Cathie Pelletier comes to campus

AWARD-WINNING NOVELIST
Cathie Pelletier will share her experiences as an author, screenwriter, and literary agent starting this month when she serves as the University’s first-ever Writer-in-Residence.

Born and raised in Allagash, Pelletier has written nine novels – two have been turned into movies – and collaborated with some of the top names in Hollywood and Nashville.

Pelletier is returning home to northern Maine to offer two short courses for campus and community members. She just finished work on her latest novel, “The One-Way Bridge,” and was looking for something fresh but familiar before delving into new book and film projects.

“No matter where I am in the world, when people ask me where I’m from, I always tell them I’m from Maine,” Pelletier said. “I’m so excited about this residency. This is a chance to share my experiences with the people who share my northern Maine roots.”

University officials are similarly pleased.

“This is one of those rare opportunities that the University has to host a writer with local roots and a nationally-known reputation,” President Don Zillman said. “We are honored to have Cathie Pelletier here.”

In mid-January, Pelletier will begin teaching her two classes. The first course, “Fiction Writing and the Writer’s Life,” will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05 to 4:45 p.m., and focus on the craft of writing and getting.

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THE UNIVERSITY IS READY to handle severe weather of all kinds after receiving an important federal designation as a National Weather Service StormReady campus.

The northern Maine institution is the second campus in New England, after Harvard, and the 21st campus in the nation to receive this designation.

StormReady, established in 1999, is a nationwide program that helps communities better protect their citizens during severe weather – from tornadoes to tsunamis to winter storms. Program “communities” can include cities, towns, universities, Indian Nations, and government and private entities. The program helps arm such communities with the planning, communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property before and during storm events.

“Being a part of this program goes a long way in making us safer as a campus whenever severe weather strikes,”

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A PIANIST WHO HAS RECEIVED RAVE REVIEWS from the likes of jazz greats Wynton Marsalis and Joshua Redman will play at the Campus Center when he brings the Aaron Goldberg Jazz Trio to town at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

Aaron Goldberg will join Reuben Rogers on bass and Eric Harland on drums to offer up a night of improvisational jazz that embraces the cultures and continents that Goldberg has experienced in his musical travels.

"Boundless imagination, burning intensity, exquisite sensitivity and abundant soul – Aaron Goldberg truly has it all. One of the most exciting, inventive and lyrical pianists you will ever hear," Joshua Redman has said of the musician.

Goldberg is a young pianist and composer who has been featured in the bands of both Wynton Marsalis and Kurt Rosenwinkel and worked with Redman, Brad Mehldau, and Al Foster. His band mates are regarded as two of the most impeccable and dynamic musicians of their generation. The long-standing trio recently released its breakthrough album “Worlds.”

Tickets at the door are $10 for adults and $5 for students, and are available in advance ($8 adults, $4 students) at Morningstar Art and Framing Main Street, Presque Isle. Admission is free for UMPI, NMCC and SAGE students.

For more information about the trio, visit www.AaronGoldberg.com.
**Professor’s short film tours Canada**

A **7-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY FILM** by University Professor Lynn Eldershaw is being screened in nine Canadian cities after it was selected for inclusion in Prairie Tales, an annual touring collection of Alberta short film and video.

Eldershaw, an assistant professor of sociology, created her film “Tricoter” – that’s “to knit” in French – last year while serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology at the University of Alberta.

It was one of 13 short pieces included in the 9th annual tour of Prairie Tales, which has screened its collections of film and video at fairs, gatherings, and theaters from Saskatchewan to New Brunswick. Prairie Tales is produced by Metro Cinema, in partnership with the Alberta Media Arts Alliance Society and with funding assistance from the Canada Council for the Arts and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

Eldershaw’s documentary explores the legacy of relationships that are created through the beloved craft of knitting, according to the program notes for Prairie Tales 9. The film presents a vibrant group of knitting enthusiasts, but only shows us their hands busily knitting away as they talk about why they knit and how they became knitters in the first place. The effect leaves the viewer listening intently to the dialects, the inflections, and the stories of the speakers.

Tricoter was Eldershaw’s first film production. She said she was testing out the new medium as a potential tool for her research in health, illness and spirituality.

“It was really fun to film,” she said, “but I didn’t expect that it would end up being shown to people like this.”

