NASA Astronaut pays visit to UMPI

Campus and community members will learn all about journeying to the stars when the University hosts a NASA astronaut and space shuttle commander in March as part of its Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Pamela Melroy (Colonel, USAF, retired) has served as a NASA astronaut since 1995 and has participated in three space flights, logging more than 900 hours (more than 38 days) in space and helping to conduct important assembly work for the International Space Station. She will speak on Human Spaceflight—Shuttle, International Space Station and Beyond at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9 in the Campus Center. All are encouraged to attend.

Melroy completed a 13-day flight in 2000 aboard the space shuttle Discovery, a 10-day flight in 2002 aboard Atlantis, and a 15-day flight, on which she served as shuttle commander, in 2007, again on the space shuttle Discovery. On her 2000 and 2002 flights, she served as the shuttle pilot. She will speak about her missions, her work as commander of a shuttle, and spacewalking, robotics and living in space.

Melroy graduated from Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, NY, in 1979. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in physics and astronomy from Wellesley College in 1983 and her Master of Science degree in earth & planetary sciences from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984.

She was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program in 1983. After completing her master’s degree, she attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas and was graduated in 1985. She flew the KC-10 for six years at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, as a co-pilot, aircraft commander and instructor pilot.

Melroy is a veteran of Just Cause and Desert Shield/Desert Storm, with over 200 combat and combat support hours. In June... continued on page 2

University, Momentum team up to offer YPI 2

Momentum Aroostook and the University are teaming up for the second year in a row to provide the area’s young professionals with a one-of-a-kind leadership development opportunity.

The two entities will host the Young Professionals Institute, a professional development short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to hone their professional skills. The program will be offered at the University during eight afternoon sessions between March and April. The Wednesday sessions will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 4, 11, 18, and 25 and April 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Officials are pleased to be partnering again on this project and hope to build on the successes they realized during the 2008 course.

“Momentum Aroostook couldn’t be more pleased about partnering for a second time with the University of Maine at Presque Isle on this project,” Nathan Berry, board chairman, said. Momentum Aroostook is a group of highly motivated Aroostook County young people between the ages of 20 and 40... continued on page 4
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For more information about Melroy’s visit, contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

Students win fourth in a row during annual BB game

Criminal Justice students took on members of the area’s law enforcement agencies during the 4th Annual Law Enforcement vs. CJ Students Basketball Game and walked away with the win. The competition was held on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Gymnasium with about 70 fans enjoying the game and Jack Levangie of Citadel Broadcasting providing play-by-play commentary. For three years running, University students went undefeated. This year’s fundraising event for the University’s CJ Club proved that CJ students were just plain unbeatable. The final score was 80-51.

The University’s roster included seniors Tony Hibbard, Josh Engroff, and Brandon Levasseur as well as sophomores Jeremiah Fitzherbert, Hanad Ashkir, Chris Ferranti, Craig Maffeii and Corey Fornier. The police roster included Heidi Johnston of the Fort Fairfield Police Department, an UMPI alum, and other players from the Maine State Police, the Limestone Police Department, the Maine Warden Service and the Maine Forest Service.

The UMPI team will have its plaque added to the trophy. Also awarded were MVP trophies to both teams. Jeremiah Fitzherbert, a Criminal Justice sophomore won the MVP for the second year in a row. State trooper Shawn Whalen was honored for the law enforcement team.

“This is a really fun event that the students enjoy,” Leduc, associate professor of criminal justice, said. “Many of the law enforcement players who have taken part are also alums of our program, so they’ve played on both sides.”

Not only was the event a good time for both teams, it also raised money for an important educational experience for students. The Criminal Justice Club plans one big trip each year. This year’s event was a fundraiser for the club’s upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., where club members will participate in a specialized Law Enforcement training at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Previously, students travelled to Philadelphia to tour the Eastern State Penitentiary, America’s first penitentiary which is now a historical landmark. This year’s basketball game raised $215 for the group’s Washington, D.C. trip.

