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schedule of events

SUNDAY Feb. 16: Concert Tickets go on sale in the Field House from 1 to 5 p.m.

MONDAY Feb. 17: Concert Tickets go on sale outside the Bear's Den from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets offered for sale at the Dining Hall on South Campus from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

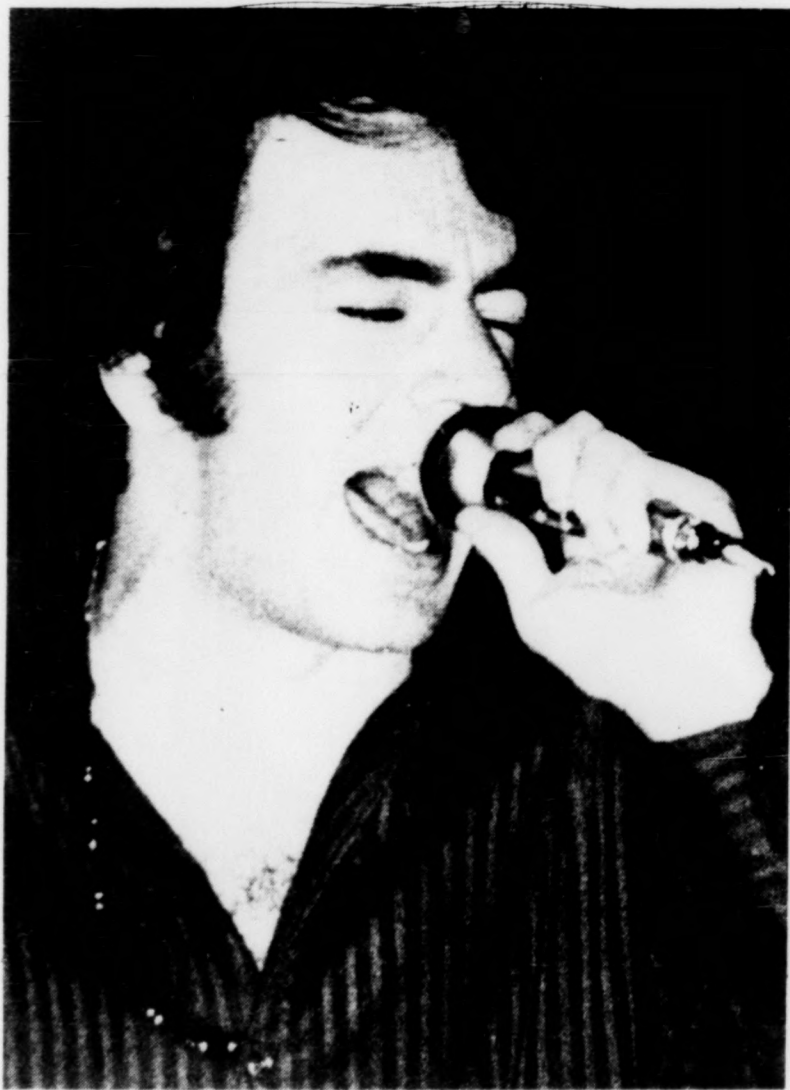
THURSDAY Feb. 20: Voting for the King and Queen in the Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FRIDAY Feb. 21: Swissboomer Ball held at the Memorial Union from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. King and Queen crowned at 10:30. Spectra will be playing.

SATURDAY Feb. 22: Ice Skating Party held at the skating rink on College Avenue from 1 to 5 p.m. Snowmobile rides and games held by the cannons at this time. Hayrides from 1 to 4, tug of war from 3 to 5. Judging of snow sculptures begins at 2:30 p.m.

The Sandpipers perform in the Memorial Gym from 7 to 9 p.m. From 9:30 to midnight a free dance will feature music by the Veil.

SUNDAY Feb. 23: Neil Diamond performs at the Memorial Gym from 2 to 4 p.m.



