



Boston Marathoner hosts awareness run

UPWARD BOUND STAFFER RENE LALIBERTY, who qualified to run in this year's Boston Marathon, completed a run around the campus and the community on Thursday, March 13, to raise awareness and pledges for her "Run for Educational Opportunity."

Laliberty and two other University runners – including Cross Country Running Coach Chris Smith and Women's Basketball Coach Tracy Guerrette – braved cold weather and bitter

winds to complete "Rene's Run Around Campus and Community." They ran a five-mile loop around the campus and community on Thursday morning, handing out brochures about and seeking support for her run.

Laliberty, an academic counselor for TRiO Upward Bound and an Upward Bound alum herself, hopes to raise



Rene Laliberty led a run around the campus and community on March 13 to raise awareness and pledges for her "Run for Educational Opportunity," which she will complete when she runs in the Boston Marathon next month.

\$10,000 by April 21 to benefit Upward Bound programs. The money will help pay for room and board for high school students to live on a college campus during the six-week summer Bridge Program.

The program is designed to give UB students a head start on college and an insight into college-level work during the summer between high school graduation and the first semester in college, according to Darylen Cote, TRiO

Upward Bound director for the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Cote oversees the academic counselors at UMFK, where Laliberty is based, and at the Houlton Higher Education Center.

Beginning next summer, the Bridge Program in northern Maine will not be a residential program. Students will do

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Novelist to speak about potatoes

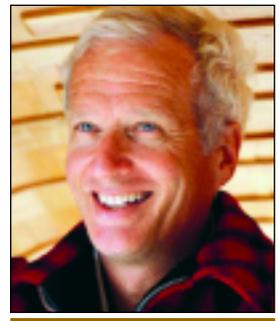
A NOVELIST AND PROFESSIONAL SCREENWRITER will talk about potatoes and how they have impacted the Irish immigration to the "new world" when he serves as the next speaker in the University's Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Peter Behrens will speak on "Potatoes, the Surprise of the World: Experience and Imagination in the Wake of the Irish Potato Famine" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28 in the Campus Center.

Behrens received Canada's oldest and most prestigious book prize, the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction in 2006 for his first novel, *The Law of Dreams*, which traverses the bleak period of the Irish Potato Famine and follows the main character Fergus through Ireland, Britain and across the Atlantic to 'the Boston states.'

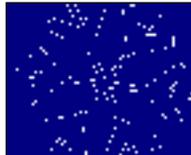
"Potatoes," it says early on in the book, "are not *made* or *cut*, like the famer's hay or corn; they are *lifted*, joyfully, the surprise of the world."

Behrens will read excerpts from his book, and discuss the loss of Ireland's beloved crop



and how it shaped the Irish psyche, imagination and experience. Despite the inherent grimness of his subject, Behrens plans to bring a measure of

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National FFA Vice President visits campus

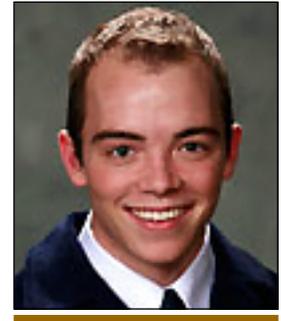
THE UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGIATE FFA is bringing one of the top student leaders from the National FFA Organization to campus in late March to offer leadership training opportunities for the campus and community.

National FFA Vice President Tyler Tenbarga will be in northern Maine from March 23 to 27 to offer leadership expertise presentations, facilitate leadership workshops with student clubs, and conduct local high school visits to talk about agriculture, leadership and FFA.

"We are very honored and excited to have a National FFA Vice President come to our campus," Jessica Blackstone, UMPI Collegiate FFA advisor, said. "It is important for us as a Collegiate FFA to promote agricultural literacy and personal growth."



Tenbarga will offer two public presentations as part of a Campus and Community Leadership Series. At 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, he will speak in the Campus Center about why people should consider becoming a part of the Maine FFA. On Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m., Tenbarga will speak on being a leader in your school, your community and your profession.



