New Professional Development School Agreement Announced

Officials with the University of Maine at Presque Isle and The Maine School of Science and Mathematics signed an agreement on Dec. 10 that will allow UMPI education students to take part in extensive internships at MSSM and provide professional development opportunities for MSSM faculty.

President Don Zillman and Acting MSSM Executive Director Michael Sonntag signed the memorandum of understanding for the Professional Development School (PDS) during a press conference held at the University.

UMPI Professor of Education Dr. Barbara Smith Chalou and Catherine Bowker, MSSM Academic Dean, are the PDS site coordinators for the partnership. The immediate goals of the PDS are to place UMPI students into year-long internships at MSSM and support ongoing professional development for MSSM faculty.

The University will begin the process to identify UMPI student interns for the 2011-12 academic year in the near future. MSSM faculty will enroll in an UMPI online course in inclusive education, Teaching Students with Special Needs, in January 2011.

Using the PDS model, the University’s teacher education department has been proactive in its efforts to improve teacher preparation. UMPI already has active PDS partnerships with the Teague Park School in Caribou and with Presque Isle High School, Presque Isle Middle School, and Pine Street Elementary School, which is also in Presque Isle.

For more information contact Dr. Barbara Smith Chalou at 768.9521 or barbara.chalou@umpi.edu.

The Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program of Maine, a cooperative program sponsored by the University of Maine at Presque Isle and the University of Maine at Augusta, received reaccreditation for seven years from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAA-CLS) on October 31, 2010.

UMPI professor Dr. Linda Graves, Ed.D., MT (ASCP) is the MLT Program Co-Director. According to Graves, reaccreditation continued on page 4.
$750,000 Wood-to-Energy Grant Received

The Maine Department of Conservation has announced that the University of Maine at Presque Isle will receive funding in the amount of $750,000 toward replacement of two oil-fired boilers with a wood chip boiler.

The new boiler will be the heating source for two of the campus’ primary teaching facilities, Pullen Hall and Folsom Hall. “We are thrilled to receive this grant that will help us not only improve the efficiency of our campus facilities, but also help the campus move closer to meeting our carbon neutral commitment,” said President Don Zillman.

In total, eight wood-to-energy conversion projects around the State will share more than $5.55 million in federal stimulus funding. These grants are the second round to be awarded under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

In addition to the UMPI project, the grants will provide partial funding for anticipated projects at Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent and six school systems.

The projects call for wood chip or pellet boilers to replace or supplement existing heating systems, saving thousands of gallons of oil. In addition, the projects will reduce dependence on nonrenewable energy resources, support sustainable forestry, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The new wood-fired boiler selected by the University will utilize either wood pellets or chips. The University plans to use wood pellets obtained locally. “We are very pleased to be able to use locally-produced pellets,” said President Zillman. “It is a great opportunity for the University to directly support the development and growth of this local industry.”

Campus officials anticipate that the project will begin in May 2011 with completion in August 2011.

Biology Professor Invited to Speak at Conferences

Dr. Bonnie Wood, Professor of Biology, was an invited speaker at the Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Dr. Wood gave two presentations: “Organizing a Seminar Around Case Studies” and “Lecture-Free Teaching: The Role of Case Studies”.

In November Dr. Wood led a Workshop at the 2010 Professional Development Conference of the National Association of Biology Teachers in Minneapolis, MN.

And of course, Professor Wood gave these lectures in her own special style – showing up with a bag of socks.

Each sock represents a chromosome. The participants reach into the bag and take a single sock. Next, they are asked to find their sister chromatid – a replicated DNA molecule represented by the identical sock.

Finally, the sister chromatids locate their homologues – similar, but not identical to the first socks. This organizes participants into four-person cooperative learning teams with which they sit and work for the rest of the workshop. Eventually, they form a karyotype of the chromosomes (shown above).
UMPI Partners with Retired Air Force General

The UMPI business department faculty partnered with Retired Air Force Brigadier General John Bubar this semester to incorporate professional competencies into academic coursework at the University.

During the fall semester, General Bubar helped design two courses and has been involved in teaching a special topics course in business administration with Associate Professor Robert Murray. Students in the special topics course learned project management skills, team building, and leadership skills, while working on a project dealing with the campus’ commitment to sustainability.

