UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ARE KEEPING A PROMISE to move quickly on a major building improvement plan after they awarded a bid for the Folsom Hall Renovation Project last week. The winning bid, from A&L Construction of Presque Isle, was for $1.7 million.

The project includes installing energy efficient windows, improving ADA accessibility, updating the aging heating and ventilation system, and adding temperature control in the University’s major classroom building.

“We are delighted to say that the winning bid came in under the $2 million we were approved to spend on the project,” President Don Zillman said. “We said we would spend this money wisely, in a timely manner and bring local jobs to the area. We’ve done that and we couldn’t be more pleased that we’ve done so under budget.”

The bid went out in early February. Officials had hoped to award the construction contract by March 1, but even that task was completed a day early.

The project is moving at such a rapid pace because of a promise UMPI officials made to voters last fall when Bond Question 3 was under consideration. That question asked whether voters would spend $43.5 million for brick and mortar improvements at universities and colleges across the state. The University stood to receive $1.4 million, along with an additional $600,000 from the University of Maine System. On Nov. 6, the question passed with 51 percent support statewide; in Aroostook County, support was significantly higher for the initiative, at 55.6 percent.

“We made a promise that if residents approved Question 3, we would begin renovation work at Folsom Hall as soon as physically possible, bring construction jobs to The County, and provide an improved learning environment.”

THE UNIVERSITY’S WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE Cathie Pelletier is connecting her students and the community with writers around the country as she conducts her 8-week residency.

The award-winning novelist, screenwriter and literary agent who was born and raised in Allagash, has been bringing writers in person to the two classes she is teaching on campus and at various events in the community, as well as connecting her students with other writers by phone.

Pelletier is teaching an afternoon class on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 20 that focuses on learning the craft of writing and getting manuscripts published. Her second course, offered on Wednesday evenings through March 19, is “rather like a book club” according to Pelletier, with the main difference being that after reading a selected novel, students get to talk to the author by phone about the book. In delivering the courses, Pelletier brings her wide-ranging experiences as a writer. She has written nine novels – two of which have been continued on page 2

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President, scientist offer global warming course

ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND GLOBAL WARMING are under discussion every week at the University as two top campus officials teach the institution’s first-ever course on the science, law and policy connected with the world’s energy situation.

President Don Zillman and Dave Putnam, chair of the School of Science and Mathematics, are co-teaching “Climate, Environment, and Energy” or ENV 386, a 15-week course that tackles the science and history of the earth’s climate system, the human impact upon it, and the economics of the environmental concerns that have followed.

“The point here is to produce students who have a broad understanding of the processes of the earth’s systems and the implications of our exploitations of energy sources upon those systems,” Putnam said.

Students majoring in everything from science to criminal justice are taking part in the highly interdisciplinary course. The class offers components of geology, earth sciences, chemistry, economics and political science.

“This class ties them all together in a very interdisciplinary way,” Putnam said. “I think we’ve done a good job of linking the science and economics of this subject seamlessly. We go from the development of the earth’s atmosphere, to humans channeling the earth’s energy systems for our own needs, to how it affects business systems and government policy.”

The course was created as part of a University of Maine System initiative and based on campus desire to discuss the crucial issues of climate change, energy supply and environmental protection, Zillman said. And the hope? “We want to give students the background knowledge they need to be able to serve effectively as both professionals and citizens dealing with these issues,” President Zillman said. “I’d say it’s a call to action in that you hope people will come out of it and say, ‘This is a problem, what can I do?’ and reactions that range from ‘I want to make my career from this’ to being an informed citizen. We would very much like to generate on campus an enthusiasm for dealing with these issues.”

Folsom Project

Barb Blackstone finally received her free ride in a hot air balloon on Feb. 29. Blackstone, Athletic Training Program Director, won the ride during the 4th annual Crown of Maine Balloon Festival. The ride was supposed to take place in August, but had been postponed due to weather.
**DOE hosts workshop for School of Education**

**TOP OFFICIALS FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** were in town on Feb. 29 to work with the University’s School of Education on ways to align the University’s teacher education curriculum with the Maine Learning Results.

