

## University hosts Commencement Exercises

**Two hundred and seventy-three students** graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. during the 2008 Commencement Exercises. President Donald Zillman conferred the degrees upon the 156 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

Dr. Glenn Gabbard, Associate Director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education and the Director of Project Compass, addressed the graduates as the commencement speaker. Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degrees were presented to Chief Justice Leigh Saufley, head of Maine's statewide court system, and Donald and Mary Sanipass, advocates of Native American culture.

Student Marshals were Scott R.



Graduating senior, Tania Morey, sings and drums a Mi'kmaq honor tribute to her grandparents, Donald and Mary Sanipass.

Clenchy, president of the Class of 2008 and David P. Rudolph, vice president of the Class of 2008. Soloists included 2007 Aroostook Idol winner Annie Charles, who sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Still I Rise," and David T. Ferrell of the Class of 2003, who sang "O Canada." Greetings were offered by Barry D. McCrum of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and Thomas M. Umphrey, chair of the University's Board of Visitors.

Commencement speaker Dr. Gabbard has made it his life's work to support advancements in research, policy and practice in higher education so that the greatest number of

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## Chancellor recommends extending President's appointment

**The University of Maine System Board of Trustees** voted unanimously on Monday, May 19 to extend President Don Zillman's appointment at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude had announced in late April that he would recommend to the System's Board of Trustees that Zillman's appointment be extended.

Zillman had been serving a fixed-length appointment as UMPI's president since September 2006, and that appointment was scheduled to expire on August 31, 2008. With the trustees' approval of Pattenaude's recommendation, Zillman will be given an additional two-year appointment. After that, Zillman will be eligible for renewal and extension of his appointment following his annual review,

which is standard practice for the System's university presidents.

"Over the last two years under President Zillman's leadership, UMPI has experienced a remarkable revitalization of the university," Pattenaude noted in a memo to the UMPI faculty, staff and students. "Major leadership positions have been filled and progress has been made in many areas."

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# CJ students organize job fair for Bangor center

**Criminal Justice students are organizing a Job Fair** for the Women's Transition Center in Bangor, and they're looking for Bangor area employers to participate.

The job fair, scheduled for Thursday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at the transition center, is meant to help female offenders – who are finishing prison sentences and preparing to re-enter society – to connect with potential employers. Local colleges will provide resumé and interviewing workshops during the event, and Congressman Michael Michaud is scheduled to attend.

"The purpose of the job fair is twofold – to help these women make contacts with local businesses and help demystify them in the eyes of local employers," said Dr. Lisa Leduc, the Criminal Justice professor who is overseeing this project.

The Bangor transition center is a new, secure, 40-bed facility located at the state-owned Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and overseen by Volunteers of America Northern New England, Inc., in partnership with the Maine Department of Corrections. The center is designed for

female offenders from the Maine Correctional Center at Windham who are preparing to transition back into the community. The women at the transition center are non violent, minimum risk offenders in the last 18 months of their sentence. Most have GEDs and many have some college education.

Twelve Criminal Justice students are participating in the service learning project, which is being completed as part of their Sociology/Criminal Justice honors class, Women and Crime.

Right now, the project has one main objective – recruiting more employers.

"It's very important for these employers to know that they are under no obligation to hire anyone because they participate," Dr. Leduc said. "We're just hoping they will meet these women and learn more about them as potential employees."

To find out more about participating in the Job Fair, contact Dr. Leduc at 764.9436 or [lisa.leduc@umpi.edu](mailto:lisa.leduc@umpi.edu). ★

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students can succeed in college. As Director of the Project Compass initiative, he works to ensure that underserved students in New England stay in college, experience success, and earn their four-year degrees.

The Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley has served as Maine's Chief Justice since 2001, upholding the law as the head of Maine's statewide court system while blazing trails for women in the legal profession. As the first female Chief Justice of Maine's highest court and leader of the third branch of state government, Chief Justice Saufley works tirelessly to increase access to justice for all, especially vulnerable populations, and, in cooperation with the Maine State Legislature and the Governor, she has worked to help develop or expand specialized courts to better address the needs of the people of Maine.

