UMPI Owls featured in The New York Times

For many years, members of the UMPI Men’s Baseball team have had to hit the road for every single game they’ve played. It hasn’t always been easy, but it’s something they’ve been willing to do in order to play the game they love.

That dedication caught the attention of New York Times sports reporter Bill Pennington, who wrote a moving story about UMPI’s “road warriors” that appeared on the front page of the Sunday Sports section on March 1, 2009. Pennington’s story, On the Road Again, followed the UMPI Owls Baseball team – this year there are 16 players, two coaches, one manager – on their February road trip to Virginia to play games against Ferrum College, Lynchburg College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Averett University and Southern Virginia University.

After the story ran, Coach Saucier, the team, Athletic Director Bill Casavant and other UMPI officials began receiving emails from people across the country who wrote to say how moved they were by Pennington’s article. Some sent donations to support the team; others asked how they could purchase team gear. “Go Owls!” was a recurring statement in those letters.

The story also sparked the interest of media outlets from New York City to Phoenix, Arizona. So far, Coach Saucier has spoken with radio stations in Phoenix, in Dallas, Texas, and in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Owls and the New York Times story garnered a mention on Sports Illustrated online. On March 20, Coach Saucier, the entire team, and even the Owls Athletics bus appeared on the ESPN show First Take. On April 11, a feature story on the team will appear on the New York City-based YES Network, the most-watched regional sports network in the country. According to its website, the network is available in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania on cable and is also available nationally on DirecTV.

Coach Saucier said the story’s producer spent time in Presque Isle with team members prior to their trip to NYC and met them again when they played Lehman College in the Bronx. The story will air after

University Day to highlight student research

From neural prosthetics to political cartoons to international service learning opportunities, UMPI students will be showcasing their academic research, scholarly work and community service on Wednesday, April 8 during the 8th Annual University Day. The theme of this year’s event is Connecting Learning, Life and Community.

University Day is an event that heightens students’ awareness of the work being done by peers in all of the disciplines represented on campus. The event allows students to better understand how disciplines interrelate and how the academic work they do applies to the local and global community. It is also an opportunity for students to experience a professional conference format. No regular classes are held during University Day, but in their stead, students are encouraged to attend student-led presentations and talks held during five sessions throughout the day.

More than 220 students will offer more than 30 talks and presentations, covering areas of study as wide ranging as continued on page 2

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Zillman offers keynote lecture at Kansas law school

President Don Zillman recently was invited to deliver a lecture on wind power at the Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.

Zillman, who serves as the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law, offered the 32nd Annual Foulston Siefkin Lecture on Friday, Feb. 27. His talk, hosted by the Washburn University School of Law and the Washburn Law Journal, was entitled More Than Tilting at Windmills.

Zillman discussed wind power and energy law in general and also discussed UMPI’s work to install a 600 kW wind turbine on campus.

“It was an honor to serve as their distinguished lecturer. There are many eminent people who have delivered the Foulston Siefkin Lecture before me, and it was wonderful to be in the third best wind state in the country talking about wind power and what we’ve done here in Maine,” President Zillman said.

Prior to assuming the UMPI presidency in 2006, Zillman served for seven years as Dean of the University of Maine School of Law. He has taught at the U.S. Army JAG School, Southampton University Law School in the United Kingdom, Arizona State University, and the University of Utah. Throughout his career, he has taught courses in energy law, military law, constitutional law, and legal writing.

Zillman taught one of the first law school seminars in energy law at Arizona State in 1975, and he served as Director of the Energy Law Center at Utah. He has written over 50 scholarly articles and co-authored 10 books primarily in the fields of energy law and military law.

