

## Meduxnekeag

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whereas it would be less significant if the volume were cut back.

Whether or not there has been any improvement in the condition of the river the last couple of years, as Staley claims there has, Barnes couldn't say. He also didn't know if there were any fish left in the river.

When we spoke to Olmstead, he said that a couple of years ago the river had been classified C at the border, rather than D, as it had been previously. D is the lowest rate of classification. At the same time, he did not think the water had improved at all and didn't know why the river had been reclassified. Later we found out that the D classification had been made illegal.

Barnes didn't know whether the river had ever had a D classification, and as we have said, he didn't know whether pollution had been reduced.

We contacted Donald Barringer, manager of the plant, and he insisted that indeed the condition of the river had improved over the last few years as a result of pollution control equipment installed by Staley's since they took over the plant. Area residents, judging from the opinions expressed at the hearing, do not seem to agree with Barringer on this point.

"People are always complaining without really knowing what they're complaining about," said Barringer. He said that many people had a misconception that pollution on the river would be increased if Staley's obtained a waste water discharge license. "If anything we're going to be decreasing it." He said that the pollution load might be cut in half if the

planned improvements in the treatment process were successful. He also said that on that particular day, no effluent at all was being discharged directly into the river as it was being used for irrigation. He did not know just when the treatment facilities would be operational.

To date, there has been no deadline set by

Staley's to install the treatment facilities and no formal agreement that they will be installed or that the river will not be downgraded. For the moment, it appears that conservationists will have to put their faith in the Maine tribunal, which will be holding its next hearing in Houlton on November 2, to ensure that the situation on the Meduxnekeag does not deteriorate.

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## SUB student supervisors do a tough job

By MYRNA RUEST

Student Supervisors do a tough job for dirt poor wages according to Bill Bancroft, head of the SUB Supervisors.

They are mistakenly looked upon as bouncers instead of as assistants for students wishing to use the Student Union Building. Pub nights stand out as good examples of time when supervisors are discriminated against.

Apparently 99 percent of the students do not create disturbances. Reasons are obvious for restrictions in the SUB and the supervisors are required to be as polite to students as they can. However, should a student act belligerently the supervisor has the authority to act accordingly.

The supervisors can force a rowdy student to leave the building but if any real damage occurs the student can be taken to court. The Student Disciplinary Committee, which has been out of use

for two years, will be back this year trying again to act as a buffer between students and the downtown courts. Bancroft said he feels this will serve as an encouragement for students to misbehave as they will not have to worry about penalties from a downtown court.

The usual procedure for hiring new student supervisors is to ask students already employed as supervisors about the applicant's character. They are hired on a trial basis and wages begin at only \$1.50 per hour. If the student is kept on, his wages increase to \$1.60 per hour. This month 33 people were working just as supervisors.

Apparently our SUB has the highest employment rate in the Maritimes. There is one female supervisor at present, and more may be hired in the near future. Salaries are obtained from the rental of rooms in the building

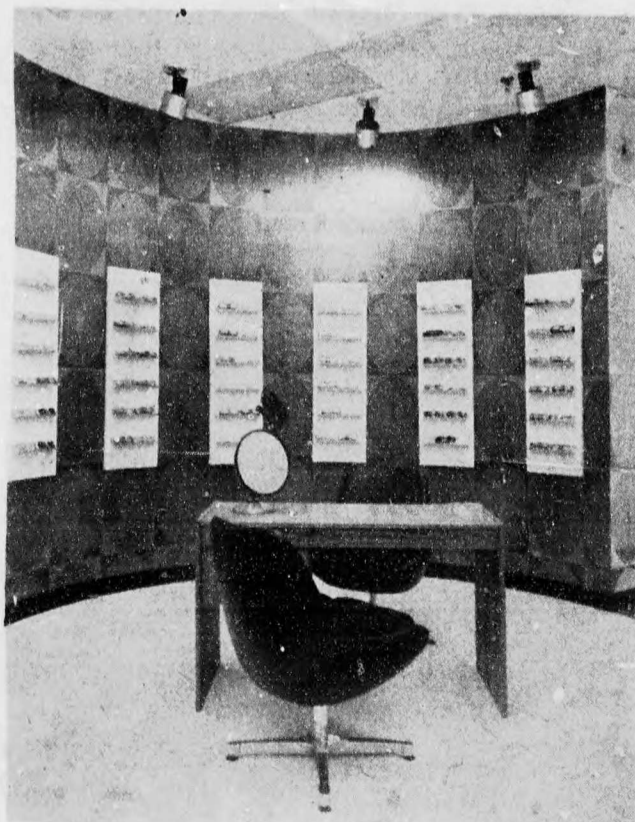
and from profits on the food services.

Bancroft expressed the general view that working as a Student Supervisor is a tedious way to earn money. Co-operation is appreciated from students and it is hoped that students will continue to use supervisors as a means of making better use of their student union centre. For example, if you want to use a room that is locked ask a supervisor to open it. Remember, it is kept locked to protect equipment we all pay for.

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