The workshop is one of the steps the School of Education is taking to improve program quality and accountability, according to Dr. Reginald Nnazor, chair of the school. Officials from the Maine Department of Education facilitated the workshop, including Dr. Angela Faherty, MDOE Deputy Commissioner; Harry Osgood, MDOE higher education specialist; and Tad Johnston, MDOE consultant.

The event included four sessions. Daniel Conley – distinguished educator for teaching quality, professional development and mentoring and induction for the MDOE – led a morning session titled “Overview of Maine’s Initial Teacher Certification Standards and Their Use by Mentors and New Teachers During Induction.”

Johnston and Diana Doiron, MDOE consultant, gave an overview on “Clarifying the Structure, Intent and Applications of Maine’s Recently Adopted New Learning Results Document called ‘Maine Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction.’”

Conley led the first afternoon session on “Designing and Assessing Educator Candidate Portfolios.” The day ended with a session by Johnston and Doiron on “Exploring Ways of Documenting the Alignment of UMPI’s Teacher Education Program Standards.”

Officials hope to use the information presented during the workshop in a timely manner to make positive changes within the School of Education.

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**Program celebrates National Athletic Training Month**

**THE UNIVERSITY’S ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM** is celebrating March in a big way in honor of National Athletic Training Month.

Instructors and students will take part in three events during the month of March to raise awareness of the program as well as careers in athletic training. The theme of this year’s National Athletic Training Month is “Who’s Taking Care of Your Kids?”

Program officials and 10 students travel to Bangor on March 7 to attend the Maine Athletic Trainers Association 5th Awards Luncheon and Education Session. Five days later, an instructor and several students will travel to Augusta to deliver a presentation on athletic training during the Hall of Flags Day at the State House. And, on March 14, all program members will participate in the 2nd Annual Athletic Training, Physical Education and Recreation Open House at the University.

The March 14 event, which will take place in two sessions from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. in Wieden and Gentile Halls, will include fun, hands-on activities in Recreation, Physical Education and Athletic Training, as well as insight into being a member of the School of Human Performance and Leisure, according to Barb Blackstone, director and assistant professor of the Athletic Training Education Program. The community is welcome to attend the event.

“Every year we try to host and take part in several events that will help to raise awareness of both our program and what’s going on nationally with athletic training,” Blackstone said of the University’s celebration of National Athletic Training Month. “It’s a wonderful way to showcase what our students are doing and share important information with the wider community about why certified athletic trainers should take care of your student athletes.”

For more information about National Athletic Training Month, visit www.nata.org.

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**6 weeks until University Day!**

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

Four entries were submitted for the University Day design contest, and the winner is . . . **Lynn Cote**! Look for her design on advertising and on the booklet cover.
Novelist hosts book signing

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Pelletier has turned into movies – and has collaborated with some of the top names in Hollywood and Nashville.

So far, Pelletier has had the students in her Wednesday evening class talk by phone to James Gordon Bennett, author of My Father's Geisha; Terry Kay, author of To Dance with the White Dog; Chuck Barris, of the iconic TV show The Gong Show and author of Confessions of a Dangerous Mind, which was made into a movie by George Clooney; and Monica Wood, who wrote Ernie's Ark.

Both classes had the chance in late February to meet in person with memoirist and novelist Martha Tod Dudman, who just wrote Black Olives. The community also met with Dudman and listened to her read from her new novel during a reception at Café Sorpreso on Feb. 26.

Two days later, Pelletier participated in a community outreach event when she spoke with students from several English classes at Caribou High School about her life as a writer. The students had been reading one of her books in preparation for her visit, which was supported by the Partnership for College Success Project between UMPI and CHS. The project is funded by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

Students in Pelletier’s afternoon class have had the chance to email questions about Nobel Prize winner William Faulkner’s life to Dean Faulkner, who lives in the first Faulkner homestead in Oxford, Mississippi. Dean Faulkner was raised by her uncle at Rowan Oak. They also talked by phone to New York novelist Matthew Sharpe, whose latest book The Sleeping Father was on The Today Show’s best-seller list.

