

National leader in behavioral ecology gives DLS talk

The University will host Dr. Bernd Heinrich, *The New York Times* bestselling author of nearly 20 books on nature and animal behavior and a national leader in the field of behavioral ecology, as the next speaker in the 2015-2016 Distinguished



Dr. Bernd Heinrich

Lecturer Series. Dr. Heinrich's talk will focus on the physiological ability of insects and birds to adapt to different environments and will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center. This talk is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Heinrich has been awarded Guggenheim, Harvard, and Alexander von Humboldt fellowships for his work in the field of behavioral ecology. He has also been featured in *The New York Times*, on PBS, and is a recipient of the Laurence L. & Thomas Winship/PEN New England Award. He is currently an Emeritus professor at the University of Vermont.

Dr. Heinrich has more than 130 research publications, including three in

preparation, ranging in topic from orb-web spiders to sapsuckers and grouse. These works are among a long list of publications, including magazine and journal articles, book reviews, abstracts, and book chapters in his more than 40 years of work in the field.

Dr. Heinrich's extensive publication history also includes 20 books, including *Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds*, *The Homing Insect: Meaning and Mystery in Animal Migration*, *Why We Run: A Natural History*, *Life Everlasting: The Animal Way of Death*, and *A Year in the Maine Woods*. These books have been published by several well-known publishing houses, including Harvard University Press, HarperCollins, *continued on page 2*

Rematch: NMCC, UMPI host 2nd Food Fight

Healthy competition can go a long way as Northern Maine Community College and UMPI are demonstrating during their Second Annual Food Fight food drive. The event began on Oct. 16, which is World Food Day, and ends on Nov. 6. All food items will be donated after the event to Catholic Charities Maine.

UMPI Registrar Kathy Davis accepted the challenge

after NMCC Vice President of Fundraising for Phi Theta Kappa, Crystal Condo,

issued a rematch in September. Last fall, in honor of Hunger Action Month, Davis had the inspiration to begin a friendly competition between UMPI and NMCC in support of hunger aware-

ness and to combat local food poverty issues in a meaningful way.

After last year's successful event, when the two higher education institutions collected a combined 1,536 pounds of food, both UMPI and NMCC are looking to collect even more food donations and are vying for

bragging rights and the soup can trophy that will go to the winner of the second annual Food Fight.

"I am thrilled that NMCC reached out to challenge us this year," Davis said. "It's exciting that both institutions think it's important to continue the effort we started with last year's Food Fight. While not everyone has faced the crisis of food insecurity, I think that *continued on page 4*



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Students to host Halloween-themed Fit and Fun Day

UMPI Physical Education majors will present a costume-wearing, fun-having, fit-getting day of games and smiles when they host the 22nd semi-annual Fit and Fun Day Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, Oct. 24 at UMPI's Gentile Hall. Local children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in this free event.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and those who arrive early will have the opportunity to showcase their creativity in the Art Corner.

Fit and Fun Day is designed to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for local children, while at the same timing allowing Physical Education students to practice their teaching skills.

"Fit and Fun is an awesome event," Adam Begos, one of the UMPI PE students organizing the event, said. "If



you're a kid in grades K to 5, we'd love to have you join us as we promote FUN physical activity here in Aroostook County! Fit and Fun is the best way to spend your Saturday morning, so don't miss it!"

Various tag games, team activities, and cooperative activities are just a few of the ghoulish games on the event schedule. If the weather permits, kids may have the opportunity to participate in an activity outdoors. Sneakers are a must for this event, costumes are encouraged, and all are welcome to bring their own snack. Water will be available throughout the event, as well as complimentary coffee and tea for adults.

For those adults wishing to get in a little physical activity themselves, Gentile Hall's state-of-the-art track will be available. At the conclusion of the event, the pool and the rock wall will be available from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Students who plan on taking advantage of the facilities will need to bring a swimsuit and towel, and parent/guardian supervision is required. Parents need to sign a release form, provided during registration, in order for their children to use the pool and rock wall.

Athletic Training students will also be on-site for "Boo Boo Patrol" while ensuring all participants stay hydrated and safe throughout the event.

This spooktacular event is sure to provide children with a fun-filled morning. For more information, call Christine Standefer at 768.9457 or email christine.standefer@maine.edu. ★

Attention all seniors!

Are you planning to complete your degree requirements in May or August of 2016?

If so, you need to submit an Application for Degree to the Registrar's Office by **November 30, 2015**. Applications for December 2015 potential graduates are due NOW. Applications can be obtained from the Registrar's Office, 231 Preble Hall or by logging into the Portal and choosing **Graduation** under the **Student Services** dropdown.



