The latest speaker in the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series provided a rare glimpse into spy technology and some of the tools real spies use to conduct their operations during his presentation in early March.

Robert Wallace, the retired Director of the Central Intelligence Agency’s Office of Technical Service, delivered his talk How 20th Century Technology Transformed 21st Century Espionage on Thursday, March 7.

Wallace explained that, in the seven decades since World War II, technology has revolutionized the way we work, travel, communicate, and learn. These fundamental technological changes to daily life have been equally profound in the world of spying and espionage. At the CIA, smart engineers found ways to make many of the fantastic gadgets that “Q” issued to James Bond in movies from Dr. No (1963) to Skyfall (2012) a part of the real spy’s toolbox.

“Every new 20th century technology, such as digital imaging, battery chemistry, electronic bugs, silicone materials, personal computing, satellites, and the Internet have been incorporated for use in espionage operations by the scientists and technical officers in the CIA’s Office of Technical Service, which is really ‘America’s Q,’” Wallace said.

During his fast-paced, illustrated talk, Wallace traced the development and use of “spy technology” from World War II to the present, featuring rare photographs of spy gear, along with graphics, video images and audio clips of clandestine operations.

Wallace’s 32-year career with the CIA (1971-2003) included assignments as an operations officer, station chief and director of clandestine technical programs. Following retirement in 2003, Wallace founded Artemus Consulting Group, a network of intelligence professionals providing management counsel, strategic planning, and representational services to government and corporate clients.

Vera celebrates Women’s History Month

The University’s Reed Fine Art Gallery presents Vera, a series of events in celebration of Women’s History Month this March that includes an exhibition at the Reed, a literary journal, two receptions, a performance, a historical tour, and a panel discussion. The large slate of events has been co-organized with the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library and the Presque Isle Historical Society.

Through many mediums, Vera examines a history about The County that hasn’t been told. Named in honor of the eclectic and independent local historical figure Vera Estey, the series features the work of several women artists and writers who took The County woman as their muse and either honored her directly or expanded beyond her story to explore their own and other historic women’s legacies.

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Planet Head Day raises more than $22,000

Officials with UMPI and C-A-N-C-E-R are pleased to announce that the 7th Annual Planet Head Day raised more than $22,000 for the local cancer organization. Dozens of community members shaved their heads (or donned bald caps) and had them painted as planets, moons and comets for the region’s most unique fundraiser, which brings together space science education and cancer awareness into a single package.

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. There was lots to do and see at this year’s Planet Head Day, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 16, in UMPI’s Wieden Gymnasium. Approximately 100 “planet heads” of all ages were seen orbiting around the gym, with Mars being the most popular planet this year. Crowds gathered around a row of barber chairs to watch one brave soul after another sit down and get a free haircut—a very close shave—from the staff of the Parsons Street Barber Shop and Great Beginnings Hair Boutique. Theatrical “bald” caps offered a less permanent option for participants. The resulting bald heads were in recognition of and support for the many cancer patients who lose their hair during cancer treatment.

At a nearby cluster of tables, artists and planet head painters were on hand to transform those blank canvases into the celestial body of each person’s choosing. Money for the “bald” caps and paints were provided by a grant from NASA.

Planet Head Day was originally established as a NASA-funded celebration of the University’s involvement in the New Horizons space mission to Pluto, which is now only two years away from its arrival. The event is held each year near the February 18th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto in 1930.

A video of this year’s Planet Head Day activities, provided by Frank Grant of Grant Visuals, is now available on youtube.com. Even though Planet Head Day is over, you can still make a donation to C-A-N-C-E-R. Donations can 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.

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Wallace earned his Bachelor’s degree in History from Ottawa (Kansas) University in 1966 and a Master’s degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas in 1968. He served in the U.S. Army during 1968-1970, led long-range reconnaissance patrol teams of Company E, 75th Rangers in Vietnam and was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, two Bronze Stars with “V,” and three Air Medals. In 2002, he co-authored Nine from the Ninth, a memoir of the Vietnam War based on the authors’ combat experiences.

Wallace moved to Washington, D.C., in 1970 and served as an administrative assistant to the late Ohio Congressman William McCulloch before joining the Central Intelligence Agency in 1971. Between 1973 and 1991, he served in field assignments including three tours as Chief of Station directing clandestine operations and managing intelligence collection programs.

From 1991 through 2003, Wallace held senior positions in operations and administration at CIA headquarters. He was appointed Deputy Director of the CIA’s Office of Technical Service (OTS) in 1993 and elevated to Office Director in 1998. There he managed programs for the design, development, testing and deployment of technical equipment and personnel in support of worldwide clandestine operations.

In 2002, OTS received recognition from the CIA’s Inspector General for superior performance and management. Wallace’s other CIA awards include the Intelligence Medal of Merit, the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal and two Donovan Awards. In 2005, he received the Ottawa University Alumni Association Outstanding Achievement Award.

Wallace speaks and writes on intelligence, leadership and management topics throughout the United States. He is co-author of Spycraft: The Secret History of the CIA’s Spyschts from Communism to al-Qaeda (2008), contributor to Vaults, Mirrors & Masks: Rediscovering U.S. Counterintelligence (2009), co-author of The Official CIA Manual of Deception and Trickery (2009) and co-author of Spy Sites of New York City (2012).