For more information about Prairie Tales, please visit www.prairietales.org.

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**TV Meteorologist offers weather course**

**IF YOU’VE EVER WONDERED WHY** red skies in the evening are usually followed by beautiful, sunny days, Ted Shapiro may have just the class for you.

Shapiro, chief meteorologist for WAGM-TV, will be offering his course “Introduction to Meteorology: A Field Course in Weather Observation,” at the University during the spring semester. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:40 to 2:55 p.m. in Folsom 303.

This is Shapiro’s eighth year teaching the course. He previously taught it at Husson College in Bangor when he worked for WVII-TV. The meteorologist said that the main reason he teaches this course is because the clues people need for short-term weather forecasting are right in front of them, and that anyone can be weatherwise just by knowing how to read the signs in the skies.

“Learning about readily-available sky clues can really allow a person to make the best decision possible about their daily plans,” Shapiro said. “A non-weatherwise person might not be aware of early-day thunderstorm clues. Someone who takes my class would be – and, trust me, you don’t want to get caught out on a lake in a thunderstorm.”

During the course, students will learn about basic weather systems –

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**EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS**

Effective Monday, Jan. 14, the University Library will extend its hours.

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Use of the library will be monitored to determine the effectiveness of this change.

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International Students Club to continue lunchtime presentations
The International Students Club would like to thank all who attended their Nov. 29 presentation on Thailand and Vietnam. Many were on hand to sample the lunch of Thai red curry chicken/rice and Vietnam fall salad. The university community can look forward to a similar presentation during the spring semester.

Students benefit from donated professional clothing
Over 80 pieces of donated professional clothing – everything from suits and skirts to ties and belts – were distributed at no cost to students during the December “Suits for Students” event held in Folsom Hall. Many thanks to faculty and staff for their help in making this possible. The program went so well that UMPI’s Career Services is planning to repeat it again this spring. For information, contact Bonnie Devaney at 768.9750.

Frederick Lynch reception rescheduled
The reception for artist Frederick Lynch, originally scheduled for December, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. (snow date of Jan. 23) in the Reed Gallery of the Campus Center. The public and campus community are encouraged to visit the gallery to view “Divisions,” an exhibit of the artist’s paintings and drawings, available through the month of January. For more information, contact Sandra Huck at 768.9611.

Law Enforcement vs. Students in Basketball Game
Criminal Justice students will take on local and state police officers in the Third Annual Law Enforcement vs. Students Basketball Game fundraising event. It will be held on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Gymnasium (snow date, Feb. 1) Admission is $3; free to UMPI students. Contact Lisa Leduc at 768.9436 or lisa.leduc@umpi.edu for further information.

Faculty Noon Seminar Series continues
The University continues its new Faculty Noon Seminar Series on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the Normal Hall Faculty Room.

StormReady
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Charles Bonin, Vice President of Administration and Finance, said.

Officials will host a presentation about the StormReady Program at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 in the Campus Center. The campus and community are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The event will include an informational presentation about StormReady, followed by the formal presentation of a plaque.

To become StormReady, the University had to:
- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public;
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally;
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars;
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

The University was approached by Tony Sturey, Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service office in Caribou, last spring about becoming a StormReady campus. Greg Daniels, the University’s security and safety coordinator, led efforts on campus to implement the program.

Daniels and Sturey worked with campus, weather, and local emergency management officials to meet the StormReady requirements. For example, officials have installed NOAA Weather Radios in every building on campus and have established points of contact for each building. These contacts are responsible for monitoring the radios and getting warnings out to others in their building. Warnings also will be disseminated to the campus community through email, computer dialog pop-up box, voice mail, and radio stations.

The University also has a formal hazardous weather plan and severe weather spotters in place. It will also continue to host weather safety talks by the National Weather Service with an emphasis on high impact weather.

“Education and awareness are fundamental building blocks to help communities prepare for high impact weather,” Sturey said. “The University of Maine at Presque Isle has embraced this concept and enhanced their hazardous weather mitigation plan through the StormReady program. It’s a win-win situation for the University and their community.”