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Addison & Wesley, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Dr. Heinrich's most recent work, *One Wild Bird at a Time* is scheduled for publication by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in Spring 2016.

Dr. Heinrich has a connection to Maine as he graduated from the University of Maine in Orono with his B.A. and M.A. in Zoology before getting his Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles. Keeping Maine close despite his travels, Dr. Heinrich

has a cabin in the western Maine woods where he sometimes conducts research. Along with this, he is a member of the Maine Running Hall of Fame and the Maine Sportsmen's Hall of Fame.

The University Distinguished Lecturer Series was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors four to six speakers who come from Maine and beyond, representing a range



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of disciplines and viewpoints. While the emphasis tends to be on featuring visiting academics, it is not exclusively so. The speakers typically spend two days at the University meeting with classes and presenting a community lecture.

All are invited to attend Dr. Heinrich's Oct. 28 distinguished lecture. For more information about this event, please contact the University's Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452. ★

Rotary clubs, UMPI present 4th World Polio Day event



The University and the Presque Isle Rotary Club joined forces to host their Fourth Annual World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project celebration and this year, with the help of the Rotary Clubs in Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Mars Hill and Washburn, the celebration will once again spread throughout central Aroostook County. Activities between Oct. 17 and Oct. 25 will celebrate World Polio Day on Oct. 23 while raising awareness of, and funds for, Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

On Oct. 22, and several other times throughout

the week, organizers and volunteers "paint" the region purple when they presented the Purple Pinkie Project. For \$1, volunteers pinkies purple to help raise money for polio eradication.

Activities kicked off on Oct. 17 when the **Fort Fairfield Rotary Club** hosted a Purple Pinkie table during its 2015 Cash Draw event. On Oct. 19, 20 and 21, Purple Pinkie tables were set up during the **Presque Isle, Mars Hill and Caribou Rotary Clubs'** respective meetings. The **Washburn Rotary Club** will be collecting funds by placing donation jars at two local business-

es—Trailside and Country Farms Market—and by going door to door in the community. Washburn Rotarians also hosted Rodney and Barbara Leach to talk about their connection with the disease during their club meeting on Oct. 21. Barbara Leach is a polio survivor.

In addition, starting as early as 8 A.M. on Oct. 22, community members were able to take part in the Purple Pinkie Project. The estimated cost to immunize one child from polio is \$1, and when each child gets immunized, Rotarians mark their pinkies with a topical purple dye to prevent double dosages. There were four Purple Pinkie stations set up for the public at **UMPI, NMCC, TAMC,** and **UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center.**

Also on Oct. 22,

Presque Isle Rotarians hosted Purple Pinkie stations at **Zippel Elementary School, Presque Isle High School,** and **Presque Isle Middle School.** A Purple Pinkie station was also set up for employees at **MMG Insurance.**

The **Limestone Rotary Club** will partner with the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to host a Purple Pinkie Station this fall. And on Oct. 23, during the club's 65th Annual Auction, Rotarians will take time to raise awareness about Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Activities cap-off with one last Purple Pinkie table, being hosted by the **Caribou Rotary Club** during the Caribou Craft Fair on Oct. 24-25, 10 A.M.-4P.M., at Caribou High School ★

Group gives talk on Katahdin Expedition

A group of local adventurers shared their trip of a lifetime—an expedition to get a person with paraplegia to the summit of Mt. Katahdin—during their presentation *Beyond Limits* on Sept. 30.

Through video, pictures and first-hand accounts, the group brought to life its July 2015 BEYOND LIMITS Katahdin Expedition, which involved a group of 16 diverse people coming together, building a team and doing what many said couldn't be done. The group shared its message that challenge is an opportunity, that nothing is impos-

sible and that it's all about the journey.

Dr. Lowman was born with spina bifida and may be the very first paraplegic to reach the summit of Mt. Katahdin. On July 14, 2015, Lowman and a team that included University faculty, staff, students and community members departed on the multi-day expedition. Their goal wasn't just to reach the top, but also to show that there's no such thing as "can't". That they did in less than 72 hours, with members of the group taking turns carrying Lowman using a modified "PiggyBackPack" carrier all the way up

Maine's largest mountain.

The trip was part of the larger effort Lowman and others have undertaken through the nonprofit organization BEYOND LIMITS, which works to bring adaptive recreation opportunities to Aroostook County.

