University signs contract for wind turbine

Officials from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and Lumus Construction, Inc. have signed a $2 million contract for the installation of a 600 kW wind turbine at the southern end of campus. They held a press conference on Monday, Nov. 24 to participate in a formal signing ceremony and announce the details of their project, which establishes UMPI as the first university in the State of Maine and one of only a handful in New England to install a mid-size wind turbine.

The turbine will produce about 1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year and is expected to save the institution more than $100,000 annually in electricity charges. It also will save an estimated 572 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere each year.

“This historic project will help to meet the campus’s energy needs, significantly reduce our energy costs, and help us to leave a much small carbon footprint,” President Don Zillman said. “This is the most significant renewable energy project we, as a campus, have ever undertaken, and we are both proud and humbled to be stepping forward as a statewide leader in the utilization of wind as a renewable energy resource.”

Construction work on the project began on Nov. 19. Sumul Shah, President of Lumus Construction, Inc., explained that crews are working to build a strong foundation at the wind turbine site. Workers have drilled 40-foot-deep holes in order to install anchors into the bedrock underneath the

1968 Retrospective embraced by community

Students, staff, faculty and community members turned out night after night to take part in the University’s week-long 1968 Retrospective held Nov. 10-15, learning about the major events that helped to make 1968 a transformational year in politics, education, science and culture.

The event included roundtable discussions, presentations, movie screenings, musical performances, an art exhibit, and a conversation with journalist Richard Dudman. The event reportedly was the only one of its kind to happen in Maine, if not New England.

“We’re quite pleased that so many campus and community members attended our 1968 Retrospective events and were able to learn, or learn more, about this important year,” President Don Zillman said.

The Retrospective began on Monday, Nov. 10 with a look at the music and art of 1968. Students presented an exhibition, “Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: An Homage to Radical Counter-culture in 1968” in the Pullen Art Gallery. Afterward, President Zillman led the official kick-off for the 1968 Retrospective in continued on page 2
site. They will then pour more than 100 cubic yards of concrete interlaced with steel to create the turbine base.

Turbine blades that are 47 meters in diameter, as well as a 20-ton nacelle – which houses the turbine’s gearbox and generator – are being assembled in Chennai, India by RRB Energy Ltd. The 65-meter turbine tower is being manufactured in the U.S. Officials expect the turbine parts to be delivered to the site by March. They hope to erect the turbine in early April and have it ready to produce electricity by the end of April.

“It is a great honor to be part of this project that brings the University of Maine at Presque Isle to the forefront in renewable energy,” Shah said. “Our company has a long history of working on projects that serve the greater good. We applaud the University’s enthusiasm for producing on-site green energy and thank University officials for allowing us to be a part of this exciting project.”

The University announced its intentions to move forward on a wind turbine project in May 2007. Funding for the project is coming from campus – not University of Maine System – reserves, which have been built up through more than 20 years of careful financial stewardship. The University also received a $50,000 Voluntary Renewable Resources Fund grant from the Maine Public Utilities Commission to go toward the project.

Officials have promised to make the wind turbine project very public and show all sides of completing an alternative energy project, both the value and cost-effectiveness of harnessing natural resources for clean electricity as well as any problems encountered along the way.

A new website for the project, www.umpi.edu/wind, will serve as a major resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the University’s alternative energy project. The University also intends to incorporate aspects of its wind project into some of the courses it offers, as well as encouraging area schools and other educational institutions to learn about, build into their curriculums, and otherwise take advantage of this resource.

Dr. Andrea Gorman Gelder recently presented a paper entitled “Parasites for the Classroom” at the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) meeting in Memphis, Tenn. The purpose of the paper was to urge 5th – 8th grade teachers to incorporate common arthropod parasites, primarily mosquitoes, into their curricula.

Gorman points out that well known arthropods like mosquitoes, lice, fleas and ticks serve as “vectors” of diseases and have had a profound effect on both public health and history. They have been responsible for disseminating such pestilence as malaria, plague, West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

Everything from increasing temperatures caused by global warming and the way we exchange goods and services affects the way these vectors are able to transmit disease, which means that it is becoming increasingly important for students to be knowledgeable about parasitic diseases and the organisms that transmit them.