Tenbarga, who serves as Eastern Region Vice President, hails from Haubstadt, Indiana and was among six individuals selected from a field of 40 to hold a national office for the 2007-2008 year. He is a student at Purdue University, majoring in agricultural economics.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization with more than 500,000 student members and 7,000 local FFA chapters. The National FFA Organization changed its name in 1988 in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. Collegiate FFA, which has been around since 1931, is a form of membership of the National FFA Organization.

For more information about Tenbarga's visit, contact Blackstone at 768.9535. ★

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. ★

**4 weeks until
University Day!**
DID YOU KNOW . . .

205 participants are scheduled to give presentations during this year's event.

📧 Immunization Notice

All enrolled students MUST comply with all immunization requirements, including two doses of MMR by Monday, April 7, 2008. Those failing to meet the deadline will have a hold placed on their fall 2008 registration and will be banned from campus and classes. If you're not sure if you meet the requirements, or if you need shots, contact Health Services at 768.9586. ★

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coursework online or through interactive television. Laliberty, however, is passionate about still giving students the opportunity to live on campus. A UB alumna from the University of Maine at Farmington, she feels that her Bridge summer was crucial to her success in college. In fact, she believes that if she had not been able to live on campus the summer before she went to college, she probably would not have made the transition from her home to college.

While a student at the University of Maine at Presque Isle,

Laliberty competed on the Women's Cross Country Running team. Running has remained a passion for her, which is why, when the opportunity arose to run in the Boston Marathon and raise money for Upward Bound, Laliberty seized it.

Laliberty is seeking \$1 per mile contributions, rounded up to \$27 for the 26.2 mile race, though she will accept donations of any size. To find out more about sponsorship, contact Danette Madore at 768.9618 or Laliberty at 834.8624. To view Laliberty's fundraising progress, visit www.umpi.maine.edu/cms/prospective/ and click on the Upward Bound link. ★

Upward Bound to present computers to students

MORE THAN 40 UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS will receive free computers during a special presentation at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 in the Campus Center.

"We have very few students who have computers at home already, so this is going to be a big help to them," Darylen Cote, TRiO Upward Bound Director for the University of Maine at Presque Isle, said.

Cote oversees Upward Bound office sites in Presque Isle, Fort Kent and Houlton. The program provides 120 students throughout Aroostook County – many are from economically disadvantaged households and will be first generation college students – with programs that prepare them for college entrance.

Last fall, the program began offering new online mentoring and tutoring services, but many students couldn't participate because they had no access to computers at home. In January, Tammy Smith, the AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for the program in Presque Isle, led a successful drive to gather used computers from the community for Upward Bound students.

Along with two brand new laptops – which were donated by the Very Reverend James Nadeau, who serves as a parish priest in Fort Kent and is an Upward Bound alum – officials received 30 computers from the Universities of Maine at Presque Isle and Fort Kent and more than a dozen more from the community. Those



computers have been refurbished and upgraded by UMPI's Computer Services department and MIS students. Now that the computers are in "like new" condition, Upward Bound officials are hoping their students will be able to use them throughout high school and take them to college.

Cote said that every high school sophomore, junior and senior in the program who has asked for a computer will receive one.

Officials still are accepting donations of used computers. For more information, call 768.9544 or e-mail tammy.smith@maine.edu. ★

Young Professionals Institute begins



OFFICIALS WITH THE UNIVERSITY and Momentum Aroostook kicked off the first session of their newly developed program, the Young Professionals Institute, on Wednesday, March 12.

The inaugural class of 16 students represents a wide range of local businesses and organizations, including MMG Insurance, Katahdin Trust Company, F.A. Peabody Co., Farm Credit of Maine, DFAS, and Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community.

Participants went to work right away in their first class, creating and delivering a five-minute oral presentation. This hands-on activity, and all others students do throughout the short course, is based on the idea that each participant is an employee with an imaginary company that provides camp services, recreational guiding and team building experiences in The County.

They will be taking time out for expert presentations by local businessmen and women, including: Walt Elish, president and CEO of Aroostook Partnership for Progress; Brian

Hamel, president and owner of Hamel Enterprises, LLC; Dick Palm, WAGM-TV morning news anchor; and Susan Grove-Markwood, vice president of Savings Bank of Maine.