The group hopes that the Katahdin Expedition serves as inspiration to people in the local region and beyond that those with any type of challenge can—and should—try new things, and that they shouldn't let the word "can't" be a barrier for them. ★



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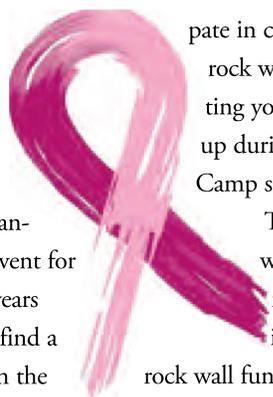
Gentile Hall Women's Fit Night supports breast cancer awareness

The staff at the University's health and wellness facility hosted a breast cancer awareness event with a twist, and a climb, and some boot camp when they offered a Women's Fit Night on Oct. 22 in Gentile Hall. Held in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, all proceeds benefitted the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

This very special Women's Fit Night was organized by Keli Marston, UMPI's Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, and Amanda Baker, UMPI's Recreation Program

Coordinator. Marston explained that the Gentile Hall staff has done a breast cancer awareness event for the past three years and wanted to find a new way to join the community in celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as the disease has touched so many lives.

"We wanted Gentile Hall, which is dedicated to health and wellness, to be a place for women to gather, have fun, and enjoy some fit activities while supporting an important cause," Marston said. "This was a great time to hang out with the 'girls' and partici-



pate in climbing the rock wall and getting your heart rate up during a Fit Camp session."

This all-women's fitness night included rock wall fun and a Fitness Boot Camp.

"Women take so much time out of their lives to take care of others, so we wanted women to be able to participate in a healthy and fun event that also made them feel good about donating to a most worthy cause," Baker said.

For more information about this event, contact Marston at 768.9773 or Baker at 768.9401. ★

Athletic Fundraiser

The UMPI Athletic Department has begun a new fundraiser. The *OWLS ACTION AUCTION* will be a dinner/auction held on Friday, Nov. 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center. This event will be pivotal to promote and develop the athletic programs, which will then carry them to the next level.



UMPI Athletic Director Mike Holmes said, "Like most places, funding is crucial for the advancement of our athletic teams. In addition, we think a fundraiser can reach out and involve one of our best untapped sources—our tremendous athletic alumni base." The program will include a raffle, head coaches discussing their upcoming or recently-finished seasons, and an auction. Raffle and auction items include: sport memorabilia, gift certificates to Presque Isle businesses, team gift baskets, and some surprise big ticket items. ★

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everyone can imagine how horrible and disheartening it would be. So we're very pleased to have this event help to support our neighbors and County residents who are facing food insecurity and give us a chance to help those who may be struggling to make ends meet."

"NMCC's Phi Theta Kappa is looking forward to taking up the challenge for a

most worthy and basic human need," Eric Pelkey, NMCC PTK advisor, said. "I'm proud of our students for once again showing their willingness to participate in the larger community and truly being 'people for others'. We welcome friends and alumni to visit NM with a food donation anytime, but especially during our Homecoming celebration on October 23-24. This year, we hope to make an even greater impact on the prob-

lem of hunger in The County."

This year, the competition start date was set to coincide with World Food Day, as well as World Hunger Action Month during the month of October, and end on Nov. 6, giving both sides plenty of time to prepare and gather as much food as possible. At UMPI, there will be drop off zones in the Campus Center and the Center for Innovative Learning. At NMCC, the drop off zone will be in the

Academic Success Center near the Christie Building lobby. All items donated will be weighed at the end of the event and the winner will receive the Food Fight trophy. Afterwards, all contributions will be donated to Catholic Charities Maine to help with hunger in the County.

This Food Fight is a two-campus-wide event and all students, faculty, staff, and alumni are especially encouraged to participate. ★

Reed Gallery presents *Mutated Growth*

The Reed Art Gallery presents *Mutated Growth* by Brunswick artist Jackie Brown from Oct. 14 through Nov. 20, 2015. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run and attend the Gallery Reception on Friday, Nov. 6 from 5-7 p.m., which is being held in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk. Brown will conduct an Artist Talk during the reception at 5:30 p.m.

Jackie Brown is a sculpture installation artist who relocated to Maine to teach at Bowdoin College in 2014. She has been featured in exhibitions across the United States in places such as New York, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan, and Virginia as well as internationally in Australia. She has received numerous awards, including the Wind Challenge Finalist at the Fleisher Art Memorial in Philadelphia and completed an Artist Residency at the Museum of Art and Design in New York, New York.

The show, *Mutated Growth*, is an

immersive exhibition experience into imagined biological systems: "An important undercurrent in the work is an interest in the human manipulation of living systems, particularly advances in bioengineering that are fraught with both exciting and frightening implications," Brown said. "While each work is imaginative, the ideas that are central to the work reference real phenomenon and I hope to encourage viewers to consider the shifting nature of the world around them."

