A LANAHARRINGTON MARGESON, a Caribou High School English teacher and UMPI alumna, was named Maine’s 2012 Teacher of the Year during a surprise all-school assembly on Sept. 15. She was one of 10 educators in Maine nominated for the honor.

“Her nominating committee wrote that she engages students in debate, inquiry, research and discussion in a safe environment that encourages taking risks, thinking ‘outside the comfort zone’ and ‘aha moments’,” Jennifer Pooler, Teacher of the Year coordinator for the Maine Department of Education, said in a press release.

A member of UMPI’s Class of 2000, Margeson earned two Bachelor’s degrees from UMPI – one in Elementary Education and another in Secondary Education-English. Margeson had Dr. Ted Shields as her advisor and was involved in campus, working in the Admissions Office as a work-study student. She cited several UMPI professors and mentors who influenced her as an educator, including Drs. Ruth Anderson, Kenneth Taylor, Ray Rice, and Hood Frazier.

“We are so pleased to see an UMPI alum receive this recognition for her dedication to her students,” UMPI President Don Zillman said. “Alana worked very hard during her time at UMPI – earning two Bachelor’s degrees in Education and serving as a very dedicated workstudy student – and the drive and passion she exhibited have served her well in the classroom. We are proud to see UMPI represented so well through Alana and her commitment to excellence in teaching.”

According to the Maine Department of Education’s website, the Maine Teacher of the Year is described as an outstanding teacher who best represents the thousands

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Survivor: Gabon winner to be next DLS speaker

The University will welcome Bob Crowley – the South Portland native and retired high school physics teacher who won the 17th season of the hit reality show Survivor – as the next speaker in its 2011-2012 University Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Crowley, who, at 57, became the oldest winner in the show’s history, will speak on Winning with Attitude and Alliances at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the Campus Center. The public is invited to a reception to be held in his honor at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Room, as well as a book signing to be held immediately following his talk.

Before winning Survivor: Gabon, Crowley had served in many adventurous capacities. He was a first mate on an archeological expedition for the Smithsonian Institution, a tree climber and forester, a skunk relocator, butterfly catcher, and lobsterman. As an entomologist for the USDA, he walked more than 100 islands off Maine’s coast, scouting out the Browntail Moth, while simultaneously coming across an Indian burial site. He also served as President, Vice President and Chief Negotiator for his local Teacher’s Union. He retired in 2009 after 25 years of teaching.

In 2008, he became a Survivor contestant. The animated, bow-tie wearing physics teacher from Maine captured the hearts and minds of millions of weekly viewers by using his ingenuity, resourcefulness, wit and “nice guy” attributes to defeat contestants less than half his age. In addition to taking home the Million Dollar prize, Crowley also **continued on page 2**
The University honored two alumni with awards of distinction during its Homecoming 2011 activities the weekend of Sept. 23-25. The annual alumni award presentations were made for the first time during the State of the University Address by President Don Zillman, which took place on Sept. 23.

Alumna Leeann Morrow Ward was honored with the Educator of the Year Award, presented to an alumnus/alumna who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator. Alumnus Dr. Bernard Grenway received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has made long-term contributions to the Alumni Association or the University, or who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on the University.

Leeann Morrow Ward graduated from the University in 2004 with a Bachelor’s degree in English. She went on to earn her Master’s degree in Teaching Children with Visual Impairments from Western Michigan University. Since 2007, she has worked for Catholic Charities Maine, providing assessment, instruction and consultation to blind and visually impaired children, their parents and school personnel. She works closely with the Bangor School System teaching visually impaired children how to read Braille, use adaptive equipment, and provide low vision training.

In her field of expertise, Ward has been able to serve as a workgroup member for the State of Maine’s LD 765: An Act to Address the Documented Educational and Rehabilitation Needs of Persons Who Are Visually Impaired or Blind. She is a certified teacher of the visually impaired in the State of Maine and a member of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Also being recognized, Dr. Bernard Grenway graduated from the University in 1995 with a Bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies. He went on to earn his 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. He now serves as the lead consultant and President of the Grenway Consulting Group of Washington, D.C. He is also an Assistant Professor of Management at the University of Maryland’s (UC) School of Undergraduate Studies and a full-time Professor of Business at Kaplan University in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Dr. Grenway is the author of Random Musings: Reflections of a Black Intellectual, as well as Motivation, Psychology, and the Black Employee: What Maslow Forgot to Tell You and Square: The Death and Life of C.J. Blair. His next book Reality Intelligence & the Veritas Narrative: How the Truth Will Set America Free will be released early next year. He also hosts the Baltimore-based Random Musings radio show which focuses on diversity and higher education issues.

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of excellent educators in Maine. He or she serves as an advocate for the teaching profession, education and students. The Maine Teacher of the Year program is managed by the Maine Department of Education in collaboration with the Maine State Board of Education and the Maine State Teacher of the Year Association.

As Teacher of the Year, Margeson is expected to attend five national events: the initial gathering of all state Teachers of the Year in Dallas, Texas; a ceremony in Washington, D.C., with the President and the Secretary of Education; NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.; the “Next Steps” conference in Princeton, N.J.; and the Digital Arts Storytelling Workshop in New York, N.Y.