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Dorgan Community Journalism Scholarship established

A Journalism student will receive the first award from a newly created scholarship on campus.

Senior International Studies Major Dave Hamilton will receive the first-ever Darrell Dorgan Community Journalism Scholarship. The $600 scholarship was created through gifts from Darrell Dorgan, an award-winning journalist, and from an anonymous donor.

Hamilton, of Mapleton, serves as the Editor of the University Times, the student newspaper.

“I’m honored to receive this scholarship and to be its first recipient,” Hamilton said. “Working with the University Times has given me the opportunity to go out into the community and coordinate with people to get local stories into our newspaper and also help to build positive relationships that will last.”

This scholarship will help Hamilton to take more journalism-focused classes.

“Dave has been the mainstay of the UTimes ever since I came on board as the paper’s adviser. He does it all: reports, writes, does layout, goes with me to recruit staffers. He’s a natural leader,” Dr. Jacqui Lowman, who oversees the Journalism/Mass Communication/Professional Writing concentration within the English program, said. “He has some of the best innate journalism instincts I’ve seen.”

Hamilton was able to receive the award because of a visit by a professional journalist last fall. In October 2008, Darrell Dorgan visited the University as its first Journalist-in-Residence, eager to be part of what one distinguished journalist has called “the most innovative journalism program in the country.” Dorgan was so enthusiastic about the program that he chose to make several financial donations—and inspired others to do so, as well.

Lowman intends to build upon Dorgan’s faith and enthusiasm by continuing to raise money for the scholarship fund and planned endowment. These funds will support such things as student scholarships, journalists in residence and the sorts of innovative, out-of-classroom partnerships and experiences that can make a program truly groundbreaking.

Social work students prepare for Guatemala trip

Four students are heading out on the learning opportunity of a lifetime this week as part of an international service learning and Social Work experience.

Kasey Knowles, Skowhegan, senior Behavioral Science student; Laura Long, Blaine, senior Social Work student; Jessica Plant, Perth Andover, NB, junior Social Work student; and Tia Shaw, Perth Andover, NB, senior Social Work student, leave on Feb. 13 for their Guatemala Service Learning Project. The four will travel with Social Work Professor Shirley Rush to Guatemala to spend a week in and around Quetzaltenango, serving as volunteers in community development projects throughout the region.

The inspiration for the trip came following a Social Work trip to the United Nations and Fordham University in Spring 2008. Students have worked since May 2008 to research and develop the project, create a fundraising strategy and execute these activities. The cost of the trip, not including faculty advisor expenses, was estimated at just under $12,000 based on the cost of program participation (they are working with a volunteer program called Cross Cultural Solutions), transportation, lodging, immunizations, passports and insurance. Students were asked to do equal amounts of individual fundraising, collective fundraising (group efforts) and grant writing and scholarships to pay for the trip.

A potluck and blessing for the project will be held the day before the group’s departure, on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in CC 118. All are welcome to attend.

Students intend to present their experiences at the NASW Maine Conference in Rockland, April 2009. They will also present at University Day.

In April, the group also hopes to host a Guatemala “fiesta.” The event is expected to include a public forum, including a book discussion, students’ feedback about their activities in Guatemala as well as food, music and photos.

“Our idea is to say thank you to the campus and community for all the support we have received,” Rush said.
Faculty Noon Seminar Series returns

The University’s Faculty Noon Seminar Series returns for the Spring 2009 semester with presentations on the carbon economy, online teaching and teaching methods.

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 with a presentation on Jan. 28 by President Don Zillman entitled “Beyond the Carbon Economy.”

On Feb. 25, several faculty members will offer a group presentation on “Everything You Wanted to Know about On-line Teaching but Were Afraid to Ask.” This session will be led by Drs. Mike Amey, Alice Sheppard, and Jing Qi, and instructor Wendy Ross.

On April 1, Dr. Harold Jones will lead a presentation on “Developing a Psychological Basis for Teaching Methods: Dream or Reality?”

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.

