A celebration for the Houlton Higher Education Center’s 10th anniversary was held on Thursday, Sept. 1 and included a Native blessing, the unveiling of a new granite installation at the building’s entrance, and a keynote address by U.S. Congressman Michael H. Michaud.

“It has been the University of Maine at Presque Isle’s great pleasure to join with our outstanding educational partners in delivering classes, degree programs, and educational support services to the region during the past decade,” UMPI President Don Zillman said.

The UMPI facility provides students with the very best in close-to-home educational services and opportunities. Center partners include University College, Northern Maine Community College, Houlton/ Hodgdon Adult Education, Carleton Project, TRiO Upward Bound, and Maine Educational Opportunity Center.

The vision for the Houlton Center took shape in 1999. UMPI maintained a modest education center in Houlton, and

President Zillman to step down summer 2012

President Don Zillman has announced that he will resign at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year and return full time to academic pursuits. He has served as the University’s president since 2006.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees had renewed Zillman’s contract to serve as UMPI’s President until June 30, 2013; however, Zillman has decided to step down after graduation in Spring 2012 for a number of reasons. The move will give him more flexibility to spend time with his family in New Mexico. It also will allow him to return to his position as tenured Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law. His option to return to that position expires on June 30, 2012.

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University marks 9/11

TEN YEARS AGO, the campus community marked the tragic events of 9/11 by gathering at the flag pole in front of Preble Hall for a prayer service. Students marked the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a remembrance event that included candle lightings, remembrance videos, memorial ribbons, a remembrance wall for artwork and memories, and the opportunity to write a note to 9/11 heroes.

Officials unveiled a new plaque at the Houlton Center during its 10th anniversary celebration on Sept. 1. Taking part are, from left, U.S. Congressman Michael H. Michaud, UMPI President Don Zillman, Philip Bosse of U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins’ office, and Jackie White, an NMCC and UMPI alumni who took most of her classes at the Houlton Center.

UMPI & HHEC alum Jackie White addressed the crowd with a moving story of her educational successes; Congressman Mike Michaud was a key supporter of the Houlton Center since its conception.
UMPI garners $29,000 Quimby Grant

The University's Geospatial Information Technology Center received a $29,000 grant from the Quimby Family Foundation to complete non-motorized trail mapping efforts in the region using GIS and GPS technology. Dr. Chunzeng Wang, director of UMPI's GIS Laboratory and grant project coordinator, was presented with the grant by Quimby Family Foundation member Roxanne Quimby during a grant recipient luncheon held in Freeport on Aug. 26.

The grant will support the on-going project entitled Mapping Non-motorized Trails and Developing the Interactive goaroostookoutdoors.com Website with GPS and GIS Technologies to Promote Outdoor Recreation in Aroostook County. The funding will support the committee's on-going work to collect data on non-motorized trails in the region and publish that information at goaroostookoutdoors.com with advanced GPS, GIS, and web GIS technologies. The Committee also plans to use the grant to compile a trail map brochure for the public, to identify trails that need signage, and to install signs by working with trail owners. This work is expected to wrap up by the end of summer 2012.

The non-motorized trail mapping project has resulted in an Aroostook Non-motorized Trails Committee. Chaired by Michael Smith of the Maine Winter Sport Center's Healthy Hometown Program, the committee includes: MWSC, ACAP Healthy Aroostook, Power of Prevention, Northern Maine Development Commission, Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District, and UMPI.

The GIS Laboratory has already collected data on many non-motorized trails in the region with the help of volunteers and financial support from an EPSCoR grant (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research – a National Science Foundation program) awarded to UMPI earlier this year. UMPI students will be hired as interns to work with the committee, and learn hands-on, real-world applications for GIS and GPS technologies.

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then-Northern Maine Technical College also had a presence, but the Houlton community was looking to fill a larger void left after Ricker College closed in 1979.

A community group worked with the University of Maine System, the then-Maine Technical College System, and others to bring the center to fruition. The idea was to transform a former Shop 'n Save grocery store into a unique educational facility. Hannaford Brothers graciously agreed to donate the Military Street building and, to pay for the $2 million renovation, officials received strong support from County legislators and then Maine State Senator Michael Michaud in securing state funding. The project was completed under budget and opened in Fall 2001.