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snow sculptures

The theme for snow sculptures this year is "Would you believe" and dormitories and fraternity houses are on their own to come up with anything, believable or not.

This year the dormitories have been grouped into quadrangles which will work together and produce one sculpture. There are seven competitors in the dormitory division, five quadrangles from the Orono campus, one from South Campus and the Maine Outing Club.

Judging of the sculptures will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. Awards will be presented at the concert on Saturday night.

Groups which need snow can call Roscoe Clifford, Superintendent of Groups and Services, to have some dumped at their sculpture site.

swissboomer ball

"Le Chateau" will be the theme of the Swissboomer Ball this year. Held in the Memorial Union from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. among decorations portraying a swiss chalet, the ball will be emceed by Campus Security Police Chief Steve Gould. Music will be provided by the Spectras, a dance band from New Hampshire. Attire is semi-formal.

During intermission at 10:30 the Winter Carnival King and Queen will be crowned.

the concerts

The Sandpipers will be bringing their soothing sound to the Memorial Gym on Saturday at 7 p.m. The group, which features male vocalists, Micheal Piano, Jim Brady and Richard Schoff, includes a five piece back up band and two female vocalists.

The group does a number of popular songs, its most recent hit being "Guantanamera." The Sandpipers have four albums out and a new single release called "let Go." After the group's performance a free dance will begin at 9:30 with music by the Veil.

Sunday afternoon at 2 the Memorial Gym will swing with the sounds of Neil Diamond, a vocalist who has the quality of making his audience come alive. Diamond combines such hits as "Kentucky Woman," "Cherry Cherry" and "Red, Red Wing" with a lot of audience participation to produce a great show.

carnival games

A massive skating party is planned for Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. The skating rink will be freshly plowed and iced to provide the best skating. Music will be aired over a public address system.

Cold skaters will have a choice of warming themselves by a bonfire, which will be burning near the rink, or with the free hot chocolate dispensed from a small cabin to be built close to the ice.

There will be a snow-mobile run built on the hill facing College Avenue. Snowmobiles will be pulling toboggan loads of riders on a course winding in and out among the cannons and the hollow tree.

A 70 foot long toboggan run, 20 feet high, will be built on the hill next to Theta Chi. Both toboggans and cafeteria trays will be provided for those wishing to do some sliding.

From 3 to 5 p.m. a tug of war will be held next to the skating rink. Any fraternity, sorority or campus organization can challenge another group to a battle. If the challenge is accepted, a call to Dale Moody, Lambda Chi Alpha, by Wednesday, February 19, will see that the meet is scheduled.

Transportation to and from the games area will be provided by two wagons, which will make intermittent stops around campus. The hay ride wagons will run between 1 and 4 p.m.

all night long

During the weekend WMEB radio, 91.9 on the FM dial, will be running a 36 hour marathon show from 1 p.m. on Friday until 1 a.m. on Sunday. The station will cover all the weekend events except the concerts.

Highlighting the broadcast will be a scavenger hunt aired on Saturday afternoon. Every 15 minutes a list of items will be read. The first person bringing in an item will be given a small prize. The person who brings in the most items during the day will receive an AM FM transistor radio.

tickets

Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, February 16 at 1 p.m. in the Field House. At that time 34 of the tickets will be offered for sale. The sale will run until 5 p.m. or until the tickets are gone.

The remainder of the tickets will go on sale outside the Bear's Den on Monday, February 17, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tickets will be sold all week or until they are gone. 300 concert tickets and 50 ball tickets will be sold at the dining hall at South Campus on Monday, February 17, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Ticket purchasers must show their UM IDs before they will be sold tickets. One person may buy no more than four (4) tickets. Prices are \$2 per person for each of the concerts and \$3 a couple for the ball.

Sociology students move for investigation into firing of p

by David Bright

A hundred angry students, deeply concerned over the firing of two sociology professors, met Monday for an open confrontation with University administrators, and after an hour of loud debate voted to hand the situation over to the General Student Senate's Student-Faculty Relations Committee for a hearing.