* Division 140” 2007, 43” x 36” watercolor; artist: Frederick Lynch
Monmouth Theatre’s "Macbeth" comes to campus
The great tragedy of greed and ambition comes to life in the Theater at Monmouth’s production of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. The production is free for UMPI, NMCC, and SAGE students with ID cards. Cost for adults is $10 and $5 for students.

Campus Blood Drive
February 6
Would you like to save a life? Donate blood. Each pint donated could save as many as three people. It’s easy – all you need to do is lie down for about 20 minutes. What could be more relaxing? The University of Maine at Presque Isle will be holding its annual spring blood drive on Monday, Feb. 6, 2008 from noon to 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Campus Center. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away. Those wishing to reserve a time may call 768.9585 during regular business hours.

Spring Ball announced
The Spring Ball Planning Committee has announced the date and theme for the university’s popular dinner and dance. The 12th annual ball will take place on Friday, April 18. This year, the committee voted for the theme “Disco.” The Spring Ball is the most highly attended social event of the year, targeted to bring the entire campus community together in one room for a night of fun. Suggestions for this year’s ball can be made to any planning committee member or emailed to keith.madore@umpi.edu.

Upward Bound hosts open house
The TRiO Upward Bound program recently hosted three open houses to introduce the campus and community to its new staff and office spaces in Presque Isle, Houlton and Fort Kent. The program was awarded $2.4 million in grant funding last spring so it could serve 120 students each year for the next four years at all 16 Aroostook County high schools. With the new funding, officials have established satellite offices at the Houlton Higher Education Center and at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. The program’s new space at the University of Maine at Presque Isle is in Preble Hall. The funding also allowed the program to hire two academic counselors to work at the sites in Fort Kent and Houlton.

Alumna offers local writing classes
University alumna and Star Herald reporter Meridith Paterson will offer two creative writing classes for the community at the Wintergreen Arts Center beginning in February. She will offer the seven-week-long classes on Sundays, for adults from 3 to 4 p.m. and for children from 4 to 5 p.m. Those who would like to learn a few tips or just want to set aside time to write with others are encouraged to sign up. Cost is $36 per student or $30 for Wintergreen Arts Center members. For more information, contact Paterson at 554.9230.

Weather course
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such as highs, lows, and fronts – and how to identify clouds and interpret what they mean in terms of upcoming weather.

As part of the course, Shapiro has his students keep a weather log, where they make a weather prediction based on their observations. Shapiro said one of his favorite parts of teaching the course is when a student makes a prediction and then the prediction turns out to be correct.

“They are always amazed that you can actually use this stuff,” he said.

For more information about this course, call 768.9519.
The NCAA Association of DIII Independents has named the 2007 All-Independent Conference Teams. After competing well during their respective seasons, the University of Maine at Presque Isle fall sport athletes of the Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, and Men’s and Women’s soccer teams are being honored on the following teams:

2007 All-Independent Men’s Soccer Teams
First Team - Senior Midfielder Matt Petrie (Old Town)
Second Team - Senior Defender Chase Higgins (Presque Isle)
Honorable Mention - Sophomore Defender Trevor Hews (Van Buren)

“One word comes to mind when I think of these particular athletes’ work ethic,” remarked UMPI Head Men’s soccer coach Alan Gordan. “They’ve all worked hard over the years to be at the top of their game. It’s nice to know that other coaches within our conference recognize their work ethic and what these three players mean to our team.”

2007 All-Independent Women’s Soccer Teams
Second Team - Defender Senior Anna Delong (Presque Isle)
Honorable Mention - Forward Junior Erin Pelletier (Madawaska)
Honorable Mention - Goalkeeper Sophomore Billie Martin (Caribou)

First year Head Women’s soccer Coach Tammy Krul recently commented on her three all-conference athletes: “Anna Delong is a true captain and was the anchor of our defense this season. She inspired her teammates with her unmatched work ethic and winning attitude. Erin Pelletier has a nose for scoring and we relied heavily on her to finish when we needed a score; she made the difference in many games this season. Billie Martin is a gifted athlete with excellent goalie skills and instincts; she made many remarkable saves this season.”

