



## UMPI receives nearly \$92,000 Maine Economic Improvement Fund grant

A team of UMPI professors has been awarded a \$91,875 Maine Economic Improvement Fund Small Campus Initiative grant from the University of Maine System that will allow them to focus efforts on preparing students for emerging trends and careers in the biomedical research and healthcare industries.

The overarching goal of the project, titled *Developing Maine's Future Biomedical Work Force*, is to increase the supply of qualified graduates for biotechnology sector employment in the state of Maine. The UMPI team leading this effort includes Dr. Scott Dobrin, Dr. Rachael Hannah, and Dr. Judith Roe, all Assistant Professors of Biology; and

Dr. Linda Graves, Co-Director of the Medical Laboratory Technology [MLT] Program of Maine. In awarding the grant, reviewers commented that the project "will provide excellent training for students in real research experiences."

The UMPI team expects the project to result in increased job placement for UMPI graduates, more experiential learning courses that allow students to develop critical thinking skills, a greater number of UMPI students attending graduate

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## Ague, champion for at-risk youth, gives DLS talk

The University's Distinguished Lecturer Series presented Stacia Ague, an advocate for at-risk and incarcerated youth, as its first speaker of the Spring 2013 semester. Ague talked about her life, which has inspired her work in youth justice, during her Feb. 4 talk, *From Strife to Triumph: A Champion for At-Risk and Delinquent Youth*.

Ague now works as a research coordinator at the University of Washington focused on disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline, but she spent her early life as the abused and neglected daughter of a drug-dealing father and mother who was an addict and prostitute. Kicked out

of her mother's house at the age of 11, she went to live with her father in a meth lab, learning at an early age that "no one really cared" and she had to do whatever she could do on her own to stay alive. As a 14-year-old, she was convicted of kidnapping and robbery, sentenced to juvenile life in prison (incarceration in the juvenile justice system until she turned 21) and subsequently pardoned by Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire. She is the only juvenile ever in the State of Washington to receive a pardon.

Ague has since finished her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Washington State University, which she began working on in prison. While com-

pleting her studies at WSU, she did an internship with the Spokane County Public Defender's office working primarily with youth at risk. She also was awarded the third annual Spirit of Youth Award for 2009 by Governor Gregoire. She was nominated for this honor by

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# UMPI to host spring management courses

The University will be offering two courses this spring starting on Monday, Feb. 25 as part of its American Management Association's certificate programs. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 20.

These spring courses, part of a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management, are specifically created to meet the unique needs of working professionals who want to be more effective in their current positions and better prepared for future advancement, according to Keith Madore, campus AMA coordinator.

By meeting in a classroom setting with other managers from many different organizations, students are able to see how other companies handle problems similar to their own. Instructors with extensive business experience and excel-

lent teaching skills facilitate the courses.

The course *Fundamentals of Human Resources Management* is scheduled for Mondays from Feb. 25 through March 25, from 6-9 p.m. in the Campus Center, Room 118. In this course, students

will get an up-to-date guide on virtually every aspect of human resources management, from understanding the basic HR functions to using the web for recruiting. Clare Exner, Chair of UMPI's College of Professional Programs, will lead the course.

*Leadership Skills for Managers* is scheduled for Wednesdays from Feb. 27 through April 3 from 6-8:30 p.m. and meets in the Campus Center, Alumni Room. This course focuses on the five leadership skill sets needed to ensure individual and organization performance—providing direction, leading by example, enabling others, sharing power, and seek-

ing a better way—and also examines the attitudes and mindsets of effective leaders. The instructor is Ruth White, Director of the "Early College for ME" Program at Northern Maine Community College.

To earn an AMA certificate, each student is required to complete six courses for Management or five for Human Resources Management. Courses may be taken in any order and there is no time limit for completion of the program. Courses also can be offered on-site, Madore said.

Each course meets once a week for six weeks and one or more courses may be taken per term. The cost is \$250 per course, and includes instruction, text and materials. Continuing Education Units are available for an additional charge. For more information or to register, contact Keith Madore at 768.9568 or [keith.madore@umpi.edu](mailto:keith.madore@umpi.edu). ★

## \$92,000 grant

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school programs in biotechnology related fields, and a much more tech savvy workforce that may open new opportunities for the local economy.

"This grant award is a testament that UMPI is doing things right, and it will provide significant support for our work in biology and the health sciences," Provost and Academic Vice President Michael Sonntag said. "Across all academic programs, we've focused on raising our research profile and hiring faculty with the expectation they will seek grant support for their work, all with an eye toward providing students with the best possible experiences."

The project, which aligns with the State of Maine's science and technology plans, involves a three-pronged approach to maximizing student success in pursuing emerging careers in the health and biomedical fields: faculty will increase experiential learning experiences in the MLT program, develop a new hands-on biotechnology course, and provide students the opportunity to participate in faculty research projects.

Within the MLT program, the grant will cover the purchase of new equipment that will allow instructors to maximize their lab time and provide students with more specific feedback on how to fine tune their microscope skills. This includes two new

phlebotomy training devices and updated microscopes—a digital microscope for large group training and a dual-head microscope for one-on-one training.