Bubar also developed a course in collaboration with Assistant Professor Carolyn Dorsey and Dr. Jacquelyn Lowman, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication. Strategic Professional Communication, will be a capstone course for seniors in the Business Administration program, focusing on the oral and written communication skills needed by employees.

“John’s expertise and experience in the military, in business, in academe, and in volunteer positions has provided an opportunity for the business faculty to see the UMPI business program through a different lens,” said Clare Exner, Chair of UMPI’s College of Professional Programs. “John’s perspectives and insights have added a great deal to our curriculum development process.”

Bubar served in the Air Force and Air National Guard for 36 years before retiring in 2006 as a Brigadier General. Bubar also worked for American Airlines as a pilot until retiring in 2005. He earned his bachelor and masters degrees in business administration from Colby College. He is currently working on his masters in fine arts in creative writing from the University of New Hampshire.

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Upward Bound Reaccreditation

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was a multi-step process that began with a self study in October 2009 followed by NAACLS site team visits to both campuses and a review by the NAACLS Program Review Committee in July 2010. The final reaccreditation decision was announced by the NAACLS Board of Directors in October 2010.

“We were very pleased to learn that our program was awarded continuing accreditation for seven years,” said Graves. Seven years is the maximum length of time that the NAACLS awards for continuing accreditation. NAACLS accreditation is critical as it allows students to take a national certification examination administered by the Board of Certification at the end of their education.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle Medical Laboratory Program has been in existence since 1976. UMPI and UMA merged their programs in 2002 in an effort to save money and continue to keep this important program available in Maine. The two-year associate of science program is the only MLT program of its kind in the state. The program supplies medical laboratory technicians to hospitals, clinics and research facilities around the state, particularly in rural areas.

“Receiving the maximum length term for continuing accreditation speaks volumes about the overall quality of our program,” stated UMPI president Don Zillman. “We are very pleased to be providing a program that is filling a critical need, especially for the rural settings of Maine.”

For more information, contact Dr. Linda Graves at 768.9451 or linda.graves@umpi.edu.
UMPI First Friday Participation Continues

The First Friday Downtown Art Walks on Nov 5th and Dec 3rd provided viewers with multiple opportunities to see art work created by artists who are graduates or current students of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. On Nov 5th, four of the seven First Friday display venues featured UMPI graduates KEARY NICHOLS, WILLIAM DUNCAN, JOSEPH DONALD CYR, and JME SMITH. All four of these featured artists have strong ties to Aroostook County.

Nichols received a Bachelor’s degree from UMPI where he majored in Art with an emphasis in Photography. He traveled from his home in Connecticut especially for the event which served as a reunion with his fellow students and long-time friends, Duncan and Cyr. Duncan also earned his Bachelor’s degree in Art from UMPI, while Cyr double majored in History and Art during his time at the University.

Jme Smith, the most recent UMPI graduate of the four, said "I am grateful and encouraged that there is indeed such a place of learning - especially in regards to the arts, in northern Maine."

On December 3rd, UMPI was represented at three First Friday venues. UMPI Business Administration student TERRY KELLY displayed his hand-made furniture at the Wintergreen Art Center. The Café Sopreso venue featured an exhibition of long-time UMPI Professor H. ANDERSON GILES’ work, while current UMPI art student, JEFFERY ST. PETER, showed his work at Morning Star Art & Framing.

Renee Felini, UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art, is the coordinator for the Presque Isle First Friday event. More information about the Downtown Art Walks can be found online at www.Facebook.com/PresqueIsleFirstFriday or send an email to Renee Felini, renee.felini@umpi.edu.

During the November 5 First Friday Downtown Art Walk, three of the UMPI art program graduates who exhibited are pictured above, left to right: Joseph Donald Cyr, Keary Nichols, and William Duncan. photo: Renee Felini
The Athletic Training (AT) Club recently embarked on a busy educationally-packed weekend. Supervised by Barb Blackstone and Deena Albert Parks, the group departed campus at 4 AM on Friday, Nov. 5 for Colby College to attend the Maine Athletic Trainers Association’s Fall Meeting. After the meeting, the group visited Friendship Stables in Augusta for an introduction to therapeutic riding lessons involving Special Olympics’ students. The evening included attending the USA women’s vs. Sweden ice hockey pre-tournament game at Bowdoin College.

