New education mural unveiled in Presque Isle

EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED at the Key Bank building on Main Street on Sept. 29 to celebrate the installation of the first mural in Downtown Presque Isle.

Officials from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Northern Maine Community College, SAD 1, the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee, the City of Presque Isle and Key Bank gathered at a concrete support wall next to the Key Bank building, between State and Hall streets, for the official unveiling of a 104-foot-long photo mural representing the city’s three educational institutions. The mural was designed over the course of six months by Dick Harrison, the University’s coordinator of graphic design, photography and website. Harrison’s time and labor served as an in-kind donation from the University for the project.

UMPI, NMCC and SAD 1 officials gathered on Sept. 29 with officials from the City of Presque Isle, the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee and Key Bank to unveil the new education-themed mural in Downtown Presque Isle.

“The major theme [of this project] is to highlight the excellent educational opportunities in our community,” said City Manager Tom Stevens. “We’re fortunate to have these entities in Presque Isle, and we hope that this mural will be the catalyst for future murals in not only Presque Isle, but throughout Aroostook County.”

The inaugural mural in the Star City was unveiled in style with a ceremony featuring the Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band and comments by representatives of the organizations who worked on the project. Following the entertainment and greetings, students from UMPI, NMCC and SAD 1 removed the covering to reveal the artwork.

“We are pleased to be able to join together with SAD 1 and NMCC on this project to bring more energy and color to our downtown, and we feel especially honored that the City of

Gentile, physical education legend, passes away

A LEGEND IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION PASSED AWAY in late September, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in the classroom and service to students. Caroline D. Gentile, 84, of Presque Isle, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008. Known to all as Miss Gentile, she touched the lives of so many students during her more than half-century of teaching at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Miss Gentile became a permanent fixture here in 1946, when Dr. Clifford O. T. Wieden hired her to teach at the then Aroostook State Normal School and build its Health, Physical Education and Recreation program. It has since gained a reputation for excellence around New England.

On campus, Miss Gentile has served in many leadership roles, including the Chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation for 20 years. She twice was president of the University Senate, twice president of AFUM, the faculty union, and was one of its founding members. For over 50 years, she orchestrated commencement

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**Faculty Noon Seminar Series returns**

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**The University’s Faculty Noon Seminar Series** returns for the Fall 2008 semester with presentations on everything from student evaluations to the Tibetan Plateau.

Seminars will be held on the last Wednesday of each month, from 12-1 p.m. in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. Presentations will be 20-30 minutes in length, followed by a discussion. The series kicked off in late September with a presentation by Drs. Lisa Leduc, Kim Sebold and Anja Whittington titled “Panel Session on Engaged Learning.”

On Oct. 29, Dr. Michael Sonntag will present “Rate My Professor vs. Formal Student Evaluations of teaching.” On Nov. 19, Dr. Chunzeng Wang will offer a presentation on “A New Perspective on the Tibetan Plateau Tectonic Evolution.”

To provide a taste of what the seminar will offer during the spring semester, the first speaker already has been scheduled. President Don Zillman will lead a presentation on Jan. 28, 2009 titled “Beyond the Carbon Economy.”

The purpose of the Faculty Noon Seminar Series is to foster awareness of research and teaching activities taking place on campus and to provide a forum for dissemination between faculty members. The series also offers the opportunity to network and encourage transdisciplinary scholarly activity. As a campus wide forum, students, faculty and administrative staff are invited to present their work during the seminar series, which is held on the last Wednesday of each month.

**For more information about the Faculty Noon Seminar Series, contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768.9749.**

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Presque Isle and the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee approached us about participating in this first-of-its-kind project specifically because of the value this community places on public education at all levels,” UMPI President Don Zillman said. “We see this as a way to thank our community for their continuous support of our endeavors while also serving as an important first step in bringing permanent art and other visual installations to Downtown Presque Isle.”

NMCC President Tim Crowley said the mural also serves as a very visible example of the education continuum offered locally: “We see many students who graduate from Presque Isle High School, move on to NMCC to earn an associate degree, and continue to UMPI to complete their baccalaureate degree. All three organizations play a vitally important role in educating the future workforce and leaders of our region.”

The original concept for a mural was first discussed in 2006 with a simple observation that the retaining wall on Main Street in front of Key Bank could be made more attractive if it had some color. Stevens ran with the idea and spoke with some of the participants involved in the Downtown Revitalization effort, where the idea of a mural was born. Presque Isle business owners Rick and Sandy Guerrette of 27 Sign Place were brought on board to work on the project. After several proposals, the photo mural was selected. The City Council agreed to a lease arrangement with Key Bank to allow the mural to be placed on their wall at no cost.