It was right down to business for the 16 students taking part in the Young Professional Institute, a newly developed program presented by the University and Momentum Aroostook. The first class was held March 12 and put students to work immediately offering mock presentations.

Students will cap-off their learning experience with a mock board meeting, followed by a reception and etiquette dinner.

The idea for the short course was developed after University officials received an overwhelming number of requests from the business community for more

training opportunities, especially for younger professionals. Momentum Aroostook – a group of highly motivated Aroostook County young people between the ages of 20 and 40, connecting for career, social and community betterment – works toward the same professional goals, and so, the partnership was born.

Now that the short course is a reality, Momentum and University officials are considering their next move – when to offer the next Young Professionals Institute. ★

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Spaghetti Supper and Auction benefits UMPI Senior Class

A Spaghetti Supper and Auction to benefit the 2008 Senior Class will be held Saturday, March 22, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center. The fundraiser, which begins at 4:30 p.m., features an all-you-can-eat Italian dinner plus lots of door prizes and items for bid including a desk, Sea Dog tickets, gift baskets and certificates, and many handcrafted items. Cost is \$5 per person or \$3 for children under 10. To purchase tickets contact Laurie Boucher at 768.9512 or Keith Madore at 768.9568.



Alums participate in TV commercials

You may see some familiar faces in the University's new TV commercials when you watch the local news in the next two weeks. Alums Erika Valtinson, who now works as a Physician Assistant for Pines Health Services in Caribou, and Mark Shea, who serves as the Community Development Director for the Maine Winter Sports Center, took part in the University's latest TV commercials, showcasing how our alums can go on to great professional careers right here in our community. A big thanks to Erika and Mark for all their hard work! If you'd like to view the commercials and outtakes, visit www.umpi.maine.edu and click on the link at the top of the page.

Parks Tournament raises scholarship funds

The Physical Education Major's Club at the University held its 3rd annual Ruel Parks Memorial 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Gentile Hall on March 8, raising \$300 for a



Twelve teams participated in the 3rd Annual Ruel Parks Memorial 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, including the members of Parks' family and UMPI students pictured here.

scholarship named in Parks' honor. This year, 12 teams gathered to play, four more teams than last year. This will be the first year that the scholarship, which will be given to a physical education or athletic training student entering his or her sophomore or junior year at the University, is awarded. Leah Joy, a member of the club and a physical education major, played on this year's winning team, "Money in the Bank," and was a member of the women's basketball team during Parks' last year as an assistant coach. She sees the tournament as a way to remember Parks, saying that he believed that you should play and have fun as well as work hard.



"Home, Not Home" to be next Reed Gallery exhibit

The Reed Fine Art Gallery will present Linda Griffith's "Home, Not Home" exhibit from April 7 to May 9. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. on April 11 when Griffith visits campus to talk about her work. "Home, Not Home" is an early exploration into the new world of digital photography and the manipulation that can be done to an image, with the artist's personal intent of pushing the new medium into the face of established appreciators. All are invited to attend the reception. Light refreshments will be served.

Graduate School informational seminar offered

Thinking about going to graduate school, law school or medical school? An informational session, presented by representatives from the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine, will be offered on Tuesday, March 25 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, Room 118. Robin Audesse, USM Associate Director, and Scott Delcourt, UM Associate Dean will discuss *choosing the right graduate program, taking the GRE, the application process, programs and expectations, and financial assistance*. College students and staff, as well as members of the community, are welcome to attend. For information or to RSVP, please contact Bonnie DeVaney, UMPI Career Services Director, at 768.9750 or email barbara.devaney@umpi.edu.

UMPI hosts Job and Career Fair

Job seekers and prospective employers will have a chance to connect as the University hosts a Job & Career Fair on Wednesday, March 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. The Fair is free and open to students and staff, as well as members of the community including high school juniors and seniors. Over 30 employers from this area and downstate are expected to participate. ■ According to Bonnie Devaney, Career Services Director, "The Fair is a great opportunity for students to do some career exploration and network with employers. Students will be able to learn more about full-time and summer employment possibilities, and some employers provide the opportunity for on-site preliminary interviews." For information contact Career Services at 768.9750 or barbara.devaney@umpi.edu.