On Saturday, UMPI AT students attended the Caribou vs. Falmouth State girls’ soccer game in Falmouth to cheer on the Caribou girls. Caribou High School is a clinical rotation site for UMPI AT students. On Saturday evening students from UMPI, UNE, USM, and UM socialized at the University of New England campus.

More than 150 Athletic Training students representing all four Athletic Training Education Programs in Maine were in attendance at Sunday’s UNE Student Symposium. Dr. Thomas Murray, an orthopedic surgeon for Orthopaedic Associates in Portland, was the keynote speaker and spoke about shoulder injuries. Athletic Trainer jeopardy was challenging while Gross Anatomy Lab was the main attraction and always a favorite learning experience. After lunch, the group traveled to the OA Performance Center in Saco. The breakout sessions focused on total body biomechanics and former Boston Red Sox Strength and Conditioning guru BJ Bakers’ shoulder rehabilitative techniques.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle’s float was named best entry in the business category at the 2010 Presque Isle Holiday Light Parade. The award-winning entry was the result of many dedicated persons, including: CONSTRUCTION CREW: Laurie Boucher, Greg Doak, Sharor Roix, student Danielle Pelkey, Charlie Bonin, Claude Boucher, and Claude’s work study student Cody Walkers who passed out 800 packets of hot cocoa donated by Aramark: Rachel and Zach Rice, Marteen Hester and her friend Jim, Heather Craig, the entire Sonntag Family, Bonnie Devaney, Ryan Lawway (Lynnelle Lawway’s son) and Deb Hodgkins. FLOAT RIDERS Sydney and Sarah Craig as Raggy Anne and Minnie Mouse, Cameron (Deb Hodgkins’ son) as a hockey player, Aaron Tomlinson as Buddy the Elf, and Bob (a student) as Hootie the Owl. And, Joe Moir who drove the truck. Many thanks to all who were involved in this special project!
Players of the Week

Week of 11/23
RASHELL SAUCIER, a Freshman from Washburn, was honored by being named Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Week after playing her first collegiate basketball games. Rashell received the award after averaging 9.6 points and 6.6 rebounds in three games.

Week of 12/7
RASHELL SAUCIER was honored by being named Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Week for the second time this season after averaging 9.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in two games. Saucier also notched her first career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

CLIFF MCDONALD a Senior Forward from Sarasota, FL, was honored by being named Sunrise Conference Co-Player of the Week after recording 21 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and a steal in a recent game against Thomas College. The senior forward from Sarasota, Fla. shot 6-for-11 from the field and converted 9 of 12 free throws.

It’s Basketball Season!

What can we expect from our Owls this year?

For the Men
The Men’s Basketball team is looking forward to taking another step towards its ultimate goal of a Sunrise Conference Championship. After having narrowly missed the Final Four last year the team wants to make sure that they experience it this year. They have a good core group back from last year, and with a talented group of transfers and freshmen should be right in the thick of things come February.

Leading the way this year will be tri-captains, 6’5” senior Chris Coffin from Presque Isle, 5’8” junior Devon Peaslee from Woolrich, ME, and 6’8” sophomore Patrick Manifold from Great Yarmouth, UK. A number of newcomers and transfers will also add an extra punch to the Owl’s line-up this year.

Their tough non-conference 1st semester schedule against the likes of last year’s NAC Champion U Maine Farmington, and runners up Thomas College should prepare them for the 2nd semester conference games. “We are looking for a break out season as we believe we have all the pieces to the puzzle. We know a lot of things still have to go right and we are ready for the challenge,” said Coach Cummings.

For the Women
The UMPI Women’s Basketball team enters the 2010-2011 season with high expectations of being competitive in Sunrise Conference play. Leading the way for the Owls are senior, co-captain Megan Korhonen (Littleton, ME) and junior, co-captain Emily Moore (Lisbon, ME). Senior Julie Peers (Caswell, ME) returns as a starting post from last season as well, along with fellow senior Kayla Fleming (Hodgdon, ME). In addition to this strong returning cast, a number of talented freshmen and transfer students have also joined the bunch and will look to help the Women’s team get better every day.

