



Director Frank Grant addresses the "Wind 101" film premiere attendees

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Crowds turns out for wind film premiere

The Braden Theater's lobby was packed on Thursday, Nov. 19 as campus and community members turned out for the official world premiere of *Wind 101: The University of Maine at Presque Isle Builds a Wind Turbine*.

"The premiere of *Wind 101* at the Braden Theater was the perfect opportunity for members of the community to gather together and see some of the amazing images Frank Grant captured in the film and hear Joe Zubrick tell this story in such a compelling way," President Don Zillman said. "And an especially wonderful thing about this film is that, in watching this story unfold, viewers become a part of an effort the University originally undertook to share – with anyone who wants to know – exactly what it takes to build a wind turbine."



Frank Grant, director of *Wind 101*, prepares to get a shot of the Braden Theater marquee just before the film premiere on Nov. 19.

The half-hour long, high definition film, directed by local videographer and filmmaker Frank Grant and narrated by long-time theater professor Joseph Zubrick, follows the step-by-step process it took for the University to complete this major renewable energy project – from the very first energy survey to the very last installation detail – and the bumps encountered along the way. This film also shows the work the University has done to turn this project into an educational opportunity for its students and the greater community.

The night of the film premiere was an important anniversary for the University – on Nov. 19, 2008, construction work officially began

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UMPI pulls out all the stops for Light Parade

Members of the University's Parade Float Planning Committee pulled out all the stops for the 20th Annual Presque Isle Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5 with its "UMPI's Winter Wonderland" float.

The 18-foot-long float featured an "UMPI Lodge" at the base of a 10-foot-tall, snow and light-covered slope, and stationed along the hill were the UMPI owl mascot (a crowd favorite played by Noah Rush Mabry) on a

toboggan at the top and a brass quartet playing traditional holiday carols. Members of the quartet included Amanda Morin on french horn, Jacquie Martin on trumpet, Garrett Martin on trombone, and Bryan Thompson on tuba. At the end of the slope were "little owls" Sarah and Sydney Craig enjoying the festivities.

Greg Doak and Laurie Boucher were in the UMPI pickup truck that drove the float down Main St. from North St. to

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Gelder presents at symposium in Turkey

Dr. Stuart R. Gelder, emeritus professor of biology at the University, recently attended the 11th International Symposium on Aquatic Oligochaetes in Antalya-Alanya, Turkey. Over 60 researchers presented papers and attended the week-long event. They represent 21 countries, principally Europe, Asia, and North America; however, delegates also came from Australia and Brazil.

Professor Gelder was invited to give the key-note lecture on crayfish worms of the world. Crayfish worms look like small leeches that help to keep crayfish clean and healthy. They do this by feeding on smaller organ-

isms that stick to the crayfish's shell. The worms are found across North America, Europe and East Asia.

The presentation was followed by two other papers: one describing crayfish worms on commercial shrimps in Japan and China, and the other on developing techniques for examining new genes. This was the first time that three papers had been submitted at any meeting to enable a section to be devoted to crayfish worms.

It has been 12 years since the Symposium was held at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and a number of researchers sent their regards to families in the Presque Isle community



Dr. Stuart Gelder, emeritus professor of biology at UMPI, presents a keynote lecture during the 11th International Symposium on Aquatic Oligochaetes in Antalya-Alanya, Turkey.

who had befriended them during their stay here. ★

Film Premiere

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on the University's 600 kW wind turbine, the very first mid-size wind turbine to be installed on a University campus in the State of Maine. Officials from Maine Public Service Company, the City of Presque Isle, Northern Maine Community College, ECHOES magazine, the Aroostook



Scores of people turned out for the premiere of *Wind 101: The University of Maine at Presque Isle Builds a Wind Turbine*, held at the Braden Theater.

Partnership for Progress, and UMPI's Foundation Board and Board of Visitors – as well as many of those who appeared in the film – were there to join in celebrating the occasion.

The premiere at the Braden Theater provided a big screen debut for the film, complete with a social time and hors d'oeuvres beforehand, after the film, a question and answer session with the filmmakers and University officials highly involved in the project.

With the resounding success of the premiere, filmmakers hope to show and distribute the film at other forums throughout the state and beyond. ★

Congratulations, Chuck!

November Student of the Month

Charles Weiss

A Business Management major, Chuck has been an outstanding leader on campus for several years – serving as President of the Student Senate, student representative to the UMS Board of Trustees, UMS task force member, and leader of several community service projects. Modest about his accomplishments, his dedication and can-do attitude are appreciated by all.



Students – Don't Miss It!

Financial Aid /Scholarship Deadline for the 2010-2011 Academic Year is Friday, February 12, 2010.

Applications now available in the Financial Aid Office [232 Preble Hall - top floor] or ONLINE at: www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf

Students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater are urged to apply. If you filled out an application last year, please stop by the Financial Aid Office to request reactivation of this application.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Putnam in Spain for presentation on inclusion

Dr. JoAnne Putnam, an Education Professor at UMPI, recently was in Spain to present at the Global Conference on Inclusive Education, which was held in Salamanca, Spain from Oct. 21-23. Inclusive education involves including students with special needs in the same educational arrangements as the majority of children through quality education and support for different styles and rates of learning.