By the time students reach the 5th grade, they are familiar with basic arthropod morphology and the insect life cycle, and fortunately, they are also generally fascinated by topics that are gross. Gorman argues that the confluence of student knowledge and fascination provides a window of opportunity to exploit the situation and introduce parasites into the 5th through middle school curricula. This provides a means of addressing aspects of the state and national learning results, from biology and ecology to health, history and communication.

Classroom topics regarding mosquitoes can range from their morphology, host detection and selection, general ecology, diseases they transmit, and means of protecting ourselves from them by reducing their numbers and attraction to us. Gorman used “I-goggles” during her presentation to demonstrate how mosquitoes view the world. She also provided teachers with a series of lesson plans (lists of materials, objectives and procedures), including background information and references (internet and text) regarding mosquitoes.

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Woodard & Curran created a visual representation of how the new wind turbine is expected to fit in with the campus landscape.
Veterans Day event focuses on the veteran experience

The University held a special Veterans Day event on Tuesday, Nov. 11, gathering together several local veterans and University officials for an evening of tribute and appreciation.

A seven-member panel discussed the veteran experience – from the initial decision to enter military service and the nature of that service to the impact of a veteran’s service on loved ones and the lessons that stay with a veteran for the remainder of life. This special event was part of the University’s weeklong 1968 Retrospective, held November 10-15.

Participating in the panel were four local veterans – Rudy Buitron, US Army retired (Sgt. 1st class), who now lives in Portage; John Barlow, US Air Force (Staff Sgt.), who now lives in Fort Fairfield; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10 Commander Don Pelkey, US Air Force (Sgt.), who now lives in Fort Fairfield; and Lionel Lavoie, U.S. Marines (Sgt.), who now lives in Frenchville. Also participating in the event were Chancellor Richard Pattenaude and UMPI President Don Zillman, both veterans, and Dr. Carol Hawkins, Director of the Farnham Writers’ Center and Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Colby College.

Following a tribute to all veterans, Hawkins gave a short presentation on how the Vietnam conflict has been presented in popular culture and the lack of understanding that many young people have for that war. For example, students in one of her classes were trying to understand real veterans’ experiences through what they’d seen in such movies as Forrest Gump. So Hawkins asked a real veteran to come to her class. That veteran, Lionel Lavoie, was able to talk about his experiences during the war and how they changed his life.

Lavoie then spoke to the crowd at UMPI, saying that when he first went to Vietnam, he had only been there three weeks before he found himself in his first battle. Of his platoon, he was one of only two soldiers left alive. Other veterans on the panel related stories of their own. Don Pelkey recalled how he was dropped off alongside the Ho Chi Minh trail with 100 rounds of ammunition and had to report the number of people and supplies that went by. John Barlow remembered how he and his fellow soldiers would complete heavy construction projects during monsoons.

And then they talked about what happened after they finished their military service. Each veteran recounted the same story – no one thanked them when they returned home and no one wanted to talk to them about their experiences.

The veterans said they think society has learned a lot since then. They’re pleased by how much better people treat the troops returning home today. But they also believe that there’s one important thing that people need to do better: they need to ensure that younger generations really understand what our nation’s veterans have gone through and what support needs to be offered when veterans return home.

“I felt it was important to be a part of this discussion because it gives me the chance for others to understand what we’re going through and what needs to be done to help veterans and troops that will be coming home,” Buitron said after the event. “They’re in for a shock. It’s pertinent that we talk about this now.”

A seven-member panel, including four local veterans, participated in a special Veterans Day event held on Nov. 11.

A Reminder

The next month image will be published Tuesday, January 20, 2009. If you have items of interest to the campus or community, please send them by Monday, January 5 to: susan.pinette@umpi.edu fax 768.9608
Graves earns prestigious Pine Tree Award

University professor Dr. Linda Graves was honored recently with a prestigious award for professionals in the field of medical technology and clinical laboratory science.