The afternoon class has yet to speak by phone with: Tappan Wilder, nephew of Pulitzer Prize winner Thornton Wilder; Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Russo; and Martha White, granddaughter of Pulitzer Prize winner E. B. White and executor of his estate. On March 20, they will enjoy an in-class performance by folk songwriter Dave Mallett.

Twice picked by Oprah Winfrey for her book club for his novel, She's Come Undone, Wally Lamb is slated for the Wednesday evening phone discussion, along with Canadian author Deborah Joy Carey, who wrote Losing Eddie.

Up next for the community is a presentation by poet Wesley McNair on Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. McNair, who will visit in person with Pelletier’s afternoon class the day before this presentation, will read poems from his works and sign books following his presentation.

For more information about Pelletier’s visit or her writer guests, contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452.
UMPI hosts County All-Stars game

THE 18TH ANNUAL AROOSTOOK COUNTY ALL-STAR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLASSIC 2008 will be held Wednesday, March 12 in the University’s Wieden Gymnasium. The event features the top high school seniors in Aroostook County as selected by a committee of the local media. The girls’ game begins at 5:30 p.m., with the boys’ contest set for 7 p.m. Tickets are $3 for adults and $2 for ages 12 and younger.

Members of the girls’ blue team are Sarah Long and Alexandria Dame of Central Aroostook; Marissa Albert and Katie Rossignol, both of Fort Kent; Kayla Stevens of Katahdin; Melanie Allen of LCS/MSSM; Amy Michaud and Allison Dean, both of Presque Isle; Kelsee McLaughlin and Erica McDougall of Washburn.

On the gold team are Mindy Chasse and Whitney Flint of Ashland; Karyn King and Ali Richards, both of Caribou; Maryl Shaw of Fort Fairfield; Chelsie Lord and Sarah Roppe, both of Greater Houlton Christian Academy; Rachel Foster and Emily Bartlett, both of Houlton; and Kristen Vaillancourt of Van Buren.

Playing for the boys’ blue team are Tyler Cote and Lucas Belanger of Ashland; Cameron York and Logan McCarthy, both of Central Aroostook; Kyle Corrigan, Jarryd Rossignol, and Ben Rosser all of Caribou; Tyler Morse of East Grand; Jeremy Brock of Easton; and Corey Voisine of Fort Kent.

The gold team members are Ryan Noyes of Fort Fairfield; Josh Beals and Ryan Hill of Houlton; Tom Anderson of Katahdin; Matt Enman of LCS/MSSM; Adam Kingsbury, Bennett Cassidy and Nic Gallant, all of Presque Isle; Colby Clark of Southern Aroostook; and Ben Doucette of Van Buren.

UMPI Baseball Clinic for County boys and girls
The UMPI Owls Baseball Team will once again be offering its popular spring Baseball Clinic for boys and girls, between the ages of seven and twelve, on Saturday, March 15 in Wieden Gymnasium. Team members, under the direction of Coach Leo Saucier, will instruct participants in the basics of catching, throwing, hitting, bunting, fielding and base running. The clinic runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with snacks and water breaks provided. Cost per participant is $30 with fees collected helping to support the baseball team. Pre-registration is preferred but registrations will be accepted the day of the event. Brochures are available at area schools. For information, call Leo at 768.9421 or email leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu.
Pelletier offers community reading
Blowing snow and white-out conditions couldn’t stop a large and appreciative crowd from turning out on Feb. 15 to attend a reading by the University’s Writer-in-Residence. More than 50 people attended “Cathie Pelletier: A Night with the Author.” Pelletier read from her recently completed manuscript – her next Mattagash novel – which will be published in 2009. The event also included a question and answer session and a book signing. Pelletier returned home to Aroostook County – she was born and raised in Allagash – in mid-January to teach two 8-week courses for the campus and community.