Margeson is a Caribou High School graduate. She also earned her Master’s degree in Education Administration from St. Joseph’s College in Standish. She and her husband Erich reside in Stockholm with their four sons.
Upward Bound receives Talent Search grant

UMPI’s TRiO Upward Bound program has been awarded a $230,000 Talent Search grant by the U.S. Department of Education to identify and assist local students who may otherwise not have the opportunity to pursue higher education. This is a five-year grant program.

In praising the Department of Education’s award announcement, Congressman Michaud said, “I have always believed that every child should have the opportunity to receive a high quality education, regardless of their background or financial situation. Unfortunately, for many students a college education appears out of reach. I’m thrilled to see that this program will help students in Aroostook County accomplish their education goals. Programs like this truly make a difference in the lives of families and our economy as a whole.”

The Talent Search project at UMPI will allow hundreds of disadvantaged students to receive services each year that enable them to realize their college dreams. UMPI is the second university in Maine to offer the Talent Search program. The University of Maine in Orono has the only other Talent Search program in the state.

“We are delighted to receive this new funding,” Darylen Cote, Director of TRiO Pre-College Programs at UMPI, said. “It was a highly competitive process, and we are the only program in Maine to receive a new award. The grant will enable us to assist 500 middle and high school students each year who have dreams and aspirations about going to college and working at careers they will enjoy.”

Talent Search services are provided during the academic year and include such activities as academic advising, tutoring, career exploration, assistance with college applications, entrance test preparation, college visits, and instruction in financial literacy topics.

“We are pleased to have been awarded Talent Search funding from the U.S. Department of Education,” UMPI President Don Zillman said. “We recognize that students who are economically disadvantaged, or the first in their families to earn postsecondary degrees, face unique challenges. The preparation that this program provides will help remove barriers to success for these students and make college opportunities more accessible. With both Talent Search and Upward Bound Pre-College programs now available here, more Aroostook County students will be positioned for careers of the future, which will ultimately benefit the Aroostook County economy.”

Dr. Hart’s DLS talk focuses on sustainability

Dr. David Hart, Director of the Senator George J. Mitchell Center and the Research Leader for Maine’s Sustainability Solutions Initiative, served as the second speaker in the University’s 2011-2012 Distinguished Lecturer Series.

Dr. Hart spoke on Tuesday, Oct. 4 about Maine’s Sustainability Solutions Initiative: Linking Knowledge with Action to Create a Brighter Economic, Social and Environmental Future. He discussed how the Sustainability Solutions Initiative, funded in part by a $20 million, five-year National Science Foundation EPSCoR grant, is helping Maine’s universities and colleges to better develop – in collaboration with Maine communities – real-world solutions for key sustainability issues in the state.

The Sustainability Solutions Initiative (SSI) is an innovative program in which Maine’s universities and colleges are drawing upon the power of partnerships to help create new and better jobs, strengthen communities and protect the environment. In projects ranging from Aroostook to York County, SSI is helping to address issues including renewable energy development, the future of Maine’s forests, water resource management and town planning.

UMPI has been an SSI partner since the first year of the project in 2009. Led by Professors Jason Johnston, Dave Putnam, Kim Sebold, and Chunzeng Wang, UMPI’s SSI project has focused on modeling evolving ecological, cultural, and economic systems and on renewable energy resources of the Aroostook River watershed.

In addition to his work with the Senator George J. Mitchell Center and the Sustainability Solutions Initiative, Dr. Hart serves as a professor in the University of Maine’s School of Biology and Ecology. He has taught and conducted research at the University of California, Davis, University of California, Berkeley, Michigan State University, University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, and the Patrick Center for Environmental Research at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Dr. Hart received his Bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He earned his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis. His awards include an NSF National Needs Postdoctoral Fellowship, a Ruth Patrick Scholarship, a Fulbright Senior Scholarship and an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship.
The University’s Foundation received a generous $30,000 gift for two scholarships to be established in Dr. Kenneth Petress’ name. Dr. Petress was a Professor Emeritus of Communication with the University. The gift was presented this summer by Dr. Richard Asam, Professor Emeritus of Communication, a long-time colleague of Dr. Petress and the executor of his estate.

Dr. Petress served as a Professor of Communication at UMPI from 1988 to 2002. During his time at the University, he served in many capacities, including as coordinator of the communication, literature and science departments. He dedicated his life to learning and teaching others.

Dr. Petress was born on Nov. 1, 1939, in Chicago, the son of Charles and Margaret (French) Petress. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Dr. Petress earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1977 and a Master of Arts degree in Communication in 1979 from Northern Illinois University. He received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1988.

Dr. Petress began his teaching career as an instructor in the computer science department for Bryant & Stratton College, 1965-1968, as well as CBS Holt schools, 1969-1971. He taught at many different levels, including in the People’s Republic of China on many occasions. He finished his career as a professor in the English and Fine Arts department at the University. He was a well-respected educator. Dr. Petress passed away on May 21, 2010.

The Dr. Kenneth Petress Memorial Scholarship will be available to full-time, upper-class students in good academic standing who are majoring in English and the Humanities. Preference will be given to students studying in the field of Professional Communication.