The event was organized by Inclusion International, a global federation of organizations advocating for the human rights of people with intellectual disabilities worldwide.

In 1994, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [UNESCO] convened the World Conference on Special Education and 92 governments adopted Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guaranteeing "the right to education...directed to the full development of the human personality and promoting understanding, tolerance, and

friendship."

Fifteen years later – at the conference Putnam attended in Spain – educators, policy makers, and parents met to evaluate progress toward the goal of inclusion and confront the gap between policy and the reality in schools. Program Chair for the conference was Gordon Porter, Chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission and Director of Inclusive Initiatives for the Canadian Association for Community Living, who is also an adjunct professor at UMPI.

Putnam's presentation focused on an important barrier to inclusive education: the lack of training for teachers and educational administrators to adapt curriculum and create inclusive school communities.

"In Maine, we have made great progress, and the majority of teachers are committed to teaching students with disabilities in general classes," Putnam said. "However, we still lack the resources and teacher support to attain equal education for all."



Dr. JoAnne Putnam stands with Mia Farah, a participant in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities who served as a keynote speaker at the global conference Putnam attended this fall in Salamanca, Spain.

She is hopeful that the issues discussed at the Global Conference on Inclusive Education ultimately will help to address such matters. ★

Education students read books they created

Students in Dr. Barb Chalou's EDU 357 classes spent the morning of Friday, Nov. 20 reading to children from the ACAP Daycare at UMPI the children's books they had written and illustrated as part of a classroom project.

Nearly 40 Education students created books for the class and many of them were on hand to read to about a dozen daycare children.

Chalou said writing and illustrating their own children's books helps Education students prepare for their work in the classroom. In terms of literacy, students have to think about how the illustration and the text tell the story together and the message they are trying to convey.



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Chalou said.

Dr. Chalou has done this project as a component of her class for five years. ★

Dr. Wood delivers special workshop in Denver

Dr. Bonnie Wood, UMPI Professor of Biology, was recently in Denver, Colorado, to present a Special Workshop entitled *Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership between Science Educators and their Students* at the 2009 Professional Development Conference of the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT). Each participant received a copy of Dr. Wood's newly-

published book of the same title (NSTA Press, 2009) – the cost of which was included in the Special Workshop fee. It was used as a workbook during the session.

During the first half of the four-hour workshop, participants assumed the role of students during a simulation of a typical class meeting of a college biology course. During the second half of the workshop, participants

discussed and followed the thirteen steps to lecture-free teaching, as described in her book, to plan their own course revision or design a new course.

Dr. Wood said she was pleased that the workshop was overenrolled with 42 registrants. The audience was a mixture of national and international high school and college biology educators who were very participative and

easily filled the four hours with a constant stream of questions. Dr. Wood also attended presentations by others during the four-day conference, including an all-day Stem Cell Summit featuring 2007 Nobel Prize Winner Mario Capecchi.

For more information about Dr. Wood's workshops for science educators and her book, email her at bonnie.s.wood@umpi.edu. ★

Light Parade

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Gentile Hall. Terry Cummings and Sharon Roix, decked out in elf and UMPI finery, followed the float in the Athletic Training "gator" which was also covered in lights. In a highly-acclaimed return appearance as Buddy the Elf, Aaron Tomlinson entertained the crowd by standing on the back of the gator, sporting the biggest holiday cheer smile imaginable, and waving to just about every single person in the crowd.

Circling the float and gator were members of UMPI's Nordic Ski team on roller skis, members of UMPI's Hockey Club team playing street hockey, and students tossing a lighted Frisbee that represented the Ultimate Frisbee course recently established on campus.

Special thanks to Greg Doak who served as construction foreman for the float and donated countless hours and items from the UMPI Bookstore to ensure the float turned out just perfect. Also, kudos to Laurie Boucher, Sharon Roix, Heather Craig, Charlie Bonin, Amanda Morin, and Keith Madore for many, many hours spent helping to construct the float.

A big thank you goes out to all the



Many members of the UMPI community worked to make the UMPI float featured in this year's Presque Isle Holiday Light Parade a success. Thanks to all for a wonderful evening!

faculty, staff, administration and students who volunteered to walk in the parade and helped to pass out more than 1,000 hot cocoa packets donated by ARAMARK and 50 UMPI T-shirts donated by the Dean of Students.

The Parade Float Committee would like to thank S.W. Collins, Huber Engineered Wood LLC, ARAMARK, Doug Pelkey and the Admissions Office for their donations to this year's float.

Members of the Planning Committee include: Amanda Morin, Greg Doak, Laurie Boucher, Sharon

Roix, Heather Craig, Keith Madore and Rachel Rice. Aaron Tomlinson, Charlie Bonin, and Sue Pinette were also big contributors to the night's success.

In order to continue the fine work that has been done with this float, please consider becoming a member of the Parade Float Planning Committee. Contact any member for more information and keep an eye out for details on the next parade float the committee is planning to create in time for the Maine Potato Blossom Festival, which takes place in July 2010. ★

Social Work students heading to New York City

Ten students in the University's Social Work Program will head to New York City during February Break to learn more about the plight – both past and present – of immigrants and refugees.