Wallace and his wife, Mary Margaret, live in Northern Virginia. He is a member of the McLean Baptist Church and a strategic consultant to companies supporting the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community.
A new Career Pathways group in central and southern Aroostook has met for the first time and is gearing up to create career pathways for the benefit of Aroostook County workers and employers. The group’s first meeting took place in January on the UMPI campus.

Career Pathways is a framework for educational and workforce development aimed at addressing the need for a skilled workforce primarily in high-growth, high-demand and/or high-wage occupations through coordinated planning, programming and activity. A Career Pathways group has been active in the St. John Valley for about two years.

About 20 representatives from education, economic development, health and human services and the business community gathered at UMPI Jan. 17 to discuss how the group will function and grow.

“The initiative is important to strengthen the various efforts to create career paths for Aroostook County workforce and to meet the immediate and future needs of area employers,” said meeting facilitator Leane Page of Northern Maine Development Commission.

UMPI Admissions Director Erin Benson also participated in the first meeting.

“Ultimately, I would like for people to understand that education is more than training people for jobs,” she said. “While that is an important component, it is not the only one. We don’t even know what the jobs are going to be 10-20 years down the road. We are educating people to become lifelong learners, so they can prepare themselves for a new economy long after they have earned their diplomas.”

One sector that wasn’t well represented at this initial meeting was employers, but Page said that will be addressed and asked the members to recommend leads in that area.

“It’s important to bring all the relevant stakeholders to the table,” said Otis Smith, SAD 29 Director of Adult Education. “We want to bring business and industry into this process and ultimately start to reverse negative demographic trends that Aroostook Partnership for Progress and LEADers Encouraging Aroostook Development are addressing.”

The group meets again in March.

Dr. Zaborney to offer reading, book signing

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MPI History Professor John Zaborney has shed new light on slave labor in the antebellum South in his newly published book, and the University will celebrate with a reading and book signing event with the author on Thursday, March 21, at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center. The public is invited to attend this special event.

In his new book Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia, Dr. Zaborney suggests—contrary to popular belief—that the endemic practice of slave renting or hiring bolstered the institution of slavery in the decades leading up to the Civil War, all but assuring Virginia’s secession from the Union to protect slavery. Zaborney’s book was published by Louisiana State University Press, one of the nation’s outstanding scholarly presses.

Zaborney came across the idea of slave hiring in graduate school as he was seeking a topic suitable for his Ph.D. dissertation. This led him to researching records on microfilm as well as documents in archives and courthouses throughout Virginia. After finishing his dissertation, he knew he had something that, with more time and work, could be expanded into a book.

In the years since, Zaborney returned to the South in search of additional material, all the while incorporating it into a growing manuscript that ultimately was picked up by LSU Press.

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.

All are encouraged to attend this special evening with Dr. Zaborney. The March 21 event will include a reading and Q&A by the author, followed by a book signing. There will also be a reception featuring light refreshments, and wine available through a cash bar. Copies of his book will be on display and for sale.

Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia is currently available for sale in hardcover and e-book form online at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com, and at the UMPI Bookstore for $42.50 per copy. For more information, please contact the University’s Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452 or gshaw@umpi.edu.

Career Pathways group meets at UMPI

The newly formed Career Pathways “team” for central and southern Aroostook met for the first time on Jan. 17 at the University.
UMPI students host 17th Fit & Fun Day

Getting exercise while having fun? That was the goal of the 17th semi-annual Fit and Fun Day, which was held on Saturday, March 9 in Gentile Hall. Fit and Fun Day is designed to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for local children.

The day, sponsored by UMPI’s Physical Education Majors Club twice each year, provides parents and their kids with a fun and active way to spend a Saturday morning. Physical Education students facilitated the activities and provided instruction. The University’s Athletic Training staff and students were on site as first aid responders.

Fit and Fun Day was open to local children in grades Kindergarten through 6 and taught them about a healthy lifestyle through physical activity. According to student organizers, the children worked their minds and bodies in a fun learning environment. Activities included individual and team building activities. The multipurpose court in Gentile Hall was used for the various activities, such as parachute, soccer, and cup stacking. Children spent approximately 20 to 30 minutes at each station.

Dr. Christine Standefer, UMPI Professor of Physical Education, said the event was great for both elementary and college students.

“The children learn that physical activity isn’t just about exercise; it can be lots of fun, too,” Standefer said. “It’s about playing and just being a kid. This is also a great opportunity for UMPI students to work with school-age children. The more our students get to work directly with children, the better their teaching skills become.”

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The women involved in Vera, all of whom are associated with The County, created visual and written work that serves as the basis for a Reed Gallery art exhibition and a literary publication. The literary journal was made possible by a University of Maine System Diversity Steering Committee Grant and was designed by UMPI Fine Arts student Rowena Forbes. Artists and writers were provided with access to the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library County Archives, with assistance from Dianna Leighton, library staffer and event co-coordinator, as well as a comprehensive tour of the Vera Estey House with Historical Society member Kim Smith, event co-coordinator. A wonderful complement to this project is the Presque Isle Historical Society’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, organized to coincide with the exhibition and publication.