Celebrate Winter!

The nearly record amount of snowfall this winter hasn't dampened (or frozen) campus spirit.

Calling all "snowFLAKES" to join in The Winter Survival Celebration

Thursday, March 27 at 3 p.m. in Gentile Hall. Games, competitions, snow sculpture, and other surprises are planned. Would you like to volunteer and share your great ideas? Contact Bonnie DeVaney 768.9750 or barbara.devaney@umpi.edu. Deadline to register a snow sculpting team is Friday, March 21. ★

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Mosquitoes are topic of Faculty Noon Seminar

The March Faculty Noon Seminar explores a child's natural fascination with parasites and creepy, crawly creatures as a means of addressing topics from biology and ecology to health and history. Dr. Andrea Gorman-Gelder presents "Bringing the Mosquito Menace into the Classroom" on Wednesday, March 26 in the Faculty Lounge, Normal Hall. Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to bring their lunch and join in the discussion.

Aroostook Right to Read/Young Authors Conference

On Saturday, March 29, the University will once again be the gathering place for The County's finest young writers as it hosts the Aroostook Right to Read/Young Authors Conference. Over 300 upper-elementary and middle school

students, invited because of their interest in or talent for writing, will attend the day-long event which includes a keynote presentation by historical fiction author, Lea Wait. Students participate in workshops, meet with the author, and take home a published book containing the work of their peers. According to UMPI Education Instructor Wendy Ross, the conference is all about encouraging young people to write. "It's meant to recognize student writing and motivate student writing." For information call 768.9594.



UMPI Pride Committee formed

Are you an UMPI enthusiast? Dean Corsello has initiated a new UMPI Pride Committee to help pep up UMPI! They want



Inanna ▲

to hear how you would generate school spirit. Please send your suggestions to barbara.devaney@umpi.edu. The UMPI Pride Committee is offering two contest opportunities; the deadline for each is April 8. *Outstanding Student Recognition* – to acknowledge high achievers in academics, leadership, contribution to campus, and community service. The *Creative Spirit Contest* – students may submit original creative works in the form of short essays/poems or photographs that are in some way connected to the University. To see competition categories, contest rules, nominee and voting procedures, click on www.umpi.maine.edu/pride-contest.

Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm all-woman ensemble

An all-woman percussion and vocal ensemble which incorporates singing, drumming, and other forms of percussion and dance will once again bring their unique sound to the University's Campus Center on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. *Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm* explores the heritage and rhythms of West Africa through original arrangements and compositions invoking

ancient traditions of the drum. The group has released four full-length albums and performed at numerous festivals and community events. Advance tickets, \$8 adults, \$4 students available from Morning Star Art & Framing. Cost at the door is \$10 adults, \$5 students; UMPI, SAGE, NMCC students free with ID. For information contact Carol Ayooob at 768.9462.

28th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race

No amount of sleet, slush or melting snow will prevent runners from hitting the pavement this spring for the 28th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race to be held Saturday, April 12. According to race coordinator, UMPI Cross Country Coach Chris Smith, runners and walkers of all ages look forward to this early spring outdoor run. Approximately 70 took part in last year's race, but Smith hopes for as many as 100 this time around. Events begin with registration at Wieden Gym at 8 a.m. and conclude with an awards presentation and pizza lunch. For information or to register a team contact Smith at 768.9472 or email christopher.smith@umpi.edu. ★



Chris Standefer celebrates winter's near-record snowfall atop the summit of "Mount UMPI" behind the South Hall parking lot.

Sports!



Owls compete in National Championships

The University's Nordic Ski teams ended a successful 2008 season after making their second consecutive appearance at the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) National Championships, hosted by the Chisholm Ski Club and Black Mountain of Rumford, Maine, from March 4 to 8. In only three years as a collegiate program, the UMPI Nordic team has won 6 Individual National Championships and 1 Relay Championship. ■ Junior standout skier Megan Toussaint (Madawaska) earned a national championship in the women's 8.5K Freestyle race, finishing first (22:23.3). Freshman Craig Maffei (Mt. Vernon) finished 9th overall in the men's 8.5K Freestyle race (20:52:3), earning 2nd Team All-American honors. Maffei rounded out a strong week by finishing 13th (4:13.4) in the men's Classical Sprint. Aaron Schmersal (Winthrop) recorded his best time (50:20.4) in the 15K Classical