With this first mural now a Main Street fixture, officials hope it will spark the creation of more murals throughout the Downtown Presque Isle area. ★

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Students Erin Pelletier, David Dekay, Tahira Francis and Chuck Weiss helped to unveil the new mural in Downtown Presque Isle, which is 104 feet long and features the city’s three educational institutions.
Tech Fair 2008 showcases latest technology

THE UNIVERSITY’S MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM will present its 7th Technology Fair, Collaboration from Home or Office, on Friday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center. The event will cover technology needs and issues for small business owners and managers, information technology professionals, as well as students, educators, and the general public in northern Maine and western New Brunswick.

This year’s fair will feature a keynote lunch address at Noon by Bob Froberg, Director of Business Services for FairPoint Communications. Froberg will speak on “Creating Partnerships for Economic Development in Northern Maine.” Along with the keynote address, Tech Fair attendees will be able to take part in presentations that will run on two simultaneous tracks, with four presentations geared toward educators interested in new technologies available to them, and four presentations geared toward businesses seeking more on the job efficiency through technology.

In Track 1, educators can get a primer in streaming and alternatives to streaming; explore what the lecture classroom of tomorrow will look like; see a show-and-tell on multimedia options with online teaching; and learn all about BizHub technology. These presentations will be offered in the Campus Center, room 118.

In Track 2, business officials can get a look at video conferencing technologies; learn about IP Telephony and how it can improve communication while reducing costs; explore what Virtualization is and how it can create efficiency; and get tips and tricks for using Microsoft Office 2007. These presentations will be offered in the Campus Center’s Alumni Room.

The Tech Fair again will feature an open vendor floor in the Campus Center’s Multi-Purpose Room, scheduled from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The vendor floor will provide an opportunity for visitors to garner door prizes, ask the experts, and view the latest technologies from companies such as CBE Technologies, Tandberg, Netherlands, ELMO, CDW-G, Computer Connection, and Amity Professional Services.

Registration for the Tech Fair begins at 8 a.m. on Friday morning. There is a $10 early registration fee or $15 fee at the door, which includes lunch. UMPI students may attend all sessions free of charge. The vendor floor is free to all.

For more information or to register online, visit www.aroostek.org or call JoAnne Wallingford at 768.9432.

University hosts 13th annual Science Day

THE UNIVERSITY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 13TH ANNUAL SCIENCE DAY when it brings a coastal erosion expert to campus as part of its Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Dr. Orrin Pilkey, the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of Earth and Ocean Sciences at Duke University, will speak on “The Rising Seas: The Future of Miami and Eskimo Villages” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 in the Campus Center. The public is invited to attend.

Science Day is held every fall at the University to celebrate the 1996 opening of the Northern Maine Museum of Science. The goal of Science Day is to bring widely known scientists to campus to talk about current topics in science.

Dr. Pilkey’s discussion will focus on beach erosion, sea level change, and human influence on coastal environments. His research career started with the study of shoreline/continental shelf sedimentation, progressed to the deep sea with emphasis on abyssal plain sediments and back to the nearshore with emphasis on coastal management.

Pilkey received his bachelor’s degree in Geology at Washington State College, his master’s degree in Geology at the University of Montana and his Ph.D. in Geology at Florida State University. Since 1965, he has been at Duke University with one-year breaks with the Department of Marine Science at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, and with the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, Mass. He has published more than 250 technical publications and has authored, coauthored or edited 39 books.

During his career, he has received several awards, including the Jim Shea Award for Public Service from the National Association of Geology Teachers in 1993, the Outstanding Public Service Award from FEMA in 1999, the Geological Society of America’s Public Service Award in 2000, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina Coastal Federation in 2008.

All are invited to attend Dr. Pilkey’s lecture. For more information about Science Day, contact Dr. Kevin McCartney at 768.9482.
Greg Gouthro, a senior in the University’s Social Work program, strives to make the world a better place all year around. Gouthro spends his falls and winters learning how to help people through a career in Social Work and he spends his summers making the world a greener place.

Gouthro – an active member of the Student Organization of Social Workers and UMPI’s state student representative to the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers – does treeplanting in the summer in Northern Ontario and Eastern Canada to help pay for college.