Foulston Siefkin LLP, the largest law firm in Kansas, has sponsored the Foulston Siefkin Lecture since 1978 to enrich the quality of education at Washburn University School of Law. ★

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Ryan McPhedran, manager/statistician

Brandon Boulware Corey Harding
DJ Charette Caleb Hale
Tyler Delaney Clint Carter
Seth Dorr Jared Manzo
Brandon Elie Tyson Tash
Corey Fournier Max Mayer
AJ Pennartz James Cirell
Ronald Spencer Andrew Parker
NASA astronaut discusses journey to the stars

More than 200 people from the campus and community packed the Campus Center’s Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, March 9 to hear a presentation by NASA Astronaut Pam Melroy, who came to the area through the support of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Melroy (Colonel, USAF, retired), a NASA astronaut since 1995, has participated in three space flights, logging more than 900 hours (more than 38 days) in space. She spoke on Human Spaceflight – Shuttle, International Space Station and Beyond. During her visit to Maine, Melroy also delivered two presentations at area schools – at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and at the Central Aroostook Junior/Senior High School, where she has a special connection with one of the teachers. Her nephew, Adam Metzler, teaches band at the school.

During her keynote presentation at UMPI, Melroy discussed her most recent journey to the stars. In fact, through video, the audience was able to join in the mission, from the shuttle launch to docking at the International Space Station to floating in micro-gravity. On this mission, history was made when Melroy, the shuttle commander, greeted the space station’s commander, Peggy Whitson. It was the first time two female commanders had met in space.

The mission also had its elements of danger. When the solar array panel that the crew was supposed to install at the space station had a tear, two crew members had to complete an extremely long space walk to fix it. Melroy described how, during the repair, the fully charged solar array would billow around one of the crew members, completely hiding him from view. There were some tense moments as the rest of the crew waited for him to reappear, hoping that he had not been harmed. Ultimately, she said, the repair was successful, no one was injured in the process, and the solar array panel is now generating energy for the space station.

Melroy’s visit to northern Maine was able to

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Economic forecaster to speak at Business Breakfast

An expert on Maine’s economy will discuss the economic situation in the state and across the country during the next Business Breakfast, co-sponsored by the University, LEAD [Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development], and the Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce. The Business Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the Campus Center.

Charles Colgan, professor of public policy and management in the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine and Chair of the masters program in Community Planning and Development, will deliver a talk titled The Maine and U.S. Economies: How Far Down? How Long Back?

Colgan is a frequently quoted source in statewide and national media coverage of economics in Maine. Each year, he delivers a detailed economic forecast on the state’s economy, which is based on his analysis of employment trends, income, retail sales, and a range of other indicators.

Colgan serves as the Associate Director of the USM Center for Business and Economic Research and the University of Maine System Center for Tourism Research and Outreach. He also currently holds positions as a Research Fellow at the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and Chief Economist for the National Ocean Economics Program. Dr. Colgan is also Chair of the State of Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission. Prior to coming to USM, he served in the Maine State Planning Office under three governors, including positions as Maine State Economist and Special Assistant to the Governor for International Trade. He received his B.A. from Colby College and his Ph.D. in Economic History from the University of Maine.

The cost of the breakfast is $10 per person, payable at the door. Interested individuals should RSVP to Liza Maynard at 768.9755 or liza.maynard@umpi.edu.
The co-founder of a national organization committed to ending violence against women will visit the University in April to give a presentation on domestic violence and community strategies for addressing it.

Ted Bunch, an educator, activist, lecturer, and co-founder of *A Call to Men: The National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women*, will deliver a presentation entitled *How Can You Stop Domestic Violence in Aroostook County?* on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. The community is invited to attend this free presentation, hosted by the University’s Criminal Justice Program.

Bunch is recognized both nationally and internationally for his expertise in organizing and educating men in the effort to end violence against women. He is dedicated to strengthening community accountability to end all forms of violence against women.

According to the organization’s website, Bunch previously served as the Senior Director and Co-creator of Safe Horizon’s Domestic Violence Accountability Program, the largest program for domestic violence offenders in America.

Bunch is an Advisory Board Member to the New York State Integrated Domestic Violence Court and a founding member of the New York City Batterer Task Force. He has traveled abroad speaking in places such as Israel, Suriname, Ghana and Puerto Rico, as well as being an invited guest presenter for the United Nations’ Commission on the Status of Women.

*A Call to Men* is a leading national men’s organization addressing men’s violence against women, and the eradication of sexism, while maintaining strong coalitions with women’s organizations already doing this important work. The organization, a Tides Center project, facilitates seminars, workshops and other educational vehicles that challenge men to reconsider their long held beliefs about women, in an effort to create a more just society.