Once again this year, the Owls have a tough pre-conference schedule, playing Bowdoin, Bates, Colby, Husson, University of Maine at Farmington, Maine Maritime Academy, and Eastern Connecticut State University.

Pelletier Named to Bunyan All-Tournament Team
UMPI Sophomore Emily Pelletier (Fort Kent, ME) was named to the 2010 Paul Bunyan All-Classic team for her solid play during the two-day tournament. Emily led her team in scoring in both games of the weekend. Against Bates College, she earned nine points in the effort, shooting 3-6 from behind the arc. Pelletier was 4-6 from the field and 3-5 from the three-point line, tallying 11 points in the loss to the Husson Eagles the following day. She also earned two steals and dished out two assists.

above, top to bottom: Rashell Saucier Cliff McDonald Emily Pelletier
Paul Stone comes to UMPI from ski-powerhouse University of Vermont, where he served as head Nordic Coach for the past four seasons and was named NCAA Eastern Coach of the Year in 2009. Stone has coached two NCAA Champions and placed skiers in the top 10 at the Junior Olympics, NCAA Championships and the U.S. National Championships.

"In Presque Isle we have early snow, a 10-minute drive to one of the world's top Nordic venues, a passionately supportive community, the Maine Winter Sports Center, exciting events like World Cups and World Championships, and a quality University that is the best value for student-athletes in NCAA skiing," said Chris Corsello, UMPI's Athletic Director. "Now in Paul, we believe we also have the person who can pull all these pieces together and establish our program."

"We believe that, in time, University of Maine at Presque Isle skiers will compete against the best college skiers in the country and in Paul's years of coaching at the University of Vermont, Williams, and Colby Colleges, he has clearly shown that he is the person to take our program to that level," UMPI President Don Zillman stated. ★

Stone Elected NCAA Collegiate Ski Coaches Association President

Paul Stone has added another title to his resume. He was elected by National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) ski coaches nationwide to be President of the United States Collegiate Skiing Coaches Association (USCSCA).

The USCSCA is responsible for the professional development of ski coaches in the U.S. and for advocacy on behalf of collegiate skiing within the NCAA. Stone was elected by the head coaches of the 26 NCAA ski programs nationwide.

"I am humbled to be recognized by my peers in this way," Stone said. "The USCSCA has an important role to play in the growth of NCAA skiing and I am looking forward to working with the coaches across the country to make that happen." ★

Nordic Skiing

**2010-11 Roster**

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Sports! Sports! Sports!

Fall sports Wrap Up

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes and coaches for their hard work and excellent performance this fall. UMPI was certainly represented well for all of our fall sports!

Women’s Soccer
The Owls finish their season at 12-4 – Sunrise Conference Runners Up
Congratulations to the women’s team on a great season, and to the following athletes earning post-season Sunrise All-Conference Team honors: Desiree Smith (Jr., Thomaston, ME) Chelsea Boudreau (Sr., Wallace, NS) Brooke Long (Fr., Mannheim, Germany) Taylor Ussery (So., LaVerne, CA) Congratulations to Brooke Long for also being named 2010 Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Year! Congratulations go out to Coach Williams for his very successful first year as the Head Women’s Soccer Coach here at UMPI!

Men’s Soccer
The Owls finish the regular season at 11-5 and 9-3 in conference play, solidifying a second place overall in the conference and second seed in the Sunrise tournament where they fell in a hard fought match to the Clippers of UMaine Machias. The men end their season with at 11-6. Congratulations to the Men’s Soccer team for a great 2010 season, and to the following for earning post-season Sunrise All-Conference Team honors: Devon Peaslee (Sr., Woolwich, ME) Joshua Peaslee (Sr., Woolwich, ME)

Men’s Golf
The UMPI Men’s Golf team won the Sunrise Conference Golf Championship. Congratulations to the UMPI Golf team for a great season and to the following for being named to the Sunrise All-Conference Team: Mike Balmer (New Smyrna Beach, FL) Paul Rucci (Millinocket, ME) Ellis Pelletier (Caribou, ME) Randy Whitmore (Milford, ME) Congratulations also go out to Mike Balmer for being named Conference Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year and to Coach Dan Hotham for being named Coach of the Year!