While working in the treeplanting business, Gouthro has met people from all over the world, giving him the chance to work hand in hand with diverse populations and learn about how their cultures view the environment and the world of forestry.

It’s been an eye-opener for the Social Work major, but this summer, it got even better – Gouthro planted his 1 millionth tree. It’s a major accomplishment, but Gouthro keeps it all in perspective.

“I began treeplanting because it helped pay for college and with the world becoming greener I feel like I am doing my part in helping that process,” he said.
**Dos Miguels to bring African rhythms to Presque Isle**

**Musicians Michael Wingfield and Michael Shea** will offer a night of jazz, Afro-Brazilian and Afro-Cuban music when they perform at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6 in the Campus Center.

Wingfield, a percussionist, and Shea, a keyboardist, will offer an interactive performance, engaging the audience in occasional call and response and encouraging people to dance in the aisles to the rhythms they create during their show.

This performance features the return of Michael Wingfield, who most recently served as the first performer in Presque Isle’s Music in the Park series this summer.

“I saw how well he interacted with the community audience, from children to older folks,” Carol Ayoob, Director of Cultural Affairs, said. “He had people from the audience up dancing and playing a variety of instruments. People were thrilled that they had the chance to participate in the performance. So I wanted to bring Dos Miguels, and especially Michael Wingfield, to Presque Isle and put that energy on a University stage.”

Wingfield’s forays into the rhythm and songs of African New World music have brought him onstage with performers such as Flora Purim and Airto, Richie Havens, Herman Johnson and Boston’s Stan Strickland. His collaborator on Monday evening, Michael Shea, is an alum of the Artie Shaw Band, Either Orchestra, Denver-based Brazilian ensemble Traversia, and salseros Conjunto Colores.

The day before their official performance, Wingfield led a community workshop for drummers of all levels.

Tickets for the Oct. 6 concert are $10 for adults, $5 for students, and free to UMPI, NMCC and SAGE students with valid ID. For more information, contact Carol Ayoob at 768.9462 or email her at carol.ayoob@umpi.edu.

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**Ehrlich ceramics exhibit**

**Manhattan artist Risa Hirsch Ehrlich will be in the county** on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. for the opening reception of her solo ceramics exhibition “Consider a Moment of Stillness” at the Reed Fine Art Gallery.

During the Oct. 19 reception, Ehrlich will give a brief talk and answer questions about her work. Ehrlich’s show will feature the single medium in which she works: clay. However, she works within the many forms of the medium, according to Reed Fine Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck.

“She is intrigued by the thought that the surface is the content,” Huck said. “It’s wonderful to have an artist with a proficiency in ceramic techniques that have not been taught here for a number of years. She will introduce uses of underglazes and different forms of hand building.”

Huck explained that some of Ehrlich’s ceramics work is inspired by artists who work in other mediums, such as the cut canvases of Frank Stella, and the art attachments of Robert Rauschenberg.

Says Ehrlich of her work: “Ceramics is a fragile medium. I like its accidents. I invite them... I like clay beginning frail and ending powerful. I like challenging clay to be beautiful despite my efforts to disdain beauty. The dialectic is to turn destruction upon itself and thence into art.”

During her two-day visit, Ehrlich will conduct a ceramics workshop with ceramics students at the University.

“It’s wonderful to bring her up here as an artist and a friend,” said Huck, who met Ehrlich years ago when she spent a semester in New York City studying at the Teachers College, Columbia University. “I think she’s going to have some fascinating things to say to the greater community about ceramics work that they may not already know about.”

The public is invited to attend Ehrlich’s reception. Light refreshments will be served. Ehrlich’s show will be on display through Nov. 26. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information, call 768.9611.
SAGE celebrates tenth year with birthday event
On Oct. 17, the University’s SAGE Program (Students Achieving Greater Education) celebrates ten years of providing courses and excursions for intellectually curious adults, age 50 and older. A celebration has been planned from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. complete with a “Taste of SAGE” sampling of short courses for participants to experience. Rabbi Harry Sky, founder of the Maine Senior College movement, will offer a presentation on lifelong learning during an 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn session. For information or to register, call 768.9502 or email mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu.

Soup sales to fund social work trip to Guatemala
Six students in the Bachelor of Social Work program will be serving up soup in an effort to fund a trip to Guatemala for a February break service learning project. Place soup orders by noon on Wednesdays for pick-up Fridays between 11:30 and 1 p.m. in the Normal Hall Kitchen. Each order includes a recycled mug, soup du jour, and crackers or biscuits. The goal is to sell 200 meals at $5 each. Many thanks to all who donated mugs! For a complete schedule of available soup flavors and sale dates contact shirley.rush@umpi.edu.