The artists featured in the exhibition are: Heather Harvell, Heather Nunez, Cortney Rector, Carol Ayooob, Andrea Peterson, Melissa Crowe, and Whitney Graham. Their works range from acrylic paint to assemblage to human hair.

The writers of the Vera Literary Journal include: Kimberly Pratt, Melissa Crowe, Melissa Jenks, Kathryn Olmstead, Alice Bolstridge, Cathie Pelletier, Pamela Snow Sweeter, and Glenna Smith. The journal consists of short story, poetry, and historical narrative.

The series kicked off on Friday, March 1, with the opening reception for the Reed Gallery’s Vera art exhibition. The show runs through Saturday, April 13, 2013.

On Tuesday, March 12, there will be a panel discussion with a selection of artists and writers who took part in Vera sharing their research and artistic interpretation of the theme. This presentation will take place in the Campus Center at 7 P.M.

On Saturday, March 23, the Reed Gallery will be open late to take part in the Presque Isle Historical Society’s 50th anniversary celebration. Please contact Kim Smith regarding its Champagne & Candlelight Tour. Light refreshments served.

Here’s what’s on UMPI Radio in March

Mondays
3-4pm classic rock with “rockin’ r anger”
7-9pm Top-40s of the 1990s with Nicole Gray

Tuesdays
5pm The owl’s par liame NT with professor Brent anderson

Wednesdays
3:30-5pm an all-r eq uesT show with “izzy”

Fridays
1-2pm souTherN hip hop with “40 Below”
2-3pm hoT cou NTr y with “Backwoods Burnout”

Saturdays
6-10am couNTr y with “country dan”
6-9pm the ‘70s sh ow with “rob carlson”

Sundays
7-9am Gospel with “coco”
When the University undertook a project to preserve its 4-ton, 30-foot-tall sculpture Owls, by renowned artist Bernard Langlais, officials didn’t realize it would result in two separate pieces that will allow future generations to appreciate Langlais’ work.

The main goal of the project was to preserve the deteriorating, 35-year-old, outdoor wooden sculpture and move it to the center of campus. The sculpture was one of the very last Langlais produced before his unexpected death in December 1977. Work began in March 2012 and the restored sculpture was unveiled that September. The surprise second piece that resulted from the project is an exact scale model replica created by one of the project crew members.

Al Levesque, Physical Plant staffer, carved a 1:12 scale model version of Langlais’ Owls from lumber salvaged during the restoration. Levesque, who has done antique restoration work for 35 years, knew from the start that if any wood remained, he wanted to make a scale model both to pay tribute to Langlais’ work and provide campus with a piece of the sculpture that could be kept away from the elements.

He started the carving process just after Thanksgiving 2012. The replica took about 70 hours to complete, from the think time to getting each detail just right.

Because the artist was no longer available to explain his artistic process—Langlais became ill during the construction of UMPI’s Owls sculpture and passed away two weeks prior to its installation—Levesque spent a lot of time ensuring his was a faithful copy.

“As I was working on this project, I was thinking, ‘What was the artist thinking about when he was carving?’” Levesque said. “During the restoration, I had seen some details, but it was when I started to carve that I really saw what the artist was seeing in this sculpture. There’s the life cycle of an owl, from the smallest figure with fluffy feathers to the fully matured owl with long feathers. And that’s similar to the evolution of our students from freshman to sophomore to junior to senior to alum.”

Levesque’s carving was completed in December 2012 and now is proudly displayed in the President’s Office.

Watson Family Scholarship Fund established

An UMPI alumnus who credits his time on campus as the starting point to a successful career is “paying it forward” by working with the Foundation of the University at Presque Isle to establish a new scholarship that will provide financial assistance, especially for students hailing from Aroostook County.

David W. Watson recently signed a trust agreement with the University’s Foundation to establish the Watson Family Scholarship Fund, which will help support students from Aroostook County who need financial assistance to secure their goal of acquiring a university education.

A native of Westfield, Maine, Watson graduated from UMPI in 1983 as class Salutatorian with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He immediately went to Harvard Law School where he graduated cum laude and earned his Juris Doctor degree.

Today, practicing at Goodwin Procter in Boston, Mass., he is a partner in the firm’s Business Law Department and chair of its Private Investment Funds Practice. Watson focuses his practice on public and private securities offerings, private fund formation, partnership law, mergers and acquisitions, securities law compliance and general corporate matters. He works with clients ranging from small startup fund managers to established international financial organizations raising billions of dollars around the globe. Watson also participates in Goodwin Procter’s Capital Markets, Real Estate Capital Markets and Private Equity/Venture Capital Practices.

“We are so pleased to see this scholarship established not only because it provides our hard-working students with greater opportunities for financial assistance as they strive to earn their degrees, but also because it highlights both the success our alumni are able to achieve after graduation and the kind of impact our campus community has on students,” UMPI President Linda Schott said.

The first scholarship from the new fund will be awarded in the Fall of 2013 in the amount of $1,000.

For more information or to contribute to the Watson Family Scholarship Fund, please contact UMPI’s Office of Development at 768.9368.
The University is partnering with several community organizations and businesses—including the Wintergreen Arts Center, the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library, The Aroostook Medical Center, The Whole Potato Café and Commons, and Star City Coffee—to host its biggest celebration to date in honor of Brain Awareness Week.