The Kenneth Petress Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students will support non-traditional age students, 25 years or older, who are uncertain about the college degree experience but would like the opportunity to try a college course in a supportive environment. The scholarship will cover the cost of a course at the University, including tuition and fees.

For more information or to contribute to the fund, please contact UMPI’s Office of Development at 768.9568.

Dr. Richard Asam, (center) UMPI Professor Emeritus of Communications and long-time colleague and executor of the estate of the late Dr. Kenneth Petress, presented a check to UMPI President Don Zillman for the establishment of scholarships in Dr. Petress’ name. At left is Brian Flewelling, Chair of the Foundation of the University at Presque Isle.

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won Fan Favorite. According to producers, he is one of the most likeable winners in the show’s history.

A self-proclaimed “eco-friendly outdoorsman,” Crowley has built numerous structures including wharfs, saunas, a chicken house and a summer cabin that sleeps 12, all completely from recycled materials. His cabin requires only a fraction of the energy used to supply the average U.S. home. Since a young age, he’s looked to existing environmental resources to build and construct things.

Crowley earned his Associate’s and Bachelor’s degrees in Forestry from the University of Maine in Orono and a Master’s of Education degree from the University of Southern Maine.

Following his talk, Crowley will sign copies of his book Making Waves: The Stories of Maine’s Bob Crowley. The public is invited to be a part of this free event. For more information, contact the University’s Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

Your soda tabs are needed!

Please rip off the tabs from your soda cans and save them for the medieval faire.

The Presque Isle Middle School History Club needs the tabs for their project. Save your tabs and contact Kim Sebold at 768.9721 when they are ready to be collected.
Dr. Zaborney signs book contract with LSU Press

UMPI History Professor John Zaborney has signed a book contract with one of the nation's outstanding scholarly presses for his forthcoming book on slave hiring in 19th century America.

Dr. Zaborney’s book Slaves For Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia is scheduled for publication by Louisiana State University Press in Fall 2012. Founded in 1935, LSU Press is one of the oldest and largest university presses in the South and has garnered national and international accolades, including four Pulitzer Prizes. It is a major publisher of scholarly books, especially in the area of Southern history.

“This contract represents the culmination of many years of work, both here and at archives in Virginia and North Carolina,” Dr. Zaborney said. “For university faculty, having one’s book published by a university press represents the pinnacle of research and scholarly achievement, as it has had to pass the evaluation and scrutiny of national experts in the field.”

In his book, Dr. Zaborney explores some long-held assumptions about slave hiring in Antebellum Virginia and brings to light some important and sometimes unexpected realities of the practice. Major themes include the 19th century origins of slave hiring; the hiring of women (including pregnant women), children, and elderly slaves; hiring's impact on slave families; and connections between slave hiring and white society and Virginia’s economy on the eve of the Civil War.

Zaborney considers new evidence and questions, and includes a rural context to the subject. In the process, his book overturns the assumptions that slave hiring involved primarily urban male slaves, was advantageous for slaves, and weakened slavery’s institutional integrity, a consensus of some 50 years’ duration. Instead, Zaborney argues in his book, slave hiring involved all types of slaves in all economic and occupational settings, and, often to hired slaves’ detriment, fortified the institution of slavery in Virginia prior to secession and Civil War.

Dr. Zaborney has served as a professor at UMPI since 1998. He has written nearly 20 articles and book chapters on topics associated with slavery and slave hiring.

Dr. Johnston published in journal Behaviour

Dr. Jason Johnston, UMPI Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, just had his article published in the journal Behaviour. The article is titled Effects of stage in incubation, time in season, and proportion of original clutch remaining on nest desertion by house sparrows, Passer domesticus.

In the article, Dr. Johnston explains his study of nest desertion in response to clutch reduction by house sparrows. Over two years, he studied 150 nests, 36 of which were deserted, and found that nests were more likely to be deserted when egg reductions occurred earlier in incubation. “This suggests that both time and brood size are used to assess the tradeoff between current and future investment,” Johnston said in his article.

He also found that, near the end of the breeding season, the proportion of original clutch eggs remaining and stage in incubation were less important, and that low desertion was likely associated with a lack of re-nesting opportunities during the season.

Whether house sparrows desert or continue investing in a reduced clutch, Dr. Johnston asserts, is a “function of offspring reproductive value when there is an opportunity for re-nesting in the same season.” However, he said, near the end of the season, the decision is based on the residual reproductive value of the parents.

According to its website, Behaviour publishes original research pursuing the four questions scientist Niko Tinbergen defined for research in behavioral biology. The editorial board also encourages reviews of behavioral biology that illuminate emergent trends and new directions in behavioral research. Learn more at www.brill.nl/behaviour.
UMPI welcomes new employees to campus

The University is welcoming 17 new employees at the start of the 2011-2012 academic year, including new professors, coaches, and professional staffers.