The students, most of them sociology majors, had gathered to demand answers as to why assistant professors Mark Stein and Joseph Scimecca were not being re-hired. But they had no hope of getting the answers they wanted, not at that time, as the two people who had the answers, sociology department chairman William Sezak and Arts Dean John Nolde were not present.

Tempers rose and more and more students became disenchanted with the things they did uncover about the workings of the university. And somewhere out of the turmoil several pleas for an organized study of the issue made their way through the voices to the podium.

The pleas were battered by arguments that a committee hearing would co-opt the whole issue. It was felt by some the issue would die in committee, leaving the students with no answers and two professors with no jobs. Others argued a committee study would take too long.

Yet when the smoke cleared, it was evident to all the committee hearing would be no whitewash. English professor Carroll Terrell, a member of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee, was strong in his promise the students would get the answers they wanted, and get them soon.

Emphasizing the UM trustees had already ruled on the matter, Terrell explained it would take a strong and

accurate committee report to change their minds, or that of anyone in power. He proposed the committee, together with representatives from the Sociology Students' Union, the graduate students in sociology and the student senate (which had begun an investigation not involving the committee) meet in closed session with all the people in question.

The committee would spend two weeks of intensive investigation and issue a report of its findings. The report would be well documented and the evidence submitted to the committee would be made available for public scrutiny.

The Monday meeting was the culmination of several months of events which have split the sociology department from within. Petty politicking had been taking place for quite some time, but when the situation began affecting the academic quality of the department the undergraduate students took it upon themselves to open things up.

Their efforts began with a letter in December to the Student-Faculty Relations Committee, pointing out the problems the students saw and asking for an investigation. For a number of reasons, mainly a restructuring of the committee, that request was never acted upon. The matter sat simmering until students learned Stein and Scimecca would not be re-hired.

At a meeting of the Union on February 9, the students discussed the matter and decided one alternative was to publish a letter in the CAMPUS, informing the university community of the situation. The next week the Union gathered to discuss the first draft of the letter and approve its submission. At that meeting three members of

the sociology department, including chairman Sezak, watched the proceedings.

The letter appeared in the February 19 issue of the CAMPUS. On that same day close to 100 students met in the lounge of West Commons to further discuss the problem. At the meeting were

four had been up for rehiring. Two of these, Donald Tennant and Michael Saleebey, had been re-hired, but had indicated they were leaving the University for other jobs. Another, the only member of the department with a Ph.D in sociology (Bhopinder Bolaria) had been notified he would not be re-hired when his term expired

Sezak, DeWitt, whose contract also is up for renewal in 1971, later indicated he was definite about his future for only another year. Sezak is the only tenured member of the department.

Discussion then centered around the reasons for Stein and Scimecca being fired. The students on the fact

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sociology majors, and a number of sophomores considering the subject as a major.

A student composed fact gathering committee presented their findings to the students. Of the nine members (including Sezak) in the department, the committee reported

in September of 1971. Stein and Scimecca had been fired. Two other professors, Jerry Maneker and James Nolan, were uncertain about what decision they would come to when up for renewal in 1971.

That left only Robert DeWitt, department vice-chairman, and

finding committee said they had been told the pair was fired because they hadn't completed their Ph.D.'s and thus did not meet "the newly advocated qualifications" needed to be a member in the department.

The committee pointed out, however, this policy was not

Emerick and Edward were informed by Peggy Dumais the meeting to faculty. Miss Dumais presence of faculty Monday night intimidated several w speak.

Past controversies in Sociology are part of pre

The controversy now showing itself in the department of sociology began several years ago. Some would say it began when Glenn Vernon

became chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology. Others say it started when he left. The arrival of Bhopinder Bolaria is another date many cite. It depends who you talk to.