The public is encouraged to come out to First Friday on Nov. 6 and attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served. Please follow gallery happenings on the Reed Gallery Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ReedArtGallery.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is newly located in the Center for Innovative Learning. It has new hours and is open Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday from



Mutated Growth

12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The gallery is closed during University holidays. For more information about this event, please email heather.sincavage@umpi.edu. ★

UMPI playwright presents *Infinitely Yours*

The University Players theater club presented an original play—*Infinitely Yours*, written by a UMPI student—on Oct. 9 and 10 in the Auditorium in Wieden Hall. This compelling drama, about two people meeting for the first time since a high school romance gone very sour, featured performances by four professional New York City actors. Donations were accepted at the door with proceeds benefiting Hope and Justice Project to help with domestic violence awareness.

Infinitely Yours is an original play penned by UMPI student and University Players President Darci Faye. The actors in this four-person show were Jody Christopherson, Claire Kennedy, Aaron Vega and Mat Leonard.

Christopherson, who is also a writer and activist that strives to support upcoming female playwrights, said she believes that it is important to see and talk about issues like



domestic violence and the cycle of violence for both men and women.

"Darci's play is a fantastic example of a national conversation we need to be having about domestic violence—it doesn't discriminate based on age, place, race, socio-economic status or education," Christopherson said.

As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Faye hoped her play would help to start a conversation about this issue.

The University Players was re-formed last year and works to provide students—and, in some cases, community thespians as well—with a way to express themselves through various theatre forms, such as plays, musicals, and festivals. Later this semester, the theater club plans to present the Off-Broadway hit comedy, *Beyond Therapy*, on Nov. 7-8. To learn more about the University Players, visit the website at <http://wp.umpi.edu/universityplayers/> or find its Facebook page by searching for "University Players at UMPI". ★

Take Back the Night

In partnership with Hope and Justice Project, the University hosted a Take Back the Night event, which included a candle lit march, on Thursday, Oct. 22, starting at Gentile Hall and continuing in the Campus Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Take Back the Night events have been held across the country and around the world since as far back as the 1970s, but this is one of the first times such an event has been held in Presque Isle and the second in recent years; a similar Take Back the Night event was held at UMPI last year. This year's event, organized by the Student Organization of Social Work [SOSW], was aimed at raising awareness and educating people on the issue and impact of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Until safety for everyone can be ensured, awareness events like Take Back the Night continue to be symbolic of how we must work together as communities to speak out against violence and

to stand together for hope and healing," Shirley Rush, UMPI Associate Professor of Social Work, director of the BSW program, and SOSW advisor, said.

The evening's activities kicked off with a candle lit walk at 6:30 p.m. The walk proceeded from Gentile Hall to the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center. Once there, members of the group shared stories of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and offered words of inspiration and encouragement to help raise awareness and shine a positive light on the issue. Casey Faulkingham, prevention coordinator for Hope and Justice Project, gave opening remarks.

"I am thrilled that this event was held for the second year in a row," Faulkingham said. "All too often, victims and survivors of abuse and violence are made to feel ashamed of their experiences. It is our goal to create a safe



space for victims and survivors to feel liberated and empowered to share their stories so that we the commu-

nity can gain a better understanding of how to support victims and help create a culture that doesn't allow such violence to happen in the future."

To create a safe, judgment-free environment, no recordings or pictures were allowed during the speaking portion of the event. In addition, advocates from Hope and Justice Project were available to provide support to anyone who might have had experiences with abuse or violence.

For more information about Take Back the Night, visit www.takebackthenight.org. ★

UMPI hosts Science Lunchtime Seminar Series

Two UMPI programs are again joining forces this fall to provide the campus and community with an innovative way to explore the world of science. The Environmental Science and Sustainability and the Biology programs are hosting a lunchtime seminar series that will provide a forum to present scientific research conducted by UMPI students and faculty as well as other local and regional scientists.

The purpose of the seminar series is to foster greater communication and collaboration among UMPI faculty and students, working professionals, and community

members who are conducting or interested in hearing about scientific pursuits.

Seminars generally will be held Thursdays from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in Folsom 201, UMPI's GIS Lab, unless otherwise noted. Faculty, students, staff and community members are welcome to attend these free events and are encouraged to bring their lunches and join the discussion.