- **Hyrum Benson** joins the Art Program as an Assistant Professor of Art. He most recently taught ceramics and interior design at Tarant Country College in Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to that, he taught and served as an Assistant Administrator in the College of Visual Arts and Design at the University of North Texas. Benson is also an accomplished artist with several years of successful exhibits and shows. He has presented exhibitions in galleries from Texas and Georgia to Kansas and Idaho, and has art work in the permanent collection at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Benson holds an MFA in Ceramics from the University of North Texas. He earned his BFA in Ceramics and his ASA in Graphic Design, Fine Arts and Spanish from Brigham Young University-Idaho.

- **Dr. Rachael Hannah** joins the University as an Assistant Professor of Biology. She earned two Bachelor’s degrees in Molecular Biology and Marine Biology in 1994 from the Florida Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the University of Vermont in 2010. Dr. Hannah has completed several abstracts and peer-reviewed manuscripts including two publications in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Her article in the Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism was selected as a feature article, and one of the images that illustrated her findings appeared on the cover of the May 2011 issue of the journal, part of the Nature publishing group. Dr. Hannah also has delivered several conference presentations and is a member of the Society for Neuroscience and the American Physiological Society.

- **Chris Rolon** serves as the new Director and Assistant Professor of the Physical Therapist Assistant program. He comes to the University from River Valley Community College in Claremont, NH, where he was an Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education from 2007 to 2011. Between 1995 and 2007, he served in several capacities, including a staff physical therapist, athletic trainer, and personal trainer. He holds a Master’s degree in Physical Therapy from UMass Lowell and a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education/Sports Medicine from Keene State College in Keene, NH. He is a New Hampshire Licensed Physical Therapist, and a member of the New England Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium, the American Physical Therapy Association, and the New Hampshire Physical Therapy Association.

- **Heather Sincavage** joins the University as an Assistant Professor of Art. Sincavage has an MFA from the University of Washington, Seattle, and a BFA from Temple University’s Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, Penn. She has taught as an adjunct instructor at Lehigh University, Baum School of Art, Lehigh Carbon Community College, and Penn State. She has had several commissioned pieces and exhibitions at galleries in Pennsylvania, Texas, and New Jersey, and as far away as Spain. Sincavage has been awarded numerous Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grants; been grant funded to attend the Vermont Studio Center; and was a Spring 2010 Artist in Residence at Lehigh University. In May 2011, she was awarded the “Outstanding Contributions to Visual Art” Award by the Allentown Arts Commission, City of Allentown.

- **Patrick Baker** joins the University as its Assistant Athletic Trainer. He most recently served as an Athletic Trainer at Colby College. He earned his Master’s degree in Sport, Recreation and Fitness Management from Montana State University Billings. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Athletic Training from UMPI, and his Diploma of Fitness and Health Promotion from Loyalist College. He is a Maine Licensed Athletic Trainer and a member

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of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association. ■ Nola Belanger continues her service to the University as an Administrative Assistant II in the Office of Student Records. Belanger previously worked in the Admissions Office as an Administrative Assistant. Prior to coming to UMPI, Belanger had years of experience working in clerical and bookkeeping capacities.

■ Sheila Blair continues her service to the University as an Administrative Assistant II in the Information Technology Office. Blair previously worked in the University’s Office of Student Records as a temporary Administrative Assistant. Blair earned an Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Science – Sociology from the University.

■ Michelle Green continues her service to the University as a Library Assistant. Green had worked for the past five years in the University Library as a library clerk and library aid. She previously has served as a library aid for the Fort Fairfield Public Library. ■ Frank Higgins joins the University as a Building and Grounds Maintenance Mechanic and Trades Worker. He comes to the University with experience as a carpenter, cabinet maker, machinist, mechanic, and plumbing, electrical and equipment operator. He maintains a United Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners of America Journeymen Carpenter/Millwright license.

■ Nancy Nichols joins the University as an Administrative Assistant I in the Admissions Office. She previously worked at ACAP Health Services, and as City Planner and City Clerk for the City of Presque Isle. In 2009, she was named Clerk of the Year during the Maine Town and City Clerks Association’s annual meeting. Nichols earned her Associate’s degree in the Executive Secretary Program from Thomas College.

■ Vanessa Pearson joins the University as the Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership in the Residential Life Office. Pearson received her Bachelor’s degree from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania and her Master’s degree in Student Affairs from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She gained programing and residence life experience at the Clearfield Campus of Lock Haven University, Westmoreland Community College, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. ■ Mike Sullivan returns to the University to serve as an Admissions Counselor in the Admissions Office. He most recently served as the Director of Admissions at the Medical University of the Americas. An UMPI alum, Sullivan previously worked in the Admissions Office for 11 years as a successful recruiter. He is taking on recruiting duties in the out-of-state and southern Maine areas. Sullivan is a member of the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

■ JoAnne Wallingford continues her service to the University as the Administrator of Information Services. Prior to coming to UMPI, she served as Administrative Systems Lead at Eastern Maine Community College. ■ Alyre Levesque also joins the University as a Building and Grounds Maintenance Mechanic and Trades Worker. He comes to the University with experience as a carpenter, cabinet maker, machinist, mechanic, and plumbing, electrical and equipment operator. He maintains a United Brotherhood of Carpenter and Joiners of America Journeymen Carpenter/Millwright license.