Bolaria arrived in 1965. Hired by Vernon, he was one of five doctorates in the department (Emerick, Ives, Sezak, Bolaria and Vernon). He recalls with some displeasure the experience of being looked at in terms of "cultural conflicts" before being hired. He feels there was some reluctance to hire him because of his nationality (he was born in India).

His first run in with Vernon was his refusal to use Vernon's textbook

for Sy 3 and 4, the introductory sociology courses. Many students of that time will recall the book, HUMAN INTERACTION, as not the most lively reading they've encountered in college. Largely an outline of Vernon's conception of an introductory course, it wasn't the most popular.

Bolaria, as he himself recalls, was always interested in the department and would often question things he

felt could be improved. Two years ago he wrote to Franklin Eggert, Dean of the Graduate School, about needed improvements in the graduate programs. At that time he pointed out the lack of depth in the department and suggested the grad school should study the matter. It would be no surprise to anyone familiar with the situation to learn Vernon had no plans to rehire Bolaria and give him tenure.

In the Fall of 1968, the Department split, forming a separate department of anthropology. Vernon left and Sezak was named acting chairman of sociology. Emerick was promoted to chairman of anthropology. As the move was made in the middle of the budget biennium, the two departments had to split the budget money. Until just recently they shared the same secretary. Other matters, such as supplies, travel money and project allotments were worked out between the two department heads.

A search committee was formed to pick a permanent department head for sociology. Sezak, Nolde, Emerick and Saleebey were among the committee members.

By the fall of 1969, no chairman had yet been found. Things were not going to smoothly in the department, yet for the most part things were peaceful until it was learned Sezak was planning not to rehire Bolaria at the end of his term in 1971.

Bolaria claimed Sezak had verbally promised him tenure at a faculty meeting in the spring of 1969. DeWitt, Manaker and Nolan supported Bolaria in this and all four, in a seven part memo dated 11/3/69, said they would sign a notarized statement to that effect.

Sezak claims, however, he told Bolaria at the meeting in question he would consider Bolaria's tenure, not promise it. He recently emphasized this, saying a chairman can't promise promotion to a faculty member anyway.

Several days before, Bolaria had submitted his resignation "under protest and pressure" to Nolde, saying he found the reasons he was not being rehired "intangible and somewhat dubious and contestable personal reasons." Nolde acknowledged Bolaria's letter on November 3.

After he resigned, Bolaria called on UMO President Winthrop Libby. Libby listened to Bolaria's case and informed him of the Faculty Relations Review Board, which would hear an appeal on his case. Previously unaware of the board,

Bolaria appealed to it

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BOLARIA, BHOPINDER (1965) B.A. in political science and economics, Punjab University, India, 1955; M.A. in sociology, Kansas State University, 1961; Ph.D. in sociology, Washington State University, 1967. Assistant professor sociology.

DEWITT, ROBERT L. (1968) B.A. in psychology, University of New Brunswick, 1960; M.A. in sociology, University of New Brunswick, 1965. Assistant professor of sociology and department vice-chairman.

MANEKER, JERRY SAM (1968) B.A. in sociology, Adelphi, 1963; M.A. in sociology, New York University, 1966. Assistant professor of sociology.

NOLAN, JAMES A. (1968) B.A. Dartmouth College, 1961. Assistant professor of sociology.

SALEEBEY, MICHAEL D. (1967) B.A. social science, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1958; Master of Social Welfare in social work, UCLA, 1960. Assistant professor of sociology.

SCIMECCA, JOSEPH A. (1969) B.A. in political science, Hunter College, 1961; M.A. in sociology, NYU, 1965. Assistant professor of sociology.

SEZAK, WILLIAM (1946-48) (1949) B.S. in ed., BU, 1938; Master of Education, Maine, 1946; Doctor of Education, Columbia University Teachers' College, 1956. Professor of sociology and chairman of department.