The Center brings a wide variety of educational programs under one roof. University College coordinates distance learning courses and degrees through the University of Maine System, including specific associate, bachelor, and master degrees. NMCC offers classes in the areas of business, nursing and allied health, and liberal studies. TRiO Upward Bound is a federally funded program that prepares underserved high school students for college. Carleton Project is a private alternative high school that offers students in grades 9 to 12 the opportunity to obtain their diploma in a non-traditional setting.

MSAD 29/70 Houlton, Hodgdon Adult Education program provides high school completion, GED, vocational, and community education. The Maine Educational Opportunity Center is focused on increasing the awareness of post secondary educational opportunities available to Maine's low income, first generation adults who desire to pursue a college degree.

UMPI offers classes for the bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Liberal Studies, and the associate's degree in Liberal Arts, and online courses for bachelor's degrees in English, History and Psychology. UMPI hosts the Native Education Center, High School Aspirations, and SAGE.

The 10th anniversary program ended with the unveiling of a new granite installation, which serves as a sign for the building and notes its 2001 establishment. University officials also recognized the Houlton Center staff for their hard work and dedication during the Center's first 10 years.
September 2011

UMPI to host fun-filled Homecoming 2011

The University is hosting another jam-packed Homecoming celebration from Friday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Sept. 25. Alums are slated to return to campus from across the country and as far away as Australia for this year’s Homecoming weekend.

Festivities kick off on Friday with the annual State of the University Address by UMPI President Don Zillman. The annual Alumni Awards will be presented during this event – the Educator of the Year Award will be given to Leeann (Morrow) Ward, Class of 2004, and the Distinguished Alumni Award will go to Dr. Bernard Grenway, Class of 1995. Other activities for the day include a Healthy You “Alumni Olympics” event by Cary Medical Center, a University Credit Union open house, the annual Women’s Soccer Spaghetti Supper, the CJ Students vs. Local Law Enforcement Basketball Game, and the annual Alumni Social.

The fun continues on Saturday with a new Triathlon Race that begins at Riverside Park at 9 a.m. During the day, there will be an art exhibit by Jennifer Pazienza, a free guided walking tour of Historic Presque Isle by the Presque Isle Historical Society, and the Alumni Baseball Game and Women’s Alumni Volleyball Game. The day also includes the Alumni Brunch – where the classes of 2001 (10 years), 1986 (25 years), and 1961 (50 years) will be honored – the annual Potato Barrel games, the Alumni and Families “Swim and Gym,” and the annual Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, where three alumni will be inducted: Evan Graves ’03, Gail Fitzmaurice ’85, and Chris Smith ’83 and ’88. The weekend’s main event will be a reunion concert by classic rock and roll band Too Far North.

The last day of Homecoming serves as an Alumni Sport Day, complete with soccer and cross country events, and the Alumni Athlete Hot Dog Roast.

View the full schedule at www.umpi.edu/files/alumni/homecoming-2011-schedule.pdf.

Dr. Grenway to serve as Distinguished Lecturer

The University will begin its 2011-2012 University Distinguished Lecturer Series with a talk by author, education consultant and radio host Dr. Bernard Grenway.

Dr. Grenway, an UMPI alumnus and the President of Grenway Consulting Group of Washington, D.C., will deliver his talk Diversity in Action: From Culturemorbus to Culturesanus on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. In his book, Motivation, Psychology, and the Black Employee, Dr. Grenway defines Culturemorbus as a social disease that manifests when people of diverse demographics refuse to recognize the ways they are similar. He will discuss “effective ways that Americans can work on recognizing what unites them, thus tapping into their collective humanity.”

Also during his visit, Dr. Grenway will kick off an international college tour on his Baltimore-based radio show live from his alma mater, discussing issues about diversity for modern college students. He will also enjoy the University’s annual Homecoming festivities and speak to several classes.

Dr. Grenway serves as an Assistant Professor of Management at the University of Maryland’s (UC) School of Undergraduate Studies, where he was nominated for the Stanley J. Drazek teaching award. He is also a Full-Time Professor of Business at Kaplan University in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Dr. Grenway holds a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from UMPI, a Graduate Certificate of Executive Leadership from Cornell University’s Johnson Graduate School of Management, a Master of Science in Human Relations and Business from Amberton University, a MBA in Global Management and a Ph.D. in Applied Management.