The series began on Oct. 15, with a presentation by David Putnam, a professor in climate change and archaeology at UMPI, on **Interdisciplinary Field Research in Mongolia: A**

Collaborative Approach.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, Elizabeth McLellan, President of Partners for World Health, delivered her talk **Partners for World Health: How to Make a Difference in our World Right Here at Home.**

On Oct. 29, Laura Wilson, 4-H Science Professional at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, will speak on **4-H STEM Ambassadors University Students Getting Local Youth Excited About Science!**

On Nov. 12, UMPI Professors Scott Dobrin, Larry Feinstein, Jason Johnston,

Dave Putnam, Judy Roe and Chunzeng Wang will present **Birds, Bees, Trees, and More! (An Overview of Collaborative Environmental Science and Biology Research at UMPI).**

On Nov. 19, Katherine Allen, from Rutgers University, will deliver her talk on **Oceans, Carbon, and Climate: New Insights from Marine Microfossils.**

The fall series ends with a presentation on Tuesday, Dec. 8 titled **Aphid Populations and Potato Virus Y Transmission** by Jim Dwyer, Entomologist at UMaine Cooperative Extension. ★



UMPI welcomes new employees to campus

The University is welcoming 9 new employees in the first part of the 2015-2016 academic year, including new professors and professional staffers.



The University has four new faculty members in its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and College of Professional Programs.

Dr. Lorne Gibson joins the College of Professional Programs as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Director of Planning Assessment. He comes to UMPI from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. He previously served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from South Dakota State University, his Ed.D. in Education

Administration and Adult and Higher Education and a Master's degree in Sociology, both from the University of South Dakota, and his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Behavioral Science from Dakota Wesleyan University.

Kim Jones joins the College of Professional Programs as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration. She previously served as the Marketing Coordinator and Healthy You Director for Cary Medical Center. Jones has served for several years as an American Management Association instructor and as a self-employed consultant, developing and facilitating workshops and seminars on topics from communication to customer service. She earned her Master's degree in Business from Husson University and her Bachelor's degree in Communication from UMPI. She has received additional professional training through the Disney Institute and the American Management Association.

Wendi Malenfant joins the College of Education as an Assistant Professor of Education. She most recently served as the Principal and Director of Special Projects at Easton Elementary School. Malenfant has nearly 20 years of experience teaching in grades ranging from K-7 in MSAD #1 schools and has a strong background in proficiency based teaching and learning. She earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Maine in Orono and her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from UMPI.

Dr. Lakesh Sharma joins the College of Arts and Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Sustainable Agriculture. Dr. Sharma's position is unique in the University of Maine System as his duties will be split between teaching for UMPI and working as Assistant Extension Professor for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Presque Isle. He previously completed a Post-

Doctoral fellowship at North Dakota State University. His research on crop yield, pruning practices, and growth behavior has appeared in several peer publications around the world. He earned his Ph.D. in Soil Science from North Dakota State University, his Master's degree in Horticulture from Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana, India, and his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Guru Nanek Dev University in Amritsar, India.

The University also is welcoming five new employees to its professional staff.

Crystal Funke joins the University as an Administrative Specialist in the President's Office. She previously served as a computer teacher for grades K-5 for Sonshine Christian School in Nogales, Az, and has experience as an administration assistant to the high school principal and as an instructional technician. Funke earned an Associate's degree in Applied Science and a Certificate in Computer

Information Systems for Web Development both from Henry Ford Community College.

Janelle Gagnon joins the University as an Administrative Specialist for TRiO College Access Services. She previously worked as a staff accountant at The Aroostook Medical Center and has past experience as a health service assistant and bank teller. Gagnon earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an Accounting concentration, from UMPI.

Roger Getz joins the University as the Director of Library Services. He comes to the University with several years of academic library experience in a variety of settings. While at Central Penn College, Getz's leadership of its library led to the college's recognition as the most efficient Pennsylvania small college library (IPEDS). Along with collection management and library administration, he has experience with information literacy instruc-

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Dr. Lorne Gibson



Kim Jones



Wendi Malenfant



Dr. Lakesh Sharma



Crystal Funke

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Janelle Gagnon

tion. He earned his Master's degree in Library Science from Clarion University and his Bachelor's degree in History from York College.

Beth Olsen joins the University as Coordinator of Campus Engagement. She previously served as a Graduate Assistant for the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership Development at New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury Campus. She earned her Master's degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, her Bachelor's degree in Sociology and English from the University of Washington in Seattle and completed a study



Roger Getz

abroad experience at the University of Granada in Spain.

Dr. Deborah Roark joins the University as Executive Director of University Advancement. She comes to UMPI from the University of Dallas, where she served as Associate Vice President for Advancement. She previously served as the Associate Vice President for Sponsored Programs and External Relations at Texas Wesleyan University, the Director of Grants and Research at TWU, and the Director of Educational Partnerships at Weatherford College. Prior to her academic work, she had a career in banking. Dr. Roark earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Texas Wesleyan



Beth Olsen

University, her Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Florida, and her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Maine in Orono.