Mary Sanipass and her husband Donald (deceased) are revered Elders of the Mi'kmaq Tribe in the Presque Isle area and, for decades, have worked to share their tribal heritage



Graduates in the Criminal Justice program pose for a group photo

and artistic traditions. The two, married for 53 years before Donald passed away in July 2007 at the age of 78, are nationally acclaimed basket makers. Their work has been shown in the Smithsonian Institution and featured in several anthropology texts. In

2004, they were honored with a Community Spirit Award by the First People's Fund, a national nonprofit organization committed to supporting the creative work of American Indian artists. ★

# MSSM, UMPI sign collaborative agreement

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone and the University signed a collaborative agreement last month that will allow MSSM students to complete at least one semester of college credit at UMPI prior to graduation at MSSM.

The memorandum of understanding also establishes a reasonable fee to allow MSSM students access to Gentile Hall, the University's health and wellness center, as well as cultural events, lectures and other public events. It further allows MSSM graduates with an academic average of B minus or higher to be automatically accepted at the University. UMPI and MSSM administration, faculty and staff will meet regularly to consider other collaborative arrangements that will benefit both schools.

"This Memorandum of Understanding between the Maine School of Science & Mathematics and the University of Maine at Presque Isle signifies the strong commitment by both schools to work cooperatively to provide the best educational experiences possible for the students that attend our schools,"

said Walt Warner, MSSM Executive Director. "The administrations and faculties of both schools share a vision and passion for academic excellence that can best be accomplished by close collaboration. This Memorandum of Understanding is a clear indication of our shared commitment to that vision."

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics is a public residential magnet school chartered and funded by the Maine State Legislature. Opened in 1995, the MSSM has over 100 students from 81 towns and cities. In 2007, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked MSSM the 35th best in the nation, placing it in the top 100 public high schools.

"We're very pleased to be partnering with a local institution that has been nationally recognized as an elite public high school," President Zillman said. "MSSM is striving to educate some of the brightest young minds across the state and we at the University of Maine at Presque Isle are excited to be helping to further the education of those students and give them a taste of college life during their time in Limestone." ☆



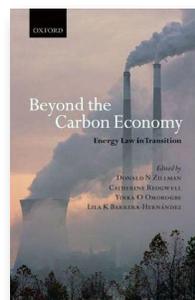
Top officials from the University and the Maine School of Science and Mathematics sign a collaborative agreement that will allow students at MSSM to complete college course work before they graduate.

# President secures two major publications

President Don Zillman, who also serves as the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law and is the school's former dean, is the co-author of two new books published by the world's leading academic publishing houses.

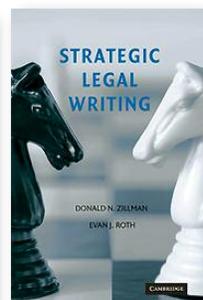
*Beyond the Carbon Economy – Energy Law in Transition* (Oxford University Press, 2008), co-edited with Catherine Redgwell, Lila Barrera-Hernandez and Yinka Omorogbe, explores the legal ramifications of the unsustainability of our carbon-based, global economy. The book was discussed at a conference of the International Bar Associations, held recently in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The second of the two books,



*Strategic Legal Writing* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), which Zillman co-authored with colleague Evan J. Roth, Assistant U.S. Attorney in Portland, is designed to help law students sharpen their writing skills.

"Having both – arguably the two greatest academic publishers in the world – publish my work in the same year, that was quite an honor,"



Zillman said.

Oxford University Press describes itself as the "largest university press in the world" and Cambridge University Press was founded by royal charter from King Henry VIII and describes itself as the "oldest printer and publisher in the world."

"Publication of these two books is a superb accomplishment by President Zillman, and it reflects well upon the University of Maine System," said University of Maine School of Law Dean Peter Pitegoff. "We miss Don with his appointment as President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, but we certainly value his scholarly productivity and his continuing engagement with the Law School." ☆

# French students translate website for airport

**Four students in Professor Claire Davidshofer's French for Professionals class** just completed a translation project for the Northern Maine Regional Airport that will make the airport's website more accessible to potential customers.

From now on, when people visit [www.flypresqueisle.com](http://www.flypresqueisle.com), they will have the option to click on a button that will allow them to peruse the website in French. This makes the Northern Maine Regional Airport the only commercial airport in Maine with a bilingual website.