For more information about this presentation, contact UMPI Criminal Justice Professor Lisa Leduc at 768.9436 or lisa.leduc@umpi.edu. For more information about *A Call to Men*, visit www.acalltomen.org.

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recreation, criminal justice, social work, education, special education, psychology, mathematics, history, biology, literature, foreign language, and political science.

Many of the presentations address the event’s theme of the connections between learning and the community. The International Students Club also will host its Culturefest 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Pullen 210, offering presentations on the theme *A Peek at our Global Communities*. Throughout the day, there will also be poster sessions in Pullen 111, 212, and 214 and displays from student clubs and organizations along the halls of Pullen/Folsom.

To add to the community spirit of the day, the University will open its doors to the public. The University Day committee has invited honors students from local high schools and community members are welcome to attend all sessions. The Admissions Office is holding an open house during University Day, from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Campus Center. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend and encouraged to sit in on afternoon University Day sessions as part of their campus experience. Topics of the open house will include the academic, athletic and student life experiences. The open house also will feature a panel of current students, and financial aid and application information.

Also during University Day, Neal Labrie will be presented with the University’s Young Alumni Award, and the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series will feature Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Robert Wiener, the Founder and Executive Director of the California Coalition for Rural Housing Project. For more on these stories, see page 5.

A complete schedule of University Day activities can be found at www.umpi.edu/uday.
Woodrow Wilson Fellow comes to UMPI

The University will host the founder of an organization dedicated to affordable rural housing as its next Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

Robert Wiener, the Founder and Executive Director of the California Coalition for Rural Housing Project, which has been the leading voice in California for the production and preservation of affordable rural housing since 1981, will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8 in the Campus Center. His talk, *Preserving Rural Life in Tough Times: Strategies to Combat Shelter Poverty and Stabilize Communities*, is part of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series and is being held in conjunction with University Day.

Wiener will be on campus during the week of his talk to meet with students, classes and the community to discuss issues around rural housing and social policy. On Monday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the Campus Center, Wiener joined with local community activists to host a panel on housing issues for area high school students. On Tuesday, April 7, he will travel to Houlton and deliver public presentations at the Houlton Higher Education Center.

Wiener has had extensive experience in the field of public housing, poverty in rural America, and community development. Under Wiener’s leadership, CCRH has successfully lobbied for millions of dollars in state housing assistance, benefiting farm workers, first-time homebuyers, the elderly and disabled, and large families living in rural and urbanizing communities.

He sits on the board of the National Rural Housing Coalition, National Housing Conference, and Housing California. He is the author and co-editor of *Housing in Rural America: Building Affordable and Inclusive Communities*.

The Visiting Fellows Program, sponsored by The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, is designed to encourage the flow of ideas between the academic and non-academic sectors of society. UMPI has been a member since fall 2001.

For more information about his presentations, please contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

Labrie to receive Young Alumni Award

The University’s Alumni Board of Directors announced this week that Neal Labrie has been named the recipient of its 2009 Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

Labrie, who serves as a Chief Ranger for the United States Department of the Interior’s National Park Service at the Katmai National Park and Preserve in King Salmon, Alaska, will be presented with the Young Alumni Award during the University Day luncheon at Noon on Wednesday, April 8 in the Campus Center.

His dedication to excellence has shown through in all of his achievements. Labrie graduated from the University in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in Recreation and Leisure Services, and then attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and was named a distinguished graduate.

He then accepted a position as a Park Ranger at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pa. from 1997 to 1999 and as a Supervisory Park Ranger at Pinnacles National Monument in Paicines, Calif., from 1999 to 2003. In Philadelphia, Labrie was awarded the Silver Medal by the Federal Executive Board for outstanding law enforcement services during his first year. In California, he was awarded the Pinnacles National Monument Safety Award in 2001. From 2003 to 2007, he served as a Supervisory Park Ranger at Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor, where he received the Acadia National Park Employee of the Year award for his first year of work.

The Distinguished Recent Alumni Award is given to a graduate who has been out of college between 2-12 years and has distinguished himself or herself in his or her career or service to community. Past honorees include Scott Boucher ’00, Andrew Murphy ’94, Bryan Thompson ’03, and Erika Valtinson ’05. This is the fourth time the award will be presented during University Day, an event that heightens student awareness of the work being done by peers and how that work applies to service and the professional life of a community.
Students host Native American Appreciation Day

Students from the University’s Native Voices group will host a day-long event meant to develop strong connections between education and the Native American culture and traditions of the area’s indigenous populations.