Grenway’s lecture is free and the public is invited to be a part of this special evening. All are invited to a reception for Grenway in the Campus Center’s Allagash Room at 6 p.m. – light refreshments will be served – as well as a book signing following his talk. For more information, call 768.9452.
The University is putting brand new renewable energy systems to work this semester because of its Pullen Hall Renovation project. The $2.3 million project for one of the University’s two major classroom buildings includes the installation of 99 solar panels on the roof and a biomass boiler system in the basement.

The project also includes the installation of energy efficient windows, improved ADA accessibility, an update of the aging heating and ventilation system, and the addition of temperature control.

A&L Construction took the lead on most of the efforts to rehabilitate the 19,500-square-foot building, including replacement of all windows and entrance doors; new insulation, ceilings and floors, and updates to the building’s facade to give it a more modern look. The project also includes the installation of energy saving lights with motion sensor technology, a new heating system including heat pump technology, and a new electrical system.

University officials received a $750,000 Department of Conservation Maine Forest Service wood-to-energy grant for the new biomass boiler system, and $800,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for its solar project.

The new systems are helping to reduce the University’s carbon footprint and annual electric bill. Work is being done now to finalize an automated weather station that collects information on solar radiation levels. This information is being provided to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, as baseline data for the study of the future use of solar energy.

Dr. Richard Cohen gives reading, book signing

The University hosted one of its Emeritus faculty members, Dr. Richard Shain Cohen, for a reading and book signing on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Dr. Cohen retired from UMPI after serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of English. His latest book is Healing After Dark, which focuses on the work his father, Dr. Morris A. Cohen, did to establish and run the Boston Evening Clinic.

Dr. Cohen edited the story and included excerpts for the book. As the book explains, Dr. Morris Cohen persevered and achieved success with the clinic “against overwhelming odds: the objections of the Massachusetts Medical Society, major hospitals, banks, and businesses.” His efforts to recognize the needs of people unable to pay for medical care or seek it during the day eventually were honored at the highest levels, including recognition by three Presidents of the United States.

The younger Dr. Cohen did not follow his father into medicine – he worked in isotope research at Harvard Medical School before he went into academics – but he has devoted his life and career to serving people in the field of higher education. During his time at UMPI, he was able to oversee the creation of the first Women’s Center in Aroostook County with a Title I grant. He also started the Honors Program under a Title III grant.

Dr. Cohen is originally from Boston and he holds B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. He served as editor of the journal Husson Review and was principal participant in a National Endowment for the Arts grant for Images of Aroostook that was exhibited throughout the State of Maine.

His other publications include The Forgotten Longfellow: Man in the Shadows (2010); Only God Can Make a Tree, poetry from himself and his brother, Alfred Robert Cohen; and the novels Monday: End of the Week, Be Still, My Soul, and Petal on a Black Bough. In progress is a fourth novel. Dr. Cohen now resides in Cape Elizabeth with his wife Arla.
University and Bethany Bible College officials signed a cooperative educational agreement this summer that allows post-degree students from BBC to complete academic requirements at UMPI for their teacher certification in Maine and New Brunswick.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with Bethany Bible College and providing its graduates with this opportunity to earn their teaching certification,” Dr. Michael Sonntag, UMPI’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, said. “BBC graduates will be able to transition seamlessly into our Education degree programs, receive hands-on experience in the education field, and ultimately be able to earn their certification in a fairly condensed time period.”

Through this partnership, students earning the B.A. in Christian School Education at BBC may receive conditional early admission to the B.S. in Teacher Education program at UMPI. After successfully graduating from BBC, students meeting UMPI’s requirements will be able to complete the second Bachelor degree in two semesters plus a student teaching experience. Upon passing Maine’s Praxis series exams, graduates will receive teacher certification from the state. This certification is recognized by more than 40 states and enables students to receive an Interim Certificate V from New Brunswick. Once an individual has completed two years of teaching within the N.B. public school system, a permanent certificate is issued upon request.

“This is a significant benefit for our students,” affirmed Dr. David Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs at BBC. “Essentially, it means that they have the potential of earning two Bachelor degrees plus teacher certification in about 5½ years.”

The agreement reflects the desire of the two institutions to foster international co-operation in a variety of educational pursuits including providing a platform for visiting lecturers, joint research projects, and cultural programs.

The University celebrated the 224th birthday of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a unique “Living History” lecture delivered by UMPI political science lecturer Dr. Brent Andersen.