Additionally, the University’s Athletic Department welcomes two new coaches – James Casciano as the Head Men’s Basketball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director and Marc Heidorf as the Head Women’s Basketball Coach and Sports Information Director – who were featured in the September image newsletter.
Sincavage presents in five national, international shows

UMPI Assistant Professor of Art Heather Sincavage, a mixed media artist, is presenting both nationally and internationally between August 2011 and April 2012.

Her busy exhibition schedule began with her show Iniciar, a solo exhibition of 27 mixed media paintings and drawings that ran between Aug. 3 and 29 at the Croft Gallery in Waco, Texas. Iniciar was an exhibition that worked with two archetypes that she created – Architect’s Daughter and Sojourner. Both are an examination of female identity through the deconstruction of the portrait and subsequent reconstruction.

Sincavage’s second show of the season – juxtaposed – began on Sept. 23 and runs through Nov. 30 at the Six Summit Gallery in Ivoryton, Conn. The juried exhibition features Architect’s Daughter. The third show in which she is participating is the Artist Annual at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem, Penn. This group exhibition features Sincavage’s Sojourner piece between now and the end of October.

Sincavage’s work appears next in Europe when The Outsiders, a juried group exhibition of installation art, is presented during the FNAC del Festival Periferias from Oct. 16 to Dec. 2 in Huesca, Spain. The Festival repurposes vacant buildings as art galleries — Sincavage’s exhibition will be in an abandoned slaughterhouse with eight other Aragon artists.

Her fifth show of the season Home Front Heroes: Women of World War II will be shown at The Gallery at Penn State Lehigh Valley from Feb. 27 to April 28, 2012, in Center Valley, Penn. The exhibition will celebrate the campus’ 100th anniversary as well as honor Women’s History Month in March. In addition to these national and international shows, Sincavage has a show going up in November at Café Sorpreso.

Sincavage received her BFA from Tyler School of Art, Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn., and her MFA from the School of Art, University of Washington in Seattle, Wa.

Reed Gallery presents Landscape – Love & Longing

The University’s Reed Fine Art Gallery presents the exhibition Landscape – Love & Longing through Oct. 22, bringing to Maine the work of artist Jennifer Pazienza, Professor of Art Education at the University of New Brunswick.

“We invite the viewer to come, pause, and be restored by the transcendent beauty of these luminous landscapes,” Reed Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck said of Pazienza’s work.

Pazienza attended the William Patterson College of New Jersey to attain her Bachelor’s of Education in Art. She earned her Master’s degree in Art Education and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Pennsylvania State University.

Pazienza has been a member of state, provincial, national and international arts committees and juries in the U.S. and Canada. She has served as a consultant for the Getty Centre for Arts in Education and the Department of Education for the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan. Career highlights include the completion of two commissions for Azienda Agricola Alcala in Sicily; a large ceramic tile installation made with local artisans and a mural celebrating agriculture and the ceramic tradition of majolica tile painting.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and university holidays. For more information, please contact Huck at 768.9611. To learn more about Pazienza, visit her website, www.jenniferpazienza.com.
The University will celebrate the completion of its $2.3 million renovation project at Pullen Hall – which includes 90 solar panels on the roof, a biomass boiler in the basement, and many updates and energy efficiencies in between – when it hosts a Rededication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting event on Thursday, Oct. 27 at Noon in the Pullen Art Gallery.

The campus and community are invited to attend this event, which will include refreshments and building tours that will offer a unique opportunity to view the solar panels and biomass boiler up close.

Pullen Hall serves as one of the University’s two major classroom buildings. A similar renovation project was done in 2008 to the adjoining classroom building, Folsom Hall.

The Pullen Hall Renovation Project included the installation of energy efficient windows and energy saving lights with motion sensor technology, a new electrical system, a new heating system with heat pump technology, improved ADA accessibility, and updates to the building’s facade to give it a more modern look. A&L Construction took the lead on most of the efforts to rehabilitate the 19,500-square-foot building.

These improvements and the renewable energy systems have helped to reduce the building’s carbon footprint and created vastly improved educational facilities for students and faculty.

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. Officials will be on hand to talk about the work that was done and how funds were secured to install these new solar and biomass systems.

For more information about the Pullen Hall Rededication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting event, call the Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

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Phi Eta Sigma inducts 19 students

The University’s Phi Eta Sigma recently held a ceremony to induct its newest members. Nineteen students received certificates signifying their achievement.

The nation’s oldest and largest freshman honor society with over 350 chapters and more than 900,000 members, Phi Eta Sigma’s goal is to encourage and reward academic excellence among first-year students in institutions of higher learning.

The induction of new members stands as an outward recognition of academic achievement, and serves as an incentive for continued high scholarship. Members may apply for scholarships available from national and local chapters.

On campuses with an active chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, all freshmen who have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the end of any full-time curricular period are automatically eligible for membership, provided they have carried a normal academic load acceptable toward a Bachelor’s degree and rank in the upper 20 percent of their class.