There are four main components to the region’s Third Annual Brain Awareness Week festivities: a Brain Art Contest with community judging held Friday, March 1 and an award ceremony on Tuesday, March 19; a Wii Challenge on Saturday, March 16; a Ceramic Brain Painting Night on Wednesday, March 20; and a Movie Night on Friday, March 22.

Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is the global campaign to increase public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research, according to the official BAW website.

Activities kicked off with a Brain Art Contest for K-12 students throughout central Aroostook County, presented by the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library and Wintergreen Arts Center. Submitted student artwork inspired by the brain was on display at the local library in time for Presque Isle’s First Friday Downtown Art Walk on March 1. Community members had a chance to vote for their favorite art pieces. A ceremony for the winners will be held at the Wintergreen Arts Center at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19.

On March 16, from 1-2:30 P.M., organizers will host a Wii Brain Challenge at the Whole Potato Café and Commons. Community members are invited to take part in this family friendly event, being held in partnership with The Aroostook Medical Center’s Neuro Rehabilitation Department.

A returning favorite, the Ceramic Brain Painting Night, will take place on March 20 at 5:30 P.M. in the UMPI Art Studio. Participants will learn about how brains are mapped and then use that information and their imaginations as they work in pairs to paint a plaster brain. The brains have been made by UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Hyrum Benson and students in the BioMedical Club. Dr. Scott Dobrin, UMPI Assistant Professor of Biology, will deliver a short public seminar on neuroscience as part of this event.

During Movie Night on March 22, community members are invited to gather at Star City Coffee 6-9 P.M. for a viewing of Awakenings—which has a strong neuroscience theme—followed by a conversation with local neuroscientists, who will discuss the movie and answer questions.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and take part in all of these free events. For more information, visit www.umpi.edu/brainweek.

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The University of Maine at Presque Isle will present a public forum on Mineral Deposits, Mining, Mine Water Treatment, and Environmental Concerns from 8:30 A.M. to Noon on Saturday, March 23, in the Campus Center. The forum will provide a first-of-its-kind opportunity to residents of Northern Maine and students of the University with a panel of high-profile speakers who are experts in the fields concerning issues of mining metallic minerals.

The goal of the forum, which is intended to be informational and educational, is to begin a meaningful dialogue about Maine’s metallic minerals and mining. Anyone with an interest in issues about mineral deposits and mining is welcome to attend.

Event speakers will include Dr. Robert Marvinney, State Geologist and Director of the Maine Geological Survey, who will present on Maine’s Geology, Mineral Potential, and Basics of Metallic Mineral Mining; Dr. David Lentz, Professor and Economic Geology Chair, Department of Earth Sciences, University of New Brunswick, who will give a talk entitled Exploration and Mining in the 21st Century: Responsible Mineral Resource Development Options & the Role of High Technology; and Mr. James Cormier, Superintendent of the Department of Environment and Community Affairs, Xstrata Zinc Brunswick Mines, whose presentation is on Brunswick Mine: 48+ Years of Base Metal Mining. Following each presentation, there will be a question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Chunzeng Wang, UMPI Associate Professor of Geology, Environment, and GIS.

This event is sponsored by UMPI’s Environmental Studies and Sustainability Program and co-sponsored by the Maine Geological Survey. It is open to the public and admission is free. For more information on the forum, email Dr. Wang at chunzeng.wang@umpi.edu or call 768.9412.

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University hosts Bone Marrow Drive

The University will be holding a bone marrow drive on Tuesday, March 12 at 11 A.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Campus Center’s Allagash Room. This event is open to members of the public who are 18 years of age or older. Organizers hope to have at least 50 new donors register during the event.

The bone marrow drive, coordinated by the organization Delete Blood Cancer, DKMS, is being held to help inform people about how bone marrow donation works and how it can help give people with blood cancer a chance at a long life, as well as to register people to become bone marrow donors. The organization covers all of the expenses of donating bone marrow that the donor would normally have to cover out of pocket.

“We’ve been involved with DKMS for about two years now—and we enjoy every minute of it,” she said.

According to the organization’s website, DKMS was founded by Peter Harf, whose wife was dying of blood cancer. Harf worked tirelessly to find his wife a donor and, with the help of friends and family, recruited 68,000 donors in one year. In 2004, daughter Katharina Harf led Delete Blood Cancer into the United States, establishing DKMS as a national donor recruitment program. The organization is the largest bone marrow donor center, with over 3 million registered donors worldwide and over 30,000 donors that have helped save lives.

Registering to become a donor takes no more than five minutes to fill out paperwork and get swabbed. For more information on DKMS or the Presque Isle drive, contact Gallop at ashley.gallop@gmail.com.

Additional information can also be found by visiting www.deletebloodcancer.org.

UMPI presents 2nd annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

The University will host its 2nd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta on Saturday, April 20 at 4 P.M. in the Gentile Hall pool area, and this year community members are invited to join UMPI students, faculty and staff in competing for first place and bragging rights. The public also is invited to watch, cheer on the participants, and vote for their favorite boat.

Community voting will take place the day of the race from 1-4 P.M. in the Gentile Hall gym.