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

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Café Sorpreso: Business of the Year

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will recognize contributions to the Presque Isle area with the presentation of Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Economic Development and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Among the many deserving honorees, will be one of UMPI’s own. Cliff Boudman – along with his wife Judy and Café Sorpreso co-owners Jan and Roger Lucas – will be presented with the Business of the Year Award. The Chamber credits the café with “adding to Presque Isle’s quality of life” by bringing a new dining experience to the area, and encouraging the use of locally-grown produce. For information about the dinner or to reserve a seat, call 764.6561.

Chocolate Fest benefits Caribou Children’s Museum

A Chocolate Festival to benefit the Caribou Children’s Discovery Museum will be held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Caribou Wellness & Recreation Center on Saturday, Feb. 14. Enjoy chocolate in its every form! Chocolate inspired activities include: a silent auction with over 50 items, a magic show, balloon sculpturing, chocolate bingo, karaoke with Fireman Fred, a 50/50 draw, a Victorian doll house raffle, and many delicious desserts to sample. For information: www.cariboudiscovery.org.

For more information about the short course, which is not being offered for academic credit, contact the College of Professional Programs at 768.9740 or e-mail linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu.
Museum, local cancer group to host Planet Head Day

The Northern Maine Museum of Science and Aroostook C.A.N.C.E.R. are asking local community members to put their heads to good use and take part in the third annual Planet Head Day, to be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14 in Folsom Hall.

This is the day where community members of northern Maine and adjacent Canada have the opportunity to shave their heads and have them painted to look like planets. The less adventurous can don swim caps, provided by the museum, and have them painted instead. Participants will have many photographs of planets and moons from which to choose when selecting how they want their scalp to look. This year, barber Patrick Coughlin of Parsons Street Barber shop and an assemblage of planet head painters will be available for the occasion.

“The purpose of this event is to provide science education while acknowledging our friends and neighbors who are fighting cancer,” Kevin McCartney, one of the project’s organizers, said.

Many of the participants have a close personal relationship with cancer. McCartney’s father died of cancer a few weeks ago and project co-organizer Jeanie McGowen is a cancer survivor. The event is also a fundraiser for C.A.N.C.E.R.: Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery. This year, C.A.N.C.E.R. is planning a radio telethon on WCXU – Channel X Radio during Planet Head Day. Local businesses and organizations such as Rotary and Kiwanis sponsor many of the painted heads.

“Participants and

OAPI offers slate of spring events

With winter in full gear and warmer weather in the future, the University’s Outdoor Adventure Program International (OAPI) is offering a series of spring adventures for campus and community members to enjoy:

The first event kicked off in January and will be held again on Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18: FREE RIDES TO BIG ROCK SKI AREA in Mars Hill. The mountain offers free Wednesday night lift tickets. The shuttle departs Gentile Hall at 4 p.m. and returns by 9:45 p.m. Organizers will cancel if driving conditions are unsafe. If you would like to attend, please be at Gentile Hall by 3:45 p.m.

For women who wish to “learn the ropes” of indoor climbing, OAPI will offer a series of CLIMBING NIGHTS FOR WOMEN. The series began on Tuesday, Feb. 3 in Gentile Hall. No experience is required and instruction will be provided for the sessions which meet on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of February, March and April from 6-9 p.m. This activity is free for UMPI students and Gentile Hall members; cost for non-members is the $7 day pass fee.

WHITE MOUNTAIN WINTER ASCENT from Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Saturday, Feb. 21. Participants who registered in January will be experiencing winter travel in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on this four-day trip.

On Friday, Feb. 27, it’s CROSS COUNTRY SKIING at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle. There is no experience required and skis are available at the OAPI office. The group will leave Gentile Hall at 1 p.m. for this free event. Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 26.

Sunday, March 8: SHELTER BUILDING SESSION at the University of Maine at Presque Isle campus. The group will meet at Gentile Hall around 1 p.m. for this free event.