Second Planet Head Day is stellar event
The Northern Maine Museum of Science once again played host to a cerebral gathering of planets, moons, and comets as nearly 100 people turned out for the University’s second annual Planet Head Day on Saturday, Feb. 16. Fifteen received the full shaved-head treatment from barber Patrick Coughlin and approximately 50 other “planet heads” donned elastic caps as heads were painted to represent a favorite planet or other celestial body. The event, a fundraiser for Caring Area Neighbors Cancer for Education (CANCER), raised a total of $1,150 through participant donations and local sponsorships. Organizer Professor Kevin McCartney described the community response as “fantastic” and said he and co-organizer, Jeanie McGowan, are already making plans for next year’s event.

Gulliver speaks on worldwide energy issues
Energy was on the menu Feb. 29 when nearly 100 people attended the University’s first Business Associates Breakfast of 2008. John Gulliver, a partner with Pierce, Atwood who heads its Energy Group and its International Practice Group, spoke during the breakfast on worldwide perspectives on energy and their impact on Maine. He also offered insights on taking Maine business enterprise into the worldwide market. The event, held in the Campus Center, was held in collaboration with LEAD [Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development].

Ms. UMPI Pageant to benefit Senior Class
The 2008 “Ms. UMPI Pageant” combines an evening of laughter and competition as male UMPI students vie for the title of Ms. UMPI. As part of this fundraising event for the University’s 2008 Senior Class, each contestant will be required to perform an opening act, model sports and evening wear, and demonstrate a special talent in the quest for the crown. The pageant will be held Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $5 each or in advance from Laurie Boucher at 768.9512 or Keith Madore at 768.9568.

Sign Language for babies
Would you like to teach your baby a communication tool before he or she can even speak? Conferences and Special Programs is offering Sign Language for Babies on Monday evenings beginning March 10 to be instructed by MSAD 1 teacher and sign language club advisor, Nancy Watson. Signing has been shown to improve understanding, bonding, and trust between a parent and young child. The six-week workshop series will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Campus Center Room 118 at a cost of $50, not including book. For information or to register, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502 or mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu.

SAGE Kickoff previews spring offerings
University of Maine at Presque Isle is hosting a SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education) Spring Kickoff on March 11 at 11 a.m. in the Campus Center. Community members 50 years and older are invited to enjoy a luncheon, meet instructors, and preview spring SAGE course and tour offerings. Registration deadline is March 4. The cost for lunch is $5.50. Call 764.9501 or email wendy.koenig@umpi.edu to register or for information.

University hosts Free Speech Discussion
The University will host a Free Speech Discussion for campus and community on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. The event, co-sponsored by the Philosophy Club, the University Times, and UMPI’s radio station WUPI, will feature five University panelists from various disciplines and backgrounds. Judge Bernard O’Mara will serve as moderator. The discussion will explore restrictions and freedoms which define allowable forms of expression, particularly as they apply to a campus setting. For information, email harrison.kilpatrick@maine.edu.

OAPI activities
Free Sking/Snowboarding at Big Rock with OAPI
Free transportation, free lift ticket, free lessons each Wednesday from now until April Break. Meet at Gentile Hall at 3:15 p.m., van returns by 10 p.m. Info: 768.9401.

Tap trees for maple syrup
Wonder how they get that sweet, delicious syrup from the tree? UMPI’s Claude Boucher has invited us to his home to learn the art of tree tapping on Friday, March 21. Free for all interested students, $3 non-students. Van departs Gentile Hall at 2 p.m. Info: 768.9401.

Indoor Easter Egg Hunt at Gentile Hall
Local children with have the chance to celebrate spring with an indoor Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Non-
Traditional/Commuter Students Club of the University on Friday, March 21. Community children age 15 and under are invited to gather in the Gentile Hall gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. to join in the fun with activities structured for different age groups and abilities. There is no charge for the event, but donations to support the work of the club will be gladly accepted. For information, contact Dick Gardiner at 768.9771 or Randy Deabay at randy.deabay@maine.edu.