On Sept. 16, faculty, staff and community members were able to observe Constitution Day by gathering in the Campus Center for the special lecture titled Becoming America: Alexander Hamilton Recalls America’s Journey from the Declaration of Independence to the Constitution of the United States.

Dr. Andersen portrayed Alexander Hamilton, an aide to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War and later one of the principal architects of the U.S. Constitution. Dressed as Hamilton, Dr. Andersen explained how colonial discontent with Great Britain led to the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. He detailed how hard lessons in self-governance learned during and after that war led directly to the 1787 convention in Philadelphia, where the U.S. Constitution was drafted. After the prepared lecture, the audience was invited to ask questions, which Dr. Andersen answered as Hamilton.

Dr. Andersen said he wanted to offer an educational lecture that didn’t feel like an ‘eat your vegetables’ occasion: “I remember many years ago attending an event where an actor portrayed Benjamin Franklin reminiscing about his life and took questions from the audience. It was very informative and great fun at the same time. It struck me that taking a similar approach would make good sense for UMPI’s Constitution Day celebration.”

Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day – a national celebration of our country’s founding document – to commemorate the Sept. 17, 1787, signing of the Constitution. In 2004, Congress passed a spending bill that included a provision requiring every school and college that receives federal money to teach about the Constitution on Sept. 17, with a grace period should that day fall on a weekend or conflict with established schedules.
The University honored more than 20 employees and celebrated 315 years of service during its annual Welcome Back and Annual Staff Recognition Breakfast on Aug. 26.

“We thank these employees for the hard work they do every day to help campus operations to run smoothly and efficiently,” President Don Zillman said. “Our campus community is stronger and our students are better served because of their dedication.”

The following individuals were honored for their years of service to the University.

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Ethelyn Boyd

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Florence Soucie, Suzanne Beaudet and Nancy Fletcher

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Kim-Anne Perkins and Karen McCosker

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Keith Madore, Linda Hickman and David Putnam

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OAPI announces events for Fall 2011

The University’s Outdoor Adventure Program International [OAPI] is offering a series of fall adventures and activities for campus and community members to enjoy, including a hike up Mt. Katahdin, paintballing and geocaching.

The fun kicked off on Sept. 17-18 with an Acadia Adventure Weekend that included outdoor rock climbing on the Otter Cliffs, exploring the park by foot through its vast network of trails, and guided sea kayak tours. On Friday, Sept. 23, there will be a Paddle on the Presque Isle Stream. The van will depart from Gentile Hall at 1 p.m. No experience is required. The registration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 22 by 4 p.m. Non-students may sign up starting Sept. 19. Cost is free for UMPI students, $5 for non-students.

Two days later, on Sunday, Sept. 25, OAPI will lead a group hike up Mt. Katahdin, Maine’s highest peak, for some of the most spectacular views in the East. Participants must be in excellent physical condition and be able to withstand a full day of strenuous hiking. The registration deadline for this event is Thursday, Sept. 29. Non-students may sign up on Sept. 29. Cost is $5 for UMPI students, $10 for non-students.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, OAPI will take participants to the TreeGO Adventure Course in Mactaquac, New Brunswick. The aerial adventure course offers high-flying fun with the security of safety cables. The van departs from Gentile Hall at 9 a.m. The registration deadline for this event is Wednesday, Oct. 12 by 4 p.m. Non-students may register Oct. 5. Cost is $35 for UMPI students, $50 for non-students. A passport is required to take part in this adventure.

On Saturday, Oct. 22 to Sunday, Oct. 23, OAPI will lead a St. Croix River Trip, taking participants to one of the most scenic rivers in Maine. Paddlers will encounter tranquil flatwater interspersed with sections of Class I and II whitewater. The group will spend the night under the stars on this 2-day, 33-mile river voyage. No experience is necessary. The registration deadline for this event is Monday, Oct. 17 by 4 p.m. Non-students may register starting Oct. 10. The cost is $45 for UMPI students, $65 for non-students.

Finally, OAPI will end its busy fall season with a kayak roll session on Friday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in Gentile Hall. The activity will be led by whitewater guide and UMPI Recreation student Josh Stahl. No experience is needed. The registration deadline for this event is Thursday, Oct. 27 by 4 p.m. Non-students may register Nov. 2. The cost is $35 for UMPI students, $45 for non-students.