Organizers will be accepting up to 18 boats for this year’s regatta. Sign-up begins on Monday, March 18. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed by Friday, April 5. To enter a team, pick up your registration form at the Student Activities Office on the first floor of UMPI’s Campus Center, or visit www.umpi.edu/regatta.

A cardboard boat regatta is a competition that challenges participants to make a “sea-worthy” vessel out of cardboard and a few other simple materials to see who can paddle their way along a short race course without flooding, sinking or destroying their boat.

A bracket system will be used to determine the winner. The winning team will get $250. The event will also have four special categories with winners being determined by community voting. Three will have a $50 prize: Most Creative, Most UMPI Pride, and Most Team Spirit. The fourth category, Most Epic Sink, comes with a $100 prize.

Boats must be dry and in the Gentile Hall gym by Noon on April 20, for community voting, which takes place from 1-4 P.M. For registration form, rules, and other details, please visit www.umpi.edu/regatta or call 768.9582.
Manifold named USCAA All-American

UMPI center Patrick Manifold (Senior, Great Yarmouth, UK) has been named a United States Collegiate Athletic Association 2nd Team “All-American” in Division I.

The 6’8” four-year starter averaged 17.9 points per game and pulled down 8.9 rebounds in 2012-13, leading the team in both categories. He helped lead the Owls to an 8-win improvement from last season.

“This honor is a result of Patrick’s dedication and hard work during his career at UMPI,” said Owls’ head coach Jim Casciano. “He is one of the hardest workers that I ever coached at any level of basketball. He is most deserving of this recognition.”

Among some of Manifold’s highlights this season:

- On December 3, in the first half of what would be an 89-46 victory over UMaine-Augusta, Manifold scored his 1000th career point on a one-handed dunk.
- Scored 33 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in a 70-68 loss to Eastern Nazerene on January 21.
- Poured in 31 points on 10-16 shooting while recording 12 rebounds, leading to an 81-65 victory over Fisher College on February 3.

“I am extremely honored to receive the prestigious recognition of being named an ‘All-American’ by the United States Collegiate Athletic Association,” said Manifold after learning of the distinction. “This award means a great deal to me and ranks right at the top of my list of achievements. I would like to thank the USCAA, my coaches, my teammates and, of course, my loving family for their constant support.”

While his collegiate playing days are now behind him, Manifold hopes to continue playing the game he loves. A recent facebook post stated his post-graduation aspirations:

“After an amazing four years playing college basketball in America, I would like to announce my intention of fulfilling my dream of playing professional basketball. I believe I have what it takes to perform at the next level, and I really look forward to both the challenge and the opportunity. I would like to express my immense gratitude to the University of Maine at Presque Isle for giving me the opportunity to represent their fine institution on the hardwood. As the great Sir Winston Churchill once said, ‘Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.’”

A workhorse in the gym, Manifold continues to get the job done in the classroom as well. On the same day he was named to the All-American team, he also appears on the USCAA’s All-Academic Team.

In The Owls’ Nest: Emily Pelletier

You see it in many basketball gyms this time of year. Playing in the last game either on the home court or of the season, a head coach will take out a senior star player, to give them a chance to be acknowledged by teammates and fans. It is usually an emotional moment as the senior finally is forced to come to grips with the fact that it will be the last time they take the court with their jersey on.

That moment did not happen for senior Emily Pelletier (Senior, Fort Kent) on Feb. 12, as the UMPI Owls were finishing up their season at Bates College.

“This was the conversation,” remembers Owls’ Head Coach Marc Heidorf. “There’s a minute or so left and they (Bates) are shooting a free throw. She’s at mid-court and I yell ‘Em!’ and motion to her in a way that asks her if she would like to come out. She responds by waving me off as if to say ‘I got this, coach’. That was it. With all that she has done for this school, this program, and especially this year’s team, as far as I was concerned, she earned the right to walk off the court in whatever manner she chose.”

With the season over and her collegiate career in the rear-view mirror, the 1026-career point scorer sat down to reflect back on her four years as an Owl. Read the interview at http://owls.umpi.edu/sports/wbkb/2012-13/releases/20130222mdc8jc.
SAGE Kickoff

The SAGE spring kick-off will be held Friday, March 15, in the Campus Center’s Multi-Purpose Room beginning with refreshments at 9:30 A.M., followed by presentations at 10-11 A.M. Those age 50 and beyond are welcome! A special presentation will be made by our own Alice Bolstridge, Ph.D., Maine Senior College Poet Laureate. FMI: 768.9502.

Save the Date!

Chamber Breakfast with the Chancellor

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will be the host site for the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce’s latest business breakfast, which will feature University of Maine System Chancellor James H. Page, on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 A.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center. The event is open to the public and the cost is $10 for chamber members, $15 for nonmembers.

FMI: 764.6561 or 768.9452.

Vacation Package Raffle

The UMPI Owls Relay for Life team is selling raffle tickets for a vacation package worth approximately $900! The tickets are 1 for $1 or 7 for $5. Here is what is included in the package: 4 Nascar tickets to a Louden, NH race in July; 4 Portland Sea Dogs tickets; a round trip plane ticket on Pen Air from Presque Isle to Boston; a weekend at Portage Lakeside Cabins; an Olive Garden gift certificate; Burger King gift certificates; and 2 different gas cards! The tickets are on sale now through May 31. Contact Laurie Boucher in Financial Aid to purchase tickets, 768.9512 or laurie.boucher@umpi.edu.