In addition to these new hires, several familiar faces have taken on new titles or accepted new positions.

Tracy Rockwell is now the Director of the Houlton Higher Education Center. She previously served as the Center's Interim Director.

Mike Holmes has been named the Athletic Director. He continues to serve as the Men's Basketball Coach, and joined the University last year to take on that position and the



Deborah Roark

role of Assistant Athletic Director.

Doug Carter has been named Assistant Athletic Director. He continues to serve as the Women's Basketball Coach, and joined the University in 2013 to take on that position and the role of Sports Information Director.

Mike Pankow has been named Sports Information Director. He also continues to serve as the Head Baseball Coach.

Lucas Bartlett has been named Athletic Trainer. He previously served as the Assistant Athletic Trainer.

Finally, the University is welcoming an individual who will be serving the campus in a System-wide role.

Benjamin Shaw serves as the Chief Business



Tracy Rockwell

Officer for UMPI. In this role, he works closely with the University of Maine System CFO and with campus leaders as he oversees the campus budget and ensures that it aligns with strategic priorities. He also serves as principal advisor to the president and leadership team in meeting the fiscal needs of the institution and oversees the day-to-day operations of Facilities Management. He previously served as the Deputy Director for DFAS Limestone and is a Certified Management Accountant. He earned his Master's degree in Business from Husson University and his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from UMPI.★



Mike Holmes



Doug Carter



Mike Pankow



Lucas Bartlett



Benjamin Shaw

Sports! Sports! Sports!



Former Owl Sailors blazing trail for girls in baseball

by Clinton Riddle

Note: this is a shortened version of an article that originally appeared in the Presque Isle Star-Herald

Those of you who have followed UMPI's baseball program over the past couple of years are probably familiar with Oz Sailors (Class of 2015). She was the only woman on the team.

Don't be fooled, however, into thinking that she hadn't wholly earned her spot on the roster. Sailors had paid her dues, and then some.

"I've been truly blessed with my baseball experiences, especially since 2010 when I was 17 and got to play for the Women's National Team," said Sailors, who is now in Australia after having played in the LG Women's Cup in South Korea for the second consecutive year. "Playing baseball for the University of Maine at Presque Isle was amazing. I am a really proud Owl and everyone on that campus had my back."

"They were fully supportive of me and my dreams from the second I walked on campus as a high-school recruit."

While playing on a men's college team would be a high point for many women in baseball (and there are quite a few, by the way), Sailors has not stopped there. This year, she also played for the Virginia Marlins of the World Pro Baseball League, as well as in California for the San Rafael Pacifics in the Pacific Association.

Both leagues are professional, as well as vastly populated by male players. It should not be surprising to fans of the game that Sailors was the only female player on a

men's NCAA baseball roster *anywhere in the country* for her years at UMPI.

While Sailors certainly appreciates her role in promoting baseball among the thousands of girls who have seen her play the game, she does have a sense of awe and humility about it.

"Dr. Justine Siegal, who is the founder of Baseball for All and for whom I work as a board member, invited me to go to the LG Cup last year," Sailors added, "and it just happened that I could make it this year too with indy ball ending and women's baseball not starting till November."

Dr. Siegal has made a bit of her own history. She chairs the Women's Commission for the International Baseball Federation, she is the only woman ever to have coached in men's pro baseball (in 2009 for the Broxton Rox), as well as the only woman ever to have pitched batting practice to a Major League team, having done so for the

Indians, Rays, Athletics, Cardinals, and Mets.

Aware of her place in the baseball world, Sailors takes both the game and her role in it very personally.

"When I was younger, I didn't have a role model," she said. "I told myself I wanted to grow up to be one myself, and I try

my best to be that person every day."

"I've had girls come up to me and tell me they want to grow up to be like me, or that I'm their hero, or to just thank me for never giving up," said Sailors, "and it makes me first praise God, and secondly it makes me want to cry."

Since she joined the international baseball scene Sailors has played both pitcher and catcher, among other positions on the diamond. She is very clear about her strengths and weaknesses, and knows how to get the most out of her talents.

"I'm not a very big person so I don't throw 90," Sailors explained. "I throw in the 70's, and rely on keeping hitters off balance and hitting spots." She readily acknowledged her tendency to be too self-critical, but then added, "on my best days I am a little more relaxed, hit my spots well, change speeds, and just tell myself 'win this pitch' every time."

Make no mistake: Oz Sailors is winning with each pitch she throws, each time she appears on the mound in a pro league, each men's team she joins. This could well be just the beginning.