"Northern Maine Regional Airport and the City of Presque Isle are very excited about this project with the University," Scott Wardwell, airport director, said. "With the strength of the Canadian dollar, my Canadian traffic is really picking up and some of that



Four students in Professor Claire Davidshofer's French for Professionals class recently translated the Northern Maine Regional Airport's website so that people who visit the website have the option to view it in French. They include, from left to right, front row: Laura O'Brien, and Professor Davidshofer; back row, Megan Linscott, Lucien Longlais, and Brad Patenaude.

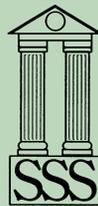
Canadian traffic is obviously French-Canadian. To have the website in French and have some of our signs in the terminal in French is one more way we can make our airport more welcoming and go that extra mile so

French-speaking people know we're interested in having them as customers."

The French translation of the website has been up and running since early April. It took Davidshofer's students – who included Megan Linscott, Lucien Longlais, Laura O'Brien and Brad Patenaude – about two months to translate all the information on the website into French.

"The benefit of this project to students was that they learned that French is something you can really use in any number of helpful ways, and, second, they learned how to translate," Davidshofer said. "And for the community? It was a great way to show that University work is something that can be used in the real world and impact the local community for the better." ★

## SSS awards grant aid



**During a President's Reception** held on April 14, fifteen University students received grant awards through a Student Support Services Program. Each full-time-student award was approximately \$980 and will assist the students by reducing their loans.

In December 2000, Section 17 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was amended to provide grant aid for eligible TRiO Student Support Services Program (SSS) students. The respective college/university SSS Program selects the recipients and awards the grant money to freshman and sophomore college students who are active participants, have successfully completed at least one semester, and are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

This is the seventh year since the passing of this act that the University of Maine at Presque Isle's SSS Program has been funded. A total of \$13,474 was awarded. Mary Kate Barbosa, Director of TRiO Student Support Services, and Chris Bell, Director of Financial Aid, selected these students:

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| Christina Booth - Fort Fairfield | Jordan Haines - Caribou    | Aaron Parks - Presque Isle        |
| Ryan Butler - Fort Fairfield     | Melissa Hallett - Blaine   | Joshua Peaslee - Woolwich         |
| Donna Cloukey - Presque Isle     | Kimberly Landry - Woodland | Bobby Jo Pelkey - Presque Isle    |
| Brittany Cray - Presque Isle     | Jessica Mayne - Caribou    | Florence Repecko - Caribou        |
| Stacy Graves - Fort Fairfield    | Amanda Nappi - Mars Hill   | Natalie St. Pierre - Presque Isle |

## Appointment

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tum is important to the continued success of UMPI in serving northern Maine," he said.

Along with his role as UMPI president, Zillman serves as the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the Maine School of Law in Portland.

"I am excited about continuing the fine work we've been doing here at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and the opportunity to see some important projects through, such as our wind power project and our efforts through Project Compass to better serve our Native American student population," President Zillman said. "I hope to remain here for a good, long time."

President Zillman served as Dean of the Maine Law School from 1991-1998, as Interim Provost and Academic Vice President of the University of Maine from 1999-2000, and as Interim President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 2001-2002. ★

# UMPI-CHS Partnership hosts partners

**The University's collaborative project** with Caribou High School, "Transitions: A Partnership for College Success," hosted its four New England partners during a cluster meeting held April 14-16.

The Spring Cluster Meeting involved over 30 educators and sponsoring foundation officials from all over New England participating in the Partnership for College Success, which is sponsored by the Nellie Mae Foundation with technical assistance provided by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. University and high school partnerships represented during the cluster meeting included: the University of Maine at Presque Isle and Caribou High School; UMASS-Boston and the Dorchester Education

Complex; UMASS-Lowell and Lowell High School; Clark University and the University Park School; and the University of Maine at Farmington and Dirigo High School.

According to Mike McCormack, program coordinator, the long-term

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goal of the Partnership for Success project is to implement effective ways to support college access and provide opportunities for success for more underserved students.

"These cluster meetings, held three times yearly at the different sites throughout New England, afford participants an opportunity to view programs and learn from each other, as

well as to engage in professional development training presented by top authorities in areas that span curriculum, instruction, assessment and data management," McCormack said.