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the April image, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 P.M. Monday, April 8. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to gshaw@umpi.edu.
**Student Activities Office hosts Easter Egg hunt**
The Student Activities Office will host an Easter Egg Hunt for area youth on Saturday, March 23, at 2 P.M. in the Campus Center. There will be lots of candy and toy filled eggs! Find a golden egg for a special prize! Kids will be divided into three groups, ages 3 and under, ages 4 to 6, and ages 7 to 10. This event is free and open to the public. FMI: contact the Student Activities Office, 768.9582.

**International Students Club holds fundraisers**
The University’s International Students Club is having two fundraisers to raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C. in April. Dine at Oriental Pearl, 745 Main St. in Presque Isle anytime between now and March 28 and 10% of your purchase will go to the club. Contact Bonnie DeVaney at Barbara.Devaney@umpi.edu, or 768.9750, to get a flyer or 768.9750, to get a flyer you must give to your server. The club is also selling calligraphy artwork available. If you are interested, see an International Students club member or contact Bonnie DeVaney at the information above.

**Cross Country team indoor yard sale**
UMPI’s Cross Country team, in conjunction with the Presque Isle Historical Society, will sponsor an indoor yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 30-31 in Wieden Gymnasium. On Saturday, the event will run from 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.; on Sunday from 11 A.M. – 4 P.M. Cost to rent a booth for vendors is $40. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, contact Chris Smith at 768.9472 or 227.6308.

**GIS Round-Table Workshop**
A community GIS round-table workshop, sponsored and host- ed by UMPI’s GIS Laboratory and co-sponsored by Northern Maine Development Commission and Maine GIS Users Group, was held in February in UMPI’s Folsom Hall GIS Lab. The topic of the workshop was about using GIS in land cover and land use mapping and addressing issues caused by climate change and flood control. The workshop was attended by area resource managers, town and city staff, natural disaster emergency responders, planners, and GIS users. On the agenda was an explanation of the GroWashington/Aroostook Sustainable

![Forest Pest Training](image)

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**Notes**

The University of Maine at Presque Isle hosted the Junior Achievement of Maine-Titan Challenge on Feb. 13, bringing together high school students from throughout central Aroostook County to compete with their peers from across the state on business finance and marketing exercises. Pictured is Phil Bosse, U.S. Senator Susan Collins’ state office representative in Aroostook County, serving as a mentor for, from left, Presque Isle Technology Center students Shannon Sweeney, Lora Ireland and Koley Knight.

**Forest Pest Training Week**
April 16-20

**Tuesday, April 16** - Tye Dye, 11 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., outside Wieden Hall (rain location, Whooo’s Hut) – Free Beach Bash T-shirt provided!

**Wednesday, April 17** - Beach Wear Wednesday (wear your beach wear!) Make your own sand art, flip flops, & smoothies, 11 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., outside Wieden Hall (rain location, Whooo’s Hut)

**Thursday, April 18** - Anything But Clothes Dance, 10 P.M. - 1 A.M., MPR, Beach Bash prize for the most creative outfit! Student ID is required!

**Friday, April 19** - Laser Tag, 12 – 4 P.M., Gentile Hall, free sunglasses!

**Saturday, April 20** - UMPI’s Beach Bash, 11:30 – 3:30 P.M., Gentile Hall. Surfer X 65 foot obstacle course, mechanical surfboard, make your own wax hand, and more! Cardboard boat voting. 2nd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, 4 P.M., Gentile Pool.

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Development Communities Project and UMPI’s EPSCoR efforts in land use analysis of croplands for the feasibility and sustainability of producing grass biomass in central Aroostook County. There was also a round table discussion with a focus on climate change and an open discussion centered on concerns and possible mitigation of climate change for long term planning.

**VITA services underway through April 13**
Free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers is now available at locations, including UMPI, now to Aroostook County residents whose combined or individual income is up to $51,000. Call United Way of Aroostook at 768.5197 for an appointment and tax preparation locations.

**Mrs. UMPI 2013**
The Senior Class would like to thank you goes to the following people for their help: Katie Buckley, Brittany Bearden, Carolyn Dorsey, Heather Kennedy, Brad Trask, Taylor Usery, Cody Humphrey, Dan Lalonde, and Doree Bell. Also, thank you to the judges, Keli Marston, Ben Costello, and Jason Fortin. And Ms. UMPI 2013 is Stephen Thorne! Josh Stahl was 1st runner up, Tyler Harding was voted most photogenic and John Haddad was chosen as Ms. Congeniality!

**UMPI to celebrate 12th annual University Day**
**Linking generations through teaching and learning** is the theme of this year’s University Day, which will take place on Wednesday, April 10. The day is set aside to showcase the students and their academic achievements. This is a campus wide event organized as a conference with student presentations offered through the day. One of the event’s objectives is to provide students the opportunity to experience a conference environment. Presentations come from individual students, groups or an entire class with faculty and staff serving as advisors to the student presentations. The work presented may take any form; traditional research, service learning, internships, creative works, cultural awareness, or community service. All students are encouraged to submit proposals that will highlight work done in the summer ‘12, fall ‘12 and spring ‘13 semesters. In addition to the academic presentations, a complimentary lunch is served along with a presentation of the UMPI Recent Alumni Award. FMI, visit www.umpi.edu/uday or call 768.9452.