The new biotechnology course that will be created through the grant will center on experiential learning. As part of the course, students will design and perform experiments using modern biotechnology tools commonly found in medical and research laboratories, such as a fluorescent capable microscope and related software, a microinjection system, and a shaking incubator. The class will be developed over the course of the next year and is expected to run in Spring 2014.

The grant also will allow faculty to increase student research participation by 40 percent during the next year. Undergraduate researchers will work with Dr. Dobrin to examine the sub-lethal effects of pesticides on honey bee learning, with Dr. Hannah on neuronal regeneration and recovery following traumatic brain injury in zebrafish, and with Dr. Roe on genetic regulation of plants and aquatic invertebrates in response to temperature and climate change. New equipment that will allow for students' research participation includes an insect emergence incubator, a plant growth chamber, temperature recorders, and components used in assaying visual learning of honey bees. ★



## Nominations open for 6th Young Professionals Institute

**M**omentum Aroostook, MMG Insurance, and UMPI are pleased to announce that nominations are open for the sixth annual Young Professionals Institute, running this year on Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m., from March 5 to April 30. The online nomination/application form is available at [www.umpi.edu/ypi](http://www.umpi.edu/ypi). **The nomination deadline is Monday, Feb. 11.**

The Institute provides the area's young professionals with a one-of-a-kind leadership opportunity – an 8-week professional development short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to refine the skills that will bring them long-term success in their careers. Participants hone their professional skills through hands-on activities, on-the-spot public speaking assignments, and business simulation exercises. Along the way, participants visit local businesses and organizations to complete on-site assignments and hear presentations by embedded guests from the public and private sectors. The Institute culminates in a showcase presentation before area business and community leaders and past YPI graduates.

The Institute will be facilitated by University officials, members of Momentum Aroostook, several local business and

community leaders, and the graduates of past Young Professionals Institutes. Previous sponsors of YPI participants include Acadia Health Education Coalition, ACE Rent-A-Car, Aroostook County Action Program/Healthy Aroostook, The Aroostook Medical Center, Barresi Financial, Cary Medical Center, The County Federal Credit Union, DFAS-Limestone, Dunleavy Law Offices, F.A. Peabody Co., Farm Credit of Maine, Katahdin Trust Company, K-Pel Industrial Services, Inc., Loring Job Corps Center, Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community, MMG Insurance, Northern Maine Community College, Northern Prosthetics, Rathbun Lumber Company, Ryan's Heart, S.W. Collins, United Insurance, University of Maine at Presque Isle, and WAGM-TV.

There are only 14 seats available for YPI 6. Selections will be announced Monday, Feb. 18. A \$150 registration fee, paid by course participants or their business sponsors, is due by Monday, March 4.

For more information about the short course, which is not being offered for academic credit, please visit [www.umpi.edu/ypi](http://www.umpi.edu/ypi) or contact Linda McLaughlin at 768.9740 or e-mail [linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu](mailto:linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu). ★

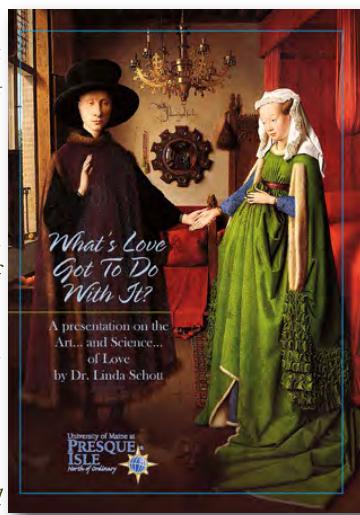


## UMPI President to discuss portrayal of love in art

**A**head of Valentine's Day, the University will host a special presentation about love and the way it has been portrayed in art from medieval to modern times as part of its Seniors Achieving Greater Education [SAGE] programming.

UMPI President Linda Schott will present the talk, *What's Love Got to Do with It?: The Art (and Science) of Love* on Monday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Campus Center's Allagash Room. This talk is free and open to the public.

During this 75-minute presentation and Q&A, Dr. Schott will discuss the portrayal of love in art throughout western European history, including the ways it has evolved (and stayed the same) over the centuries. Her presentation will include many examples of artwork ranging from the medieval to the contemporary—from Caravaggio's *Cupid Victorious* to Gustav Klimt's *The Kiss* to David Hockney's *Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy*—and cover subtopics ranging from the



ambiguity of love to love at first sight.

To bring in the scientific aspect of her subject, Dr. Schott will discuss Helen Fisher's research on brains in love and philosopher Robert Solomon's understanding of love.

President Schott has a Bachelor's degree in History from Baylor University, a Master's degree in History from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in History and Humanities from Stanford. She is a specialist in intellectual history and the history of women in the United States.

Dr. Schott has delivered a series of lectures on the art and science of love in several campus and community settings, right around Valentine's Day.

The snow date for this talk is Thursday, Feb. 14, same time and location. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mary Lawrence, SAGE coordinator, at 768.9502 or [mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu](mailto:mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu). ★

## Business student earns NESRHM scholarship

**A**n UMPI Business student has been named a scholarship recipient by an affiliate of the world's largest professional association devoted to human resource management. Janelle Horten, a senior UMPI Business Administration Major from Hodgdon, recently received the Deborah Kierstead and Milton Bailey Memorial Scholarship from the Northeast Society for Human Resource Management (NESHRM).