Participants attended panel sessions on curriculum planning, academic support, and college aspirations and received a presentation by Dr. Bonnie Wood, Professor of Biology at UMPI, titled "Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership of Educators and their Students." Dr. Wood is the site coordinator for the Transitions project. They also discussed best practices and reviewed their data profiles in preparation for the program review visits to be conducted this fall by The Center for Collaborative Education in Boston, Mass. ☆

# Biology student to be published in journal

**A Biology student who recently completed** a two-year research project on crayfish worms has had a paper she co-wrote accepted for publication in *Northeastern Naturalist*.

Lana McCurry just completed a project on the first-ever study to establish the distribution of crayfish worms in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, according to Dr. Stuart R. Gelder, emeritus Professor of Biology.

In an international collaboration, Dr. Donald F. McAlpine, Curator of Invertebrates at the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John, New Brunswick, provided crayfish specimens. McCurry mastered the methods of examining crayfish for their worms and then identified the species collected and mapped their distribution.

The results showed that the same species of crayfish worms were found in New Brunswick, Canada, as those known to be in Maine, but none were found in other Maritime Provinces. This somewhat surprising finding established that the eastern boundary of crayfish worms in North America exists along the eastern border of New Brunswick.

The manuscript, "Distribution and first records of Branchiobdellidan (Annelida: Clitellata) from crayfishes in the

Maritime Provinces of Canada" by S. R. Gelder, Lana McCurry and D. F. McAlpine, had been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal, *Northeastern Naturalist*. ☆



Biology student Lana McCurry will have a paper – which she co-wrote with her advisor Dr. Stuart Gelder, emeritus Professor of Biology, and Dr. Donald McAlpine, Curator of Invertebrates at the New Brunswick Museum – published in *Northeastern Naturalist*, a peer reviewed interdisciplinary scientific journal that focuses on northeastern North America.

# Students build health portal for the region

**University students gained important hands-on experience** building a website that will serve as a health care resource for the region thanks to a partnership with the University of New England and The Aroostook Medical Center.

A small group of students in the University's Management Information System program built the website [www.arostookhealth.org](http://www.arostookhealth.org) from the ground up in the last year to serve as a "health services portal" for the local community.

"This website is fulfilling a need in The County that will allow the general public to see what's out there for health care providers and services," JoAnne Wallingford, Associate Professor of Business/MIS, said. "With

the new health portal, anyone can find out, for example, the dentists available in our area, or learn about a wide range of health care topics – such as chronic conditions or death and dying – and the resources available here and across the state."

Wallingford, who has had a number of her classes tackle web page design for local organizations over the years, learned about the local health portal project from Gary Cattabriga, the Director of Technology Computing at UNE's Center for Health Policy, Planning and Research.

"I knew this was a great opportunity for MIS students to work on something real," Wallingford said. "Gary worked with us as if he was our cus-

tommer and we were doing a job for him. It was an excellent experience for our students."

"I'd never done this before, so it was really exciting," MIS student Thuy Phan said. "It was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to any student who's interested in learning more about implementing a website."

Students worked from 4 to 6 hours per week on the project, collaborating with Cattabriga on the "look and feel" of the website and inputting the content provided by him and other local partners, such as The Aroostook Medical Center. The health portal, now up and available for use, has more than 200 web pages that include a wide array of health care resources. ★

# Giles' work included in Portland exhibit

**A University Art Professor had his work exhibited** alongside that of professors from Harvard, Brandeis, and Indiana universities this year during an art exhibition in Portland.

Professor Anderson Giles was one of a select group of artists/educators invited to participate in the "Painters who Teach" exhibit at the well-known Greenhut Galleries in downtown Portland. The exhibition featured artists who teach at various universities and colleges across the United States who also have had notable careers in painting. The exhibition opened on Jan. 31 and continued through March 1.

Giles showed a painting titled *Marker for the Primordial Crossing*, which is part of a recent series of works concerning his explorations in the South Pacific.

The concept for the show was to create a special exhibi-

tion that called attention to the crucial roles played by artists in preparing the next generation of artists in Maine and elsewhere. One of the criteria of the show was that the artists reside in Maine for at least part of the year. The exhibit was curated by Bruce Brown, Curator Emeritus of Maine Center for Contemporary Arts, and Peggy Greenhut Golden, Greenhut Galleries Director.

