The University continued its 2010-2011 Distinguished Lecturer Series with a presentation by Dr. David Tolin, founder and director of the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn.

Tolin delivered his talk, *Buried in Treasures: The Nature and Treatment of Compulsive Hoarding*, on Feb. 8 in the Campus Center. His presentation included information about compulsive hoarding, the root causes of this common and potentially disabling problem, along with current treatments being used to help people manage the symptoms more effectively. It is estimated that up to 2 million people in the United States may be affected by compulsive hoarding.

In 2000, Tolin founded the Anxiety Disorders Center at the Institute of Living, one of the first mental health centers in the United States. The Center is nationally recognized for its expert treatment of anxiety and related disorders and associated research. He is also an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine, an American Board of Professional Psychology board-certified clinical psychologist, continued on page 2

Hundreds of volunteers mobilized for the E.ON IBU World Cup Biathlon #7, which took place at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle from Feb. 4-6, and the UMPI community did its part to pitch in.

UMPI opened its doors so campus facilities could be used for various events and activities. The Campus Center served as home base for securing accreditation and volunteer clothing. Gentile Hall was the site for the event’s Opening Ceremonies.

Students gained important experience related to their fields of study as they assisted with various volunteering efforts. More than 30 students and several staff members with the Athletic Training Education Program helped out with medical staffing every day of the event. This effort was coordinated by Program Director Barbara Blackstone and Clinical Coordinator Deena Albert Parks, who also served as a Doping Control Coordinator during the competition. Professor Sue Beaudet and several of her Physical Education students worked on the ski patrol and assisted with medical staffing. As well, about 20 Criminal Justice students volunteered as security officers for the event. continued on page 4

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**Expert from A&E series Hoarders delivers talk**

Dr. David Tolin

**UMPI assists with World Cup Biathlon event**

UMPI students (from left) Chelsea Boudreau, Kathleen Higgins, Chad Parker and Ben Costello volunteered at the World Cup Biathlon.
During the fifth annual Planet Head Day on Feb. 19, people from throughout Aroostook County and nearby New Brunswick, will come to UMPI to have heads shaved, or don elastic caps, so their heads can be painted as planets, dwarf planets, moons and asteroids. Planet Head Day supports science education and raises money for C-A-N-C-E-R.

The event has been organized by UMPI’s Northern Maine Museum of Science to serve two purposes. The first is that the event serves as part of the museum’s educational outreach to celebrate the Feb. 18, 1930, discovery of Pluto and the museum’s partnership with NASA’s New Horizons mission to Pluto and Beyond. The second purpose is to acknowledge the effects of cancer and serve as a fundraiser for the local cancer patient support group called Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery (C-A-N-C-E-R).

Planet Head Day is co-coordinated by Kevin McCartney, museum director, and Jeanie McGowan, outreach worker for the museum and the NASA mission.

McGowan thought up the idea for Planet Head Day in 2006, after being diagnosed with breast cancer and undergoing chemotherapy. The first Planet Head Day was held when New Horizons was passing Jupiter in 2007. The spacecraft is now past the orbit of Uranus and is more than half the distance to its rendezvous with Pluto in 2015.

Caribou and Presque Isle Pizza Hut restaurants are supplying free pizzas for the event. The campus food service will provide refreshments. Again, this year, barber/owner Patrick Coughlin of Parson Street Barber Shop and hair stylists Donna Raymond and Amanda Durost from Great Beginnings Hair Boutique will join stylist/owner Denise Young to provide professional head shaving for all Planet Heads. Theatrical “bald” caps are available to all participants who do not wish to get a free haircut.

In addition to authoring more than 100 journal articles and book chapters, including co-authoring Buried in Treasures: Help for Compulsive Acquiring, Saving, and Hoarding and Treating Trichotillomania: Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Hair Pulling and Related Problems, Tolin has been involved in over 180 research presentations to national and international organizations.

Tolin has been a frequent guest on several television programs including The Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America, The Dr. Oz Show, and The Today Show. He has been a featured expert on the A&E Series Hoarders and was the lead expert on the VH-1 series The OCD Project.

Distinguished Lecturer Tolin continued from page 1 and a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology. An expert on cognitive-behavioral therapy, Tolin has also been a principle investigator and scientific reviewer for the National Institutes of Health since 2003.