Races while placing 25th. ■ Sophomore Hannah Shepard (Yarmouth) displayed a solid performance throughout the week's events placing 11th overall (57:06.0) in the women's 15K Classical Race and 13th (25:41.0) in the 8.5K Freestyle competition. Teammate Chandra Wisneski (Amherst) placed 12th (57:23.1) in the 15K and 17th overall (26:41.5) in the Women's 8.5K Freestyle race. Alison Kieffer (Caribou) finished the Classical race in her best time of 1:11:04.2 placing 25th overall. Finally, in the Women's Relay the Lady Owls finished 4th, which earned them a 4th place finish overall in the National Championships. ■ The USCSA Championships included teams from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the University of Wyoming, Clarkson University in New York State, St. Olaf University from Minnesota, the University of Maine in Orono, the U. Maine Farmington, the United States Air Force Academy, and Colorado State College. ★

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both wit and gravity to his presentation.

Behrens, who was born in Montreal, has published a collection of short stories, *Night Driving*, and written four feature screenplays. He has held a Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University and has been a Writing Fellow of the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass. Behrens lives in Brooklin, Maine, with his wife, Basha Burwell, and their son, Henry.

For more information, contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768.9749 or lynn.eldershaw@umpi.edu. ★

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

★ [University Players Meeting](#), 9 p.m., Alumni Room

WEDNESDAYS

★ [Coffeehouse & Open Mic](#), 6 p.m., Owl's Nest, Contact Carol Ayoob 768.9462

★ [College Republicans](#), 12 p.m., Alumni Room or CC118, FMI 227.0451

THURSDAYS

★ [Student Organization of Social Workers \(SOSW\) Meeting](#), 12:15 p.m., CC118

★ [Games Club](#), 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest

FRIDAYS

★ [Non-Traditional Students Meeting](#), 10 a.m., CC118

★ [OAPI Meetings](#), 11 a.m., Gentile Hall

★ [College Democrats](#), 1 p.m., Alumni Room. FMI umpidemocrats@gmail.com

MARCH 21

★ [Jewish Sabbath Candle Lighting](#), 6:15 p.m., Alumni Room

MARCH 24

★ [FFA National VP](#), Tyler Tenbarge, 6:30 p.m., Campus Center, Presentation: "Maine FFA: Friends, Family and Alumni"

MARCH 25

★ [FFA National VP](#), Tyler Tenbarge, 7 p.m., Campus Center, Leadership Lecture ■ [Graduate School Info Session](#), 4 p.m., CC118, FMI 768.9750

MARCH 26

★ [Job & Career Fair](#), 10:20 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, FMI 768.9750 ■ [Faculty Noon Seminar](#), 12 p.m., Faculty Lounge

MARCH 27

★ [Campus Crusade for Christ](#), 6 p.m., Worship and devotional time, CC118 ■ [UMPI Winter Survival Celebration](#), 3 p.m., Gentile Hall ■ [Dean of Students Hosts Town Meeting](#), 3 p.m., CC118

MARCH 28

★ [Distinguished Lecturer](#) Peter Behrens, 7:30 p.m., Campus Center

MARCH 29

★ [Aroostook Right to Read/Young Authors Conference](#), 9 a.m., Campus Center

MARCH 30

★ [Basketball Tournament](#) for 5th & 6th Grade Boys, 8 a.m., Wieden, FMI 768.9473. ■ [Pink Nudes With and Without Food](#), 3 p.m., Pullen Gallery, Reception for paintings of Heather Nunez

APRIL 3

★ [Coffee with the Dean](#), 10 a.m., Owl's Nest

APRIL 11

★ [Linda Griffith Photo Exhibit & Reception](#), 5 p.m., Reed Gallery ■ [Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm - in concert](#), 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Percussion and vocal ensemble.

APRIL 12

★ [Spring Runoff 5K Road Race](#), 9:45 a.m., Wieden Gymnasium, FMI 768.9472. ★

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