Artists from the following institutions participated in the exhibition: Bates College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Brooklyn College, Colby College, Edinborough College, Hampshire College, Harvard University, Indiana University, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Maine College of Art, Massachusetts College of Art, Roundtop Center for the Arts, School of Visual Arts, University of Pennsylvania, University of Maryland, and the Universities of Maine at Farmington, Orono and Presque Isle and the University of Southern Maine. ★



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# “First Glimpse” looks at Warhol photos

**A small group of campus and community members gathered** on April 22 in the Library Conference Room for the University’s First Glimpse event – to get the very first look at the new Andy Warhol photographs that the Reed Art Gallery just received.

The images, valued at more than \$100,000, were a gift from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program. The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is donating a total of 28,543 original Warhol photographs – valued in excess of \$28 million – to 183 college and university art museums across the U.S. The University of Maine at Presque Isle is one of three colleges in Maine to receive a gift from the program. The University of Maine and Colby College are the other two recipients. This unprecedented gift is being made through the legacy program in honor of the foundation’s 20th anniversary. The foun-

ation oversees the legacy program.

A box filled with 153 silver gelatin prints and Polaroid images was sent from the Warhol Foundation’s headquarters in New York City but, for insurance purposes, was not allowed to be opened until three days after its arrival.

First Glimpse gave everybody – the campus, community and the media documenting the event – the chance to see the box opened and view its contents. Some of those photographs included images of Carly Simon, Wayne Gretzky, and Victor Hugo. Fittingly, the gift also included a black and white print titled “Owl” – an owl serves as the University’s mascot.



President Don Zillman and Reed Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck display some of the Andy Warhol photographs the gallery received as a gift from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program.

The University hopes to display the photographs in the near future so that people throughout Maine and New Brunswick and beyond can enjoy them. ★

# Canadian children’s author visits campus

**Popular Canadian children’s author Sheree Fitch** visited the University on April 28 and 29 to talk about her work thanks to a group of education students.

Fitch is an educator, literacy activist and award-winning writer. As a global ambassador for children’s literature, she has toured and performed all over the world. She is the author of numerous books for children, including her first book *Toes in my Nose*, which remains a best-seller. She is the recipient of the Mr. Christie Award, Ontario Silver Birch Award, Atlantic Hackmatack Award, and The Vicky Metcalf award for a body of work inspirational to Canadian children.

During her two-day stay in Presque Isle, Fitch hosted workshops, visited an elementary school in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, and hosted a reading and book signing at the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library in Presque Isle.

Fitch’s visit became a reality after Education students chose her as the subject of their final presentation for the upper level course *Children’s Literacy*. In EDU 357, taught by Dr. Barbara Chalou, students offer a final presentation based on a favorite children’s author. Chalou always recommends that her students contact the authors to obtain background information. Students often invite the author to join the presentation as well, and, in this case, Fitch said yes.

“We really cannot express the feelings we had for the warm response she [Fitch] gave to our email request,” Student Janice Briggs said. “We were just completely overwhelmed. She seems so enthusiastic about getting kids excited about language and words.” ★



Sheree Fitch

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# Sports!



The Lady Owls earned third place in the AD3I Northeast Regional Softball Championship, held at the end of April in Connecticut.

## Owls grab third place in softball championship

The **Owls softball team** recently competed in the AD3I Northeast Regional Softball Championship, which was held at Mitchell College in Connecticut at the end of April. The women Owls won three of their five games, coming in third place overall.

Two UMPI players were recognized for their outstanding play throughout the weekend and were selected to the DIII Independents Northeast All-Tournament team. They included freshman Brittany Humphrey (New Gloucester, Maine), who was a vacuum at the shortstop position. She was 6-18 from the plate, with two singles, two doubles, and two huge home runs. Brittany, who also just earned "Co-Rookie of the year" honors along with her twin sister Danielle, earned 7 RBIs in the five games.

Junior Erica Davis (North Yarmouth, Maine) recorded a .688 batting average in five games, going 11-16 from the plate. Her batting frenzy included seven singles, one double, and a 3 run homer against Newbury College. Erica finished the weekend with 10 RBIs and also had a solid defensive performance in left field.