Tolin received his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and completed a pre-doctoral internship at Tufts University School of Medicine/VA Medical Center in Boston. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Contribution to the Science of Psychology Award from the Connecticut Psychological Association and the Early Career Award from the Anxiety Disorders Special Interest Group of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy.
UMPI garners $75,000 in NSF funding

A team of UMPI professors has received $75,000 in National Science Foundation grant monies from the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR] in order to conduct a wide range of research related to the sustainable development of the Aroostook River Watershed.

The research team will use the grant funding for their project Modeling Evolving Ecological, Cultural, and Economic Systems of the Aroostook River Watershed of Northern Maine for Sustainable Development.

The UMPI team, which is being led by Dr. Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, includes Professor David Putnam, Lecturer of Science; Dr. Kimberly Sebold, Associate Professor of History; Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science; and Dr. Anja Whittington, Assistant Professor of Recreation and Leisure Services.

The work the UMPI team does this year involves studying the historical and present uses of the watershed area – and the impacts those uses have had on the region – and compiling that data into GIS map and database form. The project also focuses on the area’s existing environmental resources in two ways: through developing materials that promote the region’s non-motorized trails, and through studying the region’s grassland habitats to identify and promote the use of currently underutilized lands for bio-fuel production in a way that least impacts wildlife.

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Group fundraising $12,000 for Tanzania trip

A group of women connected with UMPI’s Social Work program are more than halfway to their goal of raising $12,000 for a spring service learning trip to Moshi, Tanzania, and they’re looking for community support to successfully complete their fundraising efforts.

Four UMPI Social Work students – Abbey Atcheson, Kelsey Albert, Nicole Michaud, and Ashley Brewer – along with UMPI alumna Jen Borden and Husson University student Paige Nichols will be traveling with Shirley Rush, Associate Professor of Social Work, to Tanzania in May 2011.

Participants will have the opportunity to do service learning work where their abilities will be matched up with community needs. Service learning opportunities in Tanzania include working in an orphanage, assisting teachers, working with people who have HIV/AIDS or disabilities, and working with women in the area of economic development.

So far, the group has done a number of fundraisers, including offering a concession booth at summer festivals, holding a raffle for a cord of firewood and a quilt, and selling soup, Avon products and apple pies. Fundraising efforts continue with the sales of beaded bracelets, a food booth during the Winter Festival street fair, and a booth at the Kiwanis Home and Recreation Show being held April 16-17.

This is the second time the Social Work program has conducted a service learning trip. Last year, four UMPI students were able to spend a week in Guatemala where they painted the exterior of a local public kindergarten.

“The women involved with these trips are working and living locally, while also acting globally,” Rush said. “We’d like to thank the members of our community for their support so far and to ask them to be on the lookout for our upcoming fundraising efforts that allow service learning opportunities like this to continue happening.”

For more information, contact Rush, 768.9427 or shirley.rush@umpi.edu.
Area volunteers with the AARP Tax-Aide Program will be available on Saturdays at UMPI during the next two months to help members of the community prepare their tax returns.

This free service will be provided by volunteers every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. now through April 16 in Room 118 of the Campus Center. The work these volunteers are doing is connected to the VITA [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance] and TCE [Tax Counseling for the Elderly] programs.

According to Lowell Glidden, district coordinator, these programs allow volunteers to prepare individuals’ income tax returns (both federal and state) and electronically file them at no charge. All volunteers participating in the program have undergone training, passed the qualifying IRS examinations, and are certified tax preparers.

Individuals who utilize these services should bring the following items with them in order to get their tax returns processed: a driver’s license or photo ID; social security number or individual tax identification number for each person included in the tax return; W-2 forms; a copy of last year’s tax return, if available; and a record of 2010 property or real estate taxes. Also, those who purchased a car between February and December, 2010 should bring a copy of their sales tax invoice. If filing jointly, spouses must be present. Please note that, depending on the individual situation, other information, documentation or forms may need to be provided.

The University will be the only Presque Isle location for individuals to go to receive this service; however, there will also be services available in Caribou at the Caribou Wellness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 3 p.m.

Assistance is provided on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Lowell Glidden at 769.7651.

Blackstone attends Youth Sports Safety Summit

UMPI’s Coordinator of Athletic Training, Barbara Blackstone, attended a one-day summit on youth sports safety with the National Athletic Trainers Association and athletic training groups from across the nation on Dec. 7 in Washington, D.C.

The summit focused on preventing and treating sports related injuries. In particular, it looked at issues related to the management of sudden cardiac arrest, sickle cell disease, spinal cord injuries and concussions. The summit also brought forth new protocols for athletic trainers to follow when dealing with sports related injuries.