For more information, contact Kim McCrea, Assistant Director of Gentile Hall and Manager of OAPI at 768.9401 or kimberly.mccrea@umpi.edu.
The University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Athletic Hall of Fame will induct three new members on Sept. 24 at a ceremony held during Homecoming weekend. This year’s inductees will include Gail Fitzmaurice ’85, Evan Graves ’03, and Christopher L. Smith ’83 & ’88.

While attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Gail Fitzmaurice was a two-sport athlete participating in both field hockey and basketball. A leader by example, Gail was a dynamic player with the gift of making those around her better. In 1983, she led the entire state in assists, a statistic defined by a player’s ability to put her teammates in the best position to score. Gail’s leadership abilities were presented in the 1983 NAIA District #5 semifinal contest. Gail, a co-captain, saw her Owls fall behind 3-0 in the first ten minutes of the game. With two goals of her own and assists on two others, Gail spearheaded a comeback that resulted in a 5-3 win. The Owls’ rode the emotional high straight into the championship game where they defeated the #1 seed Castleton State for UMPI’s first ever NAIA District #5 championship.

In 2007, Gail was elected to the Field Hockey Hall of Fame in Skowhegan. Gail continues to stay active with athletics and recreation, and just completed her 10th Trek Across Maine for the American Lung Association. She also participates in many other bicycle rides for charities. Of all her post-collegiate athletic achievements, though, the one that Gail is most proud and fond of came when she completed the Maine Half Marathon in Portland with close friend Laura Gardiner in 1996. Gail currently resides in Waterboro, Maine with her partner of 17 years, Kim Westcott.

Evan Graves enters the Hall of Fame as one of the most accomplished runners to lace up his shoes at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. As a four year member of the Cross Country team, he finished in the top three of events a total of 22 times, including 14 first-place finishes. Before his time at UMPI, Evan attended Mount Desert Island High School where he was a four-sport athlete. He excelled in track and basketball, was a three year cross country runner, and even played football for one season. Upon his arrival in Presque Isle however, Evan shifted all of his focus and energy to one sport: Cross Country. That concentrated vision and focus led to almost immediate success as a freshman. At the end of the season, the freshman was named to the NAIA Region 10 All-Region team. In 2000, Evan sur-

Christopher L. Smith
national championships, he again improved his time and place for a 3rd straight year finishing in 62nd place with a time of 26:41. His efforts were recognized with his 2nd MAC Runner of the Year. As a senior, he won the UMPI Invitational for the 3rd consecutive year. He also won the UMaine Farmington Invitational for a 4th straight year, finishing his career having never lost that event. At the end of the season, Evan was once again named the conference Player of the Year, this time in the Sunrise Athletic Conference. Since graduating, Evan has competed in many marathons including the: New York City, Twin Cities, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia (3rd Place – 2:24:38, Personal Record), Hartford (3rd Place) and Manchester City (1st Place). He also has raced in the Bar Harbor Half Marathons, finishing in 1st place from Fall 2004 – Fall 2007 and 2nd place in Fall 2008. In October of 2008, Evan finished in 1st place at the Maine Marathon and Half Marathon. Professionally, Evan is currently teaching at Caribou High School. He is the Assistant Nordic Ski Coach at Caribou High School, and the Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Caribou Middle School. Evan was a member of the MAHPERD Board of Directors and also served four years as the treasurer of the Aroostook Mustangs Running Club. Recently, he completed his Master’s degree in Educational Leadership through the University of Maine. He and his wife Erin, also a graduate of UMPI, reside in Caribou with their daughter Emma and the family dog.

Christopher L. Smith earned his Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1983 and returned to UMPI to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education – Teaching in 1988. While working on this second Bachelor’s degree, Chris began his coaching career at UMPI, coaching cross country part-time in the fall of 1987. This fall, Coach Smith is coaching cross country for his 24th season. During his long and distinguished career, he has coached his squads to 19 team championships; been named Coach of the Year 11 times; and athletes under his guidance have competed in the NAIA National Championships for 16 of the 23 seasons completed, which has lead to 145 individual athlete champions whether it be all conference, all district, all region, Dirigo all stars, or NCAA Association of Division III Independents. In addition to coaching cross country for UMPI, Chris has also served as the UMPI Hockey Club Advisor from 2006 through the present and as the UMPI Track and Field Club Advisor/Coach for 2010 and 2011. He has served on the NAIA National Ranking Committee for Men and/or Women, most recently in 2009.