**SAGE poet laureate**
Dr. Alice Bolstridge, a member and instructor at Seniors Achieving Greater Education (SAGE) at UMPI is the Maine Senior College Network’s new Poet Laureate. Dr. Bolstridge’s winning poem, Wild Apples was selected by Catherine Hannigan, the poetry editor of Words & Images, the University of Southern Maine’s annual arts and literature publication. A native of Portage, Maine, Dr. Bolstridge received a Bachelor’s degree in English from UMPI, a master’s degree in English/Writing from the University of Maine, and a Ph.D. in English Literature from Oklahoma State University. She has taught English and humanities at a number of schools, including The Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and she is also a volunteer instructor at SAGE. She has been a member of SAGE for 10 years. As a student at SAGE, she generally takes literature courses. As an instructor, Dr. Bolstridge
explains that she teaches something different every time she offers a course: “I take something that has caught my interest and go with it.” This spring she will be teaching *The Pleasure and Perils of Solitude* in poetry and prose.

Wintergreen Arts Center and UMPI announce “12X12” art auction

Save the date for the second annual “12X12” art auction, which will be held on Friday, May 3, from 6-9 P.M. at the Wintergreen Arts Center during the May 2013 First Friday Art Walk. As part of the 12X12 event, organizers are providing participating artists with blank 12-inch by 12-inch canvases to fill in any way they choose – “Any media goes.” Artists will have between late March and the end of April to complete their works, which will be put on display in the Barresi Financial Gallery at WGAC starting May 3. A silent auction and reception will be held that evening from 6-9 P.M. Each canvas will hold a reserve bid of $60. Bidding will end promptly at 8:30 P.M. and winning bids will be announced at 8:45 P.M. Artists should contact UMPI and Wintergreen no later than March 23 to learn more about getting involved. FMI, contact Wendy Gilman-Zubrick at wintergreenarts@gmail.com or 762.3576, or Heather Sincavage at heather.sincavage@umpi.edu or 768.9442.

Global Markets for Maine’s Food and Wood Products Workshop

The Maine International Trade Center (MITC) hosted a workshop on Wednesday, March 6, in the Campus Center. The workshop focused on Maine’s food and wood products exports, international market trends, and overseas initiatives past and future. The program also had breakout sessions on grant opportunities.

First Friday Art Walk

Friday, March 1 was the First Friday Art Walk in Presque Isle. The University had an Opening Reception for the art exhibit Vera, featuring pieces by Cortney Arndt-Rector, Carol Ayob, Melissa Crowe, Whitney Graham, Heather Harvell, Heather Nunez, and Andrea Peterson in the Reed Fine Art Gallery. Working with the Presque Isle Historical Society and the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library, artists and writers toured the Vera Estey House and were provided access to archives to use as inspiration for the work. The exhibit will run through April 13 in the Reed Fine Art Gallery. The Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; it is closed Sundays and University holidays. A reception for the writers whose work appears in the Vera literary journal, will be held on Friday, April 5, 5–7 P.M. in the Reed Gallery during the April First Friday Art Walk.

Special Olympics Basketball

The University hosted over 160 athletes who participated in the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Gentile Hall on Jan. 16. Coach Casavant and his Caribou boys team returned again this year to assist as well as both UMPI women’s and men’s basketball teams and Easton High School Varsity Club. All the athletes participated in 3 individual basketball skills such as shot technique, passing, ball control, dribbling, and stretching. There were also mini 5 on 5 basketball games that some athletes participated in. The finale was a short scrimmage game between the Snow Dogs and the Caribou Boys Team.

Sportsman’s Show 2013

The Presque Isle Fish & Game Club will host the Sportsman’s Show on Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7 in Gentile Hall. On Saturday, the event will run from 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. and it will run from 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. on Sunday. Special attractions will be a kid’s trout fishing pond sponsored by L.L. Bean, a shooting range, bow range and a video hunting game. There will also be a moose calling continued on page 13
What’s New at the Library?
The UMPI Library is seeking suggestions on how we can improve Library services for the UMPI community. You will find two flipcharts – one is located on the main floor and the second one is on the top floor. We encourage everyone to stop by and write down your suggestions. The Library now has laptops/MacBooks for your use while you are in the Library. Stop by the Circulation Desk and “check them out.”★

University Distinguished Lecturer Series offers two April events

Dr. Richard Keeling will deliver a plenary presentation addressing student learning, brain development, and brain research and the implications of the latest research in these areas for higher education on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center. Keeling is the co-author of We’re Losing Our Minds: Rethinking Higher Education.

Bunny McBride will speak about Passages & Portages: Reflections on Writing about Women across Cultures on Thursday, April 18, at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center. McBride’s lecture will reflect on recurrent themes she has explored through the lives of women around the world, with a special focus on Wabanakis in Maine—such as work and motherhood, love and loss, strength and resilience. McBride is the award-winning author of four books, the co-author of the world’s leading cultural anthropology textbook, and vice president of the Women’s World Summit Foundation based in Geneva.