“As the Athletic Training Education Program Director at UMPI, it was exciting to be there when the latest research was rolled out to the group, and to be able to bring that information home to our students, providing the most current standards of care for cardiac, sickle cell, spinal cord and concussion protocols,” Blackstone said.

Blackstone helped lead the delegation from Maine as Vice-President of the Maine Athletic Trainers Association’s Executive Board. The Maine Athletic Trainers Association is a group of athletic trainers located across the state that work to educate citizens throughout Maine about athletic training and work to promote safety and care of physically active people.

World Cup Biathlon

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The University’s student radio station, WUPI FM, provided live coverage at all of the races at the Nordic Heritage Center as well as at the Opening Ceremony.

Members of the campus community volunteered their time to help with activities during the event, from scoring and shooting support during the competitions to transportation and food service efforts.

Greg Doak, UMPI’s Bookstore manager, headed up the PayPal ticket processing efforts for both the World Cup #7 and the World Cup #8 event, which is being held in Fort Kent. Mary Lawrence, UMPI’s coordinator of Conferences and Special Programs, served on the event’s organizing committee as the Coordinator of Volunteers. Her role was to oversee a committee whose members worked with the various organizing chiefs and chairs to ensure that the volunteers they needed were identified and properly scheduled.
UMPI announces spring semester events

The University is pleased to announce a diverse and full schedule of spring semester events designed to entertain, engage, and educate.

The University’s newly-established 7-OH-9 COFFEE HOUSE will begin its semester activity with their Sweet Sounds Open Mic and Karaoke Night on Feb. 17 at 7:09 p.m. in the Campus Center. During the semester, the Coffee House will also host New York-based musician, Rachel P., on March 1, and another Open Mic Night, appropriately named No Mo’ Sno’, on April 19.

Spring semester CULTURAL EVENTS AND CONCERTS include the The Kinsey Sicks on March 29 at 8 p.m. This dragapella beauty-shop quartet will deliver a night full of award-winning a capella singing and comedy. UMPI will welcome Congo native Michel Chikwanine on April 4 at 7 p.m. A former child-soldier, Michel grew up amid the terror of the Great War of Africa that claimed the lives of 5.8 million people, including his father. Today, he is an accomplished motivational speaker, who has addressed over 100,000 people, leaving audiences with a new perspective on life and a sense of hope through social responsibility. The University will host concerts by fiddle-playing singer Natalie Stovall and the UMPI/Community Band, performing on May 7 and May 9, respectively. Tickets and more information about The Kinsey Sicks, Michel Chikwanine, and Natalie Stovall events are available by contacting April Sue Platt, 768.9582 or april.platt@umpi.edu.

The University’s REED FINE ART GALLERY located in the Campus Center will host several exhibits during the spring semester, beginning with the Art Faculty Group Exhibition. This exhibit features recent work by six members of the University art faculty and closes on Feb. 19. JUST LINE, a juried exhibition of drawings by Aroostook County artists, will open on Feb. 27. JUST LINE is a statewide collaboration among Maine museums and arts organizations. Spring semester activity in the gallery will conclude with Fine Art Senior Exhibitions in April and May 2011. More information about the gallery and exhibits is available from Sandra Huck, 768.9611 or sandra.huck@umpi.edu.

UMPI will recognize SEXUAL ASSAULT/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH by hosting a Walk in Her Shoes event on March 9. This international men’s march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence was established in 2001. During the event, a group of men will begin at the Campus Center and walk a designated path, equivalent to one mile, in women’s shoes. The event will conclude with a “Speak Out,” where survivors and volunteers will share their story of rape, domestic violence, and hope.

The University’s 10th annual UNIVERSITY DAY will be held on April 13. University Day is an event designed to heighten student and community awareness of the work being done by UMPI students in all of the disciplines represented on campus. University Day will also feature Distinguished Lecturer Anthony Cortese, Sc.D., who will speak at 7 p.m. Cortese is co-founder, with U.S. Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz, of Second Nature and serves as its president. This non-profit organization founded in 1993 has a mission to develop the national capacity to make healthy, just, and sustainable action a foundation of all learning and practice in higher education.