Dr. Graves, a professor of Medical Laboratory Technology and co-director of the Medical Laboratory Program of Maine, was presented with the Pine Tree Award during the Northeast Laboratory Conference held in late October 2008. The award, presented by the American Medical Technologists, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science of Maine, and the Clinical Laboratory Managers Association, was given in recognition of Graves’ many years of professional service to the medical laboratories of the Northeast.

The organizations present the Pine Tree Award once a year to two people who have made significant contributions and had a major impact on the field of Medical Technology in the Northeast. Graves was recognized for the hundreds of MLT students that she has educated during her 32 years of teaching at UMPI. She also has written three books: Case Studies in Clinical Laboratory Science (2001); Outline Review of Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology (2003); and the forthcoming Clinical Chemistry (2009). On top of this, Graves has served as the co-director of the Medical Laboratory Program of Maine since 2002. She co-directs the program with Margaret “Peetie” Charette – a former UMPI MLT program graduate who now teaches in Augusta and is affiliated with the University of Maine at Augusta. Charette nominated Graves for the award.

Graves said it was a surprise and a great honor to receive the award.

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the Campus Center. During the event, Professor Clifton Boudman presented a slideshow on the art of 1968 and local musicians performed music from 1968 – from Joni Mitchell and Simon and Garfunkel to the Beatles, the Doors, and Jimi Hendrix.

A special Tribute to Veterans was held on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. President Zillman and Chancellor Richard Pattenaude, both veterans, led a roundtable discussion about the nature of the veteran experience. [See page 3 for more on this event.]

Science and Exploration served as the main topic for Wednesday, Nov. 12. In a packed Pullen 210, faculty members gave presentations on the Apollo 8 Mission, deep ocean studies and advances in chemistry in 1968. On Thursday, Nov. 13, a panel of scholars and first-hand witnesses discussed how life-changing events in 1968 played out in different parts of the world. The discussion was followed by a screening of the movie Bobby, which centers on the assassination of Democratic presidential candidate Robert Kennedy. The film was introduced by Professor Rich Zuras, who donned a ‘60s outfit for the occasion.

Journalist Richard Dudman served as the keynote speaker and Distinguished Lecturer on Friday, Nov. 14. Before a large crowd, Dudman talked about the news events he covered during his more than three decades as the chief Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, including the riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention, the Vietnam War, and his experience, in 1970, when he was captured by Vietcong guerrillas in Cambodia. He later wrote about his experiences in the book, Forty Days with the Enemy.

The Retrospective culminated in a day-long conference on Saturday, Nov. 15, that included enlightening presentations by faculty, alumni and community members on the Green Revolution, Second Wave Feminism, Women and Race, the Mexico City Olympics, the Tunnels of Cu Chi, and the Cinema of 1968.

The event was co-organized by Dr. Michael Amey and Dr. Tomasz Herzog.
Local high schoolers spent the day learning that there’s more to math than applying formulas and performing calculations on Thursday, Nov. 20, during Imagine Math Day, organized by Math Professor Dr. Shawn Robinson.

About 30 students and teachers gathered in the Campus Center for the event, which allowed them to investigate open-ended questions the way a working mathematician would, by analyzing patterns, using reasoning, and creating their own language and tools for answering those questions. Specifically, Robinson said the event is not a competition or a day-long series of lectures, but a time for experiencing mathematics as a growing, evolving and socially constructed body of knowledge.

The event borrows concepts from the article “Imagine Math Day: Encouraging Secondary School Students and Teachers to Engage in Authentic Mathematical Discovery,” by Darryl Young and Michael Orrison, published in the August/September 2008 issue of MAA Focus Magazine. The idea for the event and the materials used originated at Harvey Mudd College, where Imagine Math Day has been an annual event since 2006.

Students and teachers worked together in the morning in groups of 10 on open-ended math questions. In the afternoon, students worked in smaller groups on posters connected with their math work during Imagine Math Day. Meanwhile, teachers met separately with University faculty to talk about math teaching strategies. After lunch, students had the chance to view each others’ work.

Officials hope to host similar events in the future.