"I remember when they put my hat in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and I saw it for the first time," said Sailors, "I can't describe that feeling of humility."

She continued, "Or the first time I put on the USA Jersey, hearing the national anthem on foreign soil in front of thousands of people, or my first day of pro ball with the Virginia Marlins."

"I was just so happy; I can't even put it into words."

She doesn't have to try; her love of the game says it all. ★



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Employer U informational breakfast

Employer U will have a breakfast meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Campus Center. Attendees will hear an informal presentation about Employer U, including information about the American Management Association certification program and the Young Professionals Institute (YPI). There will also be an opportunity for participants to share insight into the training needs of their organization’s workforce. Breakfast will be served and this event is free and open to the public. Please respond to Kim Jones at 768.9459 or kimberly.a.jones@maine.edu.



American Mathematics Competition to be held at UMPI

UMPI will host the American Mathematics Competition on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from Noon – 1:30 p.m. in Folsom Hall, Room 105. The AMC 8 is a 25-question, 45-minute multiple



choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The AMC 8 is for students in grades 5 to 8. Schools may register to participate in the competition and the students of registered schools may participate in their school any time on Nov. 17. If your school is not participating as a school in the competition, you are invited to register and

come to UMPI to participate. Registration is required and the event is free of charge. FMI, call or email Michael Knopp at 768.9483 or michael.knopp@maine.edu.

Gay Days presented two speakers

UMPI’s 100% Society hosted two speakers this month. The first was Casey Faulkingham with the Hope and Justice Project and an educator dedicated to promoting happy, joyful relationships for all people. Faulkingham facilitated a conversation about healthy and



unhealthy behaviors in relationships for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual

and Transgender people on Oct. 6 in the Allagash Room. The second speaker was Lynn Flewelling, a UMPI alum who now lives in California. Flewelling served as the Gay Days keynote speaker on Oct. 7 in the Campus Center. Her presentation topic was *Disturbing the Status Quo*. Flewelling is an internationally acclaimed fantasy fiction author and her writings promote feminism and LGBT causes.

SAGE offering 2-hour presentation

SAGE, the lifelong learning program for those aged 50+ and sponsored by UMPI, is offering a Saturday class on Nov. 14 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church in Presque Isle. The impact of the Civil War on Presque Isle and the social changes brought about by the war are



the subjects of this presentation by Kim Smith, secretary/treasurer of the Presque Isle Historical Society. It will be supported by a wealth of authentic Civil War artifacts from the Presque Isle Historical Society’s collections as well as a mock Civil War encampment set up by Jeff Roberts, a local educator and Civil war re-enactor. To become a SAGE member and enroll, please call 768.9502.

Richard Lee Zuras’ poem selected

UMPI Professor of English and Creative Writing Richard Lee Zuras’ poem *Weather Girls* has been selected for



inclusion in *The Great American Wise Ass Poetry Anthology*. The anthology will be published by Lamar University Literary Press in early 2016. Zuras has published poems in *Poetry Nook*, *Red Rock Review*, *Confrontation*, *Jabberwock Review*, and *South Dakota Review*, among others.

Dorm Trick or Treating

UMPI invites all children 5th grade or under to participate in the 20th annual UMPI Trick or Treating Night on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6–7 p.m., in both Park and Merriman Halls. UMPI students will be decorating for Halloween fun and parking will be available in the Library parking lot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI, contact Dennis Koch at dennis.koch@maine.edu. ★



Women, Work, and Community changes name

Formerly known as Maine Centers for Women, Work, and Community, the organization recently changed its name to New Ventures Maine to better reflect the service it provides. The name is new, but the programs remain the same: New Ventures



Maine helps Maine people find success in their jobs, businesses and communities through tuition free classes and workshops, on-site and online, and one-on-one coaching in four program areas: Build a Career, Start a Business, Manage your Money, and

Become a Leader. New Ventures Maine has been helping individuals find a job, go back to school or start a business for 37 years. They are still located in South Hall, Room 101, here at UMPI.

FMI, contact Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau at 768.9635 or email senechal@maine.edu.





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Reminder to UMPI Alums

Don't forget to show your UMPI pride and celebrate your major accomplishments since graduation! Wear your snowy owl lapel pin you received when you graduated and answer the question, "Where have your wings taken you?" Just take a photo that shows you wearing the pin—either in your professional role or enjoying adventures all around the world—and then post the photo and your story to <http://yourwings.umpi.edu>. We hope to have everyone post a picture!