Community members are invited and encouraged to attend all of these campus activities. Additional information about these events will be released during the semester and is also available by contacting the Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

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OAPI offers slate of outdoor adventures

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

OAPI will explore the snow shoeing trails at Aroostook State Park on Feb. 11. The cost for this event is $5; no experience is required. Those interested in participating should meet at Gentile Hall for a 1 p.m. departure.

OAPI ventures out for its Winter Ascent of Mount Bigelow from Feb. 19-21. Participants will climb over 2,750 feet, and hike over 12 miles round-trip on the Appalachian Trail to the summit of the mountain. Hiking experience is recommended and an above-average level of physical fitness is required. The trip includes winter camping and exploration of the area. Cost for the public is $65. Registration begins Feb. 7; the deadline is Feb. 16 at 4 p.m.

On March 4, OAPI will host a cross country skiing outing at Aroostook State Park. Equipment will be available for free; no experience is required. Those needing equipment should be at Gentile Hall at 12:30 p.m. The van departs from Gentile Hall at 1 p.m.

On March 11, individuals can participate in biathlon target practice at the Nordic Heritage Sports Center. Local elite biathletes from the Maine Winter Sports Center will teach rifle and range safety, target practice, and biathlon drills. The cost is $10. Registration for the public begins Feb. 28; the deadline is March 9 by 4 p.m.

From March 20-23, OAPI leads its Saddleback Resort Ski and Ride Get Away Trip. Participants will travel to one of Maine’s premier ski resorts and ski or ride for three days. Public sign up begins Feb. 21; the deadline is March 2. Registration is $255 for the public, with a $100 deposit due at time of registration and the rest of the balance paid in full prior to departure. The registration fee covers 3-nights lodging, a 3-day lift ticket, and includes food and transportation.

A Wilderness First Aid Certification class will be offered on April 16 and 17. Registrants will learn the basics in wilderness first aid through scenario-based, hands-on practice of essential skills for care and treatment of injuries and illnesses in the backcountry. The registration deadline is April 12; the cost is $125.

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The spring schedule wraps up on May 7 with Outdoor Rock Climbing in Acadia National Park. The rain date is May 8. The public is invited to join PCIA rock climbing guide, Lenny Cole, and explore the park’s cliffs. The public may attend this event for $55. Sign up begins April 25. The registration deadline is May 4 by 4 p.m.

For more information about any of these events contact McCrea at 768.9401, or kimberly.mccrea@umpi.edu.
Faculty Exhibition

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is showcasing recent work by the UMPI art faculty from Jan. 18 to Feb. 19.

The ART FACULTY GROUP EXHIBITION includes works by E. Clifton Boudman, Leo-Paul Cyr, Renee Felini, H. Anderson Giles, Don Cyr and Ann Kittredge. The UMPI art faculty works in a wide range of media including photography, sculpture, paint, prints, and music, which provides a diverse foundation for the exhibit.

“While each full-time faculty member has had a solo exhibition during the recent past, it has been a number of years since they participated in a group exhibition,” stated Sandra Huck, Reed Gallery Director. “It’s nice to see current work with the quality these individuals produce. I am also pleased to include our part-time instructors in this exhibit.”

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday, or by appointment. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information, please contact Sandra Huck at 768.9611, or sandra.huck@umpi.edu.

JUST LINE

to open in late February

JUST LINE, an exhibition of works submitted by Aroostook County artists during a call for submissions, will go on display in the Reed Art Gallery at the end of February.

The Gallery is a participant in Maine’s statewide initiative Where to Draw the Line: The Maine Drawing Project. The Project was developed through the unique collaboration of Maine arts organizations called the Maine Curators Group. Twenty venues will offer exhibitions that celebrate the medium of drawing throughout the calendar year 2011 and range from drawing directly on gallery walls, to computer algorithms, to sketches of the northern Maine winters.

Come see what area artists have presented for exhibition. JUST LINE will be in the gallery from Feb. 27 through April 2. There will be a reception with attending artists on Friday, March 4 from 5 until 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. This reception is also part of Presque Isle’s “First Friday Downtown Art Walk”. Make UMPI the first stop on your tour of exhibiting and performing artists.

Invitational exhibition includes Giles’ photography

Selections of UMPI professor Andy Giles’ photography work were chosen for inclusion in a recent invitational photo exhibition at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA) in Rockport. The exhibition titled Photographing Maine: Ten Years Later was a comprehensive review of current topics in contemporary photography in Maine. All photographs were taken in Maine between 2000 and 2009. This exhibit continued the legacy of CMCA’s landmark exhibition, Photographing Maine: 1840-2000.