The group will host the second annual Native American Appreciation Day from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 17 in the Campus Center. All interested students, faculty, staff, and members of the general public are welcome to attend and participate in this free event, which is being supported by Project Compass.

About 150 people attended last year’s event. Jason Parlin, a member of Native Voices, said the student group is hoping for a similar turnout this year.

“We want to create a deeper awareness of our Native American traditions and culture and this event is going to allow people on campus and in the community to come here and be exposed to both the University atmosphere and the area’s indigenous culture at the same time,” Parlin said. “We feel it’s important to represent ourselves and that this is the most appropriate and positive way to do so.”

The event was conceived last year by David Perley, a councilor with the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick, and a lecturer for the University of Maine, the University of New Brunswick, and St. Thomas University. Parlin said Native Voices is carrying on the tradition.

The event will serve as a way for the University and the Native American community to collaborate and will include guest speakers who will discuss higher education and Native American culture, talking circles, Maliseet and Mi’kmaq craftspeople showcasing their work, refreshments, and traditional drumming and dancing. Because the event will be taking place from the afternoon until late in the evening, UMPI’s cafeteria will be open to attendees who would like to purchase a meal.

For more information about this event, contact Jason Parlin at 227.8424.

World Language Day to broaden students’ horizons

The University will host more than 100 high school students and their teachers for the annual World Language Day on Thursday, April 16 in the Campus Center. Students from Ashland, Mars Hill and Presque Isle will spend the day on campus for mini-classes in language, culture, Spanish dancing and international games.

Several University faculty, staff and students, as well as community members, will present workshops on their countries of origin, or countries where they have lived and worked, including Poland, Italy, Russia, China, Niger, Mi’kmaq, Puerto Rico, Bulgaria, France, Portugal, Sweden and Nepal.

Several years ago, foreign language teachers from around Aroostook County approached UMPI French Instructor Claire Davidsofer requesting that she organize an event for their high schools students in honor of National Foreign Language Week in March; this year’s theme is Many Hands, Many Voices, One World. That first gathering of area students to celebrate cultures and languages from around the world since has become an annual event.

This year’s World Language Day event is being supported by a $500 grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

“I’m very pleased to be able to organize such an event, by drawing upon the diversity of our UMPI faculty, staff, and international student body, as well as some members of the community,” Davidsofer said. “I feel it is very important that American students be convinced of the necessity of learning about and respecting other cultures. It is equally important that they realize that speaking another language will facilitate comprehension and communication with people of other countries. World Language Day at the University of Maine at Presque Isle is attempting to plant the seeds of understanding and respect for world diversity.”

Bookstore Corner

Check out the Bookstore online at www.umpi.edu under “Campus Directory” then click on “Bookstore.”

Campus folks: watch your e-mails for a special SPRING PROMOTION coming up at the Bookstore prior to Commencement!
CULTURAL EVENTS

CHABORA PRESENTS “THE BELLE OF AMHERST”

A performer with ties to The County will bring the show she has presented on stages across the country to the University in April.

Pam Chabora will perform The Belle of Amherst, a one-woman play which explores the life and poetry of Emily Dickinson, on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Chabora, a professor of theatre at North Dakota State University, portrays Dickinson at the various stages of her life in this Tony-Award winning two-act play by William Luce.

Dr. Chabora for many years has maintained parallel careers in educational theatre – she previously taught theatre in Aroostook County at the University of Maine at Fort Kent – and in professional theatre as an actress, singer, director, and choreographer. Her theatrical credits range from Juliet in Star-Crossed Lovers, a musical, to the title role in Miss Julie.

The Belle of Amherst debuted in 1976 on Broadway and starred actress Julie Harris, who later appeared in a PBS television production of the play. The Belle of Amherst has been translated into many languages and thousands of productions have been presented around the world.

Tickets are $5 at the door; UMPI, NMCC, and SAGE students with ID admitted free. For more information about this performance, call 768.9462.