Race Directing is also a big part of his career. He has directed the UMPI Spring Runoff 5K for 23; the 2010 Presque Isle Sesquicentennial 5K; the Caribou Labor Day 8K since 2009; the NAIA Northeast Regional preliminary and championship races in 1995 and 1999 with two races each year; the TAC USA (now known as USATF) age group races; and the Sam Ouellet Memorial. Chris has also been very active in athletic ventures outside of UMPI. Other coaching and instructing have included: Assistant Instructor for Choi’s School of Self-Defense in Portland in 1986 and 1987; Presque Isle Middle School Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country 1987 - 1989; karate classes at UMPI from 1989 - 1995; Director/Co-Director of “The Cross Country Running Camp at UMPI” from 1994 - 1998; Presque Isle High School Track and Field jumps, middle and long distance for five years; and Presque Isle Middle School Boy’s Track and Field for the last three years. He taught Wellness Labs at UMPI from 1996 - 2008 and has served as the President or “Bull” of the Aroostook Mustangs (the local running club) since October of 2008. On a personal competition level, Chris was the winner of the Aroostook Triathlon 1983 - 1985. He qualified for and participated in the United States Triathlon Association National Championships in 1985. Chris also completed a half marathon in 2010 and continues to train for and participate in road and cross country races. When not involved in some athletic pursuit, Chris enjoys all outdoor activities, is a prolific reader, and is often roped into various historical society endeavors by his wife, Kim – whom he met when they ran track and cross country together in high school.

Congratulations to these three UMPI Owls on their exceptional efforts.

### UMPI Athletic Department welcomes two new coaches

**The 2011-2012 season will be the first for JIM CASCIANO at the University of Maine at Presque Isle as he fills the Head Men’s Basketball Coach position in the Owl’s Athletic Department. Casciano joins the Owls’ athletic program from Union County College (NJ). In his nearly 30 year collegiate coaching career, Casciano has headed up men’s basketball programs at the NJCAA, NAIA, NCAA Division I, II, and III levels.**

When he is not in the gym coaching basketball, Casciano is writing about it. He has penned articles about his basketball philosophies that have been printed in Winning Hoops, Coaching Basketball, The Basketball Clinic, and The Basketball Bulletin. Casciano also serves as the Owl’s Assistant Athletic Director. He and his wife, Daphne, live in Presque Isle.

In August 2011, MARC HEIDORF became Head Coach of the Women’s Basketball program at UMPI. All of Heidorf’s collegiate coaching background comes exclusively at the NCAA Division III level, something he will utilize while leading an Owls’ program as they continue to make the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division III play. Heidorf has made two stops as an assistant coach in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. As a first time head coach at Lawrence University, Heidorf’s teams showed statistical improvement in categories including wins, points per game, field goal percentage, rebounds, and free throw percentage. Heidorf also serves as the Sports Information Director within the UMPI athletic department. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Presque Isle with their son, Parker.
Textbook by Dr. Linda Graves to be translated into Korean

College students in Korea soon will be using a textbook co-authored by UMPI professor Dr. Linda Graves as part of their coursework when the book *Clinical Laboratory Chemistry* is published in Korean. Graves, Medical Laboratory Technology professor at UMPI, and her co-author Robert Sunheimer of the State University of New York, had their book published last summer by Pearson. “Korea has excellent clinical laboratory science programs and train outstanding clinical laboratory scientists, so to have our book be a part of their education is exciting,” Dr. Graves said. Congratulations Dr. Graves on a job well done!

Sustainability theme continues at UMPI with talk by County native Mark Anderson

UMPI’s Environmental Studies and Sustainability program and the UMPI EPSCoR grant project hosted Caribou-born Mark Anderson on Sept. 15 in the GIS lab in Folsom Hall. Anderson, who coordinated the University of Maine’s Ecology and Environmental Sciences Program for nearly 20 years and who serves as a senior instructor with UMaine’s School of Economics, delivered the talk *Toward a Theory of Sustainability: An Exercise in Prospective Stakeholder Engagement*. During this talk, Anderson discussed the work he and his colleagues have been doing as part of the Sustainability Solutions Initiative to establish an operational theory of sustainability that ‘satisfies the needs of today without diminishing the ability of future generations’ to do the same. Students, faculty, staff and community members were invited to attend the talk.