NESHRM is affiliated with the Society of Human Resource Management. The group established the scholarship in honor of two of their members who exemplified leadership and community service. Officials annually present the scholarship to two students. Karin Petrin, a Northern Maine Community College senior majoring in Business Administration from Presque Isle, was the other recipient.

The scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in a business-related program at UMPI, NMCC, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, or Husson University in Presque Isle. Scholarship applicants must have a career goal in business, and exhibit traits of leadership and service to the school and community.

In addition to her Business major, Horten is studying GIS [Geographic Information Systems] software and is involved in a cemetery mapping project in her community. "The resources made available to me, through UMPI, the Houlton Higher Education Center, and NESHRM, have enabled me to start making a real difference in my community," Horten said.

Clare Exner, Chair of UMPI's College of Professional Programs, nominated Horten for the scholarship, citing her



UMPI Business Administration Major Janelle Horten recently received a 2012 NESHRM scholarship. Taking part in the scholarship presentation are (from left), Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo, UMPI Assistant Professor of Business Management; Tom Richard, NESHRM President; Horten and Clare Exner, Chair of the College of Professional Programs.

determination to make a difference in whatever she sets out to do. "As Janelle completes her degree and moves on, I feel confident predicting that her leadership style, interpersonal skills, work ethic and strong sense of commitment will single her out as a business professional with high potential as well as a community member engaged in service in significant ways," Exner said.

NESHRM seeks to be the recognized regional resource on human resources-related issues. For more information about the organization, visit <http://neshrm.shrm.org>. ★

## At-risk youth

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the Washington State Juvenile Advisory Committee "in recognition of the importance of the rehabilitative focus of juvenile justice and the power of personal achievement." During her studies at WSU, Ague was also a contributor to the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiatives.

As a participant in the Washington State Bar Association's Annual Access to Justice Conference, Ague developed and implemented training focused on the importance of advocacy and protecting children's rights in times of economic hardship. She also provided lead testimony for the Second Substitute Senate Bill 6561 that became law in Washington State

in April 2010. The new law affords juvenile offenders the opportunity to overcome their past given consecutive years of exemplary behavior.

Now at the University of Washington's Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy, part of Ague's work involves helping to select mental health training materials for juvenile justice applications in connection with Models for Change. This is a continuation of Ague's interest in ensuring that Washington's juvenile justice system actively engages incarcerated youth with empowering programs and measures. She also serves on the Governor's Washington State Partnership Council for Juvenile Justice, and she is a frequent contributor to training programs for attorneys working in the area of youth legal services.



Ague recently achieved two major distinctions. She has a forthcoming manuscript *Trouble to Triumph: Fighting for Education Equality as an Incarcerated Youth*, to be published by the Harvard Educational Review. She also was named a 2012 Champion for Change as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change reform initiative. A video of her talk can be viewed on the University's vimeo page, [www.vimeo.com/umpi](http://www.vimeo.com/umpi). ★

## Planet Head Day to raise funds for C-A-N-C-E-R

**W**hat do space science education and cancer awareness have in common? A lot when you're talking about one of the region's most unique fundraisers, Planet Head Day, where participants raise money for a local cancer organization by agreeing to have their heads shaved and painted as planets, dwarf planets, moons, comets and asteroids. Aroostook County's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Planet Head Day takes place on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UMPI's Wieden Gymnasium. This not-to-be-missed event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Planet Head Day is the major fundraising event for C-A-N-C-E-R [Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery], an Aroostook County-based organization that assists cancer patients and their families. This year, organizers hope to exceed the \$30,000 they raised last year.

Planet Head Day was originally estab-

lished as a NASA-funded celebration of the University's involvement in the New Horizons space mission to Pluto. The University's Northern Maine Museum of Science has always sought imaginative ways to teach science and developed the program to combine science and cancer education into a single package.

The staff of the Parsons Street Barber Shop and Great Beginnings Hair Boutique will be available again this year to provide free haircuts for those willing to shave their heads for the occasion, while "bald" caps will offer a less permanent option for participants.

Live emceeing during the event will again be presented by WAGM's Ted Shapiro and UMPI student Andrew Hunt, and Pizza Hut will once again provide free pizza. WAGM is an active fundraiser again this year and, if their work can raise \$6,000 prior to the event, anchor Chris Weimer



Dr. Tomasz Herzog and Dr. Kevin McCartney taking part in Planet Head Day activities.

photo: Bangor Daily News

will again have his head shaved.

For more information, contact Kevin McCartney at 768.9482 or Jeanie McGowan at 768.9747, or see videos of the event created by Frank Grant on youtube.com. Donations can also be sent directly to C-A-N-C-E-R, P.O. Box 811, Presque Isle, ME 04769, or call Louise Calabrese at 764.0766. ★

## UMPI receives diversity grant for science learning

**T**he University is partnering with the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Boys and Girls Club of America, and the Francis Malcolm Science Center, to provide several science exploration activities this spring specifically designed for local Native American students in elementary, middle school, and high school.

Dr. Rachael Hannah, UMPI Assistant Professor of Biology, was awarded a \$565 Diversity Mini-Grant from the University of Maine System's Diversity Committee to lead the activities.