OAPI offers fall break trip to Acadia National Park
The University’s Outdoor Adventure Program International (OAPI) will offer an excursion to Acadia National Park, Oct. 10 – 13, for those who wish to hike, camp, and experience the natural beauty of the coast of Maine. Cost for the trip is $80/students and $100/non-students, which includes food, camping fees and transportation. Deadline to register is Tuesday, Oct. 8. Contact amanda.morin@umpi.edu or 768.9401 to register or for information.

Award-winning a cappella group to perform
Hailed as the next shining star of a cappella vocal music, Blue Jupiter will perform a one-night, energy-packed, inspirational show on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Blue Jupiter has won numerous awards and most recently performed in “VH1’s Save the Music Event.” The show is free for students with ID, $5 for non-students and adults. For information call 768.9582.

University hosts human resource conference
The Northeast Society for Human Resources will host its 12th Annual Employment Law & Human Resource Conference at the University from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the UMPI Campus Center. President Don Zillman will present a session on Strategic Professional Communication. For more information and to register, visit http://neshrm.shrm.org.

Wind power conference scheduled for Oct. 21
The St. John Aroostook RC&D will host a wind conference, “Increasing Energy Diversity and Independence: Growing Wind Power Generation in Maine,” on Oct. 21, from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m., in the UMPI

University hosts annual Blood Drive
The University will hold its annual Fall Blood Drive on Thursday, October 23, from 12 – 6 p.m. in the Campus Center’s Multi-Purpose Room.

The blood drive is sponsored by the University’s Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi and the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away during the drive.

If donors wish to reserve a time in advance, they should call 768.9585 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. before the day of the drive.

The American Red Cross needs to collect 1,400 pints of blood each working day to meet the needs of people in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Currently, the New England Red Cross is 1,000 pints behind its expected blood collection for the year.

“We are encouraging everyone to at least consider the possibility of becoming a blood donor,” Jim Stepp, Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life, said. “It is relatively painless and doesn’t take much time.”

The University regularly holds two blood drives per year, and has records of blood drives dating back to 1987. Since that time, the University has collected more than 2,500 pints. Stepp said the University hopes to collect 150 pints of blood this year.

Elections November 4!
It’s not to late too register. Stop by South Hall for registration materials.
Campus Center. Officials from the Maine Public Utilities Commission, Natural Resources Council of Maine, and National Renewable Energy Laboratory will offer conference sessions. For more information, contact Skip Babineau at 764.4126.

Women, Work and Community presents fashion show fundraiser

On Sunday, Oct. 26, Women, Work & Community will celebrate their 30th anniversary in style with a Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Aroostook Shrine Club in Presque Isle. Erin Benson and NMCC’s Jason Parent will serve as emcees for the event with UMPI’s own President Don Zillman modeling the latest fall fashions. Tickets can be purchased for $7 at the door or at the WWC Center, NMCC campus in Presque Isle. FMI call 764.0050.

Proposals sought for 1968 Retrospective

This year marks the 40th anniversary of a truly transformational year in politics, education, science and culture. With that in mind, the University is planning a week-long 1968 Retrospective in mid-November. The retrospective culminates with a Nov. 15 conference which is open to all who are interested; proposals for conference presentations must be submitted by Oct. 15, 2008. For further information visit www.umpi.edu and click on the 1968 Retrospective box.

Dwarf Planet Ceres recognized with sign

With help from area volunteers, the dwarf planet Ceres now has signage to recognize its presence as part of the Maine Solar System Model. Ceres, located near the Jameson Road in Presque Isle is one of three dwarf planets recently added to the model, a project of the University’s Northern Maine Museum of Science. For information about this project contact kevin.mccartney@umpi.edu or call 768.9482.

Upward Bound offers parent, student Saturday events

Upward Bound will host a special retreat, Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8:30 – 3 p.m., for high school seniors in the program, as well as their parents, which will focus on helping them to complete the college application and financial aid process. In addition, Upward Bound Saturday College will be offered on Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for registered students and parents. During this event, donated computers will be distributed to students who need them. For more information call 768.9612.

Interested in joining the UMPI Community Band?

Practices are held every Monday, 6-9pm in the Wieden Music Room. Watch for details about the Winter Concert in early December! FMI: kinseyk@sad1.org.