Congratulations to the entire softball team, and especially Humphrey and Davis, for their passionate play on the diamond! ★

## Owls named Athletes of the Week

The **men's baseball team** was recognized twice during the month of April for excellent on the field performance. In early April, second baseman Chuck Reece was named WAGM's "Athlete of the Week." The senior from Phippsburg, Me, had 8 hits in 17 at bats during the team's recent seven-game trip. Reece is leading the team in batting percentage with .471, registering all singles and one double. He also has no fielding errors to date.



Brittany Humphrey and Erica Davis, fourth and third from the right, were selected to the DIII Independents Northeast All-Tournament team following their performance in the AD3I Northeast Regional Softball Championship.

Reece is a Parks and Recreation major who graduated this spring.

In mid-April, sophomore Tyler Delaney earned WAGM's "Athlete of the Week" honors for his spectacular performance over a three-game stretch last weekend. The Athletic Training major from Truro, Nova Scotia, has been a consistent force from the plate this season for his Owl team, earning him the nickname, "the table setter," from Head Coach Leo Saucier. In the three-day stretch, Delaney went 8-14 with a .571 batting average, registering two doubles, two triples, and four singles. He scored five times and earned three stolen bases in the Owl doubleheader split with Colby College and loss to Daniel Webster. ★

## Athletes honored during 2008 Awards Ceremony

The University's Athletic Department held its annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on April 24 in the Campus Center, honoring athletes for their dedication, hard work, and accomplishments achieved throughout the year.

The **Male Athlete of the Year** award went to Chase Higgins (Presque Isle), a four-year soccer player, and the

**Female Athlete of the Year**

award was presented to Erica Davis (North Yarmouth), a three-sport athlete competing in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.

The following student-athletes were recognized for achievement throughout the year in their respected sport.

**2007-08 Most Valuable Players**

included:

- Men's Cross County Running, Emerson Wright, (Presque Isle)
- Women's Cross Country Running, Michelle Phillips, (Riverview, New Brunswick), 3rd consecutive year
- Men's Golf, Matthew Dubay, (Lincoln)
- Men's Soccer, Matthew Petrie, (Old Town)
- Women's Soccer, Anna DeLong, (Presque Isle)
- Women's Volleyball, Erica Davis, (North Yarmouth), 2nd consecutive year
- Men's Basketball, Thomas Wire, (Watfort Herts, United Kingdom)
- Women's Basketball, Erica Davis, (North Yarmouth), 2nd consecutive year
- Men's Cross Country Skiing, Aaron Schmersal, (Winthrop)
- Women's Cross Country Skiing, Hannah Shepard, (Yarmouth)
- Men's Baseball, Tyler Delaney (Truro, Nova Scotia)
- Women's Softball, Anna Lenentine, (Monticello)

**2007-08 Most Inspirational Award winners** for each of the varsity sports were:

- Men's Cross Country Running, Kirk Robinson, (Bingham)
- Women's Cross Country Running, Linda Gover, (Caribou)
- Men's Golf, Eric Van wiechen, (Montague, Prince Edward Island)
- Men's Soccer, Charles Reece, (Bath), 2nd consecutive year
- Women's Soccer, Makayla Gahagan, (Caribou), 2nd consecutive year
- Women's Volleyball, Korrin Patterson, (Easton)
- Men's Basketball, Michael Latchford, (Stirling, Ontario), 2nd consecutive year
- Women's Basketball, Kathleen Kilfoil, (Johnville, New Brunswick)
- Men's Cross Country Skiing, Emerson Wright, (Presque Isle)
- Women's Cross Country Skiing, Meagan Toussaint, (Madawaska)
- Men's Baseball, Seth Dorr, (Houlton)
- Women's Softball, Rachel Nightingale, (Hermon)

**2007-08 Rookie of the Year Awards** went to:

- Men's Cross Country Running, Kurt Whisler, (Fort Kent)
- Women's Cross Country Running, Leah Joy, (Swans Island)
- Men's Golf, Paul Rucci, (Millinocket)