Three UMPI Writing Center tutors accompanied faculty member and UMPI Writing Center director Deborah Hodgkins to the Maine Writing Centers Gathering 2008 at Colby College on Saturday, Nov. 15. Laura Mooney, Laura Hunter, and Andrea Zappone joined Hodgkins and tutors and directors from Colby, Bates College, the University of Maine, and Thomas College in a day devoted to “Engaged Evaluation: What We Do and Why We Do It.”

“The conference provided us with the opportunity to collaborate with writing tutors from across the state, and gather fresh ideas for our writing center,” Mooney said.

After participating in topic focused mixed-institution dialogues with tutors and writing center directors from other institutions, each group chose a member to present the results of each group’s discussion in a panel presentation. Laura Hunter was selected to represent her group.

“The conference was a great learning experience that enhanced my knowledge of the tutoring process,” said Hunter. “I am excited to implement the techniques suggested at the round table and panel discussions. Participating in the panel discussion was an opportunity for UMPI to shine and for all of us to recognize the important role writing centers have at our schools.”

“I was pleased by the emphasis on inter-institutional work and the professional role that the tutors played in the event this year,” Hodgkins commented, “and it was also gratifying to hear some of our practices at UMPI—from tutor training and lunch staff meetings to strategies for working with reluctant writers—referenced by participants from other institutions in the large group discussion.”

“It was helpful to consider the alternative approaches of other writing tutors and think of ways to implement some of those practices into my own work,” added Zappone. “The experience was extremely positive and I look forward to attending more writing center functions in the future.”

Members of UMPI’s Writing Center staff recently attended a statewide conference for writing tutors. Pictured are, from left, Andrea Zappone, UMPI Writing Center Director Dr. Deborah Hodgkins, Laura Hunter, and Laura Mooney.
Lady Owls snag win in Waterville

Senior ERICA DAVIS (North Yarmouth) earned a double-double, scoring a game-high 29 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in 30 minutes of play to lead the Women’s Basketball team to their first win of the season on Saturday in the consolation game of the Colby College Invitational Tournament. The Lady Owls beat Thomas College 70-67 in a tough fought game. Davis also had six steals as her team improves to 1-2 on the season. Sophomore MEGAN KORHONEN (Littleton) had 13 points and 4 assists on the day to help her team, including the last three points, a running layup on the left side of the paint and two key free throws with three seconds remaining in regulation time to help solidify the Owl victory. Freshman EMILY MOORE (Lisbon) went 3-6 from the floor and 5-6 from the line to add 11 points and two steals in the Owl win. WHITNEY FLINT (Ashland) added seven points and two steals. MINDY SULLIVAN (Lisbon) used her presence in the paint and pulled down a game high 11 rebounds on the day. The Owls shot 44.4% from the floor, improving from the prior day’s game against Colby College. Thomas College (1-2) was led in scoring by Jess Nassetta and her 14 points. Cortney Barrett added 13 points, while Alexis Evans and Kellie Martel each had 10 points in the Terrier loss.

In Friday night’s game, the Owls dropped a game to the Mules of Colby College, 70-69. Freshman RAY MITCHELL (Cleveland, Ohio), who paced his team with 13 points, all coming in the second half of play. Sophomore RON SPENCER (Chicago, Ill.) added 9 points, while freshman LOREN FAWTROUGH (Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada) added eight points and eight rebounds in the loss. On Saturday, Nov. 22, Ray Mitchell was huge for UMPI with a game high of 36 points and 16 rebounds, while RON SPENCER added 20 points. Despite the improved play on the second day of the two-game weekend, the Owls lost 92-78 to the Nighthawks of Newbury College in the consolation game of the Hight Tournament. LOREN FAWTROUGH once again had a solid showing, scoring eight points and grabbing six rebounds for this team. KEVIN CLEVELAND of Newbury posted a double-double with 28 points and 13 rebounds, while also dealing out seven assists. John Rowley, Jr. scored 22 points to help the Nighthawks (1-2) survive a late UMPI rally to earn the win. Newbury led 48-33 at intermission and pushed the advantage to 75-45 with 10:41 left in the contest. The Owls battled back and knocked the lead down to 86-75 with 2:15 remaining in the game, but Rowley scored six of the game’s final eight points in sealing the win.