Seniors – Have you applied for graduation yet?

FMI call Student Records at 768.9540.

Andy at UMPI

catalogue is online

To view an electronic version of the “Andy at UMPI” catalog from the current Reed Gallery exhibition click this link: http://www.umpi.edu/files/home/WarholExhibitCatalogue.pdf

The exhibition continues through October 11. Gallery hours are Mon-Sat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Go Owls!

Students were busy recently adding a little school spirit to the soccer field.
Oct. 6
★ Dos Miques Jazz Afro-Brazilian / Afro-Cuban Music
7 p.m., Campus Center

Oct. 7
★ Darrell Dorgan Community Workshops
6 p.m., Allagash Room. To register 768.9452.

Oct. 8
★ Darrell Dorgan Lecture
7 p.m., St. John Room. FMI 768.9452.
★ Memorial Service to Honor Caroline Gentile
12.2 p.m., Gentile Hall. 768.9525.

Oct. 9
★ Campus Crusade for Christ
Guest Speaker Frankie Palermo, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium.

Oct. 10
★ International Students Club
6:15 p.m., Pullen 210. 768.9588.
★ Technology Fair
10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Campus Center. 768.9432

Oct. 11
★ Admissions Open House for Prospective Students
9 a.m., Wieden Auditorium.
★ Upward Bound Retreat
8:30 a.m., Folsum 105. 768.9612.

Oct. 13 – 14
★ Columbus Day
(U.S.) Thanksgiving (Canada) Campus offices closed

Oct. 13-17
★ Fall Break
no classes this week

Oct. 15
★ Town Hall Meeting with the Dean
3:30 p.m., CC118. 768.9615.
★ Employment Law & Human Resources Conference
8 a.m., Campus Center. http://neshrm.shrm.org

Oct. 16
★ Pregnancy Care Center Fundraiser
6:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Campus Center. 764.0022.

Oct. 17
★ SAGE 10th Birthday Celebration
10 a.m., MPR. 768.9502.
★ Fingerprinting for Education Students
7:30 a.m., CC118.

Oct. 18
★ Opening Reception: Risa Hirsch Ehrlich Exhibition
4 p.m., Reed Gallery. 768.9611.

Oct. 19
★ Midnight Madness
11p.m., Wieden Gym. Basketball Kickoff sponsored by UMPI Pride Committee, 768.9615.

Oct. 21
★ St. John / Aroostook RC&D Wind Conference
8:30 a.m., MPR. 764.4126 Ext. 5.
★ Science Day Lecture
Dr. Orrin Pilkey, 7 p.m., MPR. 768.9482.

Oct. 23
★ Campus Blood Drive
12 p.m. – 6 p.m., MPR. 768.9560.

Oct. 24
★ University Senate Meeting
3 p.m., CC118. 768.9501.
★ PE Majors-Sponsored Haunted House
1-3 p.m., Aroostook Centre Mall. Cost $4. 768.9457.

Oct. 25
★ TANC Health Fair
8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Gentile Hall. 768.4008.
★ Upward Bound College Saturday
9 a.m., Campus Center. 768.9612.
★ PE Majors-Sponsored Haunted House
4-8 p.m., Aroostook Centre Mall. Cost $4. 768.9457.
★ Blue Jupiter a cappella group
7:30 p.m., Wieden Auditorium. 768.9582.

Oct. 26
★ Faculty Noon Seminar
12 p.m., Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. 768.9749.

Oct. 30
★ Folsom Hall Re-dedication Ceremony
12 p.m., 768.9452.
★ Ethics Workshop - NASW
8:30 a.m., Allagash Room. 768.9422.
★ UMPI Trick or Treating at Park & Merriman
6-7 p.m. Children 5th grade and under. 768.9560.

Oct. 31
★ Haunted House in Wieden Hall
8 p.m., sponsors: UWI & Criminal Justice Club. Donations benefit Battered Women’s Program. Recommended for those 16 & up. 768.9741.
★ Battle of the Bands
8 p.m., Campus Center. Sponsored by Kappa Delta Phi

Nov. 1
★ David Mallett Concert
7:30 p.m., Wieden Auditorium. 768.9462.
★ NOV. 4 - ELECTION DAY!
★ College Republicans Election Night Get-Together
8 p.m., Owl’s Nest, 251.8733.
★ College Democrats
11 a.m., Alumni Room, 768.9501.
★ College Democrats
11 a.m., Alumni Room, Oct 17, then biweekly, 768.9438.


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