University, Momentum partner on Institute
Participants encouraged to reach for success

MOMENTUM AROOSTOOK AND THE UNIVERSITY are teaming up to offer the YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE, a professional development short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to hone their professional skills. The pilot program will be offered at the University during five afternoon sessions between March and April. The Wednesday sessions will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 9.

"Momentum Aroostook couldn’t be more pleased about partnering with the University of Maine at Presque Isle on this project," Nathan Berry, board chairman, said. Momentum Aroostook is a group of highly motivated Aroostook County young people between the ages of 20 and 40, connecting for career, social and community betterment. "The Young Professionals Institute will provide the area’s young people with the skills they need to be successful, whether they work in government settings, for nonprofits, or in traditional offices."

Participants in the Young Professionals Institute will learn through role-playing scenarios and hands-on activities how to write eye-catching proposals, deliver successful oral presentations, use best practices in written communication, and work effectively with the media.

"Some of the outstanding professional leaders in the community will be partnering to teach rising young professional stars about key aspects of professional success – capable writing, effective oral presentations, teamwork, and media relations," President Don Zillman said. "This will be hands-on work for the Institute participants,"

MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS of the institution caught their first official glimpse of the newly remodeled Normal Hall Faculty Lounge on Thursday, Feb. 7 when the University hosted a grand opening reception.

Approximately 75 people attended the unveiling, including two very special guests from KeyBank. The KeyBank Foundation donated $5,000 toward the project. The foundation, funded by KeyCorp, is rooted in the belief that economically self-sufficient individuals are empowered to face the challenges they encounter as they aspire to achieve their dreams.

Steven St. Pierre and Brian Flewelling, both vice presidents at KeyBank in Presque Isle, were recognized during the event. President Don Zillman called the donation a marvelous, much-needed gift from a kind of guardian angel.

"KeyBank has been a great supporter of this project and the University," Zillman said. "We are..."
ABOUT 40 PEOPLE GATHERED on Monday, Jan. 28 at the Campus Center to take part in an all-day meeting that focused on ways to better understand and meaningfully engage Native American students in learning.

Campus and community officials met with officials from the Mi’kmaq-Maliseet Institute at the University of New Brunswick to discuss the strategies the Canadian institute has implemented to help improve college retention and graduate rates among its Native American population.

The meeting was held as part of the University’s involvement in Project Compass. The University received a $100,000 grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation last October aimed at increasing academic success for minority and low-income undergraduate students. The funding supports a year of planning and capacity building. If the University is invited to move into the next phase of Project Compass, it could receive nearly $1 million over the course of four years to implement its plans.

At the Jan. 28 meeting, four officials from the Mi’kmaq-Maliseet Institute led an interactive Power Point presentation about the Institute, which was established in 1981. Officials included Director Dr. Lynda A. Doige; Dr. Andrea Belczewski, bridging year coordinator; Tina Nicholas-Bernard, First Nations Business Administration Certificate Coordinator; and Gail L. Tucker, oral and written communications instructor.

Dr. Doige said that, for the Institute, the highest priority is to offer a high caliber, quality education to the students they serve.

“We offer support services, we make sure students are adequately prepared for the transition to college, and that their cultural context is embedded in the curriculum,” Doige said.

In the afternoon, meeting participants took part in one of two breakout sessions. MMI officials facilitated one session on best practices in teaching and learning, and another on best practices in student support.

University officials will use the information gathered at the meeting in their future planning efforts.

Mi’kmaq-Maliseet Institute offers insights

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In talks with many different local businesses in the last year, university officials received an overwhelming number of requests for more training opportunities, especially for younger professionals in the region. With Momentum Aroostook working toward many of the same professional goals for its members, the University found the perfect co-partner to establish the Institute.

The short course will be facilitated by President Zillman, members of Momentum Aroostook, and local business and community leaders.

There are only 12 seats available in the inaugural class. Young professionals interested in taking the course must submit their names for nomination or have their employer nominate them. The nomination deadline is Feb. 25. Selections will be announced Feb. 26. A $50 registration fee, paid by course participants or their business sponsors, is due by March 4.

For more information about the short course, which is not being offered for academic credit, contact the School of Business and International Studies at 768.9740, e-mail linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu, or visit www.umpi.maine.edu and click on the Young Professionals Institute link.

Folsom Labs Temporarily Relocated

Folsom Hall is being renovated. Computer and teaching labs will be relocating.