Club and Community Fair a success

UMPI hosted its 16th annual Club and Community Fair on Sept. 15 in the Campus Center. This event served as an opportunity for students, new and old, to learn more about their campus and the surrounding community. Once again, area businesses filled the Multi-purpose room to promote their products and services to UMPI students. Students walked away with door prizes, coupons, samples, give-aways, and an abundance of information. Great job to all of the organizers of this great event.

SAGE kicks off another semester of exciting courses

A University of Maine at Presque Isle program that serves local residents over age 50 and believes in “learning for life” hosted its fall kick-off event on Sept. 16 in the Campus Center. Seniors Achieving Greater Education (SAGE) has worked for more than a decade to bring short courses in arts, sciences, and specialty areas to the region’s senior community. At the Sept. 16 event, participants had the opportunity to socialize with SAGE members and learn all about upcoming SAGE classes. This fall, SAGE officials are offering 14 courses and learning excursions – on topics ranging from Shakespeare and World War II prisoners of war, to Genealogy and UFOs. Learning excursions include trips to Northeast Packaging in Presque Isle, to learn about the history of the family owned and operated business, and to Gingerich Baskets and Woodworks in Easton, where attendees will have the chance to view a basket-making demonstration. For more information about SAGE, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

Photographer Jason Grass to host book signing at alma mater, UMPI

UMPI alumnus and photographer Jason Grass will present his latest book *Living in Color, Dreaming in Black and White* during a book signing event on Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Owl’s Nest, located in the University’s Campus Center. “For the past eleven years, my art has been mainly black and white,” Grass said. “I was not very comfortable with very much color. This book is a journey of self-exploration of my breaking out of my comfort zone of just black and white and heading into a new horizon of color. I hope you will come and partake in my adventure with me.” The public is invited to attend the Sept. 21 book signing. For more information contact Jessica Chase Smith at 551.2371.

UMPI President participates in MBTA meeting

President Don Zillman served as a guest speaker at The Maine Better Transportation Association’s High Energy Education: Wind, Wood & Sustainable Energy Initiatives meeting on Aug. 4 at the Northeastland Hotel in downtown Presque Isle. At the meeting, President Zillman touched on the green initiatives at UMPI that won the University the Second Nature Leadership Award for its sustainability measures, including the installation of the University’s wind turbine. NMCC’s Barry Ingraham and Jason Parent were also asked to speak at the meeting about NMCC’s energy programs, including their new Associate’s degree in wind power technology.

UMPI Professor attends conference in Washington, D.C.

UMPI Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Charles Johnson received a scholarship from the National Institute of Justice to attend the annual conference in June. The goal of the Translational Criminology: Shaping Policy and Practice with Research conference was to bridge the gap between academics and practitioners in the criminal justice system. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr. gave the keynote address in which he encouraged the development of relationships between the field and researchers. Congratulations on the scholarship, Dr. Johnson.
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Dr. Bonnie Wood presents at conferences throughout United States

Cleveland State University in Ohio extended an invitation to UMPI’s Dr. Bonnie Wood to present at their August Faculty/Staff Professional Development Conference. During the four-hour workshop, participants used Dr. Wood’s book Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Science Educators and their Students, as a workbook. Dr. Wood will give a similar presentation in October at the Society for College Science Teachers session in Hartford, Conn. as part of a National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Area Conference. She will close out the 2011-2012 academic year by presenting in March at the NSTA’s National Conference, again with the focus being on lecture-free teaching. Keep up the good work, Dr. Wood!

**New UMPI Biomedical Club established**

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**UMPI Criminal Justice Club to sponsor 2011 Maine Victim Assistance Academy**

UMPI Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and President of the Board for the Hope and Justice Project, Lisa Leduc, and the Criminal Justice Club will welcome approximately 50 area professionals working in the field of advocacy training for victims of crime to the UMPI campus on Sept. 19-23 for a 40-hour comprehensive training. The training is designed to build the capacity and skill level of victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and other professionals. Registrants will be educated on topics such as, but not limited to: trauma, crisis intervention, sexual assault, domestic violence elder abuse, stalking, and homicide/drunk driving. For more information about this event, contact Lisa Leduc at 768.9436.

**Dr. Dena Winslow to present Unraveling the Mysteries of Learning Disabilities**

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will welcome Dr. Dena Winslow, Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, on Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center’s Allagash Room.