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Awards

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for their annual dinner and awards, which will be held on January 21, 2016 (more details to follow). Nominations must be received by Nov. 30, 2015. Awards will be given for 2015 Business of the Year, 2015 Citizen of the Year, and 2015 Lifetime Achievement. Contact Lyn Frederick at lfrederick@centralarostookchamber.com for nomination forms.

Expression of the Arts held at UMPI

Expression of the Arts, an event to honor the arts and bring artists and art appreciators together for a night, will be held on Friday, November 6 at 7 p.m. in the MPR. The event is open to students, university employees and the community. There will be performances from established stand-up poets, Beau Williams and Wil Gibson and from other members of the student body, faculty, and possibly the community. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, contact Amanda Whitten at 651.3176 or email amandawhitten@gmail.com.



Above left: The Center for Innovative Learning organized a book brigade this summer to help move books back onto shelves following renovations to the second floor.



Above right: In 1975, a similar book brigade was formed when the campus moved the library from Preble Hall to the building that now serves as the Center for Innovative Learning.



ART107 students experience art on campus

Instructor Carol Ayoob recently showed her ART107: *Experience of the Arts* students the IT Men and the Bernard Langlais Owls with the help of Al Levesque, who restored them. The class also visited the Six White Walls that were installed on the north side of the Campus Center sometime around 1992 by the landscape artist Robert Hoover. He was chosen to create the piece for the "Percent for Art" program fund that allows one percent of the total cost of a public building to be spent on a sculpture or other piece of work created by an artist as part of its completion. Robert Hoover worked with light, landscape and seasons, to create his piece, which invites students to climb, sit and play on it. Students taking Experience of the Arts are learning that not all art takes shape in painting or drawing, but in unusual ways.

activities 10.25.2015–11.8.2015

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OCT 24
Fit & Fun Day 10am-12pm, Gentile Hall

OCT 25
CRU 3pm, CC118

OCT 27
100% Society 5:30pm, CC118

OCT 28
Halloween bake sale 10am, 2nd floor Folsom Hall ■ **DLS**

Bernad Heinrich 7pm, MPR

OCT 29
Employer U Kick-off 7:30am, Aroostook & Allagash Rooms ■ **SEAM** 12:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ **SOSW** 12:30pm, CC118 ■ **Trick or Treat** 6-7pm, Park & Merriman

Halls ■ **Halloween Dance** 10pm, St. John and Aroostook Rooms ■ **Science Luncheon Seminar** 12:15pm, Folsom 201 (see p.6)

OCT 30
Movie Night 8pm, Owl's Nest

NOV 1
CRU 3pm, CC118 ■ **Turn Clocks Back** one hour to Standard Time, at 2am

NOV 2
Last day to withdraw from a class the University or request a Leave of Absence (with "w" grade) ■ **Advisement & registration** for spring/summer 2016 begins

NOV 3
Election Day ■ **Bingo Night** 7pm, MPR ■ **100% Society** 5:30pm, CC118

NOV 5
SEAM 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **SOSW** 12:30pm, CC118

NOV 6
Gallery Reception "Mutated Growth," Reed Gallery, 5-7pm

NOV 8
CRU 3pm, CC118

NOV 12
Science Luncheon Seminar 12:15pm, Folsom 201 (see p. 6)

NOV 13
Owls Action Auction 6:30pm (see p. 4)

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Presque Isle Historical Society presents haunted lantern tours

The Presque Isle Historical Society is gearing up for its 5th annual Haunted Lantern Tours. The "slightly scary and kinda' creepy" true tales of historic downtown Presque Isle will be presented via walking (6 pm and 7 pm) and trolley tours (6:30 pm and 7:30 pm) on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24. There are 13 sites around downtown at which live re-enactors relate the history to tour-goers. Tickets are only \$5 per person and reservations are required for the trolley tours. FMI, contact Kim Smith at 760.2722 or pihistoricalociety@hotmail.com. ★



The University was proud to serve as the site of a Purple Pinkie Project station on Oct. 22 (see story, page 3). The Presque Isle Rotary Club and UMPI presented their 4th World Polio Day celebration this year, raising awareness and funds for global polio eradication. Pictured ABOVE are, from left: Erin Benson, Debbie Roark and Dick Gardiner; pictured BELOW, sitting: Erin Benson and Debbie Roark; standing: Roger Getz, Victoria Winslow, Ryan Ouellette, and Vanessa Pearson.



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We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the November 2015 issue, the deadline for submissions is Monday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.

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Email news or event information to gshaw@maine.edu ★

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Don't forget to wear your Wings T-shirt every "Wings Wednesday" November 18 and December 16!

The third Wednesday of every month is "Wings Wednesday." Take a selfie wearing your T-shirt and upload it to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with the #UMPIOwls for a chance to win a prize!