Please note the following new locations:

FORMER LOCATION / NEW LOCATION
• Folsom 101A / Library Room 201
• Folsom 101B / Pullen 111
• Pullen 111 classes / Pullen 115, Folsom 101B, or Library Conference Room
• Folsom 102B computers – moved Feb. 11 – 16 to Library locations.
• Teaching labs will be unavailable late Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16 – moved to new locations during break, Feb. 18 – 22.

Students, check with your instructor for the relocation of your class. Notices will be posted instructing you where to go.
Shetterly to speak on democracy and dissent

SOCIAL ACTIVIST AND ARTIST ROBERT SHETTERLY serves as the University’s first Distinguished Lecturer of the semester when he visits this month.

Shetterly – whose well-known exhibition of nearly 70 portraits, “Americans Who Tell the Truth” is traveling all over the globe – will deliver his talk “Democracy and the Necessity of Dissent” at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 in the Campus Center. The event is free and open to the public.

He will discuss the lives of his portrait subjects as examples of the fact that all Americans have won their rights, freedoms and equalities because people have fought in the past and continue to fight today for them: “If we can learn anything from our own history it is that democracy requires constant citizenship and courage to act in its defense,” he said.

Shetterly, who resides in Brooksville, has worked in the art world for more than 35 years. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946. He graduated in 1969 from Harvard College with a degree in English Literature. At Harvard, he took a few courses in drawing, which changed the direction of his creative life from the written word to the image. In 1970, Shetterly moved to Maine and supported himself as an artist while becoming proficient in printmaking and painting. His illustrations appeared in approximately 30 books, as well as the National Audubon’s children’s newspaper Audubon Adventures. He also worked for 12 years as an editorial page artist for the Maine Times newspaper.

Now, his works are in collections all over the U.S. and Europe. A collection of his drawings and etchings “Speaking Fire at Stones” was published in 1993. “Americans Who Tell the Truth,” a book of his first 50 “truth teller” portraits that includes an essay and short biographies, was published in 2005. It won the 2006 International Reading Association Award for intermediate non-fiction.

Fishbowl gets second informational mural

THE STUDENT ARTIST WHO PAINTED THE WORLD in one University classroom is at it again.

Jennifer Prokey, a junior majoring in environmental science, has painted a 10 by 14-foot mural in 105 Folsom Hall. The classroom fondly known as the “Fishbowl” is one of the largest on campus and has sported a 23-foot wide mural of the globe on its western wall since last semester. Prokey’s latest work, on the classroom’s eastern wall, is a mural showcasing the Periodic Table of the Elements.

The periodic table was an obvious choice for this wall, according to Dr. Kevin McCartney, Professor of Geology and Director of the Northern Maine Museum of Science. The size and square shape of the cinder blocks as well as the distance between the pillars that are part of the wall are ideal for showing the table, he said.

McCartney said each eight-inch block on the wall shows a separate element, with its atomic number and mass. Altogether, the table shows the 92 elements that occur in the natural world, and 26 elements that have been created by scientists.

Prokey said she has enjoyed working on both mural projects for the University because they are important to the community.

The Periodic Table of the Elements mural is now on display in Folsom 105.

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Students, staff perform Vagina Monologues

MORE THAN A DOZEN WOMEN TOOK THE STAGE at Wieden Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 12 to offer a benefit production of Eve Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues. The production was held in association with the 2008 V-Day Campaign, a global effort to stop violence against women that marked its 10th anniversary this year.

Hailed by The New York Times as “funny” and “poignant” and by the Daily News as “intelligent” and “courageous,” The Vagina Monologues – which was first performed off-Broadway by Ensler – dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women’s experiences. Ensler has performed the play to great acclaim throughout the world, from Zagreb to Santa Barbara, from London to Seattle, from Jerusalem to Oklahoma City. Villard Books/Random House first published The Vagina Monologues, which includes a foreword by Gloria Steinem, in February 1998.

While past local productions have featured local women reading their monologues, this show brought a new twist – cast members performed their monologues from memory. The University’s 16 cast members included a mixture of staff and students, whose ages range from early 20s to late 50s. The production team was led by producer Michelle Gillis and director Sarah Spires, both students at the University.

Ninety percent of the proceeds from the performance were donated to the Battered Women’s Project. The remainder went to the V-Day Campaign. In 2007, more than 3,000 V-Day benefits took place in the U.S. and around the world, raising more than $6 million through performances of The Vagina Monologues. 

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**LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS** will learn about worldwide perspectives on energy and their impact on Maine during the University’s next Business Associates Breakfast, to be held at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 in the Campus Center.

In collaboration with LEAD (Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development), the University will present John Gulliver, a partner with Pierce Atwood who heads its Energy Group and its International Practice Group. Gulliver has developed the firm’s energy and natural resources law section, which is active all over the world in the development of energy projects.