Basketball player earns All-Conference honors

In continuation with the success UMPI’s Fall Athletic Teams experienced, and after just one weekend of competition, one of the Women’s Basketball players has earned NAIA Sunrise All-Conference honors. Senior Captain ERICA DAVIS was chosen as the Sunrise Conference “Player of the Week” for her outstanding effort in the Owls loss to the University of Maine at Farmington on Nov. 15. Davis had 20 points and 13 rebounds in 31 minutes of play. Adding to her honors, Davis was also recently chosen as the WAGM “Athlete of the Week.” Please join the University in congratulating Erica for her continued athletic accomplishments.

UMPI Men drop two at UMaine Farmington

The Men’s Basketball team faced a tough task at the UMaine Farmington Hight Tournament, to try and stop Division III powerhouse Elms College of Chicopee, Mass. The Owls battled to a 110-44 loss in their first game of the season. The Blazers bolted out to a 69-16 halftime command, creating a difficult comeback. The Elms’ onslaught was spirited by its defense, which forced 43 turnovers. UMPI played a solid second 20 minutes, regardless of having two of their starters foul out early after halftime. Dan Gonzalez and Javon Mathis each scored 14 points to lead a balanced Elms attack with 17 different players getting into the scoring column. Arsenio Avant also got into double-figures with 10 points.

The Owls were led by junior RAY MITCHELL (Cleveland, Ohio), who paced his team with 13 points, all coming in the second half of play. Sophomore RON SPENCER (Chicago, Ill.) added 9 points, while freshman LOREN FAWTROUGH (Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada) added eight points and eight rebounds in the loss. On Saturday, Nov. 22, Ray Mitchell was huge for UMPI with a game high of 36 points and 16 rebounds, while RON SPENCER added 20 points. Despite the improved play on the second day of the two-game weekend, the Owls lost 92-78 to the Nighthawks of Newbury College in the consolation game of the Hight Tournament. LOREN FAWTROUGH once again had a solid showing, scoring eight points and grabbing six rebounds for this team. KEVIN CLEVELAND of Newbury posted a double-double with 28 points and 13 rebounds, while also dealing out seven assists. John Rowley, Jr. scored 22 points to help the Nighthawks (1-2) survive a late UMPI rally to earn the win. Newbury led 48-33 at intermission and pushed the advantage to 75-45 with 10:41 left in the contest. The Owls battled back and knocked the lead down to 86-75 with 2:15 remaining in the game, but Rowley scored six of the game’s final eight points in sealing the win.

Players of the Week named

Members of the UMPI Women’s Basketball teams earned NAIA Sunrise Conference Player of the Week honors during the week of November 24. MEGAN KORHONEN was named Player of the Week. The sophomore guard averaged 14.5
Women’s first home game:
Friday, Dec. 12 vs. Husson University, 7 p.m.

January home games:
Jan. 6 vs. Maine Maritime Academy 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 11 vs. Fisher College 12 p.m.
Jan. 24 vs. Paul Smith’s College 1 p.m.
Jan. 25 vs. SUNY Canton 12 p.m.

Several UMPI athletes and a coach were honored
with NAIA Conference-wide awards, including (counter clockwise, from left)
CHELSEA BOUDREAU, Women’s Soccer; KATIE MOODY, Women’s Soccer; MICHELLE FERRY, Women’s Volleyball; ERICA DAVIS, Women’s Volleyball (Davis also received the Women’s Volleyball Player of the Year Award); and TERRY CUMMING, with his wife Crystal, Women’s Volleyball Coach of the Year.

Women’s Basketball

Men’s Basketball

Men’s Star City Shoot-out:
Dec. 13, 2 p.m. UMPI vs. Unity College
4 p.m. MMA vs. UMFK
Dec. 14, 1 p.m. UMPI vs. MMA
3 p.m. Unity College vs. UMFK

January home games:
Jan. 11 vs. Fisher College, 2 p.m.
Jan. 24 vs. Paul Smith’s College, 3 p.m.
Jan. 25 vs. SUNY Canton, 2 p.m.