Saturday, March 14: SLUMBER PARTY. Participants will have the opportunity to sleep outside and experience winter temperatures with OAPI’s canvas wall tents! It’s warm; you won’t believe it until you try for yourself! The group will meet at Gentile Hall at 7 p.m. for this free event. Registration deadline is Friday, March 13.

OAPI returns to the caves of Québec on Saturday, April 25 with a CAVE EXPLORATION TRIP. No experience is required. The group will leave Gentile Hall at 7 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. Cost for UMPI students is $25; $30 for non-students. Registration deadline is Friday, April 24 with a 50 percent deposit due at time of registration.

Friday, May 1: KAYAK ROLL SESSION. Participants will get to learn the basics or practice whitewater kayaking techniques at the Gentile Hall pool. Event time is to be announced. This event is free.

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UMPI’s newest art professor offers exhibition at Reed Gallery

The University’s Reed Fine Art Gallery will showcase the work of the University’s newest Fine Art professor with an exhibit that focuses on the “personal community” she has created since moving to northern Maine. 

Renee Felini’s installation Creating Community will be on display from Feb. 2 through March 6 in the Reed Gallery. A closing reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, March 6, from 5-7 p.m.

Creating Community is a gathering of objects and creations by Felini representing her family’s sense of “personal community” since their arrival in northern Maine.

Felini has close ties to The County. Her mother is from Fort Kent and her father is from the Bronx. Every summer as a child, she and her five siblings would visit relatives in northern Maine. In 2001, she returned to the area to work on a horse farm in Portage. Every summer since, she and her now husband Tim Bair made a trip to The County, and in 2003, they married on the shores of Eagle Lake.

When Felini and her husband moved to northern Maine from Ohio, their family consisted of two dogs and a cat, along with their household possessions. Since then, Felini has taught art courses at UMPI and, this spring takes on a one-year appointment with the Fine Art Faculty as long-time Fine Art Professor Clifton Boudman prepares to retire.

“I am excited for the opportunity to work at UMPI because it will make it possible for Tim and I to remain in the area and continue with my art,” Felini said.

Felini graduated from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a BFA in 2003 and from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with an MFA in 2005.

Her show focuses on the objects that are acquired over the years to fill a house, to make it a home – or a personal community – and how those objects take on new significance when people work to create a new home and space.

“In an area that can isolate an individual, we create our own little world within our home, where all our ‘friends’ gather and cohabitate,” Felini said.

The public is invited to view Felini’s show and attend her closing reception. 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.

Planet Head

sponsors are a critical link in our fundraising goals. Without projects like Planet Head Day, we could not meet the ever increasing demand for travel funds,” C.A.N.C.E.R. Treasurer Craig Green said. “In the past year, we gave donations of over $6,000 to local persons who are receiving cancer treatment. We hope that the continued support of this event by UMPI and the local community will make it one of our top fundraising events, while serving a dual purpose of raising awareness of the disease and the support that is available locally.”

The event also serves as an important science education opportunity. The Northern Maine Museum of Science is an educational outreach participant in New Horizons, a NASA mission that has launched a spacecraft scheduled to reach Pluto in 2015. Science and cancer exhibits and presentations will be in nearby classrooms and groups photos will be taken in front of the Maine Solar System Model’s representation of the sun.

Last year, there were about 65 painted heads, including 15 shaved heads. Participants included community leaders, university students and the 3rd Woodstock Scouts and Cubs from Canada.

“Other regions have polar bear swims, where participants swim in icy lakes in the middle of winter,” Dr. McCartney said, “but here in northern Maine we shave our heads, in cold, cold February, and do it for a cause.”

This year, the event will be held on Valentine’s Day. Planet Head Day is held on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the discovery of Pluto (Feb. 18, 1930). The festivities will take place in the newly renovated Folsom Hall, within a few feet of the scale model sun. As it has for every Planet Head Day so far, Pizza Hut will be contributing pizza for the event. Beverages and a “Happy Birthday, Pluto” cake also will be served to participants and visitors.