The students, primarily members of the Student Organization of Social Workers, will tour cultural landmarks such as the United Nations, Ellis Island, Tenement Museum, and the National Museum of the American Indian. In addition, they hope to meet with agencies and campuses that provide service or training to immigrants and refugees; and, hopefully, schedule a tour of ethnic neighborhoods.

According to Dr. Shirley Rush, Social Work Professor for the

University and faculty advisor for the trip, this trip to NYC – with its focus on immigration – replaces the Global Social Work Student Conference which UMPI social work students have attended in the past.

She noted the enthusiasm and dedication the students have shown in preparing for such a trip. Through planning, fundraising, and “a lot of hard work,” they have taken responsibility and persevered, said Rush.

“They are committed – great students to work with!” she said.

Over 160 apple pies were made and sold in November with further trip fundraising efforts, such as bake sales and raffles, planned over the



next few months.

Many of the students participating in the trip this spring are also enrolled in SWK 425, Special Topics in Social Work: Critical Perspectives on Immigration – a course to be offered in the spring semester which complements the experiences of the trip. Students who take part in the trip will be presenting what they learn from their time spent in New York City during University Day 2010, to be held April 14. ☆

Murray leads ATV study

UMPI Business Professor Robert Murray is conducting an Aroostook County tourism case study on All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) this fall and spring. The focus of the study is to promote and attract more ATV riders from outside Aroostook County in order to increase the rate of economic growth in the region.



This project is endorsed and supported by Aroostook County Tourism. ■ Professor Murray, the lead researcher for the project, is asking for the community's help in gathering information. He and a student assistant will be interviewing local people and collecting data on how to promote the growth of ATV tourism in Aroostook County. ■ A prioritized list of actions, based on the results of each conducted interview, will then be given to Aroostook County Tourism. If you are interested in taking part in the interview process, please contact Professor Murray at 768.9407 or e-mail him at robert.murray@umpi.edu. ☆

GITeC

Geospatial Information Technology Center

at the University of Maine at Presque Isle



Dr. Chunzeng Wang, center, cuts the ribbon for the University of Maine at Presque Isle's new, state-of-the-art Geospatial Information Technology Center, which was dedicated on Nov. 18 – World GIS Day. Participating in the ribbon cutting are President Don Zillman and Betsy Biemann, President of the Maine Technology Institute. One of the best-equipped laboratories of its kind in the State of Maine, the center will be used for classroom instruction and community training and services. Earlier this summer, the University received a \$96,800 Maine Technology Asset Fund grant from the Maine Technology Institute to fund the purchase of cutting edge equipment to establish a GIS and GPS laboratory. The grant was one of only 16 awarded on a competitive basis from 49 applications from companies, universities and nonprofit research institutions across Maine.

UMPI Professor honors veterans with trips to Pacific

An UMPI professor has found a unique way to honor the veterans of World War II and ensure that their service to their country is never forgotten.

Each year without fail, Professor Anderson Giles makes at least one pilgrimage to the Pacific islands to participate in commemoration ceremonies, lead trips to historic battle sites, and preserve through film, photographs and interviews the history and stories of what happened there more than 60 years ago for future generations.

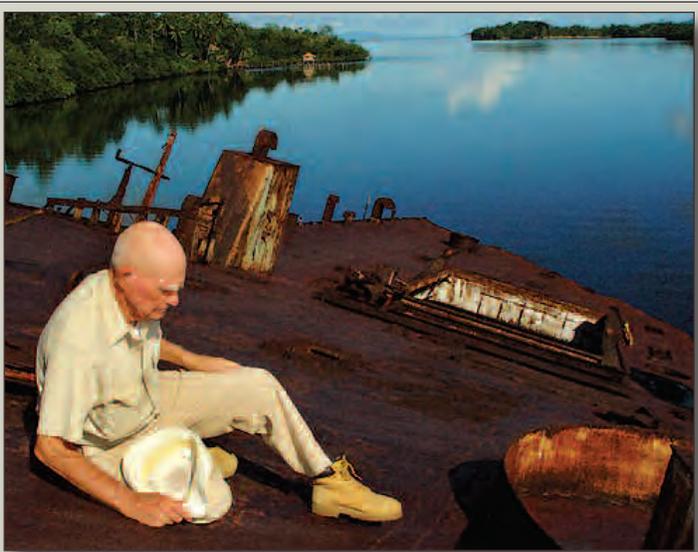
sites at and near Guadalcanal.

Mac MacKay, 85, one of the members of the group Giles led, knew all too well about the deadly action that took place in these waters. He was an 18-year-old gunner's mate on the LST 342, which was blown in half by a Japanese torpedo killing 80 of his shipmates. MacKay is one of only five survivors from the crew. After securing permission from local tribal elders, Giles' group was taken by a zodiac dive boat to the wreck of MacKay's former ship. As



LEFT - Professor Anderson Giles took this photo of one of the few surviving elderly native scouts who helped the U.S. troops during the war in the Pacific. These scouts are considered heroes to the local people of their islands.