MEGAN had 16 points and 6 rebounds in a 70-39 loss to Colby College, and then had 13 points and four assists in a 70-67 win over Thomas College. She scored the final four points of the game, including the game-winning basket against Thomas. In those two games, she shot 54 percent from the field.

EMILY MOORE was named Rookie of the Week after averaging 10.0 points in a 1-1 week for the Owls. The freshman guard scored 9 points in a 70-39 loss to Colby College and then had 11 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals in a 70-67 win over Thomas College.

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assists and 1.0 steals in a 1-1 week for the Owls. MEGAN
Professor Anderson Giles conducts important WWII research

University Art Professor Anderson Giles has worked for the past two decades to preserve – through film, photographs, paintings and other collections – the history of World War II in the Pacific. With time running out for him to preserve that history, Giles received an important award this year to help him to complete a significant amount of documentation and research.

Giles was awarded a University of Maine System Trustee Professorship, which allowed him to take a spring sabbatical and share his research by lecturing on three different Pacific cruises that visited many of the islands associated with WWII in the Pacific. Giles offered lectures on everything from Guadalcanal and the Battle of Iwo Jima to the conquest of Guam, Saipan and Tinian aboard two Cruise West voyages and a Princess Cruise voyage.

The Trusteeship also allowed him to document more WWII history and historical sites, as well as the culture and history of the islands where veterans served. During the cruises, Giles was able to photograph and interview WWII veterans and island elders who were associated with Japanese and U.S. operations in WWII. The Trusteeship also allowed him to spend two weeks on the island of Tinian working on various research projects.

“I’ve gathered all this information and had opportunities to show it to people from all over the world,” Giles said. “It’s significant in many ways: it provided a deeper understanding for those who got to visit the islands, and for the many others who will never get to see those islands first-hand, this work is going to give them the opportunity to at least view these places through photographs and film.”

Giles’ many projects related to WWII in the Pacific have touched local, state, national and international audiences. He has completed two feature-length documentary films – his two-hour documentary Thunder from Tinian won a Telly Award in 1997 and last year he completed his second documentary Echoes from the Apocalypse, Tinian: 60 Years Later. He also has filmed eyewitness testimonials by war veterans, documented historical sites in the Pacific, and photographed veterans at former combat sites.

As for the research he has conducted in 2008, Giles will be organizing the material and synthesizing it into new projects, such as paintings and publications. Giles will offer a presentation about his 2008 visit to the Pacific at a future date.

Fort Fairfield artists focus of next Reed exhibition

An exhibit featuring the talents of Fort Fairfield artists and those with a connection to Fort Fairfield’s past will be on display from Dec. 6 through Jan. 17 in the University’s Reed Fine Art Gallery.

The exhibition, titled It’s Time To Feature Fort Fairfield Artists, offers a diverse collection of work in recognition of Fort Fairfield’s recent Sesquicentennial celebration. It was compiled by Sesquicentennial chairs, Sarah Ullman and Rayle Ainsworth, as the culminating event in a very successful year-long celebration.

The show will include paintings, drawings, photography and sculptures by experienced and emerging artists. Also included are twin porcelain dolls that have “traveled” the world through correspondence and have been included as guests in a variety of Fort Fairfield society events over the years. They will select costumes from their extensive wardrobes, appropriate for participation in this, their latest event.

There also will be four works by students from the Fort Fairfield elementary school. These pieces were part of their spring music art show and were chosen to represent the four historical buildings that belong to the Frontier Heritage Society. Additionally there is an example of a beautifully woven horse blanket, a sculpture created by a family, and a stained glass piece. These examples were chosen to illustrate the fact that the exhibit has something of interest for a wide and diverse audience.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery, located in the Campus Center, is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information, call 768.9611.
Notes

SAGE local history course
The University’s Seniors Achieving Greater Education program is offering a 15-week course for adults age 50 and older who have an interest in Presque Isle history. Kimberly Smith of the Presque Isle Historical Society will deliver lunchtime lectures beginning in early December as part of SAGE’s “Our Town” course. Topics include: The History of the Aroostook Valley Railroad, Maysville Grange, Northern Maine Fair, Presque Isle Library, and other biographical and cultural features.
Cost: $15/semester; to register or for information call 768.9502.

