's Energy Law Center, and in 1986 he became director of the University of Utah's Graduate Studies.

Among books he has written are "Energy Law," and "The Military in American Society." He serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law and the Journal of Oil and Gas Law and Taxation, and consults on energy law to bar groups and state, national and international agencies.



Edmund S. Muskie with L. Kinvin Wroth at a banquet honoring Wroth's contributions to the School of Law.

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this assistance she works closely with the development office and regularly corresponds with friends and alumni of the college. "I let alumni know of developments in the College of Education in which they can take pride," she said. "I consider it a major part of the dean's job to help people see how they can support USM and be part of our mission. I realize that donors enjoy being part of the college today."

The total of \$1.6 million includes support through the USM and Law School Annual Funds, both of which grew during the 1989-90 fund year. The 1989-90 USM Annual Fund increased by 61 percent to a total of \$217,043. Other gifts include bequests, which totaled \$175,143; a variety of new endowed and non-endowed scholarships, amounting to over \$160,000; capital gifts of over \$350,000; gifts exceeding \$145,000 from foundations; and in-kind gifts of more than \$275,000.

An important key to the growing success of development efforts at USM is teamwork between the development office and other parts of the university. Richard Sturgeon, executive director of alumni and development, states, "The development office cannot successfully raise money alone. It takes close collaboration with the deans and many others to articulate our needs to potential donors and demonstrate how private support will make a difference."

Philippi

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university that gave up the comfort of settling for being an average university...in favor of the search to be a university with a distinguished mission...." To be dominated now by the financial crisis, he said, would "give lie to all the individual and group accomplishments made over the years at this university." He said he hoped that in facing these difficult times we would "stand against the vulgarity of price as the sole determiner of what is worthy in a university."

Anticipating some anxiety about his leadership as an interim president, he said, "While individuals may be short-term, as I am, the congregation is not, nor is its collective conscience. And the motivation, the competence

the good teaching, the dedication among you today and of those who proceeded you are not interim qualities of USM. If you do not believe the foregoing, an interim president is immaterial. If you do believe it as I believe it, an interim president is of no consequence."

Philippi concluded, "I will do my best to behave in a manner that will do credit to your efforts on behalf of the University of Southern Maine and that attends to our current difficulties without becoming disenfranchised by their seriousness."

Teach-In: War in the Middle East

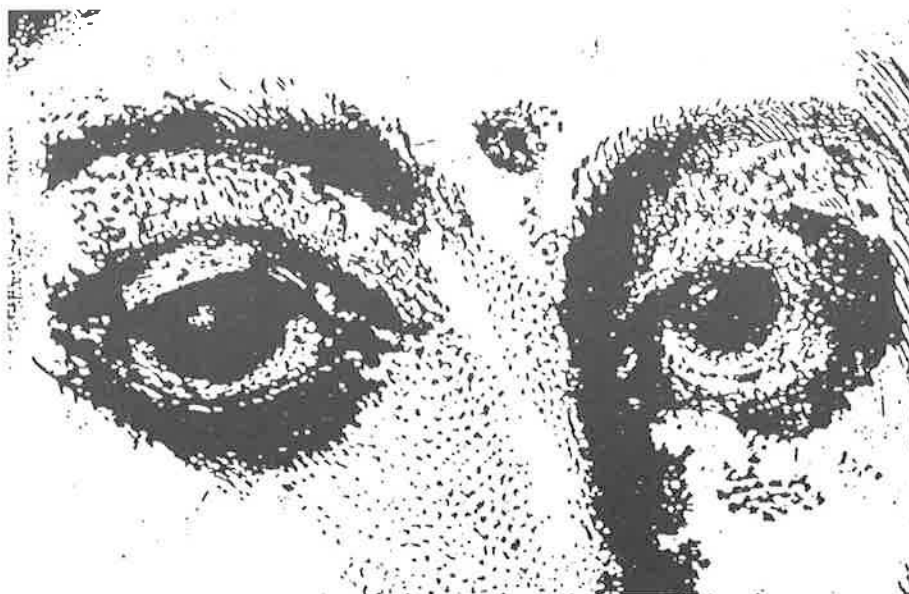
A teach-in addressing the cultural, political and economic aspects of military intervention in the Middle East will be held from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28 in USM's Portland Campus Center. A follow-up panel discussion on the crisis will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room in the Law Building, Portland.