STEIN, MARK S. (1969) B.A. in social science, Michigan State University, 1963; M.A. in sociology, 1968. Assistant professor in sociology.

TENNANT, DONALD A. (1967) B.A. in sociology, Kansas State University, 1962; M.A. in sociology, Kansas State University, 1963. Assistant professor of sociology.

The years in parenthesis indicate year of initial appointment. The office of Institutional Research reports every professor but Bolaria and Sezak have a doctorate in progress. A survey of these in question indicate all plan to have their thesis finished by the end of the year. Some hope for the degree before that time. No one could specify exactly when he would complete his studies.

DeWitt is working on a doctorate at the University of Toronto, Maneker at NYU, Nolan at Washington State University, Saleebey hopes for a Doctorate of Social Welfare (the rest are in sociology) from Berkeley. Scimecca is working at NYU, Stein at Syracuse and Tennant at Washington State University.

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At this point the session was interrupted by the arrival of two anthropology professors, Richard

Ives and Emerick both spoke for only several seconds. Each one told the students his office was always open, and he had documents which would provide a view of the situation the students had not seen. Emerick added he had information which hadn't been brought to the surface as yet, and both professors left leaving behind them an atmosphere of shady dealings, somewhere, waiting to be uncovered. An impression existed that Stein and Scimecca had something to hide which was best left uncovered.

But Ives and Emerick left the students' minds unchanged. The meeting approved a petition which it agreed to circulate until February 27, at which time it would submit it to the administration. The petition read:

"After an investigation by a committee approved by the Sociology Student Union, the decision has been reached such that the dismissal of Mr. Joseph Scimecca and Mr. Mark Stein was not in the best interest of the students. We the undersigned advocate the reinstatement of these individuals."

Passing the petition, however, did not solve the student's problems. The internal struggles in the department still existed, signs of a power struggle were still evident and students were still faced with a department which Dean Nolde was alleged to have called "the step child of Arts & Sciences."

And the problem was very real. Sophomores, especially, were undecided. One student expressed the problem for many when she said, "My time is running out." She was one of many planning to declare sociology as a major. Deadlines for submissions to the spring time



Student Senate president Cowan and member of Relations Committee confer with professors Scimecca and Stein.

catalog were less than a week away. The department, not knowing how many teachers it would have, would only be guessing when it offered course content and times.

The only answer was to confront the decision makers, get the answers and settle the questions once and for all. The meeting of February 23 was scheduled, with notice that the entire sociology faculty, Dean Nolde, Vice President for Academic Affairs James Clark, President Libby, Ives and Emerick would be invited. Until then as many students as possible were urged to see Libby, Clark, Sezak, Ives and Emerick.

The Monday meeting began in a tense, packed West Commons

Lounge. The absence of Dean Nolde, away on a vacation he had planned some months ago, and chairman Sezak, just a week out of the hospital after a kidney operation, meant the answers students wanted weren't going to come. Coupled with that was the fact no light could be shed on the mysteries Ives and Emerick had weaved the Thursday before, for neither of them were present either, each having sent a letter to the SSU explaining prior commitments.

The only light that could be shed on their claims was a letter they had published February 20. It was a letter they had sent to Nolde on December 15, 1969 in response to a vote of no-confidence in Sezak as sociology chairman which seven of the sociology faculty had voted on 6-0-1. The letter contained a six point rebuttal of the no-confidence vote from personal experiences of the faculty signing the letter. No mention was made of any other faculty, it dealt specifically with Sezak's abilities as department chairman.

The letter was signed by Ives, Emerick and James Acheson, assistant professor of anthropology. Acheson attended the Monday meeting, as did Associate Arts Dean Edward Reid, Clark, Ronald Banks, assistant to UMO President Winthrop Libby and seven members of the sociology faculty (all but Bolaria).

The meeting had no sooner started when Acheson, in response to a student comment that everything had to be known about the case, insisted this would mean the opening of faculty files, therefore destroying their confidentiality.