Barb Blackstone elected VP of Maine Athletic Trainers Association
Barb Blackstone, Director/Assistant Professor of the University’s Athletic Training Program was recently elected Vice President of the Maine Athletic Trainers Association (MATA). She has been an active MATA member for a number of years, serving on the Licensure and Public Relations Committees, but felt it was “important for all regions of the state to be represented” on the directing board. Blackstone hopes to use her position to promote awareness of the role of athletic trainers and to encourage high schools and physically active members of the community to use the services they can provide.

Student Education Association offers workshop
The Student Education Association of Maine (SEAM) will host a workshop for area educators and education students titled “How Do You Know What Your Students Know?” on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at UMPI. Facilitator is Ellen Holmes, NEA/Maine Department of Education Distinguished Educator. It introduces the idea of “Response to Intervention” in the general education classroom, as participants understand how to articulate essential learning targets, universal screening, progress monitoring, and tools and resources for collecting and analyzing student data. Free to NEA/MEA/SEAM members, $75 for non-members; lunch and snacks provided. To register, send an email to wendy.ross@umpi.edu.

Senior Class holds gift wrapping fundraiser
Need help finding time to wrap holiday presents? The Senior Class 2009 would like to do it for you at their Holiday Wrap Up class fundraiser. Bring gifts to Preble Hall between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on either Dec. 9, 10, or 11; and pick them up wrapped and decorated – the next day. FMU call Keith at 768.9568 or Laurie at 768.9512.

Zuras hired to write online movie reviews
Rich Zuras, an English professor at the University, is taking on a new kind of writing after being hired in late October by www.fusedwire.com to write online movie reviews. Zuras, who directs the University’s Film Studies Program under the English degree, has written several reviews so far, from Nights in Rodanthe and Madagascar 2 to Choke and, most recently, the latest Bond movie, Quantum of Solace. Zuras previously has garnered several short story and poetry publications. His biography has appeared in recent editions of Who’s Who in American Education, Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in Education, and Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.

Instructor offers two articles on Alzheimer’s
Ethelle Lord, an adjunct professor in the Business Program, has written two articles about Alzheimer’s disease. In the article “Living Two Lives, At Once: The Face of Alzheimer’s,” Lord writes candidly about her personal experience of caring for her husband, who was officially diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in January 2003. Her second article is titled, “They Are Not Stupid. They Have Dementia.” This article discusses the connections between Lord’s experience and research related to Alzheimer’s disease and the information that Dr. Robert B. Portney presented in November during the Distinguished Lecture he gave on dementia at the University. To obtain a copy of these articles, please contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

Walton, ’59 alum, featured in BDN
Maynard Walton, a 1959 UMPI alum and longtime Bangor High School track and field coach, was featured in the Dec. 1 edition of the Bangor Daily News. Walton, originally from Caribou, was recognized for reaching an important milestone in his teaching career – his 50th year in education. To read the story, visit http://bangornews.com/detail/94293.html.

Instructor offers two articles on Alzheimer’s

Alum a top finisher in Philadelphia Marathon
Evan Graves, well-known long distance runner based in Aroostook County and an UMPI alum, made an impressive showing during the recent Philadelphia Marathon. Continued on page 10
Among more than 7,200 runners from around the world, his finishing time was 2:24:38. Congratulations on a job well done, Evan!

Caribou Choral Society concerts
This year’s two Christmas concerts are Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Caribou Performing Arts Center, and Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Presque Isle.

Welcome, Kathleen Ella Johnston . . . born Tuesday, Dec. 2 to Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology and his wife, Krista Delahunty, part-time Math/Science instructor at the University. Jason reports that many attentive grandparents were on hand to share in the joy of the event.

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