Faculty members from USM, Bowdoin, Bates, and Harvard, as well as representatives from other organizations, will lead discussions throughout the day. An effort has been made to have varying viewpoints represented.

Among outside speakers are Arlene McCloud of the Department of Political Science at Bates, who will talk on "The Role of Women in Political Conflicts in the Middle East;" Souad Dajani, associate at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard, who will discuss "The Palestinian Struggle and the Impact of the Gulf Crisis;" and Zachary Lockman, associate professor of Mid-East History at Harvard, and editor of "Middle East Report," who will speak on "The Linkage Between Palestinian Demands and the Gulf Crisis." Peter Wilk, M.D., president of the Southern Maine Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will discuss chemical, biological and nuclear warfare in the Persian Gulf, and Reza Jalali, spokesperson for Amnesty International and former Kurdish political prisoner, will talk on "Kurdish Nationalism, Human Rights and the Crisis of the Middle East."

These presentations will all take place in Portland. For lecture times in Portland and events list for Gorham, call Andy Levesque at 780-4089.

The teach-in is free and open to the public.



"India," paintings and etchings by Jeana Dale Bearce based on work she began while on sabbatical in India in 1987, will be on display through Thursday, February 14 at the Art Gallery, Gorham. The exhibit, depicting the people, dancers, animals and architecture of India, reflects the artist's long-term interest in that country. The centerpiece of the exhibit is the triptych "Eleven Elephants." The Art Gallery is open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday-Thursday. Contact the Art Gallery at 780-5409 for more information.

Campus Notes

■ Update on Professional Staff Salary Study: salary/job analysis questionnaires not returned by the January 4 deadline should be submitted to the campus Human Resources Office immediately, so that the final phase of the study can begin. Next, the relative value and salary range of each job and a system for setting professional salaries will be determined. In the current budget situation, finding additional funding for implementation seems doubtful, but a system will be in place for the future.

■ The next meeting of the Professional Staff Senate will be held from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13 in the Portland Campus Center. Call Mary Ann Benson, chair of the senate, at 780-4695 for more information.

■ The Faculty Senate will meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 1 in 510 Luther Bonney, Portland and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15 in 102 Bailey, Gorham. For more information, contact Eileen Eagan, chairperson, at 780-5058.

■ The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, January 24 and February 7 in 1 Payson Smith, Portland and on Thursdays, January 31 and February 14 in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham. For more information, call Rob Smith,

senate president, at 874-6594.

■ Student Health Services has scheduled a lecture by Dr. Richard Keeling, a nationally recognized leader in AIDS prevention on campuses, for Wednesday, March 20 in recognition of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week. Chris Lyman, assistant director of health education, requests faculty to encourage or require students to attend this lecture, and if possible to include HIV issues in classwork that week. For more information, call Lyman at 780-5164.

Box Score

The USM Athletic Association has scheduled the first Husky Racket Classic on Friday, February 8 for members of the campus community interested in an evening of sports and entertainment.

Participants will be invited to play tennis, racquetball and wallyball at the Racket and Fitness Center, 2445 Congress Street, Portland. Music, refreshments and a cash bar also will be available. The event will run from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more information, call Al Bean, assistant director of athletics, at 780-5434.

What We're Doing

FREDA BERNOTAVICZ, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, HELENE GERSTEIN, director, Child Care Services, and BETH I. WARREN, associate vice president, Human Resources, were chosen by the National Association of College Auxiliary Services as winners of the Award for Distinguished Journalism. Their winning article, "Building an Award Winning Child Care Center," appeared in the April 1990 Journal of College Services Administration.

E. MICHAEL BRADY, professor of human resource development, has an article "Redeemed from Time: Learning Through Autobiography," published in the fall 1990 edition of Adult Education Quarterly.

DONNA M. CASSIDY, assistant professor of art and New England Studies, had her article, "John Marin's Dancing Nudes by the Seashore: Images of the New Eve," appear in the winter 1990 issue of Smithsonian Studies in American Art. She curated and lectured at the exhibition, "Modern Images: Early Twentieth-Century Prints from the Rothschild and Farnsworth Collections," that was on view at the Farnsworth Museum and the USM Art Gallery. Last fall at the invitation of the Maine Humanities Council she served as chief consultant for a successful NEH grant proposal. The project, "Changing Visions: Modernism in Early Twentieth-Century Art and Culture," written under the auspices of the Maine Academic and Cultural Collaborative, will fund a summer institute on art history for Maine teachers. Cassidy will serve as project scholar for this institute, scheduled for July 1991.