Again an air of mystery filtered

down over the group. People began mumbling to themselves, asking just what was this information Ives, Emerick and Acheson had. To date no one knows and Scimecca, fed up with clouds being draped over his reputation, told the group "you can open my files, I have absolutely nothing to hide." The applause was thundering, as it was when Scimecca said he was tired of "ghostapo tactics" of insinuating something bad about a person and refusing to reveal it under the guise of protecting the person.

"I don't want to be protected," he insisted. Senate president Stan Cowan said he felt Nolde made a mistake when he named Sezak department head. Cowan added there were political implications to the hiring and firing of the sociology faculty that Nolde couldn't deny.

Reid, stuck trying to give answers he didn't have, was the first to urge a Student-Faculty Relations Committee hearing, and after more debate it was agreed the absence of Nolde and Sezak made this the only alternative. Hence the students are now awaiting the outcome of that hearing.

The Student Faculty Relations Committee is planning a special meeting when interested students can submit questions they'd like asked to the committee. The submissions will be made an official part of the proceedings, thus guaranteeing the answers will be forthcoming.

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The next day, Sezak mailed to Bolaria his formal notice he would not be rehired in 1971. That same day Nolde accepted Bolaria's withdrawal of his resignation but added in light of Sezak's letter, Bolaria would not be rehired.

That same day, seven of the sociology faculty called a meeting for the purpose of voting no-confidence in Sezak's handling of his job. Tennant boycotted the meeting, Saleebey attended but abstained from voting, saying he had no personal experiences to justify the vote, but admitted he might be unaware of problems other department members had had.

The motion said Sezak had "failed to follow the advice of the Policy Advisory Committee in departmental matters," had "continuously misrepresented issues and policies of both the University and the College of Arts and Sciences to the members of the Department of Sociology" and lacked "administrative ability, evidenced in his failure to supply and promote resources necessary for professional activities within the department."

The faculty motion also pointed out the staff felt Sezak lacked "confidence of the faculty of the Department of Sociology in his leadership abilities," and "rapport with a substantial number of the faculty of the department."

It concluded, "Whereas Mr. William Sezak... Has questionable professional sociological credentials and knowledge. This we feel is a crucial weakness and causes serious doubts in his ability to evaluate the professional competence and performance of his faculty. Be It Resolved: The Policy Advisory Committee recommends that Mr. William Sezak resign or be removed from the position of Acting Chairman of the Department of Sociology as soon as practical and not be considered as a candidate for permanent chairman."

Six days later, the 15 full time

graduate students in the department met and voted 31-2 a vote of no-confidence in Sezak as acting chairman.

The chairman search committee had still not found a candidate for Sezak's job, and at the recommendation of Nolde chose to appoint Sezak full time chairman until 1971. The measure was approved in December and passed by the trustees at their next meeting.

The decision caused a turmoil in the department. Shortly afterwards, Stein and Scimecca were notified they would not be rehired. The other two faculty up for reappointment, Saleebey and Tennant, both of whom had not signed the no-confidence vote were rehired.

Sezak's explanation for his choice was he was attempting to upgrade the department, and Stein and Scimecca were not close enough to obtaining Ph.D.s. Students supporting the two

argue they are as close to doctorates as any others in the department. But Sezak says he was not kept informed of their progress as he was of Tennant's and Saleebey's.

Yet he admits the dissent raised in the department by Stein and Scimecca played a part in his decision, accusing them of actions meant to tear down, undermine and harass the department.

Scimecca and Stein say they have tried legitimate channels to enact change in the department. And Scimecca adds if harassment is challenging the status quo, certainly he has been a harassment. Both of them answer charges leveled by Sezak as well as Nolde that the faculty are manipulating the students with a pert reply. They consider it an insult both to them and to the students. And Sociology Student Union chairman Peggy Dumais points out faculty have had no say in recent student activities to get Stein and Scimecca reinstated.

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