The grant will support three learning events. First, on Friday, March 15, from Noon to 4 p.m., Micmac students in grades 6 to 12 will take part in a Science Exploration Day at UMPI. They will do hands-on experiments in DNA and neuroscience with Dr. Hannah, build their own map and database using Geographic Information Systems technology with Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor of



Geology, Environment, and GIS, and experiment with sheep brain anatomy with Dr. Scott Dobrin, Assistant Professor of Biology.

The second learning event will take place during University Day on April 10.

Micmac students in grades 9 to 12 will attend the day's activities and get an inside look at what it's like to be a college student and present research to campus and community members. Students will be paired with an UMPI undergraduate majoring in biology or environmental science.

Also in April, the third learning event will match up UMPI undergraduates with Micmac students in grades pre-K to 5 for a field trip to the Francis Malcolm Science Center. The group will explore age appropriate science experiences.

Officials hope the learning activities will help to inspire the local Micmac students involved to consider and further explore careers in science, biology, healthcare, and environmental science. ★

## Going Bald for a Cause

This year, Interim V.P. for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Jim Stepp, will be offering his head for shaving if \$1,000 can be donated in his name to this event. Checks should be made out to CANCER or cash may be turned in to the Business Office or Jim Stepp's office (239 Preble Hall). Also, Jim is accepting votes for which planet you would like to see painted on his head. Please send your votes to [james.stepp@umpi.edu](mailto:james.stepp@umpi.edu). ★

## Bachelor of Social Work scholarship established

Through the dedicated efforts and donations of the University's Student Organization of Social Workers, UMPI faculty and friends, and a generous anonymous donor, the Foundation of the University at Presque Isle has established a new scholarship meant to help students pursuing a degree in the field of social work.

Members of the Social Work Program, SOSW, and campus community members were on hand Feb. 7 in the Campus Center for the official signing of the trust agreement establishing the new Bachelor of Social Work scholarship.

The presentation was held during the weekly SOSW meeting. Members of the student group worked hard to raise the money for this special scholarship fund, which was also supported by faculty, alumni, and an anonymous alumna who

made a large donation in memory of her father to bring the effort to fruition.

The fund was initiated in 2009 with the hope of creating a scholarship specifically to provide financial assistance for a student studying Social Work at UMPI. While it took three years to make it a reality, those attending the signing said they were very pleased to finally see the results of their hard work.

Students applying for the scholarship must have already been accepted into UMPI's BSW Program, enrolled in at least nine credit hours of BSW coursework, and completed at least one semester of field work at UMPI. Students hailing from either the U.S. or Canada will be eligible to apply for the scholarship.



Shirley Rush, UMPI Associate Professor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work Program Director, signs a trust agreement establishing the new Bachelor of Social Work scholarship. Looking on are Student Organization of Social Workers co-chairs Breigha Debison, left, a senior from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and Melanie Maynard, center, a sophomore from Mapleton. The student group was instrumental in raising the funds needed to establish the scholarship.

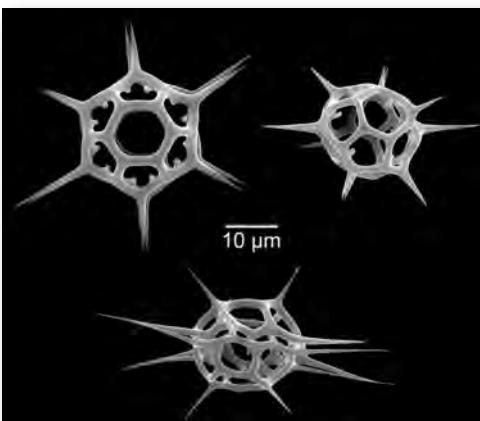
For more information or to contribute to this fund, please contact UMPI's Office of Development at 768.9568. ★

## McCartney's Poland sabbatical yields discoveries

UMPI Professor of Geology Kevin McCartney recently returned from a very fruitful research sabbatical in Poland to continue his longstanding research on microscopic fossil algae. The trip resulted in the discovery of one new genus and four new species, a new understanding of silicoflagellate double skeletons, and should produce several publications in international science journals.

Dr. McCartney was in Europe from Aug. 25 to Dec. 20, on a trip that included a presentation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Diatom Symposium in Ghent, Belgium, visits with colleagues in Bucharest, Romania, and participation in a master's thesis defense in Greifswald, Germany.

Most of McCartney's time was spent at the University of Szczecin in northwestern Poland, in an area of old Prussia near the Baltic Sea. He focused on his primary research area, silicoflagellates, which are the skeletons of microscopic organisms found in sediments at the bottom of the ocean. These organisms are found in modern oceans and their fossil record extends more than 100 million years into the past, but they are poorly understood. Two skeletons sometimes occur together when the



Shown here are some of the silicoflagellate double skeletons Dr. McCartney researched during his sabbatical in Poland.

organism dies just prior to reproductive division. There has been very little study of these from either modern ocean or fossil sediments.