Women’s Volleyball
The UMPI Women’s Volleyball team battled to a second place finish in the Sunrise Conference Tournament. The Lady Owls finish the year at 4-14 overall and 2-6 in Sunrise Conference play.

Cross Country Runs Strong
The University of Maine at Presque Isle Women’s Cross Country team earned the 2010 Sunrise Conference Championship. On the men’s side, the Owls ran a solid championship race; the team was led by junior Justin Fereshetian (Turner, ME) who finished second overall. Congratulations to both Cross Country teams on a strong season! Please help us to also congratulate the following athletes for their post-season honors: Kati Christoffel Runner of the Year and Carly Langley Rookie of the Year. All-Conference team was Hanson, Langley, Cyr, and Quint. Justin Fereshetian was named to the 2010 Men’s All-Conference team. Congratulations to Head Coach Chris Smith who was named the 2010 Women’s Cross Country Sunrise Conference Coach of the Year.

Cross Country Runners Race Strong at Nationals in Vancouver, Washington
Junior Justin Fereshetian (Turner, ME) crossed the finish line at the 2010 NCAA Cross Country Championships...
Fall sports Wrap Up
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line in a season best time of 29:13, finishing 296th of 326, 12 seconds better than his Sunrise Conference meet time. Fereshetian finished the 2010 season with his best effort of the year, completing the National Championship course 32 seconds faster than last year. “It was a good time,” commented Fereshetian, “very competitive and challenging.” All three of UMPI women ran their best races of the season under difficult conditions. Sophomore Kati Christoffel (Clifton Park, NY) set the early pace for the Owls and came across the line in an impressive time of 21:41, just three seconds slower than her conference meet race only three weeks ago. Kati finished 286th of 331 runners at the National meet. “This was by far the toughest race of the season,” commented Christoffel. Freshman Carly Langley (Truro, NS) finished strong in a time of 22:22, a full minute faster than her conference meet race only three weeks ago. Shelly Hanson (Charleston, ME), had a solid race as her last in an Owl uniform; Shelly came through the line at 22:20, finishing 52 seconds faster than at the conference meet and almost a minute better than her time posted last year at the NAIA Nationals. Justine Cyr (Fort Kent, ME), Janelle Gagnon (Caribou, ME), Michael LeClair (Winslow, ME), and Samuel Johnson (South Berwick, ME) were also honored as scholar-athletes.

Fall Athletes Earn National Recognition:

NCAA Division III All-Independent Honors

Cross Country Running

MEN Justin Fereshetian (junior from Turner, ME) – 2nd Team
WOMEN Kati Christoffel (sophomore from Clifton Park, NY) – Honorable Mention, Shelly Hanson (Senior from Charleston, ME) – Honorable Mention

Men’s Soccer

Devon Peaslee (senior from Woolwich, ME) – 1st Team Forward, Craig Maffei (junior from Readfield, ME) – 1st Team Midfield, Matt Carrington (senior from Nottingham, UK) – 1st Team Forward, Joshua Peaslee (senior from Woolwich, ME) – 2nd Team Midfield

Women’s Soccer

Brooke Long (freshman from Mannheim, Germany) – 1st Team Defender, Desiree Smith (junior from Thomaston, ME) – 2nd Team Forward, Chelsea Boudreau (senior from Wallace, NS) – 2nd Team Midfield

Volleyball

Megan Korhonen (senior from Littleton, ME) – Honorable Mention Setter, Amanda Moore (freshman from Seattle, WA) – Honorable Mention Outside Hitter, Karen Creighton (junior from Sussex, NB) – Honorable Mention Middle Blocker