RIGHT - World War II Veteran Mac MacKay pauses for reflection after placing a wreath aboard his former ship, the LST 342, during a trip that several veterans made to Guadalcanal and Tulagi this summer. The trip, led by UMPI Professor Anderson Giles, was one of the many efforts Giles undertakes to preserve the history of what happened during WWII in the Pacific Theater.



This year, Giles made two trips to the Pacific that took him to Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Saipan, Tinian and Guam. Giles, a professor of art at the university, is passionate about the history of World War II and the veterans who served in the Pacific theater.

"Saving their memories and stories for future generations and sharing this history with as many people as possible is the best way I can honor these veterans," Giles said.

In June, Giles participated in the 65th anniversary commemoration ceremonies recalling the invasion of Saipan and the islands of Tinian and Guam. During this visit, he led a group of veterans and their families, World War II historians and scholars on surveys of the historic battle sites involved in the Saipan operation. These included the invasion beaches, fortifications, and the infamous suicide cliffs where thousands of Japanese civilian families jumped to their deaths to avoid capture by the Americans in the final stage of the battle.

In August, Giles led a group of World War II veterans, veterans' family members, and history enthusiasts back to the islands of Guadalcanal and Tulagi to participate in commemoration ceremonies marking the 67th anniversary of the historic military campaign that took place there. On this trip, Giles recorded the eyewitness testimonials of several war veterans and photographed them at former combat

Giles and local guide, John Innes, helped MacKay climb the sloping deck, memories flooded back from that tragic night.

"Something told me to get out of my quarters and go top side," MacKay recalled. "We were all scared to death because we had no escort that night. I saw the torpedo coming; it punched through the ship right below me, hit the engine block, and detonated. There was a tremendous shock and the next thing I knew, I was in the water with my teeth broken off and terrific pains in my legs and feet. I clung to a piece of wreckage until I looked up and saw the front part of the ship drifting down on me. At first it scared me—I thought I was seeing a ghost. There were a few army troops in this part of the ship, who had survived the blast, and they pulled me up and treated my wounds. It's hard for me to believe that I am back here—this wreck I am sitting on saved my life!"

For Giles, the opportunity to experience the campaign through veterans' onsite testimonials is priceless. He will add the portraits he took of MacKay and other veterans from this trip to his ongoing project of photographing veterans on the sites where they saw action during the war. Giles plans to do an exhibition and book of these portraits as another way of preserving veterans' stories. ★

Gift given in memory of Edgar Doak

An Aroostook County family recently honored the memory of their father and grandfather, Edgar Doak – and his example of service to his community – with the donation of an electric scooter chair to the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

The scooter chair, valued at more than \$5,400, will be made available to campus visitors as well as students, faculty, and staff who need mobility assistance in order to travel around campus. The chair will be kept in South Hall and signed out on a need-to-use basis.

Edgar Doak was born in Caribou and lived in Aroostook County for his entire life. He was 93 years old when he passed away this summer. Doak was well known to many through his work over the years as a farmer and with the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. In retirement, he volunteered at Cary Medical Center, where he received honors for providing more than 1,500 hours of community service.

Because he was a generous man, especially in his later years, the Doak family felt it was appropriate to take this opportunity to give something back to the community.

“This is what he would have wanted,” grandson Greg Doak said. “He only used the electric scooter chair a few times and he would have highly approved its being put to good use by people on the campus and community visitors.” ★

RIGHT - Greg Doak presents President Don Zillman with the electric scooter chair the Doak Family gave to UMPI in memory of Edgar Doak. The scooter chair will be made available to campus members and visitors who need mobility assistance in order to travel around campus.



Universities host consortium for Genetics students

Genetics students from the Universities of Maine at Presque Isle and Fort Kent took their classes on the road for a scientific summit of sorts.

About 30 students in the Genetics classes of Dr. Bonnie Wood and Dr. Kim Borges (UMFK) participated in the Third Biennial Genetics Consortium on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Eureka Hall in Stockholm – a location at the near midpoint between the two campuses.



Genetics students Keith Grivois and Justine Cyr explain the research process used at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratories during a recent Genetics Consortium.

“This is great for both classes,” Dr. Wood, UMPI professor of biology, said. “Any opportunity for students to share what they have learned with other students is an important experience. As any educator knows, explaining something to

someone else is the best way to learn.”

Over pizza, lab teams composed of students from both

classes discussed research and experiments that they had conducted in past weeks. During the month of October, several UMPI and UMFK students traveled to Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratories [MDIBL] for a Molecular Biology Research Techniques Course, while other UMPI and UMFK students worked at UMFK on an environmental genetics project of their own.

The first group discussed how they examined the DNA sequences of chicken and skate embryos. The second group explained how they examined items, such as soil and water samples, for the presence of genetic material.

Although they worked on very different projects, students concluded that they used many of the same procedures and techniques for analyzing DNA samples.

Also presenting at the consortium was Deborah McGann from the Maine School of Science and Mathematics [MSSM], who discussed the genetics work she did during a 2008 sabbatical at the Jackson Laboratories in Bar Harbor to study diabetes (or diabetes caused by obesity). ★

Stephanie Corriveau contributed to this story

Kennedy exhibition at Reed Gallery

A Maine painter with works that have been exhibited across the U.S. will be the featured artist in an exhibit running from Dec. 7 through Jan. 8 at the University's Reed Fine Art Gallery.