McCartney is preparing papers on modern double skeletons for biology journals. He and several colleagues will be submitting an article on *Silicoflagellate skeletal morphology and double skeletons* to *Phycological Research*. This article will provide the first thorough study of silicoflagellates double skeletons and suggest a unified terminology for biologists and geologists. Along with two co-authors, he

also is working on an article titled *The Variramus group of early silicoflagellates: Evolution, Taxonomy and Double Skeletons for Cretaceous Research*. This article will use innovative techniques (physical models) to interpret double skeleton configurations for the oldest known silicoflagellates, and will describe McCartney's newly identified genus and species. He has at least three other manuscripts in the works.

"A sabbatical is never a time to finish old projects but a time to start new ones, and develop the connections and resources to keep busy for years to come," he said.

It seems that his sabbatical did all that and more. ★



Evelyn and Jan Kok

## Reed presents Higgins' excavation

**U**MPI's Reed Fine Art Gallery presents the exhibit *excavation* by Catherine Higgins from Jan. 21 through Feb. 21, 2013. The exhibition debuts Higgins' recent body of work to the Maine art community.

Higgins is an emerging artist who lives in Philadelphia, Penn. Although from New York State, she became a Pennsylvanian "transplant" when she studied painting at Lehigh University. She graduated as a Lehigh Presidential Scholar. Since 2009, her work has been exhibited in the greater Philadelphia area, Lehigh Valley, and New York City.

Her exhibition, *excavation*, is about Higgins' wonderful play of geometric shape. Her exploration of geometric mark is a means, to quote Higgins, "of understanding individual personality and its relationship to human interaction." Higgins, a fan of the imperfection of linguistics, stated, "I have always been interested by the ways in which words fail. Words are fleetingly and irritatingly imprecise; however, they are often taken as concrete and final. I bristle at the thought of being defined based on the inadequate words I use to elucidate one particular experience."

Her imagery results in a highly layered and patterned image. She uses tape, acrylic paint, gel medium, graphite and hardboard. The end result is highly organized and clean, showing enormous restraint.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information,

please contact Heather Sincavage at 768.9442 or [heather.sincavage@umpi.edu](mailto:heather.sincavage@umpi.edu). ★

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## Koks receive Lifetime Achievement Award

**L**ongtime members of the UMPI community, Jan and Evelyn Kok, were honored during the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner on Jan. 24 with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Koks have been fixtures of the UMPI campus since arriving in 1952, when the institution was known as the Aroostook State Teachers College. Jan Kok, who came to the school with a Master's degree from Harvard University, joined the faculty as a music professor. Evelyn Kok, trained as an artist and medical illustrator, joined the staff as a librarian. In the 60 years since then, they have shared their love for music and art with the entire Aroostook County community.

They were both members of the Presque Isle Recorder Consort and were always eager to share their love of music by visiting local elementary schools. Jan Kok also established the

musical groups the Hilltop Carolers and the Ren-Bar (for Renaissance-Baroque), and for more than half a century has been involved in the Kiwanis Talent Revue.

In addition, Evelyn Kok gave water color lessons and guitar lessons in her home. She also created a map of Aroostook County for the County Chamber of Commerce, which conveyed her love of the region.

Though they have long since retired from the University, the Koks still spend half of their year in the County. They stay in Stonington during the summer months, but return "home" each fall and continue to support music and arts efforts in the community.

Also during the Chamber awards dinner, Oscar "Voscar" Nelder received a Lifetime Achievement Award, Floyd Rockholt was named the Citizen of the Year, and The Aroostook Medical Center received the Business of the Year Award. ★

## TAMC provides donations

**S**tudents at UMPI, NMCC and MSAD 42 in Mars Hill are benefiting from donated supplies and equipment no longer being used by The Aroostook Medical Center (TAMC) laboratory. The materials are being used in science courses at both campuses and at Central Aroostook High School.

At UMPI, Leigh Belair, instructor and practicum coordinator for the Medical Laboratory Technician program, sees the items she received from the TAMC lab providing great benefit to her students. Belair, who additionally teaches chemistry and anatomy at Central Aroostook High School, will use the items she received to serve between 40 and 50 students each semester at the two education institutions.

Belair was given several packages of disposable lab coats and 10 boxes of pipettes used to transfer fluid. Altogether the donated items are valued at nearly \$800.

NMCC students will benefit from two additional microscopes, which are going to the classroom of life sciences instructor Greg Thompson. Thompson estimates that between 60 and 70 students each semester at NMCC use microscopes in his multiple sections of lab.

For both Thompson and Belair, the donated items from the TAMC lab hold special significance. In the past, both instructors worked in the lab. ★



Leigh Belair (left) and NMCC instructor Greg Thompson (right) with donated supplies and equipment no longer being used by the TAMC lab.

**AT RIGHT AND BELOW:**

Members of the UMPI community were decked out in red in honor of Wear Red Day on Feb. 1. Campus members gathered for photos in Preble Hall (below) in the morning and in Kelly Commons (at right) in the afternoon to celebrate the heart health day.



**BELOW:**

The Pullen Art Gallery was the site of a First Friday art reception for the UMPI Senior Mini Show. Six UMPI Art seniors displayed their works as part of this show, including Corey Levesque (painting and resin), Angel Cray (pinhole photography), Lanette Virtanen (digital photography), Karrie Brawn (painting), Ryan VanBuskirk (painting), and Robb Miller (experimental photography).