For more information about this event, contact Kevin McCartney at 768.9482 or Jeanie McGowan at 768.9747. Anyone wishing to help paint planets should contact Jeanie McGowan. Donations to C.A.N.C.E.R. can be sent to P.O. Box 811, Presque Isle, ME 04769, or delivered to Planet Head Day.
Davis earns NAIA Player of the Week honors

Lady Owls senior forward ERICA DAVIS has been selected as the NAIA Women’s Basketball Division II Player of the Week for the week ending Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009. Davis, from North Yarmouth, averaged 29.0 points, 16.0 rebounds, and 6.5 steals while shooting 63.4 percent from the floor in two road wins for the Lady Owls last week. She scored 32 points and cleared 20 rebounds against Fisher (Mass.) and then recorded 26 points, 12 rebounds and nine steals against the University of Maine at Machias. Davis also averaged 2.5 assists and 2.5 blocks during the week. Davis was also named the Sunrise Conference Co-player of the Week after helping the Owls beat SUNY Canton 73-63. Moore had 14 points, four rebounds, and two assists and sank a pair of 3-pointers in the conference win. Moore, from Lisbon, also earned Maine Women’s Basketball Coaches Association honors as she was selected to the Rookie of the Week Honor Roll. BEN ROSSER, a freshman forward, was named Co-Rookie of the Week after helping the Owls to a 1-1 week. The freshman forward had 20 points, 15 rebounds, four assists, two blocks and two steals in a 90-86 win over Paul Smith’s College. He then had 29 points, 16 rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals in a 106-100 loss to SUNY Canton. Rosser shot 54 percent from the field in both games.

Owls earn first conference win

The Men’s basketball team earned their first Sunrise Conference win of the season, beating Paul Smith College 90-86 on Jan. 24. On Jan. 25, the Owls were back in action against the State University of New York at Canton, and although they had the 48-45 halftime lead, they were outscored in the second 20 minutes of play 61-52, battling to a 106-100 loss on the day. With the weekend split, the Owls moved to 2-11 on the season and 1-3 in conference play. Freshman BEN ROSSER (Caribou) had a break-out weekend, being a big contributor in points and leading his team in the rebound category. In Saturday’s game, Rosser earned a double-double, scoring 20 points and ripping down 15 boards; he also dished out four assists on the day. RON SPENCER (Chicago, IL) led all scorers with 22 points and freshman forward LOREN FAWTROPH (Amherst, NS) had a tremendous game, adding 18 points and eight rebounds in the winning effort.

In Sunday’s Owl match-up with SUNY Canton, Rosser tallied a career high of 29 points and earned a double-double on the day, grabbing a team high of 16 rebounds. Spencer lit it up from behind the arc, going 7-18 from the three-point line, while finishing with a team high 30 points in the losing effort. Sophomore JORDAN GUY (Hodgdon) added 15 points, while ANTHONY WINGATE (East Orange, NJ) chipped in with 12 points and a stifling nine assists.

Lady Owls remain undefeated in Conference

The Women’s basketball team earned their fourth straight win on Jan. 25, beating SUNY Canton of NY 73-63. With the win, the Owls improved to 6-5 overall and 4-0 in the Sunrise Conference, while the Roos dropped to 3-2 in conference play and 4-12 overall. Senior forward ERICA DAVIS (North Yarmouth) was too much for the Roos to handle, as she earned 34 points, 15 rebounds, and seven steals in the game. Sophomore guard MEGAN KORHONEN (Littleton) had 14 points and a career high of nine assists for the Lady Owls in a 40-minute effort. Freshman EMILY MOORE (Lisbon Falls) also added 14 points to go along with her four rebounds in the win.

SUNY Canton had a two-point lead at halftime but was outscored by the Owls 45-33 in the second half. The Owls came off of a two-win weekend in Vermont, after defeating Vermont Tech 75-34. In that contest, UMPI was led by ERICA DAVIS and MEGAN KORHONEN, both leading all scorers with 21 points apiece. Davis also earned a double-double in the win, grabbing 15 boards. The Owls completed their successful weekend by battling to a 79-51 win over the College of St. Joseph of Vermont. Again, UMPI was led by Davis and Karhonen, both scoring 20 points in the effort; Davis had 10 rebounds on the day. Freshman Emily Moore added 14 points in the win.