An educator and art collector who will receive an honorary degree during the University’s 100th commencement will present a selection of minimalist prints and drawings from his renowned collection this spring at the Reed Fine Art Gallery.

Bruce Brown, a Portland native and curator emeritus of the Center for Maine Contemporary Arts in Rockport, presents Next to Nothing is Everything between April 27 and May 23. A reception in the gallery will be held on Friday, May 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. Brown will present an informal talk and answer questions about the works from his collection. This event is free and open to the public.

Slated to be on display are works by Maine artists Clifton Boudman, Kendra Ferguson, Fred Lynch and Johnnie Ross, as well as works by internationally renowned artists Josef Albers, Donald Judd, Sol Lewitt, and Martin Puryear, among others.

Brown was recognized by Arts and Antiques Magazine in 2007 as one of America’s significant art collectors. This exhibition marks Brown’s sixth collaboration with UMPI.

Light refreshments will be served as appetizers to the Senior Banquet, which will be occurring immediately following the reception at the Reed Gallery. For more information about this event, please contact Sandra Huck at 768.9611.

MONTANARO TO PERFORM “TANZSPIEL”

A world renowned mimedancer will offer a one-night performance at the University in May.

Karen Montanaro will present Tanzspiel on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Tanzspiel (German for “dance play”) is a one-woman tour de force celebrating the expressive potential of the human body: one moment an old gunslinger reminisces about his youth, the next an entire baseball game plays out in front of you. Montanaro blends the arts of mime and dance to create theater with rare physical and emotional power.

The full evening concert includes original works by Karen Montanaro, by mime master Tony Montanaro, and by renowned dancers and choreographers Louis Gervais and Clay Taliaferro.

Montanaro is a world-renowned dancer and mime artist, an award-winning choreographer, and the innovator of “mimedance” (the fusion of two classical art forms). She studied ballet at the Joffrey Ballet School and on scholarship with the Ohio Ballet and the Darmstadt Opera Ballet in Germany. For more than a decade, she toured internationally with mime master Tony Montanaro.

Tickets for her show are $10 for adults, $2 for students and free to UMPI, NMCC and SAGE students with proper ID. For more information about this event, contact Carol Ayoob, 768.9462. For more information about the dance performance, visit www.mime theatre.com.

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happen because of some important coincidences and a lot of hard work. UMPI Biology Professor Dr. Bonnie Wood heard Melroy speak during a class reunion last summer at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She told her friend Deb McGann, who teaches at MSSM, about the presentation and McGann said, “Let’s try to bring her here!” Wood wrote to Melroy and learned that the astronaut would be very interested in visiting the area and wanted to know if it would be possible during her visit to speak at the school in Mars Hill where her nephew teaches. Ultimately, though, Melroy explained that the decision was not up to her alone – NASA protocol for astronaut appearances had to be followed.

That launched Dr. Wood on a months-long effort to make this visit happen, including: submitting a detailed formal request; arranging the schedule for her visit, which was limited to no more than 48 hours including travel to and from Houston; working with the schools where Melroy would deliver presentations (astronauts are limited to no more than three presentations or events per day); and working with NASA’s Astronaut Appearances Office on all logistical details. Wood also worked closely with Adam Metzler and his wife Debbie to make arrangements. Wood and the Metzlers accompanied Melroy on all her appearances in The County, and the couple helped to drive Melroy around the area in a rental car donated for the occasion by Carroll’s Auto Sales.

“I have to think that the combination of the support from the University’s Distinguished Lecture Series, the help in brainstorming from Deb McGann at MSSM, and the very important coincidence of Pam Melroy’s nephew teaching in Mars Hill all contributed to the success of our application,” Wood said.
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This is a very impressive accomplishment for all these UMPI Owls. Congratulations!

Davis named to MWBCA team

Erica Davis was named to the Maine Women’s Basketball Coaches Association All-State 2nd team. Davis led the entire State of Maine this past year in points per game, rebounds per game, and steals per game – an amazing feat since she’s competing with all the other Division III Universities throughout the state, such as Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, USM, MMA, and UNE.

Lady Owls earn NAIA conference awards

Two Lady Owls made the list when the NAIA announced its Sunrise All-Conference awards. Erica Davis was named to the 1st Team All-Conference and Megan Korhonen was named to the 2nd Team All-Conference. Congratulations!