UMPI's student radio station WUPI 92.1 FM recently held a Pie in the Face Fundraiser, with faculty and staff members getting pied by the highest bidders. The Owl's Nest of the Campus Center was draped in plastic sheeting for the event and participants were given plastic smocks and protective headwear to shield themselves from flying whipped cream. **AT LEFT ABOVE:** Dr. John Defelice smiles after taking one right in the face. **AT LEFT:** Faculty members Carolyn Dorsey, Lisa Leduc, and Bryan Thompson react after pie-ing each other in the face.

# Sports! Sports! Sports!

## Manifold and McNally sweep AD3I Awards

**U**MPI senior center **Patrick Manifold** (Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom) and junior guard **Olivia McNally** (Sherman, Maine) have been named the Association of Division III Independents men's and women's basketball Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 4.

Manifold averaged 25 points and 10.3 rebounds per game as the Owls went 1-2 on the week. In an 81-65 win over Fisher College, he posted 31 points on 10-of-16 shooting (62.5%) and snagged 12 rebounds. He also went 11-of-14 (78.6%) from the charity stripe, which is up from his season average of 57%. Earlier in the week he added 24 points and 10 rebounds against the University of Maine at



Patrick Manifold

Olivia McNally

Machias. He now has six double-doubles this season. On the week, he shot 25-of-43 from the floor, good for a 58.1 percentage.

McNally helped lead the Owls to a 2-1 week by averaging 10.1 points per game on 52% shooting from the floor. She also averaged 6.2 rebounds per game including her first 11-rebound game. On the week, McNally had 13 assists compared to just three turnovers. Her best performance came in a 77-66 win over Fisher College, where she neared a triple-double with 18 points (8-of-13 FG), nine assists, and eight rebounds. ★

### Pelletier earns Player of the Week honors

**U**MPI senior guard **Emily Pelletier** (Fort Kent, Maine) has been named the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 14. Pelletier helped her team to a 2-0 performance at the Star City Classic, and averaged 14.3 points and 3.3 assists over three total games. Against Fisher College, she scored 22 points on 9-of-16 shooting (56.3%), then hit a clutch shot the following day to lead the Owls to victory. Down one point with 12 seconds left, Pelletier hit a step-back three-pointer to give her team the lead, one they didn't relinquish as they went on to beat Thomas College, 75-71. After starting the season 0-8, Pelletier has helped her squad to a 4-1 mark thus far in 2013. ★



Emily Pelletier

### Warner earns Player of the Week honors

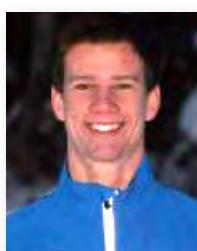
**U**MPI junior guard **Michael Warner** (Norfolk, United Kingdom) was named the Association of Division III Independents men's basketball Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 21. Warner averaged 25.0 points per game in a 1-1 week for the Owls. He produced a career-high 28 points in a loss to Daemen College. He was nearly perfect from the field as he shot 10-of-12 (83.3%) from the floor and 3-of-4 from beyond the arc, despite the losing effort. On the week, Warner was 19-of-29 (65.5%) from the floor and 5-of-12 (41.7%) from three-point land. ★



Michael Warner

### Fosnaes finishes 12th in both races at Colby Carnival

**T**he Men's and Women's Nordic Skiing teams participated in the Colby Carnival competition in Waterville on Jan. 26 and 27, with **Eirik Fosnaes**, a sophomore from Baerum, Norway, leading the men's team with two 12th place finishes on the weekend.



Eirik Fosnaes

The course was hard and fast, but Kati Christoffel, a senior from Clifton Park, NY, earned 74th place, leading the women to a 13th place finish only 3 points behind St. Michael's College to start off the day. Several women skied in their first college classic races on Jan. 26. Hilary Saucy, a freshman from Harleysville, PA, Natasha Smith a sophomore from Turner, Maine, and Ghazaleh Sailors, a sophomore from Santa Barbara, CA, all had a tough introduction to classic racing with such a challenging course.

In the men's race, Fosnaes' finishes allowed him to take his first step towards qualifying for the NCAA Championships in March. He was skiing in the top 10 for the first half of the race but faded a little in the last couple kilometers. He, Joey Bard, a junior from Woodland, Maine, and Justin Fereshetian, a senior from Turner, Maine, combined for an 8th place team finish equaling a program best EISA finish.

Saturday's race also doubled as the Chummy Cup for 2013. The Chummy Cup is a single-day race recognizing the Maine Intercollegiate skiing champions. Fosnaes was the top Maine intercollegiate finisher in the men's race and was joined on the Men's All-State Team by second teamers Joey Bard, 6th, and Justin Fereshetian, 8th. In the team scoring, the men and women combined for 102 points and a 4th place finish. They were only 5 points out of 2nd. ★



### Spring Blood Drive

UMPI hosted its annual spring semester American Red Cross Blood Drive on Jan. 30 in the Campus Center. This was the most successful spring blood drive the campus has ever had

with approximately 96 pints of blood donated.