Campus Crusade volunteers to serve in Appalachia
Campus Crusade for Christ members have chosen to donate their time and labor helping others this spring break, as a delegation of volunteers travels to economically depressed Appalachian Ohio to lend a hand in service work of area churches. According to Campus Crusade’s Vice President Matt Williams, “The trip is open to anybody who desires to go, regardless of involvement with Campus Crusade or faith background.” Currently, there are a dozen volunteers - each needing to raise $550 to support travel, food, and lodging costs. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the trip or to learn more about this mission project can email mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu or matt.c.williams@maine.edu.

Upward Bound hosts special presentation
In January, Upward Bound officials held a successful drive to gather used computers from the community for students in need. At 11:30 a.m. on March 22 in the Campus Center, they will hold a special presentation to distribute those donated computers to Upward Bound students. Officials also will award new laptop computers - which they received from an Upward Bound alumni - to two lucky students.

Fit & Fun Day
The Physical Education Majors Club will host its 7th semi-annual Fit & Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 in Gentile Hall. The event, geared for students in grades 1-5, teaches young children about health and fitness in a fun environment. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Standefer at 768.8457.

National FFA Vice President to speak on campus
National FFA Vice President, Tyler Tenbarge, will be presenting two lectures during March in the Campus Center as part of the Collegiate FFA Campus and Community Leadership series. On Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. he will deliver a presentation about the benefits of FFA membership; and on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. he will present a leadership lecture. Campus and community members are invited to attend both events and meet with Tyler during his stay on campus. For information, contact Jessica Blackstone at 768.9535.

Our campus community
- Ken Petress has appreciated your wishes and visits during his recent hospital stay. For those who wish to contact Ken, he is in residence at Madigan Estates in Houlton. Write him c/o Room 315B, Madigan Estates, 93 Military Street, Houlton, ME 04730 or call him at 551.3947.
- Dr. Kevin McCartney, (right) Director of the Northern Maine Museum of Science, was all smiles after he had his head shaved and painted to look like the dwarf planet Pluto. The Feb. 16 event raised more than $1,000 for a local cancer organization.

René’s Run Around Campus and the Community
René Laliberty, an Upward Bound staffer who is running in the 2008 Boston Marathon, will complete a community run to raise awareness and pledges for her “Run for Educational Opportunity” starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 13. Laliberty hopes to raise $10,000 by April 21 to benefit Upward Bound programs. For more information about her run or to make a pledge or donation, contact Danette Madore at 768.9618.
Wood garners book contract

A PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY at the University has garnered a contract from a major science publisher to write a book on lecture-free teaching strategies.

Dr. Bonnie Wood, a full-time faculty member since 1989, will have her book *Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Science Educators and Their Students* published in 2009 by NSTA [National Science Teachers Association] Press.

Lecture-free teaching, a term Wood coined in 2001, describes the methods she designed and uses in all of the science courses she teaches at the University. During class meetings, students participate in activities as members of cooperative learning groups and employ the scientific process to develop hypotheses, and then design and perform course-related experiments.

According to Wood, the book will be a practical guide to lecture-free teaching for both experienced science educators — whose goal is to gradually revise their teaching methods — and also for preservice and new teachers who are just beginning their careers. The chapters, each of which can be used independently, describe how to transform a traditional science lecture class with a separate laboratory into an active learning, inquiry-based format with a constantly evolving, but coherent, curriculum.

“Although many science educators now recognize the benefits of breaking away from traditional lecture and cookbook-style labs, most do not have the time or confidence to independently tackle the task of modifying their courses,” Wood said. “This book not only will provide guidance on redesigning a course to become partially or fully lecture-free, but also will include a sample coursepack to be used by readers.”

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**Logo Design Contest!**

Wanted: an original logo to reflect the goals of the Green Campus Action Committee. The winning design will be featured on the UMPI website and in the *image*; the designer will enjoy dinner at Café Sorpreso with President Zillman and a committee member. Entries are due by Tues., April 1 to: lynn.eldershaw@umpi.edu.