He will speak on “Energy: Maine and the World” during his visit and offer insights on taking Maine business enterprise into the worldwide market.

Gulliver specializes in energy sector restructuring, regulatory reform, commercialization, project finance and privatization, project development, power markets and market design, cross-border trading, nuclear issues, sustainable development, licensing and enforcement, legislative drafting and rulemaking, and corporate transactions.

Gulliver works with a team of lawyers assisting the State of California in renegotiating power contracts and on a series of energy, contract, and litigation matters. He has participated in approximately 200 power projects and associated power purchase agreements and project financing, acted as an arbitrator in IPP-utility power purchase agreement disputes, and served as lead counsel in connection with the restructuring and refinancing of several large independent power projects.

He is also a key legal advisor to government ministries, non-governmental institutions, and private companies throughout Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East on a broad range of energy sector restructuring, reform and privatization issues. Gulliver is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and has achieved the highest professional rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Digest. He is a graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School.

The cost of the breakfast is $8, payable at the door. Interested individuals should RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 27 by calling Sharlene Smith at 768.9755 or sharlene.smith@umpi.edu.

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**Wards plan to return west**

**AFTER NEARLY A DECADE ON THE JOB** at the University, Rich and Tammy Ward are planning to start a new chapter in their lives.

Rich Ward, athletic director and head golf coach, and Tammy Ward, assistant director and academic coordinator for TRiO Upward Bound, announced their plans to head west this summer and explore new opportunities.

“It has been a wonderful nine years here, but both Tammy and I have known for a while that 2008 was going to be our magical year,” Rich Ward said. “With our son about to begin his collegiate career, with Tammy just finishing up her master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame, and keeping in mind our long-time desire to move closer to family in Wyoming, everything seemed to be telling us that this was the right step for us to take.”

The Wards first came to Maine in 1995, when Rich Ward took a position as the basketball coach at the University of Maine at Machias. In 1999, the family moved to Presque Isle when he accepted a position as basketball coach and interim athletic director at the University. He became athletic director in 2001. Tammy Ward finished her undergraduate work at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, earning her...
Cathie Pelletier – A Night with the Author
Award-winning novelist Cathie Pelletier, who is serving as the University’s first-ever Writer in Residence, will read from her selected works. The University invites all who would like to enjoy an evening with the author to join in welcoming home this Allagash-born writer to the County on Friday, Feb. 15. Her reading begins at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Campus Center. Later that evening, the author will be on hand to autograph copies of her books. For information, contact Media Relations at 768.9452.

Hatha Yoga Classes Underway
Step away from your desk and enjoy the benefits of Hatha Yoga in classes offered here on campus. Linda Rowe of “The Mindful Way,” practitioner and teacher of an eclectic mix of Hatha Yoga styles, is offering the class every Tuesday from 3 - 4:30 p.m., on the stage in Wieden Auditorium. Classes run from Feb. 5 to Apr. 29, excluding school breaks. The focus of the class is on strengthening, flexibility, and relaxation. A yoga mat and loose clothing are required. The class is free to students, cost for faculty and staff is $60, for nine weeks or $8.50 per class. For more information, contact Carol Ayoob at 768.9462.

Summer Positions Available at TRiO Upward Bound
The TRiO Upward Bound Program has summer employment opportunities for college juniors, seniors, or graduates in their six-week Summer Residence Program which runs from June 22 to August 7th. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that helps to prepare eligible high school students to enter and succeed in college. They will be hiring Counselor/Tutors and an Assistant Residence Hall Director. Those wishing to apply should do so soon. Contact Laura Bouchard at 768.9612 or email laura.j.bouchard@umpi.edu or stop by the TRiO Upward Bound office in Preble Hall for an application.

Hitchcock Collection on display in Reed Gallery
“Unknown.Untitled.Unframed” is the theme of an eclectic artwork grouping featured in the Reed Art Gallery. The Hitchcock Collection, on long-term loan from Carl and Alice (Graves) Hitchcock and David Hitchcock, is currently on display and will be available for viewing through March 22. According to gallery director, Sandra Huck, much of the collection is unframed, often with no signature or title, and previously unshown. “It’s a wonderful collection of work—asking questions that pique interest and beg for more.” Steven Hitchcock, brother of the collector, will be on hand to discuss the collection and answer questions that pique interest. Sandra Huck, much of the collection is unframed, often with no signature or title, and previously unshown. According to gallery director, Sandra Huck, will be on hand to discuss the collection and answer questions that pique interest. Sandra Huck, much of the collection is unframed, often with no signature or title, and previously unshown.