Since 1987, 4,347 pints of blood have been collected at UMPI through its

blood drives. The American Red Cross needs to collect 1,400 pints of blood each working day in order to supply the people of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The next drive will be June 24. FMI, contact Jim Stepp, at 768.9585 or [james.stepp@umpi.edu](mailto:james.stepp@umpi.edu).

### Exotic Animal Adventures

UMPI invites the public to attend its Exotic Animal Adventures with wildlife conservationist and educator, Ed Laquidara on Monday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Laquidara will bring



exotic animals to campus including an alligator, sugar glider, fox, giant snake, Asian water monitor, mountain coati, and kinkajou. He will also discuss wildlife conservation and animal rights. His primary goal through his presentations is to create a more caring and compassionate stance about all living things and our environments. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, contact Vanessa Pearson at 768.9582 or [vanessa.pearson@umpi.edu](mailto:vanessa.pearson@umpi.edu).

### University hosted College Goal Sunday

UMPI hosted College Goal Sunday on Jan. 27. Staff members were on hand at two locations, in Folsom 105 on the UMPI campus and at Houlton Higher Education Center, where many families were assisted in completing and filing their FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid] forms. Both paper applications and computers were available, as well as financial aid experts to assist students.



### Treats for Troops

In November of 2012, Phi Eta Sigma – National Honor Society held its second annual Christmas Card Drive for the



Troops. Members of the UMPI community were asked to sign Christmas cards and leave little thoughts on the cards for the troops. This year 96 cards containing between 10 and 20 signatures and thoughts were sent to the company Treats for Troops. This year we received our first reply. Here is the email: *Thank you very much for the holiday card that made its way to me, signed by many of your members. I'm stationed in Kabul until September 2013 and appreciated knowing that Americans at home remembered my unit during the holidays. Hope you had a nice winter break!*

*Best, CPT Danielle Carroll*

### Baseball Clinic Scheduled

The UMPI Baseball team will hold a three-day baseball clinic in Wieden Gym March 15-17.

Participants can choose to go to three different sessions and the cost will be as follows: \$40 for one session, \$70 for two sessions, and \$90 for three sessions. Session one, on Friday, March 15 from 6-9 p.m., will be throwing and catching mechanics, fielding groundballs and fly balls.

Session two, on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., will be hitting and bunting instruction. Session three, on Sunday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., will be more hitting and base running. Pre-registration for this clinic is strongly suggested. FMI, contact Coach Leo Saucier at 768.9421 or [leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu](mailto:leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu).



### UMPI hosting Titan Challenge

The University will host the Junior Achievement of Maine Titan Challenge on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Campus Center. The event brings area high school students to campus to compete against their peers across the state on business finance



and marketing exercises. There will be various speakers in between the competitions plus a campus tour. FMI, contact Carolyn Dorsey at 768.9584 or [carolyn.dorsey@umpi.edu](mailto:carolyn.dorsey@umpi.edu).

### Career Activities for Spring 2013

Career Thursdays, 12:15 p.m., Center for Student Success

**Feb 7**

CHOOSING A MAJOR WORKSHOP

**Feb 14**

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

**Feb 28**

THE PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP

**Mar 14**

GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

**Mar 12**

JOB SEARCH, INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP

**Apr 18**

RESUME & COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

For more information, contact Bonnie Devaney at 768.9750 or [barbara.devaney@umpi.edu](mailto:barbara.devaney@umpi.edu).

### University Credit Union and Career Services Sponsor Workshop

The University Credit Union and UMPI Career Services will sponsor a "Your Career, Your Finances" Workshop on Wednesday, March 13 at 5 p.m. in the Allagash Room of the Campus Center. Students will receive information on how to conduct a job search, interview, and how to be professional on the job. Students will work online on their personal

**Valentine's Day sale**  
at the Campus Bookstore through February 14, 2013

**20% off Clothing, Novelties and Glassware  
plus a chance to WIN a Valentine Gift Bag!**

**Stop in - Enter your guess:  
How many candies are in the jar?!**

*Whoever is closest without going over will win!  
Drawing will be held Wednesday, February 13th at 12pm.*



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budgets and learn about their paychecks and finances. FMI, contact Bonnie Devaney at 768.9750 or barbara.devaney@umpi.edu.

### Outing Club Calendar of Events – Spring 2013

The Outing Club is offering a Spring full of activities for campus and community members. FMI on any of these events, please call or email Amanda Baker at 768.9401, amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu.



**Monday, Feb. 25**  
**FULL MOON SNOWSHOE** to Arnold Brook Lake

**Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 27-March 1**  
**FROZEN FRENZY!!**

**Friday, March 15**  
**XC SKIING**, 1-3 p.m.

**Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24**  
**WINTER CAMPING OVERNIGHT**

**Friday-Sunday, April 5, 6 & 7**  
**AE CONFERENCE** in Becket, MA

**Friday, April 19**  
**KAYAK ROLL CLINIC**  
Gentile Hall pool, 1-4 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4**  
**UMPI's AMAZING RACE**

**Sunday, May 5**  
**ROCK CLIMBING** in Acadia National Park, rain date,  
Saturday, May 11

### UMPI/Community Band Winter Concert

The University's UMPI/Community Band had a winter concert in December. The program was directed by Jon Simonoff. Some of the offerings were *Fire!*, *West Side Story*, *Of Kings and Christmas*, and *The Hounds of Spring*. The UMPI/Community Band is a concert band made up of UMPI students and community members that is dedicated to playing quality band literature. Band members range from middle school students to retired music teachers and anyone is welcome to join, regardless of ability. FMI contact Band Director Jon Simonoff, 399.2218.