The following UMPI students were inducted: April Anne Arwood, Elizabeth Marie Bell, Richard Fernand Clavette, Nicholas C E Johnson, Angela JoLinn Lagasse, Jonathan Everett Steven Madore, Leah Michelle McEachern, Mary Kathleen Higgins, and Mary Kathlene Higgins; back row: Sarah Jeanne McGlinn, Courtney Brooke McHugh, Kayla Marie Pickering-Ames, Sarah Abigail Pickering-Ames, Roxanne Poole, and Michelle Renee Russell. Missing from the photo were: Elizabeth Marie Bell, Tamara Elizabeth Dayringer, Randi Elizabeth Kaplan, Margaret Mae McAdams, Brennen David Morton, and Carolyn Elizabeth Tuck.

The University’s Phi Eta Sigma recently inducted 19 members. They included, from left, front row: April Anne Arwood, Richard Fernand Clavette, Nicholas C E Johnson, Angela JoLinn Lagasse, Jonathan Everett Steven Madore, Leah Michelle McEachern, and Mary Kathleen Higgins; back row: Sarah Jeanne McGlinn, Courtney Brooke McHugh, Kayla Marie Pickering-Ames, Sarah Abigail Pickering-Ames, Roxanne Poole, and Michelle Renee Russell. Missing from the photo were: Elizabeth Marie Bell, Tamara Elizabeth Dayringer, Randi Elizabeth Kaplan, Margaret Mae McAdams, Brennen David Morton, and Carolyn Elizabeth Tuck.


The executive committee of UMPI’s chapter includes: Rebecca Stepp, President; Stephanie Corriveau, Vice President; Mika Ouellette, Treasurer; Danielle Pelkey, Secretary; Stephanie Corriveau, Historian/Correspondent; and Jim Stepp, Advisor.
Two returners anchor UMPI Volleyball team

Going into the 2011 season Karen Creighton and Shaina Hood knew that they would have to lead their team this year. Creighton and Hood are the only two returning players from a team that came in 2nd place at the Sunrise Conference tournament last year. Despite the challenges they’ve faced thus far, the duo has anchored the Owls as they continue to fight including roster turnover and a new, more competitive schedule. Head Coach Jay Beaulieu feels the team is moving in the right direction and making strides. “It’s a learning process especially with girls who come from programs that (in high school) are a month long. First thing first, is just getting them used to being in a (NCAA) Division III sport: coming in to practice every day, being in shape. Just recently, in the past few weeks, we have developed where I want us to be,” said Beaulieu. The Owls are currently 2-14 on the season with plenty of matches left to regain momentum.

UMPI Hall of Fame inductee wins marathon

Evan Graves, 2003 UMPI graduate and recent inductee to the UMPI Athletic Hall of Fame, won the Portland Marathon on Oct. 2. Graves came in first out of 897 marathoners, including out-of-state runners with experience at both the regional and national levels.

UMPI golf season comes to a close

Second year Head Coach Dan Hotham began the 2011 season with only one returning player from his team that won the NAIA Sunrise Conference Championship last year. Despite the lack of college playing experience, the Owls had a successful season having four first-place finishes in the first seven meets of this year. Shining star, freshman Reynold Brown of Essex, Conn. was a medalist at four meets this season and was named USCAA Player of the Week in early September. Former Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Year, Mike Balmer of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., also had a successful season as he was a medalist at the EMCC Invitational and shot in the upper 70s all season. Coach Hotham and the Owls end their 2011 season with enthusiasm and optimism looking forward to next year. “Next year we will be part of a conference and have a conference championship to play in and be able to send some players to the USCAA National Championship,” Hotham said. The UMPI Athletic Department made the switch from NAIA to dual membership in the USCAA and NCAA III, leaving the team without a conference for the 2011-2012 school year. The Sunrise Conference also disbanded upon completion of the 2010-2011 season.

Men’s soccer gaining experience

The men’s soccer team graduated eight seniors from last year’s team that placed 2nd during the regular season in the Sunrise Conference. Though the team lacked experience this season, they came out of the gates strong, winning their first two games to the College of St. Joe’s (Vt.) and Vermont Technical College. Since then, the Owls have lost seven games, falling to 2-7. “Well, we knew going in that we were going to have a really tough stretch of games. Our schedule wasn’t really balanced, from competitive and easy as it has been in the past. I’m happy at times of how we played, but we haven’t consistently played for 90 minutes the way we want to play, the way we need to play to beat the really good teams. So far the last three weeks we have played some really good teams,” commented Gordon. In the next few weeks, Coach Gordon will be looking for his team to develop consistency and composure in order to have a chance to compete in the post-season. “I think we all would like to win all the rest of the games on the schedule. If we play at our highest level based on the experience we have got in the last few weeks against some really good teams, it’s a realistic goal. We need to continue to keep making improvements, like we did last weekend, and continue to play the style we want to play and put the ball in the back of the net.” The USCAA Men’s Soccer National Championship will be held in North Carolina.
UMPI Cross Country teams set their sights on nationals

UMPI's cross country teams have been fighting through inexperience and injuries and look to get healthy and finish this season strong. Their last three meets in October will largely determine whether or not the runners will continue into the post-season. Head Coach Chris Smith remains optimistic about his teams and has total confidence that his athletes can meet their goals.