Owls fight hard in loss to Machias

The Men’s basketball team battled to an 89-73 loss against UMaine Machias on Feb. 1. With the loss, the Owls dip to
President contributes article on wind energy

An article by President Don Zillman has been featured in a just-published book on law and wind power.


Zillman’s article provides a case study in wind power development in Maine and examines the state’s wind profile. The article looks at several of Maine’s commercial wind projects during the last decade and concludes by looking at the non-commercial wind power venture now underway at UMPI to build a 600 kW wind turbine on campus.

The book delves into the legal frameworks that effect wind energy development, including national and international legal systems, and discusses, among other topics, planning laws, environmental assessment procedures and wind energy regulation.

The President has been involved in energy law matters for more than 30 years in positions at Arizona State University, the University of Utah, and the University of Maine School of Law. He frequently writes about energy law issues.

One of his two books published in 2008 by the world’s leading academic publishing houses discussed these issues in detail. Beyond the
Basketball fans gear up for Appreciation Day
February 24
On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the UMPI Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams will be battling rival campus, the University of Maine at Fort Kent. It’s not just any ordinary rival game – this is Fan Appreciation Night – a chance to thank the dedicated fans of the UMPI Owls! To show appreciation, UMPI Pride Committee will give away 100 custom designed t-shirts to the first 100 students who show up! A section of bleachers will be roped off just for t-shirt wearing fans. So plan on really making some noise! One lucky fan will have the opportunity to try his/her hand at a half-court shot to win a prize! Owl Productions is sponsoring a pizza party for the dorm hall floor that has the most students attend! Make plans to attend the most heated match of the season: women’s game at 5 p.m.; men’s game at 7 p.m. FMI contact Tracy Guerrette at 768.9523.

Biology class providing nutritional assessments
This spring, take the first step toward a healthier lifestyle. Biology 300 (Human Nutrition) students are seeking volunteers for a free nutritional assessment. In March, volunteers pair up with Biology 300 students who will teach them how to keep a seven-day food consumption and physical activity record. Each student partner will use this and other information provided to complete a detailed personal nutritional assessment and verbal explanation of the results. As a reward for volunteering, all are invited to take part in a healthful meal planned and prepared by the class. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects has approved this activity to ensure confidentiality and protect participants’ privacy. Participants will be accepted in the order in which they respond. Contact bonnie.s.wood@umpi.edu.

Folk Singer Rebecca Loebe performs February 11
Folk/acoustic guitarist and singer Rebecca Loebe will present a concert on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. Currently touring in the United States, she has opened for national acts including: Sophie B. Hawkins, Ellis Paul, Halcyon and rock legend America. Fans of the Americana/folk tradition identify with her breezy storytelling, buoyant personality, and “songbird” voice. All are invited to attend this free concert sponsored by the Student Activities Board. For information, call 768.9582.

Job and Career Fair set for February 25
Prospective employers and students will have an opportunity to connect at the University’s annual Job & Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. The Fair is free and open to campus students and staff, as well as community members including high school juniors and seniors. Over 30 employers are expected to participate. According to Career Services Director Bonnie DeVaney, “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.” The Job Fair is sponsored by the Senior Class, Business Program students and Career Services. For more information, call 768.9750 or email barbara.devaney@umpi.edu.

Play “Oleanna” to run February 25 & 26
The University brings David Mamet’s play “Oleanna” to the Wieden Auditorium stage at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25 and Thursday, Feb. 26. Under the direction of Joe Zubrick, the play explores whether sexual harassment may – or may not - have occurred during a closed-door meeting between a middle-aged University professor and a female student. You’ll be wondering just who is in the right even at the play’s end. Tickets are $7 at the door with all proceeds to benefit the Battered Women’s Project. For information, call 768.9452.