UMPI Owls receive Sunrise Conference Scholar Athlete Awards (pictured below)

The UMPI Owls took home 15 awards after the 2008-2009 Sunrise Conference Scholar Athlete Awards were announced. UMPI was well-represented, with a student-athlete in every sport. These young men and women needed at least a 3.5 GPA to be considered. Honored were: Hannah Smith, Women’s Cross Country, Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

Michelle Phillips, Women’s Cross Country

Emerson Wright, Men’s Cross Country

Erin Pelletier, Women’s Soccer

Katherine Moody, Women’s Soccer

Trevor Hews, Men’s Soccer, Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

Chad Parker, Men’s Soccer

Megan Korhonen, Women’s Volleyball

Chelsea Boudreau, Women’s Basketball

Megan Korhonen, Women’s Basketball

Brian Korhonen, Men’s Basketball

Erin Pelletier, Softball, Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

DJ Charette, Baseball

Tyler Delaney, Baseball

The “Native Voices” drawing for an Xbox console was held Thursday, March 5 and won by Flo Soucie. Proceeds from the raffle will help fund an April trip to a “Gathering of Nations” in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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Spring Runoff 5K Road Race scheduled for April 11
As winter gives way to spring, runners will be hitting the pavement for the 29th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race on Saturday, April 11. The race originates in Wieden Gym and is a fundraising event for the UMPI men’s and women’s cross country programs. According to UMPI Cross Country Coach Chris Smith, runners and walkers of all ages look forward to this 5 kilometer early spring outdoor run. Nearly 80 took part in last year’s race, in spite of the record snowfall and lingering snow. The day’s events begin with an 8 a.m. registration and conclude with an awards presentation and pizza lunch. For information or to register, call 768.9472 or email christopher.smith@umpi.edu.

Allagash Wilderness Waterway trip in May/June
For those who would like to gain canoe camping skills while experiencing the beauty and history of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, the University is offering a nine-day canoe trip/course, May 30 through June 7; the first two days are spent learning the basics on local waterways. The course develops skills in flat water and white water canoeing techniques, as well as an understanding of safety, nomenclature, portaging, camping, equipment, cooking, and wilderness canoe trip leadership. Participants may register for the trip as a four-credit hour course or join the group on a non-credit basis. No previous canoe camping experience is necessary. For further information, contact Dr. Anja Whittington at 768.9537.

University Day open house for prospective students
The University of Maine at Presque Isle will host an open house for prospective students during University Day activities on Wednesday, April 8, in the Campus Center, beginning at 10 a.m. Topics covered will include the academic, athletic and student life experiences; a panel with current students; and financial aid and application information. After lunch, students may opt for a campus tour and/or attend University Day sessions. To register, call 768.9532 or email admissions@umpi.edu or visit the University web site www.umpi.edu.

VITA tax help offered
The University is once again serving as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site providing free tax help to people who cannot afford paid professional assistance. Business Management and Accounting students, trained in tax law and certified by the IRS, are helping to prepare the returns. Individuals can receive tax assistance by visiting Library Rm. 201 on April 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, email patric.edward@umpi.edu or call Linda McLaughlin at 768.9740.

SAGE spring courses continue in Houlton and Presque Isle
Spring courses are now underway in Houlton and Presque Isle for intellectually curious adults age 50 and over through SAGE. Students Achieving Greater Education (SAGE) offers classes which range in length from three to eight weeks, as well as field trips and hands-on learning. Courses scheduled for April and May at the Houlton Higher Education Center include: a Ceramic Welcome Plaque class, instruction in River Rock and Slate Painting, Computer Technology, and a discussion of the theory of Law of Attraction as documented in the movie The Secret. April/May offerings in Presque Isle include: the Oldies But Goodies Film Series, Staying Sharp, a Civil War Series, and a study of Darwin’s Origin of Species. For further information call 532.9696 in Houlton or 768.9502 in Presque Isle.