2007 All-Independent Men’s Cross Country Teams
Second Team - Junior Emerson Wright (Presque Isle)

2007 All-Independent Women’s Cross Country Teams
First Team - Junior Michelle Phillips (Riverview, N.B.)
Second Team - Senior Leah Joy (Swan’s Island, Maine)

“These runners have shown repeatedly that year-round hard work and dedication pay off at the right time, allowing for the athlete to peak during the key race,” commented Cross Country Head Coach Chris Smith. “Experienced runners know the process and followed their training to a “T”. Leah, a fifth year student-athlete in her first year as a runner (she had NO previous experience) also exemplified this type of mentality throughout her athletic experiences at UMPI. Leah trusted in her training during our season and her selection to the AD3I All-Conference Team is the result.”

Any one of our athletes that has been selected should consider it a tremendous honor. This selection is among Universities and Colleges that are located throughout the United States, and who are participating in the Independent Conference.
University establishes community card

THE UNIVERSITY HAS ESTABLISHED a new card that will allow community members to access services at the campus wellness center and library. The new Community Card will allow users to do everything from signing in for a workout at Gentile Hall to checking out books from the University Library, all with one quick swipe.

The card will serve as a photo ID and magnetic swipe card – the same type of access card that all students, faculty and staff use to access campus services. Information Services Director Greg Curtis said the new card will create efficiencies both for card users and the University.

“Our new card will simplify for our community friends their interactions with the university by requiring only one card for access or service, and it will reduce the number of specialized cards the university maintains.”

All community members who use these University facilities are encouraged to obtain their card as soon as they can. By June 1 it will be necessary to present a card to gain access to Gentile Hall and to take home any item from the Library.

You can start the process to get your card: • visit Emerson Annex • call 768.9560 or • e-mail james.stepp@umpi.edu. For more information, contact Greg Curtis at 768.9603, gregory.t.curtis@umpi.edu.

Fixit

Know of something on campus that isn’t functioning properly? Just e-mail fixit. From leaky faucets to burnt out light bulbs to broken locks on lavatory stalls, this is the place to go. All you do is type “fixit” into the “To” line of your email, write the pertinent information in the body of the email, and click send. The problem will be dealt with ASAP.
Dr. BONNIE WOOD, Professor of Biology, travelled to Atlanta, Georgia in November to present a hands-on workshop at the 2007 National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) Professional Development Conference. Workshop participants learned how to transform a college biology course into a lecture-free format and experienced samples of her in-class activities and course-embedded assessments. The workshop was well-attended and provided Dr. Wood with an opportunity to promote her forthcoming book. In September, Dr. Wood was awarded a contract by NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Press to write a book entitled Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Science Educators and their Students scheduled to be published in 2009. ★

Accounting student Katie McNally, center, recently was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation. Presenting her with the award are, from left, University President Don Zillman, Katahdin Trust Company President Jon Prescott, KeyBank Vice President Steven St. Pierre, and Joseph Murphy, chairman of the Maine Bankers Association. ★

Community News

Special Olympics Basketball Skills Tournament Friday, Jan. 11 beginning at 9 a.m., Gentile Hall. Aroostook County Athletes take part in this skill-based event. This year's sponsor, Maine Public Service Company, will be assisted by volunteers from the Caribou Varsity Boy's Basketball team. Volunteers needed! Aroostook State Park needs your help!! On Jan. 19 and Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Park will host "Take it Outside." Volunteers assist with snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, nature interpretation, sleigh rides and an outdoor barbecue. Contact frank.appleby@maine.gov or 768.8341.

Northern Maine Chamber Orchestra performs Saturday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Conducted by Waldo Caballero, string director for Orono schools and member of the Bangor Symphony, the performance will feature works by Verdi, Handel, Tchaikovsky, and Anderson. Admission is free.

Presque Isle Kiwanis' 56th Annual Talent Review Saturday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. at the Presque Isle Middle School Auditorium. Auditions are Jan. 12. Applications are available at area schools or at http://pikiwaniscub.homestead.com. For more information: Janet Kelle, 764.7018 or Kathie Beaulieu, 227.4128.

FAFSA / College Goal Sunday College Goal Sunday, sponsored by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) and coordinated at UMPI by TRiO Upward Bound, is Sunday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m., Folsom 105. Staff assist with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) documents. This free event is open to the entire community. High school seniors and parents, and current-enrolled college students needing assistance are encouraged to attend. ★

The image is changing!

Last month we launched the full color electronic version of the image, and this issue sports a new look. We hope you enjoy the changes.

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