His thoughts on what his teams need to do to make it to nationals: “we wanna be running strong enough to be sent to the USCAA National Meet on Nov. 11th, in Lake Placid, New York. We have to run to a certain standard for us to be able to go. But that’s our goal and we are working hard towards it, and we’ll just see what the outcome is.”

UMPI’s Lainey Herring named Player of the Week

University of Maine at Presque Isle's Lainey Herring has been named the Association of Division III Independents women’s soccer Player of the Week. Herring earns this award for her spectacular play against SUNY Canton in their weekend double-header. She scored four goals in the first contest and one goal the next day to add to her other three from the previous games this season. Herring plays the forward position and is a junior at UMPI majoring in Physical Education.

Women’s soccer continues to fight its way back to the top

The UMPI women’s soccer team began the 2011 season with an outstanding record of 3-0. In those three games they outscored their opponents 14-1. Unfortunately, the team hit a rough patch during the middle of the season, dropping four games in a row to tough competition. Two of the losses came from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, a team that has consistently been ranked the #1 team in the country for the USCAA this season. Another of the losses was to the University of Maine at Farmington, a team that is traditionally a top contender for North Atlantic Conference title in the NCAA. As of late, the Owls have brushed themselves off and have continued moving forward, defeating SUNY Canton twice in a weekend double-header road trip. The Owls are currently ranked #17 in the country for the USCAA and hope to compete in the national tournament that will be held Nov. 3 – 5 in North Carolina.
Maine Archaeological Society fall meeting held at UMPI

Professional and avocational archaeologists from Maine and farther afield gathered at UMPI on Oct. 8 for the Fall 2011 meeting of the Maine Archaeological Society [MAS]. According to UMPI Professor David Putnam, this is the first time the MAS has convened in Aroostook County since it was founded in 1956. The Society promotes the study of archaeology throughout Maine, encourages scientific research in the field, and works to conserve archaeological sites, data and artifacts, according to its website. The event’s opening ceremony was led by John Dennis of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, and was followed by an opportunity to view artifact collections from throughout Maine; an overview of Northern Maine Archaeology by Putnam; the keynote talk by Dr. Arthur Spiess, as he spoke on Paleoindian Research; and concluded with a presentation by Putnam titled, *Tides of Grass: Cultural Responses to Climate in Inner Asia*, on his recent research trip to China.

UMPI honored by MCF’s Aroostook County Fund

The University was honored by the Aroostook County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation in late-September during the fund’s 25th anniversary celebration. UMPI was named one of 10 featured grantees the organization has worked with over the past 25 years. UMPI was featured due to the development of its NCAA Nordic Ski program. In 2009, UMPI also received a $6,000 grant award to jump-start its top-tier athletic program. Since then, UMPI has been building its ski program and competes against NCAA Division I teams, and has brought in Paul Stone, 2009 NCAA Eastern Coach of the Year, as its Head Nordic Ski Coach. Some other featured grantees were Aroostook Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities, the Nordic Heritage Ski Club, and the Wintergreen Arts Center. The Community Foundation is one of the most active, statewide supporters of good charitable causes.

Women’s climbing night returns to Gentile Hall

Gentile Hall is pleased to announce that women’s climbing night will continue during the fall semester, beginning Oct. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Gentile Hall members and UMPI students will be able to climb the wall for free; non-members will be required to pay the $7 day pass at the front desk in order to participate. For more information about women’s climbing night and other dates it will be held throughout the fall semester, contact Kim McCrea at 768.9401.

Pennsylvania a success at UMPI

PULL Programmers at UMPI held an inter-dorm penny war to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation from Sept. 29 through Oct. 5 during lunch time in the UMPI Campus Center. Teams were broken up by residence hall. Faculty, staff, and community members were able to participate by sponsoring a team and donating their pennies to the cause. The UMPI community was able to raise approximately $450 for the foundation.

College Transitions travels to UMPI

The Houlton Higher Education Center’s College Transitions group traveled to the University on Sept. 20 for a tour and information session. Seven students along with HHEC staff members Jean Henderson, Phil Gulliver, and Sara Lovejoy learned about the opportunities available for the students when they choose to attend UMPI. The group met with staff from the admissions, academic affairs, and financial aid departments before taking a tour of the campus. The visit concluded with a question and answer session in UMPI’s Reed Art Gallery. According to Jean Henderson, many of the students had never been on a college campus prior to that day and were left with a positive first impression.

Phi Eta Sigma helps with Walk for Wishes event

UMPI’s Phi Eta Sigma members participated in the Make a Wish (Maine chapter) *Walk for Wishes* event held at UMPI on Oct. 6. Approximately 40 walkers braved the cold temperatures to participate in the event. This was the first time a walk had been held north of Houlton and the $2400 raised through sponsorships or donations was given to the foundation. Phi Eta Sigma was able to raise $150 towards the cause. Since the Maine chapter’s founding in 1992, approximately 900 wishes have been granted to children throughout the state with life threatening medical conditions. Each wish costs approximately $650. Thanks to events like this, one wish is granted every six days to children in Maine. For more information about events like this visit www.maine.wish.org.