This talk is open to the public and is sponsored by UMPI’s Diversity Committee. For more information about this event, contact Lisa Udasco at 768.9558. For more information about learning disabilities, visit the Learning Disabilities of Maine website at www.ldame.org.

**UMPI gives Chinese students a taste of the American university experience**

On July 17, forty-one Chinese high school students began a week-long college exploratory experience at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Five UMPI professors joined in to teach the Chinese students math, science, and English, but that wasn’t all they got to participate in. Students were able to use the ropes course, Gentile Hall, and do ceramics at UMPI. They were also able to visit the SAD1 Educational Farm, tour the Solar System Model along Route 1, go to Aroostook State Park, and stop in at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics as well as the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. Although the Chinese students were introduced to a number of activities during their stay in The County, UMPI President Don Zillman said a memory he will take from the experience was having both the Chinese students and Upward Bound participants playing basketball together. “They were having a great, friendly game,” he said, “and it made me think that there are things that are universal in the world.”

**UMPI Math Professor Dr. Peng Peng Yu teaches high school students from Hefei, China, about Mobius strips in a math class he taught during the students’ week-long visit to the UMPI. The visit provided the Chinese high school students with their first exposure to the American University experience.**

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**Upward Bound**

On Sept. 5, 131 students from seven high schools throughout Aroostook County attended Upward Bound’s orientation at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. The students’ weeklong visit to the UMPI provided the Chinese high school students with their first exposure to the American University experience. The University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Biomedical Club will welcome approximately 50 area professionals working in the field of advocacy training for victims of crime to the UMPI campus on Sept. 19-23 for a 40-hour comprehensive training.

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SEPT 19–23
Victim Assistance Academy 7am–6pm daily, MPR, 768.9436

SEPT 19
Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, 5pm, Alumni Room

SEPT 20
Dr. Dena Winslow – Myths and Realities of Learning Disabilities 6–8:30pm, Allagash Room, 768.9558

SEPT 21
Jason Grass Book Signing 10:30am–2:30pm, Owl’s Nest

SEPT 22
University Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Bernard Grenway, 7pm, MPR, 768.9452

SEPT 23–26
Homecoming 2011 - See story and web link, pg. 3

SEPT 23
University Credit Union’s First Anniversary Event 1–5pm, Owl’s Nest, 768.9624 ■ Women’s Soccer Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser 5:30pm, Campus Center, $5 Adults, $3 Children ■ CJ Students vs Law Enforcement Basketball Gam, 7pm, Wieden, $4 adults, students & children free, 768.9436 ■ OAPI Paddle Presque Isle Stream 1pm, 768.9401

SEPT 24
Triathlon Race (Run, Bike, Kayak), Men’s, Women’s, & Team Divisions, 9am, Riverside Park, FMI – cody.clossen@maine.edu

SEPT 25
OAPI Hike, Mt. Katahdin FMI 768.9401

SEPT 26
Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, 5pm, Alumni Room

OCT 3
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OCT 4
University Distinguished Lecturer Dr. David Hart, 7 pm, MPR – FMI 768.9401 ■ Gay Blue Jeans Day, part of the 3rd annual UMPI Gay Awareness Days events

OCT 5
Politics and Media Darrell Dorgan, 7 pm, FMI, 768.9745

OCT 6
OAPI Corn Maze Trip at Goughan’s Farm, 1 pm FMI 768.9401

OCT 7
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OCT 10
Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving.

Welcome Back Celebration Days at the UMPI Bookstore!
Hurry in and check out our new lines of apparel and accessories from great vendors like Under Armour and Champion!
Every Wednesday - $1.00 for ANY size Slush Puppy
Every Thursday - $1.50 for 8.4 oz Red Bull
Open Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We want to hear about your news & events! If you would like to submit an item for the October image, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 3. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to sara.martin@umpi.edu.

UMPI Alum selected Maine Teacher of the Year
Congratulations to Alana Margeson, UMPI Class of 2000 and current teacher at Caribou High School, on being named the Maine 2012 Teacher of the Year! Margeson, who earned two Bachelor’s degrees from UMPI – one in Elementary Education and another in Secondary Education – and also worked in the Admissions Office as a workstudy student, cited several UMPI professors and mentors who influenced her as an educator. She said she is proud to represent the University. For more information about Margeson’s award, visit the BDN and WAGM websites. ★