The exhibit titled, "viki kennedy: old, new, borrowed & blue," offers the selected works – primarily acrylic on canvas paintings – of Viki Kennedy. Kennedy is a well established painter in Maine and has shown in galleries throughout the northeast as well as California. Her works have appeared as illustrations for several books as well as television shows and movies. Kennedy's paintings are known for their brilliant colors and the energy they portray.

Kennedy describes herself as a mainly self-taught artist who began painting at a very early age.

"All my work is autobiographical, but nothing is painted from actual life," Kennedy said.

Painting spontaneously, she does not begin with a plan or idea, and often is not even sure what the work has to say until the final few brush strokes – ending with a work that contains memory or fantasy, dream or dread, using her vibrant colors to lead her along the way.



"Bend in the River" 2009

She currently resides in southern Aroostook County with her husband John, but has traveled extensively throughout the country. "old, new, borrowed & blue" represents an approximately 10-year period of work with many examples of her most recent journeys.

There will be a reception with the artist on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the gallery. Members of the public are invited to attend. For more information, call Sandra Huck at 768.9611 or email sandra.huck@umpi.edu. ★

Blistered Fingers to perform January 30

The sounds of Bluegrass will fill Wieden Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. when Blistered Fingers performs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Blistered Fingers is a fast-moving traditional Bluegrass Band from the Central Maine area that travels extensively around the northeast and eastern Canada. They will present "Blistered Fingers: A Night of Bluegrass" during their performance at UMPI.

"This is a genre that I haven't really presented before at the University and it's a great opportunity to get people excited about the County Bluegrass Festival returning this summer," Carol Ayoob, the University's Cultural Affairs Director, said, "We're very excited to present Blistered Fingers."



Blistered Fingers is a mostly-family affair composed of four musicians and singers. Sandy Cormier sings lead and plays lead guitar.

Her husband, Greg Cormier, plays banjo. Their son Chad plays mandolin and sings lead and harmony.

Blistered Fingers' newest member, Bob Fletcher, plays the upright

acoustic bass and sings lead, tenor and baritone. He has played with The Kennebec Valley Boys, The Fred Pike Show, The Misty Mountaineers and Midnight Flyer.

According to their website, Blistered Fingers has been awarded Maine's #1 Bluegrass Band of the Year by the Maine Country Music Association in 1998, 1999 and 2000. In 2004, 2005 and 2006, Blistered Fingers was also voted "Bluegrass Band of the Year" by the Maine Academy of Country Music.

For more information about the group, visit www.blisteredfingers.com. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$2 for students, and free to UMPI, NMCC and SAGE students with ID. For more information, call 768.9462. ★

Pelletier named Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Week

EMILY PELLETIER (Fort Kent) was named the Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week in late November. She was named to the all-tournament team at the University of Maine at Farmington Tournament after averaging 10.0 points, 2.0 assists, 1.5 steals, and 1.0 assists in her first two collegiate games. Emily shot 41 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the three-point arc for both games.

Lady Owls Battle to a 57-38 Loss at UMaine Farmington

The Lady Owls basketball team dropped their season opener 57-38 in a battle against the Beavers of UMaine Farmington on Nov. 21. The Owls started the game strong, keeping the score within one at 14-13, before UMF went on an 18-2 run midway through the first half on their way to a 41-17 command at intermission. Everything fell for the Beavers, as they shot an impressive 45.7 percent (16-35) from the floor in the first, and then defensively stifled the Owls to just an 18.2% shooting effort. ■ The relatively young Owl team, having only practiced four days together, came out strong and confident in the second half. ■ "I challenged them to keep their eyes focused on the second 20 minutes of the game and not on the scoreboard," commented Head Coach **TRACY GUERRETTE**. "We chalked up the first half as experience, learned from it, and took the second 20 minutes as a game in itself. We played with more poise, purpose, and defensive intensity, and though we lost the game, we won the second half 21-16." ■ The Owls derailed Farmington offensively in the second, forcing them to shoot just 16% from the floor. **EMILY PELLETIER** (Fort Kent) led UMPI with 11 points with **JULIE PEERS** (Limestone) adding eight points in the loss.

Lady Owls Fall in Consolation Game to Curry College

At the Dunkin Donuts Tip-Off Tournament Consolation game on Nov. 22, Curry College (1-2) ran out to a 42-19 first-half lead and cruised to the 57-41 consolation game win over UMPI (0-2). The Colonels tallied the game's first seven points and used a 16-0 run midframe to pull away from UMPI for the victory. **EMILY PELLETIER** (Fort Kent),

who made the All-Tournament team, and **MEGAN KORHONEN**

(Littleton) each tallied nine points for the Owls. **MINDY SULLIVAN** (Lisbon) grabbed 10 rebounds in the loss. The Lady Owls return to action on Dec. 8, playing Maine Maritime Academy at home.