The exhibition has been published in a book titled Photographing Maine: Ten Years Later. The entire exhibition can also be viewed online at www.cmcanow.org. Bruce Brown, Curator Emeritus of CMCA, organized the exhibition, which continues his long-standing efforts to recognize and exhibit the finest photography work in our state. In 2009, Bruce received an honorary degree from UMPI in recognition of his outstanding contributions to art in Maine.

Brown and the CMCA staff selected work from Giles’ photos taken at the Phish “IT” concert in Limestone. Brown commented “ . . . that good old Giles sense of wry humor. That’s why I always seem to smile whenever your [Andy’s] name comes to mind.”

Giles took a group of Photo III students to view the exhibition in November 2010. They also visited the University of Maine Museum of Art and the Farnsworth Museum.
UMPI Nordic Ski Coach featured in national publication

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At a Small University in Maine, a Head Coach in Nordic Skiing Hopes to Leave a Trace

By Paige Chapman

Paul Stone, who became head coach of Nordic skiing at the University of Maine at Presque Isle this academic year, has a difficult path to plow through the snows of Maine as his teams begin competition. He’s the third person in that position in four years, at a small institution that just completed its first full season of NCAA competition in the sport. On his first day, the women’s team had two members, and it needed five to be NCAA eligible—leading him to recruit students who had never skied before.

Being involved in that effort feels, to him, like what he is meant to do. He once planned to attend law school and was working on his master’s in business administration before the lure of coaching the sport he had excelled in pulled him in again.

Presque Isle is still building its program, which is no more than 10 years old, said Christine Corsello, both the athletic director and dean of students at the university. “We needed someone who could help put us on the map,” she said.

That’s what Mr. Stone, 35, hopes to do. In 11 years, he had helped coach two collegiate national champions, and he was named the NCAA’s Eastern Coach of the Year in 2009.

His coaching career began almost accidentally.

For full story go to http://chronicle.com/article/A-t-a-S-9-ni-l University-in/126024/

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UMPI sophomore Laura Schools received the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation (MHEAF) scholarship in the amount of $1,000 in December 2010. The Maine Bankers Association administers MHEAF, which selected 12 Maine colleges and universities to receive scholarships last year.

Pictured, from left: UMPI business faculty members Robert Murray, Joanne Wallingford, Stephen Merrill, Clare Exner, Laura Schools, and Carolyn Dorsey.
Individually Awards recognize umPI athletes

umPI Basketball student-Athletes make school history

For the first time in UMPI athletics history, two student-athletes were named AD3I, NCAA Association of Division III Independents Conference, players of the week.

RASHELL SAUCIER (Freshman, Physical Education – Washburn, ME) was named AD3I Women’s Basketball Player of the Week when she led her team to a 2-1 record the week of Jan. 17-21. Averaging 18.3 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 2.3 steals per game, Saucier also caught the eyes of the NAIA Sunrise Conference and the Maine Women’s Basketball Coaches Association as she was also named Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Week and MWBCA Rookie of the Week.

Megan Korhonen (Senior, Physical Education – Littleton, ME) was honored the week of Jan. 24-28 for her outstanding play. Korhonen averaged 8.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 3.7 steals per game while shooting 54% from the floor.

Rasell Saucier

Rasell Saucier (Freshman, Physical Education – Washburn, ME) continues to collect awards this season as she was named Co-Rookie of the Week for the week of Jan. 24-28 after averaging a double-double, 12.6 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, for the three games that week. This is Saucier’s third time receiving this award this season.

Patrick Manifold (Sophomore, Business Management – Great Yarmouth, UK) received the Player of the Week award for the first time this season after averaging 22.7 points, 11.0 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.3 steals while shooting 70% from the floor for the week of Jan. 24-28.

manifold Repeats men’s Basketball Player of the Week

For the second consecutive week, Patrick Manifold (So. Business Management – Great Yarmouth, UK) was named the NCAA D-III Independent Men’s Basketball Player of the Week (Jan. 24-28). He was also named to the Maine Men’s Basketball Coaches and Writer’s Association (MMBWCA) Player of the Week Honor Roll for the second consecutive week.*

Congratulations, Carly!