Planet Head Day returns to Science Museum
The Northern Maine Museum of Science presents the Second Annual Planet Head Day on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Folsom Hall. This unique event, to support science research on space and promote awareness of cancer, allows participants to either have their heads shaved or don elastic “bald” caps and have them painted to look like planets. Last year’s Planet Head Day saw participation from about 30 planetheads, including campus administrators, community members, UMPI students, and children.

Financial Aid / FAFSA Deadline
EDUCATOR AND ADVENTURER T.A. LOEFFLER will discuss her recent climb up Mount Everest and her work in experiential education at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in Wieden Auditorium as part of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Loeffler, a professor of outdoor recreation at Memorial University of Newfoundland who is currently attempting to complete “The Seven Summits” – climbing the highest peak on all seven continents, will speak on “More than a Mountain: One Woman’s Everest” during her two-day visit to northern Maine.

Between March 5 and 6, she will deliver her presentation to the community, speak to two university classes, and lead a community snowshoe hike at Aroostook State Park. The trek begins at 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 6 and outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to participate.

Loeffler has received national and international recognition for her innovative teaching and motivational speaking. She brings 20 years of expertise leading people through significant life-changing experiences to every facet of her work. Her work and adventures have taken her to 35 different countries. In 2006, The Globe and Mail named her “A Class Act” and she received the Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teaching Award. The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport named her to their 2006 Top Twenty Most Influential Women in Canadian Sport and Physical Activity List. She also received the Memorial University Presidents Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2005. The Association for Experiential Education named her the Outstanding Experiential Teacher of the Year in 1999. In the year leading up to her climb up Mount Everest, she spread her message “Big Dreams, Big Goals” to more than 10,000 youth in the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador.
Zillman published by Cambridge University Press

THE UNIVERSITY’S TOP OFFICIAL has been published by the oldest printer and publisher in the world – Cambridge University Press.

President Don Zillman’s book “Strategic Legal Writing,” which he co-authored with colleague Evan J. Roth, Assistant U.S. Attorney in Portland, was published in January 2008. “Strategic Legal Writing” guides readers through the how-to’s of effective legal writing, and provides detailed scenarios so they can put those skills into practice. Along the way, the book explains the techniques for setting and achieving larger strategic objectives in that writing.

“It was an absolute thrill to see this book through to publication, especially with a publisher that has such a long and impressive history in the world of literature,” President Zillman said. “Strategic Legal Writing” became a reality because Zillman and Roth paired up in 2002 to teach a course at the University of Maine Law School for second and third year law students. They shaped the course, entitled Advanced Legal Writing, so that it stressed short assignments, intensive writing, and deep thought about the objectives of the writing.

After teaching the course for four years, Zillman and Roth decided to turn their ideas into a book. They shaped a manuscript by late Spring 2006 and had a book contract with Cambridge University Press by that summer. For President Zillman, it was an absolute thrill of watching his work. Pullen Wilcox will discuss their work. Pullen Art Gallery.

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★ OAPI Valentine’s Father Daughter Climbing Night 5:30 p.m., Free for members, non-members $5/person.

FEBRUARY 16
★ Planet Head Day, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Northern Maine Museum of Science, Folsom Hall.

FEBRUARY 18
★ Presidents’ Day Administrative Holiday; no classes, offices closed.
★ February Break No classes.

FEBRUARY 23
★ UNE Masters in Social Work Informational Session, 1 p.m., Alumni Room.
★ Robert Shetterly, University

FEBRUARY 25
★ Distinctive Lecturer Series, 7 p.m., MPR, Campus Center.
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FEBRUARY 27
★ OAPI Skiing/ Snowboarding at Big Rock, Leaving Gentile at 3:30 p.m., return 10 p.m. FMI call 768.9401.
★ Dean of Students Hosts Town Meeting, 3 p.m., CC 118.

FEBRUARY 28
★ Jewish Sabbath Candle Lighting, 4:45 p.m., Alumni Room.
★ OAPI XC Skiing at Aroostook State Park, Leaving Gentile at 1:45 p.m., return 4 p.m. FMI call 768.9401.
★ Dean of Students Hosts Town Meeting, 3 p.m., CC 118.

MARCH 4
★ Interpersonal Negotiations Short Course, 6 p.m., Alumni Room, Campus Center.
★ A.L. Loeffler, University Distinguished Lecturer Series, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium.
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MARCH 5
★ Open House for University Credit Union, Time TBD., MPR, Campus Center
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