Wood presents lecture-free workshop in New Mexico
Dr. Bonnie Wood recently lead a four-hour, hands-on workshop entitled “Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Science Educators and their Students” in Socorro, New Mexico at The Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning at New Mexico Tech (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology). In 2007, Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Rebecca Reiss attended Wood’s workshop at the National Association of Biology Teachers Professional Development Conference in Atlanta and subsequently submitted a grant proposal for Wood to travel New Mexico and give a longer workshop as well as act as a consultant for science and engineering faculty. Wood’s book Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Science Educators and their Students will be published by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Press in the fall of 2009.

Summer positions available at TRIO Upward Bound
The TRiO Upward Bound Program has summer employment opportunities for college juniors, seniors, or graduates in their six-week Summer

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**FEB. 11**
**Wednesday Night Skiing** at Big Rock, free lift tickets for UMPI students, OAPI provides free transportation from campus, depart Gentle Hall at 3:45. 768.9401 **Special Olympics Skills Evaluation**, 9 a.m., Gentle Hall Gym. **Folk Singer Rebecca Loebbe**, 7 p.m., CCTR, Free SAB concert, 768.9582

**FEB. 12**
**Lincoln Darwin Lecture**, 12 p.m., Faculty Lounge. Presentation by Dr. Kevin McCartney recognizing the lives and 200th birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin – both born on February 12th!

**FEB. 13**
**University Senate**, 3 p.m., CC118.

**FEB. 14**
**Planet Head Day**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Folsom Hall. FMI 768.9482

**FEB. 20**
**Gaming Club/Camarilla**, 5:30 p.m., Normal Hall Rm. 104A, 104B & 106. 463.3581

**FEB. 21**
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**FEB. 26**
**Oleanna**, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium, 768.9452

**FEB. 27**
**OAPI XC Skiing** at Nordic Heritage Center, 768.9401

**MAR. 4**
**Young Professionals Institute**, 4 – 6 p.m., Wednesdays. through Apr. 22. 768.9740 or www.umpi.edu/ypi.

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Residence Program which runs from June 15 to July 31. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that helps to prepare eligible high school students to enter and succeed in college. They will be hiring Counselor/Tutors and an Assistant Residence Hall Director. Those wishing to apply should do so by February 27. Contact Laura Bouchard at 768.9612 or laura.j.bouchard@umpi.edu, or stop by the TRIO Upward Bound office in Preble Hall for an application.

**Native Voices Xbox raffle to fund trip**

During the month of February, Native Voices will be holding a raffle for the chance to win an Xbox 360 Console in support of a worthy cause. Members are raising funds to travel to a “Gathering of the Nations” to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in late April. Native Voices is a student organization, formed two years ago, with the goal of promoting Native American culture, traditions and awareness on campus. Tickets can be purchased for $1 each or $5 for six, with the drawing held Mar. 4. For more information, contact Jason Parlin at 227.8424 or Jason.parlin@maine.edu.

**Weekly Meetings**

**MONDAYS**
- **Physical Education Majors Club**, 4:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 233.5764.
- **Campus Crusade for Women**, 7 p.m., CC118, 551.6478.

**TUESDAYS**
- **Presque Isle Student Ministries**, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9479.

**WEDNESDAYS**
- **French Club**, 12:10 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9493.
- **Student Organization of Social Workers**, 12:20 p.m., CC118, 768.9427.
- **Native Voices**, 12:15 p.m., 211 South Hall, 227.8424.
- **Hatha Yoga**, 5 p.m., Wieden stage, 768.9462.
- **Games Club**, 6:30 p.m., Owl’s Nest, 768.9628.

**FRIDAYS**
- **College Republicans**, 10:30 a.m, Owl’s Nest, 540.3236.
- **Klub Kampus Meeting**, 11 a.m., CC118, Biweekly, 768.9501.

**A Reminder:** The next image will be published Monday, March 2, 2009. If you have items of interest to the campus or community, please send them by Friday, February 20 to: susan.pinette@umpi.edu or fax 768.9608

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