JOSEPH A. CONFORTI, director and professor of New England Studies, presented a paper titled, "The Second Great Awakening and the Problem of Tradition," at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic meeting at York University in Ontario. He continues to evaluate manuscripts on New England religion that have been submitted for publication, most recently for the American Quarterly, Church History, and Oxford University Press. He has been elected to the board of the New England Foundation for the Humanities, and has served as a review panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of State Programs.

ORLANDO E. DELOGU, professor of law and adjunct professor of public policy, is serving as a consultant for the town of Cumberland, researching historic deeds and

records which address the issue of public rights in the foreshore and intertidal areas. Delogu's term as chair of the environmental law section of the Association of American Law Schools ends at the annual meeting of the AALS in Washington D. C. this January. He was a speaker at a regional conference on growth control in the Northeast, sponsored by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, held on November 3 in Medford, Mass.

PATRICIA J. DUSHUTTLE, research assistant, Human Services Development Institute, presented a paper coauthored by RICHARD H. FORTINSKY, associate director, Human Services Development Institute, titled "Comparisons of Spouse and Adult Child Caregivers for Rural Elders" at the 43rd annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Boston on November 17.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, was on sabbatical last fall conducting research on "Greater Portland during WWII." He received a faculty research grant that has enabled him to conduct research at the National Archives in Washington. He is also engaged in several Maine Humanities Council projects, including serving as director of the "History of Maine" project. Eastman has reviewed several chapters of a U.S. history textbook for West Publishing Co.

MUHAMMAD EL-TAHA, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "MVUE in a Truncated Gamma Distribution" at the Operations Research Society of America/The Institute of Management Science (ORSA/TIMS) national meeting held in Philadelphia on October 28-31. He also chaired a session at the same conference.

MAHMUD A. FAKSH, assistant professor of political science, gave a lecture, "The United States and the Persian Gulf Crisis: Confrontation vs. Containment," to the leadership of the 240th Engineer Battalion of the Maine Army National Guard in Waterville. He has accepted an invitation to teach a special seminar on the Persian Gulf Crisis at Duke University's Political Science Department in spring 1991, for which he will travel to North Carolina once a week.

HOWARD M. FAULKNER, associate professor of technology, presented an invited technical paper at the 1990 International Conference on CFC & Halon Alternatives in Baltimore, Maryland, November 27-29, titled "Foam Insulation Products In Energy Efficient Construction Practices."

MUSTAFA G. GUVENCH, associate pro-

fessor of electrical engineering, attended a short course on "Low Temperature Testing of Superconductors and Semiconductors" organized by the Materials Research Society during their annual research meeting held November 26-December 1 in Boston.

FAITH HARRINGTON, assistant professor of New England Studies, was recently named coordinator for the Archaeological Research Unit of the College of Arts and Sciences' Office of Environmental Research and Education at Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport.

TANIA JO HATHAWAY, research assistant, Human Services Development Institute, presented a paper coauthored by RICHARD H. FORTINSKY, associate director, Human Services Development Institute, titled "Respite Care and Alzheimer's Disease: The Volunteer's Perspective," at the 43rd annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Boston on November 17.

Snow Cancellations

Notice of cancellation of classes and office closings because of winter weather conditions can be heard on one of the following radio stations during severe winter storms:

WMGX/WGAN of Portland; WBLM of Portland; WWGT of Portland; WSME/WCDQ of Sanford; WHYR of Saco; WPKM of Portland; WYNZ of Portland; USM's WMPG; WPOR of Portland; WCLZ of Brunswick; WOXX of Norway; WTVL of Waterville; WTSN of Dover, N.H.; WKZS/WLAM/WJBQ of Lewiston; WRKD/WCMC of Rockland; WIDE of Biddeford; WMME of Augusta; WXGL of Lewiston; WHEB of Portsmouth, N.H.; WABK of Gardiner; and WCME of Wiscasset.

Please also note that Telecommunications has instituted a "Storm Cancellation Line." Call USM's switchboard at 780-4800 for up-to-date information on cancellations.



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