Chamber Orchestra presents April concerts in Houlton and Presque Isle
The Northern Maine Chamber Society Orchestra will celebrate its 24th season with spring performances at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 19, in the UMPI Campus Center, and in Houlton on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. The orchestra is directed by Waldo Caballero, string teacher for the Orono School Department and member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Members of the all-volunteer group come from as far away as Bangor and New Brunswick. Most are professional teachers and advanced students, seeking to bring high quality classical music to northern Maine. The program features works by Offenbach, Bizet, Brahms, and Dvorak. The public is cordially invited to attend free of charge, however, donations are gratefully accepted. For information, call 768.9462.

Upcoming OAPI adventure opportunities
Outdoor Adventure Program International (OAPI) is offering several spring opportunities for recreation and adventure. On Sunday, April 26, all are invited to Explore the Caves of Quebec. According to OAPI Director Amanda Morin, “This trip is open to everyone, no previous caving experience is necessary.” UMPI student cost $25, non-students: $30. Registration deadline is Friday, April 24, with a 50% deposit. On May 1, from 1 – 4 p.m., OAPI will offer a Kayak Roll Session – an opportunity to learn the basics of kayaking or practice whitewater techniques. On Saturday, May 2 (rain date May 3), OAPI heads out for a day of Rock Climbing at Acadia National Park - one of the most famous east coast climbing destinations in the United States. Again, no experience required. UMPI student cost is $30, non-students, $40. Registration deadline is May 1 with a 50% deposit. For information about these and other OAPI events, email amanda.morin@umpi.edu or call 768.9401.

Social Work students to share Guatemalan experiences at April 14 Fiesta
Over February break, four Social Work students and their
advisor, Professor Shirley Rush, travelled to Guatemala to spend a week as volunteers in community development projects in and around the town of Quetzaltenango. As a way of saying ‘thank you’ to campus and community for their support, all are invited to enjoy a taste of Guatemalan food and culture and learn more about the Social Work students’ experiences at a “fiesta” to be held Tuesday, April 14, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Campus Center. For information, email shirley.rush@umpi.edu or call 768.9427.

Faculty Noon Seminar teaching methods presentation
The Faculty Noon Seminar continues on Wednesday, April 15, in the Normal Faculty Lounge with a presentation by Dr. Harold Jones titled Developing a Psychological Basis for Teaching Methods: No Barking for Doggy Biscuits! This seminar will present an approach to applying the psychological perspective and research to instruction and course planning. Jones will discuss various innovations for enhanced pedagogy he has devised over the years. Come bring a lunch and join in the discussion. For information, contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768.9749.

Public viewing of film “Unnatural Causes” April 27
A public viewing of the film Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick will be presented, with a time for a facilitated discussion afterward, on Monday, April 27, from 9 – 11:30 a.m. in Wieden Auditorium. The film, sponsored by Healthy Aroostook and the University in partnership with the Aroostook District Public Health Coordinating Council, is part of a seven-segment documentary series exploring connections between inequality and health issues. Lisa Sockabasin, Director of the Office for Minority Health for Maine CDC and Sharon Leahy-Lind, Acting District Public Health Liaison will serve as facilitators. For information: sharon.leahy-lind@maine.gov.

Caribou BPW hosts employee appreciation luncheon
The Caribou Business & Professional Women’s Organization is encouraging employers to show their valued employees just how much they are appreciated at the 9th Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon from 12 – 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, at the Caribou Inn & Convention Center. The event features a delicious meal, fashion show, Aroostook Idol entertainment, plus much more. In addition to the fun and food, participants will be helping to support the Caribou BPW’s Scholarship Fund with their ticket purchase. The cost is $20 per person, with pre-registration due by Wednesday, April 15. To register or for more information, contact Lisa Smith at 540.4928.

Wintergreen Arts Center hosts Artful Eggs in Wieden
The Wintergreen Arts Center will provide area children (and adults) with the opportunity to celebrate spring as they present the 3rd Annual Artful Egg event from 1 – 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at Wieden Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for $1 each or 12 for $10 which allow participants to enjoy a number of creative activities: egg decorating, basket making, games, fishing in a duck pond, a bounce house, a free petting zoo, and more. For more information, call 551.0936 or www.wintergreenarts.org.

Community Students, faculty and staff celebrated their winter “survivability” during Frozen Frenzy II, held on March 19.

Campus and local business officials gathered on March 10 for the grand opening of UMPI’s Prometric Testing Center.
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