CLIFF MCDONALD was honored by the Maine Men’s Basketball Coaches and Writers Association. Cliff was included December 7, 2010, on the MMBCWA’s player “Honor Roll” for his performance on the week. The MMBCWA honors players from throughout the State of Maine among NCAA Division III and NAIA universities.
Looking for the perfect Holiday gift?
The UMPI Bookstore sells great gifts for your family and friends! Is one of your family members an UMPI Alum? Surprise them with an UMPI Alum t-shirt! Or, buy them “Wind 101” - show them how UMPI built its newest addition. Have a movie buff relative? DVDs of “The Proposal” are on sale at both the Bookstore and in the Community & Media Relations Office. Do you have a hat lover in your family? Give them a gift only sold at UMPI – a WIND HAT! The Bookstore has great gifts just waiting to be taken home to your friends and family members. Stop in and get yours today – be sure to check out the new UMPI tree ornaments as well! They’ll add that special touch to your Holiday Season!

UMPI wind turbine film featured on “Maine Watch”
Part two of the “Maine Watch” special report on wind power projects in Maine featured our own wind turbine project. If you didn’t catch the MPBN airing in November, don’t worry; in January 2011, our story will be combined with stories about industrial sites the Mars Hill for a one-hour special.

Reed Gallery to host Group Faculty Art Exhibition
A Group Faculty Art exhibition will open Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2011; the last group show was held in 2003. Participants will include: Clifton Boudman, Leo-Paul Cyr, Renee Felini, Anderson Giles, Don Cyr, and Ann Kittredge. All participants will show their current works, with a closing reception planned for Friday, Feb. 18. For more information contact Sandra Huck, 768.9611, sandra.huck@umpi.edu.

OAPI caving trip featured in Bangor Daily News
UMPI’s Outdoor Adventure Program received state-wide attention on Nov. 26 when their caving trip to Québec was featured in the Bangor Daily News. BDN freelance reporter Julia Bayly tagged along with OAPI on their special event and noted every moment of the adventure. In the article, OAPI program director Kim McCrea stated, “OAPI is all about challenge by choice . . . We want people to see what is out there and to challenge themselves. OAPI provides a safe and friendly environment for people to get out and try things they may not have the confidence to try on their own.” For more information about this event and other upcoming OAPI adventures, contact Kim McCrea at 768.9401. The BDN article can be viewed at www.bangordailynews.com/story/Outdoors/A-descent-into-the-abyss-with-guides,159980. photo: JULIA BAYLY/Bangor Daily News

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CAB Sponsors Upcoming Spirit Event
Basketball season is finally here and the UMPI Campus Activities Board wants to make sure you’re in the spirit! On Saturday, Dec. 18 the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams will face Eastern Maine Community College at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m in Wieden. Wear your “Blue Crew” shirt and have your picture taken with Whootie after you get your face painted! Face painting begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Wieden lobby. Spirit Owls will be on the lookout during the games for UMPI fans showing their Owl Pride with special rewards ready to give to the fans showing the most pride. Free “Spirit Give-Aways” will be handed out to the first 50 at the women’s game and the first 50 at the men’s game. Go Owls!

UMPI Baseball team to host two-day clinic
The University of Maine at Presque Isle baseball team will host a two-day hitting clinic from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 28 & 29 in Wieden Gymnasium. The clinic will focus on the fundamentals of hitting and bunting. Attention will be given to proper grip and swing mechanics while engaging in various hitting drills. Three hitting cages and several hitting stations will ensure that each child receives the maximum hitting time. The cost for this clinic is $50 per athlete, ages 8-16. For more information and to register for the clinic, contact Coach Leo Saucier, 768.9421 or leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu.

UMPI Community Band Concert Rescheduled
The UMPI/Community Band, directed by Kevin Kinsey, will give their annual Winter Concert on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. This winter’s concert will feature the band’s rendition of the entire “Pictures at an Exhibition” by Modest Mussorgsky. Guest conductors will be: Mr. Sean Diette, Director of Band for the Washburn Schools, Mr. Robert King, Band Director Emeritus of the Limestone Schools, Mr. Patrick Bragdon, Middle School Band Director for SAD #1, Mr. Adam Metzler, Director of Bands in Mars Hill, Mr. Jon Simonoff, Band Director of the Ashland School District. Admission is free and open to the public.

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