FMI on either of these events, call 768.9452.

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Beth Alden, standing, a teacher with RSU39, and Paula Sperry, second from right, of Maine Public Service help out as mentors during the Junior Achievement of Maine-Titan Challenge event hosted by the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Feb. 13. Together, they provided support for a team of Caribou High School students, composed of, from left, Nick Whitehead, Nick Matlock and Malorie Cyr.

contest and Larry Barnes, a Maine Master Falconer, will be there with his birds of prey. There will be over 75 exhibitors in the exhibition hall from Maine, New Brunswick, Labrador, Quebec and New England. Riverside Restaurant will be there providing great food with table seating and there will be hourly door prizes for kids. An Old Town Canoe will also be drawn as a door prize. This event is open to the public and admission is $5, with children 10 and under getting in free. FMI: 764.0477. ★

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### MARCH 12
- Bone Marrow Drive | 11am-8:30pm, Allagash Room | **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **Kappa Delta Phi NAS Sorority Rush event** | Games/Nachos Night, 7pm, Owl’s Nest | **Vera Panel Discussion** | 7pm, MPR

### MARCH 13
- **Career & Financial Success for graduates** | 5pm, Allagash Room | **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **Kappa Delta Phi NAS Sorority Rush event** | Photo Booth Night, 7pm, Owl’s Nest

### MARCH 14
- **Criminal Justice meeting** | 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

### MARCH 15
- **International Students Club** | 3pm, Alumni Room | **UMPI Games Club** | War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

### MARCH 16
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt** | 9am, Campus Center | **UMPI Games Club** | Live Action Role Playing, 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114

### MARCH 17
- **Kappa Delta Phi** | 6:30pm, Alumni Room | **Student Senate** | 12:40pm, Alumni Room | **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** | 7pm, CC118

### MARCH 18
- **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **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

### MARCH 19
- **Spring Runoff Road Race** | 10:30am, Wieden Hall | **Kappa Delta Phi** | 6:30pm, Alumni Room | **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

### MARCH 20
- **April 8**
  - Classes resume
  - **Last day to withdraw** from a class, withdraw from the University, request a LOA
  - **Advisement & Registration** for Fall 2013 begins

### MARCH 21
- **Student Senate** | 12:40pm, Alumni Room | **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** | 7pm, CC118 | **Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Richard Keeling** | 7pm, MPR

### MARCH 22
- **International Students Club** | 3pm, Alumni Room | **UMPI Games Club** | War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

### MARCH 23
- **Criminal Justice Club** | 12:30pm, Normal 104A | **Gay Straight Alliance** | 12:30pm, Alumni Room | **Student Organization of Social Workers** | 12:30pm, CC118 | **Games Club** | 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest

### MARCH 24
- **International Students Club** | 3pm, Alumni Room | **UMPI Games Club** | Live Action Role Playing, 6pm, Pullen 113 & 114 | **Kappa Delta Phi** | 6:30pm, Alumni Room

### MARCH 25
- **Student Senate** | 12:40pm, Alumni Room | **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** | 7pm, CC118

### MARCH 26
- **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **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 Worker** | 12:30pm, CC118 | **Games Club** | 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest

### MARCH 27
- **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **Kappa Delta Phi** | 6:30pm, Alumni Room | **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

### MARCH 28
- **International Students Club** | 3pm, Alumni Room | **UMPI Games Club** | War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

### MARCH 29
- **Study application & orientation meeting** | 9am, CC118 | **Dick Harrison**, design, layout & photography | **Gayla Shaw**, administrative assistant

### MARCH 30
- **Disorientation Week** | Interactive Event, 11am, MPR | **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118

### APRIL 8
- **Disorientation Week** Interactive Event, 11am, MPR | **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118

### APRIL 18
- **Student Organization of Social Workers** | 12:30pm, CC118 | **S.E.A.M.** | 12:30pm, Owl’s Nest | **Gay Straight Alliance** | 12:30pm, Alumni Room | **Games Club** | 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest | **Distinguished Lecturer Bunny McBride** | 7pm, MPR | **Disorientation Week Dance** | 10pm, St. John and Aroostook Rooms

### APRIL 19
- **International Students Club** | 3pm, Alumni Room | **UMPI Games Club** | War Machine League, 6pm, Pullen 111

### APRIL 20
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta** | 4pm, Gentele pool

### APRIL 21
- **Kappa Delta Phi** | 6:30pm, Alumni Room | **Student Senate** | 12:40pm, Alumni Room | **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** | 7pm, CC118

### APRIL 22
- **“We’re All In This Together”** presented by CRU, CI Club, GSA, Native Voices, SEAM, SOSW, International Students Club

### APRIL 23
- **Student Teaching application & orientation meeting** | 9am, Allagash Room | **Student Senate** | 12:40pm, Alumni Room | **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** | 7pm, CC118

### APRIL 24
- **Student Teaching application & orientation meeting** | 9am, Allagash Room | **CRU Bible Study** | 6pm, CC118 | **Piano recital** | John Newell, 7:30pm MPR

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