Relay for Life team to host fundraiser

The UMPI Owl’s Relay for Life team will host a Pampered Chef Party with Becky Stepp on Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. UMPI faculty, staff, family, and friends are invited to the event and a percentage of the profits will go towards the team’s total contribution for the 2012 Relay for Life event. The party will serve as a great venue for Holiday shopping. Octuber is Help Whip Cancer month, so come out and support the UMPI Owl’s Relay for Life team!

Dorm trick or treating continues at UMPI

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will invite all children 5th grade or under to participate in the 15th annual UMPI Trick or Treating Night on Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in both Park and Merriman Halls. UMPI students will be decorating for Halloween fun and parking will be available in the Library parking lot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Jim Stepp at 768.9560.

Maine educators serve as keynotes during UMPI’s Gay Awareness Days

The University of Maine at Presque Isle’s Gay-Straight Alliance hosted Betsey Parsons

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The University of Maine at Presque Isle will hold its annual fall Red Cross blood drive on Oct. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. in the University’s Campus Center. The blood drive is sponsored by UMPI’s Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi, and the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away during the drive. If donors wish to reserve an appointment in advance, they should call 1-800-GIVE-Life or log onto www.givelife.org.

OAPI to hold paintball, paddling, and geocaching adventures

UMPI’s Outdoor Adventure Program International will close out the fall season by offering a number of exciting events to the UMPI community and area residents. On Oct. 21, registrants will take part in a paintball shoot-out and the OAPI fun will continue through the weekend with a 33-mile paddling trip on the St. Croix River beginning Oct. 22 and concluding Oct. 23. Individuals interested in geocaching will also be invited to take part in a high-tech treasure hunt at the Nordic Heritage Sports Center on Nov. 4. For specific event details including the cost to participate and the deadline to register for these events, contact Kim McCrea at 768.9401.

Ice hockey continues at UMPI

The ice is in and anyone interested in playing hockey this winter should contact Chris Moore at 227.4820 or advisor Chris Smith at 768.9472 to be added to the roster and to get email updates. Experience is not required and women are welcome to participate.

UMPI Professor presents at international geology conference

UMPI Professor Kevin McCartney presented his research at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA) on Oct. 9-12 in Minneapolis, Minn. More than 6,000 scientists were in attendance at the international conference. Dr. McCartney, a Professor of Geology at the University, presented some of his recent research on silicoflagellates during his session, titled New Interpretations of Late Cretaceous Silicoflagellate Evolution and Biostratigraphy: Recent Discoveries from the Canadian Arctic. He also chaired the session at which his and other micropaleontologists talks were presented.

Heartwarming Gifts for Paws still accepting donations

Donations are being accepted for the Heartwarming Gifts for Paws drive. Items such as pet food, kitty litter, toys, paper towels, laundry soap, wash clothes, are just some examples of items that can be donated. Cash will also be accepted and will directly benefit the Central Aroostook Humane Society. To donate, visit one of the boxes in Folsom Hall and the Campus Center or drop off your items in the Student Activities Office. For more information contact Vanessa Pearson at 768.9582.

The electronic suggestion box is open and available for your ideas!

Please e-mail: umpi-suggestions@maine.edu with your concerns and ideas for solutions to make our campus the best place it can be to study and work. On behalf of the Campus Quality Improvement Work Group, thanks for your input!

The Reed Art Gallery will host the photographic exhibition Logging in the Maine Woods Today by Tonee Harbert. The opening reception on Friday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. will be part of the First Friday Downtown Art Walk. The exhibition continues through Dec. 17. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. FMI: 768.9611.
**Congratulations**

TO Jason Johnston and Krista Delahunty on the birth of Marie Eily Johnston. Jason, Krista, and big sister Kathleen welcomed her into the world on Sept. 29, 2011. She was 8 lbs., 10 oz., 21 in. long, and already has a full head of beautiful, dark hair.

TO Rachael Hannah and Paul Stone on the birth of Axel Kai Hannah Stone. He was born Oct 9, 2011, was 7 lbs., 12 oz, 20.5 in. long, and came out with a lovely head of red hair.

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Women’s Climbing Night
6-8 p.m., Gentile Hall
Mocktails Contest TBD

Oct. 20
PiPiD Simulation 1 p.m., Campus Center MPR
Relay for Life Pampered Chef fundraiser 5 p.m., Normal Hall Faculty Lounge

Oct. 21
OAPI Paintball Trip
FMI 768.9401

Oct. 22–23
OAPI St. Croix River Trip
FMI 768.9401

Oct. 24
Gay-Straight Alliance meeting 5 p.m., CC118

Oct. 25
Blood Drive 12:5 p.m., Campus Center

Oct. 27
Dorm Trick or Treating
7 – 8 p.m., Park and Merriman Halls
Rededication noon

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Nov. 2
Midnight Madness
7:30 – 9 p.m., Wieden

Nov. 3
Life Online 7 p.m., Owl’s Nest

Nov. 4
OAPI Geocaching Adventure FMI 768.9401
■ “Logging in Maine Today” exhibit opens, Reed Gallery

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Gay-Straight Alliance meeting 5 p.m., Alumni Room

Nov. 10
Distinguished Lecturer Bob Crowley 7 p.m., Campus Center

Nov. 11
Semester Service Event: Winterizing Homes
FMI 768.9582

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