UMPI Men's Basketball Drops Two at Christopher Newport

The Owls basketball team battled to a 91-69 loss in the first round game to host CNU at the Christopher Newport Invitational tournament on Nov. 27. CNU jumped out early and built a 52-33 halftime lead. UMPI was led by **RAY MITCHELL** (Chicago, IL) who earned a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. **PATRICK MANIFOLD** (Great Yarmouth, UK) added 14 points, while **CHRIS COFFIN** (Presque Isle) had 12 points and 8 boards. ■ In the consolation game of the CNU Invitational on Saturday evening, UMPI dropped another decision by a score of 93-70 to Wesley College of Dover, DE. Mitchell and Manifold both led their Owl team, as the duo combined for 45 of the team's 70 points on 17-of-27 shooting. Ray Mitchell scored a game-high 25 points to go along with five boards and five assists, while Patrick Manifold hit 9-of-11 from the field for 20 points. ■ A dunk by Mitchell gave the Owls a 23-17 lead with 7:24 to go in the half, but Wesley closed with a 21-8 run fueled by seven points by Kevin Johnson, which gave Wolverines a 38-31 halftime lead. Welsey finished with a 45-28 advantage on the boards. ■ With both loses, the Owls move to 0-4 on the season. UMPI returned to action on Dec. 9, traveling to Orono to take on the Black Bears of the University of Maine. ★

Sports!



Go UMPI Owls! Home Basketball

Sat. Dec. 12 - 3 p.m.

Women vs. Colby College

Sun. Dec. 13 - 2 p.m.

Men vs. Maine Maritime Academy

Fri. Jan. 22 - 6 p.m.

Women vs. SUNY-Canton

Fri. Jan. 22 - 8 p.m.

Men vs. SUNY-Canton

Sat. Jan. 23 - 1 p.m.

Women vs. Paul Smith's College

Sat. Jan. 23 - 3 p.m.

Men vs. Paul Smith's College

Sat. Jan. 30 - 1 p.m.

Women vs. UM-Machias

Sat. Jan. 30 - 3 p.m.

Men vs. UM-Machias

Sun. Jan. 31 - 12 p.m.

Women vs. Vermont Technical College

Sun. Jan. 31 - 2 p.m.

Men vs. Vermont Technical College

Sat. Feb. 6 - 1 p.m.

Women vs. UM- Fort Kent

Sat. Feb. 6 - 3 p.m.

Men vs. UM-Fort Kent



Alum Ashley Bard recently completed this commissioned painting of the University's wind turbine as seen from between the UMPI Library and Wieden Hall when standing near the circle of flags.

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notes

Five employee retirements set for start of new year

With the start of the new year, the University will be saying "best wishes and happy retirement" to a number of long-time, well-known employees on our campus. The Human Resources office has announced the retirement of four Physical Facilities staff – all taking place during January. **Danny Soucier, Garnet "Rocky" Rochford, and Ervin "Smitty" Smith** will all retire on January 4; with **Richard "Dick" Kidney** scheduled to retire on January 19. Also, **Carol Gordon**, Staff Associate for Student Teaching and Certification, celebrated her official retirement on Monday, November 30, 2009, with a send-off recognition and celebration. Dick and Carol will continue to serve the University on a part-time basis. Together, these five employees have contributed over 120 years of combined service to our campus. Many, many thanks and our very best wishes to each for a great retirement!

PE Majors Club sponsors Blackbear Hockey Getaway raffle

Physical Education Club members will be offering the chance to spend a New Year's getaway downstate enjoying a dinner at Olive Garden restaurant and an evening of Maine Blackbear hockey for four lucky raffle winners. Raffle tickets, cost one/\$5 or 3/\$10 are being sold through December 16 by members of the club. Funds raised will be put towards their trip to their American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For information or to purchase a ticket call 768.9457.

Chamber Orchestra presents Jan. 23 concert

The Northern Maine Chamber Society Orchestra will celebrate its 25th season with a winter performance at 7 p.m. on Jan. 23, in the Campus Center. The orchestra is under the direction of conductor Waldo Caballero, string teacher for the Orono School Department and a member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. They will be performing works by Beethoven, Benjamin, and Borodin; and will be joined by a local youth orchestra, and play music from *Lord of the Rings* and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*. Members of the all-volunteer group come from as far away as Sherman Mills, Bangor, and Fosterville, New Brunswick. Most are professional teachers and advanced students, seeking to bring high quality classical music to northern Maine. The public is cordially invited to attend free of charge, however, donations will be gratefully accepted. For further information call 768.9462.

Faculty Noon Seminar continues on Jan. 28

The first Faculty Noon Seminar of the spring semester will be held Thursday, Jan. 28 from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, Normal Hall with Dr. **JoAnne Putnam**, Professor of Education, presenting "Native American and First Nations Students: Cultural Context and Student Success." National data show that students from ethnic minori-

ties are overrepresented in special education in our schools. In Maine, the percent of Native Americans with special needs (28.5%) is about double the national average. Reasons for this disproportionality are multifaceted, and include cultural and sociopolitical dimensions. Strategies for providing more culturally responsive curriculum and instruction are explored. ■ Bring a lunch and join in the discussion. For further information, please call 768.9749.