### It's that time of year again!

Register for the University's e2campus emergency notification system. All faculty, staff, and students should register for this free service, which will notify you of snow day cancellations and emergency shutdowns for various reasons. In order to get these messages, you must sign up by going to [www.umpi.edu/e2campus](http://www.umpi.edu/e2campus) and following the instruction on that page. FMI, contact Jim Stepp at 768.9601.



### Upcountry publishes Winter 2013 issue

The staff of UMPI's online literary journal *Upcountry* has finished its last round of editing and the latest issue is now available for viewing in its interactive, online format. Dedicated to showcasing

poems, short stories, personal essays and visual art from the campus community, *Upcountry* is a publication of the University's English Program. It is published twice yearly. To view the latest issue in its interactive format, visit <http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com>. ★

### SCHOLARSHIP Information 2013-2014 Academic Year

**Applications for scholarships to be awarded for the new Academic Year are now available** in the Financial Aid Office, 232 Preble Hall (top floor) or online at [www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf](http://www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf)

*Please print, fill out, and return to the Financial Aid Office.* Students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater are urged to apply. **Application deadline is: February 15, 2013**

\*Late applications will not be accepted\*



### UDLS SPEAKER BOB WALLACE

The University will present Bob Wallace as the second speaker in its Distinguished Lecturer Series for the spring semester. His talk, titled *How 20th Century Technology Transformed 21st Century Espionage* will take place on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. Wallace, the retired CIA director of the Office of Technical Service, will trace the development and use of "spy technology" from World War II to the present. His talk will feature rare photographs of spy gear, along with graphics, video images and audio clips of clandestine operations.



FMI, call  
768.9452.  
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### UMPI OWLS RELAY FOR LIFE

On Sunday, Feb. 3, the UMPI Owls Relay for Life held their 3rd Annual "Think Pink" basketball games against Fisher College. Pink was visible throughout both of the games. The women played at Noon and the men played at 2 p.m. The Relay for Life Team did a "Feed the Jug" activity to collect loose change, and they also held a 50/50 drawing, raffles and door prizes. ■ On Friday, March 1, the UMPI Owls Relay for Life Team will be hosting the 2nd Annual **Stew Night** at the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club (Echo Lake Drive) from 5-7 p.m. There will be stew, chili, and chowder as well as beans, pancakes, homemade rolls, hot dogs, and homemade desserts (cost will run from \$1 to \$6 on single items/combos). They will also be selling raffle tickets for a gift certificate basket. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the team captains at: lisa.leduc@umpi.edu; laurie.boucher@umpi.edu; or nancy.g.nichols@umpi.edu. All proceeds from both events go to the American Cancer Society. ★



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### February 11

Exotic Animal Adventures 6:30pm, MPR

### February 12

LipDub Video meeting 12:30pm, CC118 ■ Kickoff event for Relay for Life 6pm, MPR

### February 13

CRU Bible Study 6pm, CC118

### February 14

UMPI Games Club 6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ Gay Straight Alliance 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■

Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118 ■

S.E.A.M. 12:30pm, St. John Room ■

Valentine's Day Dance 10pm, St. John & Aroostook Rooms

### February 15

UMPI Games Club War Machine League 6pm, Pullen 111 ■

International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room

### February 18

February Vacation begins

### February 23

UMPI Games Club Live Action Role Playing 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114

### February 25

Classes resume

### February 26

Student Senate 12:40pm, Alumni Room

### February 27

CRU Bible Study 6pm, CC118

### February 28

Criminal Justice Club 12:30pm, Normal 104A ■ S.E.A.M.

12:30pm, St. John Room ■ Gay Straight Alliance 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ Student Organization of Social Workers

12:30pm, CC118 ■ Games Club

6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ UMPI Softball Spaghetti Supper 4pm, MPR

### March 1

International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room ■ UMPI Games Club

War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

### March 5

Student Senate 12:40pm, Alumni Room

### March 6

CRU Bible Study 6pm, CC118

### March 7

Gay Straight Alliance 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ S.E.A.M.

12:30pm, St. John Room ■

Games Club 6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■

DLS speaker Bob Wallace 7pm, MPR ■ Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118

### March 8

International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room ■ UMPI Games Club

Live Action Role Playing 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114 ■ UMPI Games Club War Machine

League, 6pm, Pullen 111 ★

### We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the March image, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 pm. Monday, February 25.

Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to  
gshaw@umpi.edu.



The University recently marked the 20th anniversary of its Campus Center with a celebration that included live music, refreshments, and a grand prize drawing for a discounted catering and facilities package. Greg Daniels' name was drawn first, but he opted to donate the prize back so it could be drawn again. TAMC then became the recipient of the grand prize drawing. Here, UMPI President Linda Schott, right, presents the certificate to TAMC President and CEO Sylvia Getman.



The Owls seen after this season's first snowstorm.

Photo: Sharon Roix

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