Nov/Dec Student of the Month

Carly Langley, a Biology/Pre-Med major, has been an outstanding leader, tutoring in biology, math and geology, a valuable member of the cross country team, starting a campus swim club, and working with the Presque Isle High School cross country team. Carly is an all-around positive role model. **
7-oh-9 Coffee House Kicks Off Spring Semester

UMPI’s newly established 7-oh-9 Coffee House will begin the semester with their Sweet Sounds Open Mic & Karaoke Night on Feb. 17 at 7:09 p.m. in the Campus Center. Throughout the semester, the Coffee House will also host New York based musician, Rachel P. on March 1, and another Open Mic Night appropriately named No Mo’ Sno’ on April 19. For more information about the 7-oh-9 Coffee House, contact the Student Activities Office at 768.9582.

Movies Series offers great entertainment for students, faculty, staff, community

Wednesday nights will now be home to the Wednesday Night Movie Series during the Spring Semester here at UMPI. On Feb. 16, Never Let Me Go will be showing in the UMPI Campus Center’s Room 118 at both 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader will hit the screen in the Campus Center’s Room 118 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on March 2. G.I. Jane will play in the Campus Center’s Room 118 at both 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on March 9. Concessions will be sold at the showings, and admission is free and open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. For more information about these upcoming shows or the rest of the schedule for the Spring Semester, contact the Student Activities Office at 768.9582.

Spring Semester jam-packed with events

The 2011 Spring Semester events schedule here at UMPI is full of something for everyone, from Distinguished Lecturers and Cultural Events to Coffee Houses, Movie Nights, and Special Performances from entertainers around the United States. UMPI welcomed DLS Dr. David Tolin on Feb. 8 as he gave his talk Buried in Treasures: The Nature and Treatment of Compulsive Hoarding. The DLS Committee will also bring us Anthony Cortese, Sc.D., co-founder with U.S. Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz and President of Second Nature, on April 13 for University Day. UMPI’s newly established 7-oh-9 Coffee House will begin the semester with their Sweet Sounds Open Mic and Karaoke Night on Feb. 15 at 7:09 p.m. in the Campus Center. Throughout the semester, the Coffee House will also host New York-based musician, Rachel P. on March 1, and another Open Mic Night appropriately named No Mo’ Sno’ on April 19. To honor Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence month, UMPI will invite participants to take part in the Walk in Her Shoes event on March 9. This international men’s march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence was established in 2001, and has become a worldwide movement with tens of thousands of men raising millions of dollars for local rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters and other sexualized violence education, prevention and remediation programs. On April 4, UMPI will welcome Congo native Michel Chikwanine. A former child-soldier, Michel grew up amid the terror of the Great War of Africa that claimed the lives of 5.8 million people, his father included, and was forced to leave his home and become a refugee at age 11. Today, Michel is an accomplished motivational speaker, addressing audiences across North America; speaking to over 100,000 people. The annual Spring Ball themed “Hooray for Hollywood” will be held on March 11. On March 29 UMPI will welcome The Kinsey Sicks as they perform “Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet” and Natalie Stovall, on May 7. For more information about upcoming events, contact the Student Activities Office at 768.9582.

2011 Spring Ball announced

The 2011 Spring Ball is just around the corner and organizers are inviting everyone to attend the “Hooray for Hollywood” dinner and dance on Friday, March 11. “The Spring Ball is the most highly attended social event of the season, targeted to bring the entire campus of students, faculty and staff together in one room for a social atmosphere,” according to Keith Madore, Spring Ball Committee Chairman. The themed, semi-formal dinner and dance event begins with a dinner buffet at 7 p.m. followed by an entertainment program that will showcase campus and local talent, as well as a dance and limbo contest with music provided by a DJ service. Keeping with the campus movie theme of the past year, with releases of Wind 101 and The Proposal, the Spring Ball Committee invites students, faculty and staff to attend the event, walk the red carpet, and pose for the paparazzi. The Spring Ball is a ticketed event and attracts large crowds annually. For more information, contact Keith Madore at keith.madore@umpi.edu.