Tax return assistance to be provided on campus

As tax season approaches, the University will once again provide equipment and space for eligible area residents to receive assistance with tax preparation. From February 1 through April 15, volunteers coordinated through the AARP Tax-Aide Program – part of the IRS VITA/TCE Program – will be on hand in the UMPI Library, Room 201, to help in preparing tax returns. Volunteers from the local area are needed to make appointments, greet taxpayers, and to prepare returns. Business and Accounting students are especially encouraged to volunteer their talents for this worthwhile cause. Taxpayers of all ages can take advantage of the tax program and volunteers do not need to be "of a certain age" to volunteer. To learn more, contact Lowell Glidden, area coordinator, at



769.7651 or logme@mfx.net.

Spring Blood Drive set for Feb. 10

The University will be holding its annual spring blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Campus Center. The blood drive is sponsored by the University's Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi and the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away during the drive. If donors wish to reserve a time in advance, they should call 1-800-GIVE-Life or log onto www.givelife.org. The University regularly holds two blood drives per year. For further information call 768.9587.



Studio 923 – a new campus art experience

A recently-formed art club, Studio 923, is looking for those who enjoy creative expression. On September 23, a group of students – led by **Jenna Larochelle, Whitney Graham, and Joanna Dumond**; and faculty advisor Assistant Professor of Fine Art **Renee Felini** formed a new art society, open to all with an interest in the arts – performance, music, art, literature, movies, and more. Since November, they have hosted open microphone sessions for readings and musicians, but organizers see the potential for participation by

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for events occurring Feb 9-March 7

Monday, Feb. 22 – for the Mar. 8 issue
for events occurring March 9-April 5



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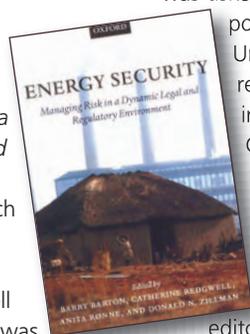


Studio 923, UMPI's new art club, hosted open mic nights on Nov. 19 and Dec. 10. As part of the event, campus and community members were invited to play a musical instrument, read poetry, sing, or give some kind of performance on the Wieden stage. Club members were on hand to document the show with drawings, video and photographs. The next open mic night will be held on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium.

film makers, photographers, actors, dancers, or others. Those who just enjoy being a part of the listening audience are encouraged to attend as well. Studio 923 meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. The next Open Mic session is December 10th, 6 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 768.9441 or check out the following link: www.facebook.com/#/pages/Presque-Isle-ME/Studio-923-UMPI-Art-Club/187566171219?ref=ts

President Zillman's books being made available to more audiences

President **Don Zillman's** book *Energy Security: Managing Risk in a Dynamic Legal and Regulatory Environment*, which he co-edited with Barry Barton, Catherine Redgwell and Anita Ronne, was recently selected for inclusion



in Oxford Scholarship Online. The full text of the book will be included in the law module of the cross-searchable electronic library of key Oxford academic titles, starting in 2010. Oxford Scholarship Online, a subscription service, provides a wide range of scholar access to Oxford's academic works.

References to Energy Security in online library catalogues, in journals and in bibliographic databases are linked to OSO, allowing users to click and view free abstracts or view the full text if the library has a subscription to OSO. ■ President Zillman also recently was approached about having his book *Beyond the Carbon Economy: Energy Law in Transition* – which he co-edited with Catherine Redgwell, Yinka O. Omorogbe, and Lila K. Barrera-Hernandez – translated into Chinese. Officials cited the book's coverage of a wide range of energy issues, as well as assessments and suggestions, as reasons for suggesting this translation.

■ Finally, President Zillman was asked to contribute a blog posting on the Oxford University Press site in relation to the upcoming summit in Copenhagen. The Countdown to Copenhagen post appeared on Dec. 3 and revisited predictions he and his co-editors made in *Beyond the Carbon Economy*. The post

also discussed how those predictions hold up two years since the book's publication. President Zillman's blog post can be viewed at <http://blog.oup.com/2009/12/copenhagen-zillman/>.

Race receives development award

Tammera Race, UMPI Library clerk, recently received a professional development award from the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries [NAHSL] that allowed her to receive continuing education in the field of library science. The award covered the registration cost for attending the NAHSL's annual conference, held in Rockport in late October. Every five years, the conference is hosted by the Health Science Libraries and Information Consortium [HSLIC] of Maine. The UMPI Library is a participating member of HSLIC, an organization comprised of hospital, academic, and special libraries throughout Maine. Professional medical librarians from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island attended the conference. Speakers included Judith A. Blake, Ph.D., Associate Professor, the Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor; Stuart Weibel, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Online Computer Library Center; and Peter Suber, Ph.D., J.D., Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard Law School. They addressed the management and accessi-

bility of research data, automated cataloging, electronic publishing, web data management, and open access (information in any form that is free to all users). Race's award also covered the cost of attending a continuing education program.

McCartney names new genus and species after UMPI

Dr. **Kevin McCartney** has been spending this semester on a research sabbatical at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, where he is studying the very early history of his specialty group, the silicoflagellates. Working with samples from remote islands in the Canadian Archipelago he has found two new genera and 18 new species. One new genus and species is named after UMPI, and four new species are named after students who have worked with him on research papers at UMPI. The students are **Sherry Churchill, Robb Engel, Kirk Lurvey** and **Chris Power**. The new genus is called *Umpiocha*, and the new species is called *Umpiocha umpiensis*. A description of the new genus indicates that *Umpiocha* was named after the University of Maine at Presque Isle because of the support it has given Dr. McCartney for many years. He presently has five manuscripts in preparation for submittal to international journals and is working with colleagues on a National Science Foundation grant proposal. ★

3-Day Baseball Clinic for Boys + Girls ages 7-14

Tues-Thurs, Dec. 29-31, Wieden Hall, hosted by UMPI's Men's Baseball team. Clinic: 1-4 p.m. - instruction in form throwing, hitting, base running, and fielding ground balls and fly balls; concludes with an indoor modified game. Cost: \$75/participant [proceeds support travel expenses for the UMPI Baseball Team]. For information or to register: Coach Leo Saucier 768.9421 or leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

★ Gay-Straight Alliance, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9604

★ UMPI/Community Band rehearsals, 6:30 p.m., Wieden Music Room, 473.7859

TUESDAYS

★ Student Senate meets, 12:40 p.m., CC118, 768.9561

★ Presque Isle Student Ministries, 8 p.m., Library Conference Room, 768.9479

THURSDAYS
★ Student Organization of Social Workers (SOSW) Meeting, 12:15 p.m., CC118, 768.9650

★ Native Voices, 1 p.m., South Hall 211, 768.9726

WEDNESDAYS

★ Studio 923 - UMPI Art Society, 5:15 p.m., Wieden Stage, 768.9441
★ Games Club, 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest, 768.9628

★ Campus Crusade for Christ, 7 p.m., CC118, 768.9502

SATURDAYS

★ Breathe Writer's Group, 10 a.m. (biweekly), Owl's Nest, 506.473.1462

DECEMBER 12

★ TRiO Upward Bound Special Event Saturday, 12 p.m., Wieden Auditorium. FMI 768.9612 ■ Happy Chanukah! Dec. 12 – 19, 2009 (starts Dec 11 at sundown)

DECEMBER 14

★ Employee Holiday Luncheon, 12 p.m., MPR. 768.9549 ■ Fingerprinting for Education Students, 7:30 a.m., CC118. 768.9419 ■

Kayaking in Remote Areas, lecture by Mike Smith, 7 p.m., CCTR. 768.9537

DECEMBER 15

★ Reading Day, no classes. ■ College & Career Fair for Unemployed

Workers, sponsored by TRiO Upward Bound & MDOL, 10 a.m., MPR. 768.9456

DECEMBER 16 - 19

★ Final Exams
DECEMBER 19
★ Admissions' Nordic Skiing Open House, 5 p.m., MPR. 768.9532 ■

Reception, "viki kennedy: "old, new, borrowed & blue," 4-6 p.m. reception, Reed Gallery. 768.9611

DECEMBER 24
★ Offices Closed at noon.

DECEMBER 25
★ Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 26
★ Celebration of Kiwanzaa

DECEMBER 29-31
★ Baseball Clinic for

Kids, 1-4 p.m., Wieden Hall. 768.9421

JANUARY 1

★ New Year's Day, campus offices closed

JANUARY 16

★ TRiO Upward Bound Saturday College, 9 a.m., CCTR. 768.9612

JANUARY 18

★ Student Teaching & Certification Info Session, 1 p.m., MPR. 768.9430 ■ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, campus offices closed

JANUARY 19

★ Spring Semester classes begin

JANUARY 20

★ NESHM Law Conference, 7:30 a.m., MPR. ■ Special Olympics



Students in Renee Felini's ceramics class complete a project connected with Project Compass, which is working to develop and improve culturally responsive strategies for Native American students at the University. Each student chose a Native American tribe and a story from that tribe to depict on a clay vessel. Students are using underglazing techniques to decorate their work, which requires three separate firings to complete. Each vessel will be accompanied by a description of the work and the story. The finished pieces will be presented during a show in mid-spring.



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Basketball Event, 9 a.m., Gentile Hall.

JANUARY 21

★ Owl Productions: Jason Levasseur acoustic guitar, 7 p.m., MPR. 768.9582

JANUARY 23

★ Northern Maine Chamber Society Concert, 7 p.m., MPR. 768.9462

JANUARY 28

★ Faculty Noon Seminar, 12:15 p.m., Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. 768.9749

JANUARY 30

★ Blistered Fingers - A Night of Bluegrass, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium. 768.9462 ■ Fingerprinting for Education Students, 7:30 a.m., Owl's Nest. 768.9419

JANUARY 31

★ TRiO Upward Bound College Goal Sunday, 2 p.m., Folsom 105. 768.9456

FEBRUARY 3

★ Young Professionals Institute classes begin, 4 p.m.,

Alumni Room.

FEBRUARY 5

★ University Senate/Faculty Assembly, 1 p.m., CC118. 768.9438

FEBRUARY 10

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

FEBRUARY 11

★ Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Klaus Lackner, 7 p.m., MPR.

FEBRUARY 12

★ Deadline for Student Scholarship Applications, FMI call Financial Aid Office at 768.9510 ★