UMPI to host trip to China for community and students

UMPI will host a trip to China for UMPI and Maine School of Science and Mathematics faculty and students, as well as community members, from May 19 - 30, 2011. Trip participants will depart from New York City on May 19 for Beijing, where they will stay four nights and visit famous sites throughout the Beijing area. Trip attendees will have the opportunity to visit the Forbidden City; Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world; the Temple of Heaven, which was used to offer sacrifices to Heaven and pray for good harvest in ancient times; the Cloisonne Factory; a famous acrobatic show; the Great Wall of China; the Sacred Path of Ming Tombs; the Olympic games site, including the Bird’s Nest and the Water Cube; and Tong Ren Tang Chinese Herbal Medicine Center. The Summer Palace – the largest ancient preserved garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors and the chosen few – will also be explored. After traveling around Beijing, attendees will head to Xian for two nights, where they will get a chance to view the Terracotta Warriors and explore the Horses Museum. The trip will then continue on to Hangzhou – the city that Marco Polo described as the most beauti-
ful and magnificent city in the world – for one night, and then from there continue on to see Suzhou, Wuxi and Shanghai, where classical gardens will be viewed and the western experience of the old days will be apparent. On May 30, trip participants will return to New York City. For more information about this trip, contact Zhu-qi Lu at Zhu-qi.Lu@umpi.edu or 768.9444.

38th Annual European Art Study Tour announced
The Fine Art Department announces that its 38th annual, 2011 European Art Study Tour will take place from May 23 thru June 4. This tour will take registrants on a 14-day trip through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales visiting locations such as: Stonehenge; Big Ben; Shakespeare’s Birthplace; the Tower of London; and the Millennium Wheel, to name a few. This trip is fully escorted under the personal guidance and supervision of Professor Emeritus of Art, Clifton Boudman. For more information, contact Clifton Boudman at 768.9448 or cliff@roadrunner.com.

UMPI hosts Gifted and Talented Program
The University of Maine at Presque Isle will host Project Explore, a gifted and talented program for area elementary and middle school aged students from June 20-24. The Project Explore program will be hosted on the UMPI campus and will be held from 8:45 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. each day. The program is open to students entering grades two through eight in the fall of 2011 and is designed to provide exploratory activities that will develop cognitive potential and will integrate the talents, skills and creativity of each individual participant. Students will attend one or two courses per day. For more information contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

Suits for Students a success
Suits for Students was a huge success this semester. Over 250 pieces of professional clothing were taken by UMPI students. Career Services would like to thank faculty, staff, and community members for donating the suits, jackets, dresses, slacks, shirts, skirts, ties and belts. Suits for Students will also take place at the end of the 2011 Spring Semester.

Law Enforcement vs. Student Basketball Game to be held
Criminal Justice students at the University of Maine at Presque Isle will take on members of the area’s police departments during the 6th Annual CJ Students vs. Law Enforcement Basketball Game in Wieden Gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11. This event serves as a fundraiser for the Criminal Justice Club and helps fund their yearly trip; last year the proceeds from the game helped send the students to New York City, where club members were able to visit the 9/11 site, tour the United Nations, and go on ride-alongs with the NYPD. Admission for this event will be $4 for non-students and free for children. For more information about this event, contact Lisa Leduc at 768.9436 or e-mail her at lisa.leduc@umpi.edu.

UMPI featured at Maine Wind Energy Conference
The University of Maine at Presque Isle was featured at Community Partners’ Maine Wind Energy Conference, Maine’s Wind Energy Future: New Opportunities, New Challenges, on Jan. 24-25 at the Augusta Civic Center. UMPI President Don Zillman was the keynote speaker at the conference presenting the story of the UMPI Wind Turbine. President Zillman also gave the talk University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Medium-Scale Wind Turbine and Curriculum, One Year Later: How it is Growing Expertise, during an afternoon session and Wind 101 was shown on the last morning of the conference.

UMPI Professor’s work featured in BDN article
The University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Dave Putnam was mentioned in a recent article in the Bangor Daily News that discussed the two-year long study that he and two colleagues undertook. The study researched how the people of Aroostook County and New Brunswick use wild plants and mushrooms, and followed 30 foragers in northern Aroostook County to gather information that will be featured on a new website focusing on Maine’s culturally and economically important wild plants and mushrooms. For more information or to view the entire article go to: http://new.bangordailynews.com/2010/12/10/lifestyle/website-highlights-arroostook-county-foragers/

UMPI to take part in international walk
To honor Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Month, UMPI will invite participants take part in the Walk in Her Shoes event on March 9. This international men’s march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence was established in 2001, and has become a world-wide movement with tens of thousands of men raising millions of dollars for local rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters and other sexualized violence education, prevention and remediation programs. During this event, a group of men will begin at the Campus Center and walk a designated path equivalent to one mile, in women’s shoes. Upon return, a “Speak Out” will take place, where survivors and volunteers will share their story of rape, domestic violence, and hope. For more information contact 768.9582.

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