Erica Davis and Barb Blackstone



Chase Higgins and Barb Blackstone

- Men's Soccer, Benjamin Costello, (Old Town)
- Women's Soccer, Co-Rookie, Chelsea Boudreau, (Wallace, Nova Scotia)
- Women's Soccer, Co-Rookie, Jessica Kinney, (Caribou)
- Women's Volleyball, Megan Korhonen, (Littleton)
- Men's Basketball, Co-Rookie, James Gregory, (Philadelphia, PA)
- Men's Basketball Co-Rookie, Allan Stroud, (Irvington, NJ)

- Women's Basketball, Megan Korhonen, (Littleton)
- Men's Cross Country Skiing, Craig Maffei, (Mount Vernon)
- Men's Baseball, Jeffrey Ramsdell, (Pembroke)
- Women's Softball, Co-Rookie, Brittany Humphrey, (New Gloucester)
- Women's Softball, Co-Rookie, Danielle Humphrey, (New Gloucester)

**Individual awards** went to Adam Bickford, (Auburn) as the Athletic Training Rising Star and Patrick Baker, (Edmundston, New Brunswick) as the Athletic Training Student of the Year. Women's Basketball named Mindy Sullivan (Lisbon Falls) the Ruel Parks Award winner. The Al Arman (Make a Difference) Awards went to Julie Wescott, (Naples) and Charles Reece, (Bath) while the Stanley H. Small Coaches Award was presented to Patrick Bailey (Canaan).

Congratulations to these young men and women as they continue to strive for excellence in all avenues of their collegiate careers. ★



Officials held a reception on April 10 in Wieden Hall for the University's Nordic Ski team to celebrate their '07-'08 season. University President Zillman helped to recognize and highlight the team's accomplishments throughout its '07-'08 season. The athletes are, from left to right, front row: Hannah Shepard, Chandra Wisneski, Emerson Wright. Back row: Alison Kieffer, Meagan Toussaint, Craig Maffei, Aaron Schmersal, and Head Coach Petr Jakl.

notes

**UMPI team seeks support in Relay for Life**

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk-a-Thon will be held at Northern Maine Community College on June 6-7. It's a time and place where people come together to celebrate



those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. The UMPI Owls Team will be walking and would welcome team volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team or making a pledge, go to <http://main.acsevents.org/rflmearoostook> then click on "Join a Team" and "UMPI Owls." Support of this worthwhile cause is very much appreciated. Contact Lisa Leduc at [lisa.leduc@umpi.edu](mailto:lisa.leduc@umpi.edu) or Sharon Roix at [roix@maine.edu](mailto:roix@maine.edu).

**Notes from Rene – Boston Marathon 2008**

The University community was well represented at the 112th Boston Marathon on April 21. First-time marathoner, TRIO Upward Bound Counselor



Rene Laliberty, ran with a special purpose - the goal of supporting the Upward Bound program through "Rene's Run for Educational Opportunity." In spite of pain, sunburn, and blisters, Rene reports feeling immensely proud of her accomplishment and grateful for those who supported her. Upward Bound continues to

accept donations for this project. Rene completed the 26.2 mile course in 3:38:23. UMPI Board of Visitors member Jeff Ashby and UMPI alumnus Evan Graves each recorded outstanding finishes of 2:46:55 and 2:29:39. Congratulations to all!

**Investment firm presents free seminars**

Edward Jones will offer a series of free financial workshops in the UMPI Campus Center during May. "A Woman's Journey" an investment seminar designed specifically for women will be held Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. On May 21, "Beyond Retirement Illusions" and "Beyond Investment Illusions," will be held at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. They will focus on the needs of retirees and understanding market conditions. All sessions are free and open to the public. FMI or to register contact Gretchen Morse at 764.0802.



**UMPI Pride Committee recognizes student contest winners**

The arrival of May brought melting snow and Spring Carnival events and celebrations to campus. Over 300 students, faculty and staff gathered on Friday, May 2, for UMPI Pride Committee's Student Appreciation BBQ and games. The following students were recognized as winners in the "Outstanding Student" and "Creative Spirit" campus contests. For Academics: Best

Contributor to Class Discussions, Patrick Baker; Puts in Most Effort to be Successful, James Kidd; Most Inquisitive/Curious, Tom Wire; Most Excellent Presentation, Laura Hunter; Most Helpful to Fellow Students, Laura Mooney. For Leadership: Most Awesome Peer Mentors/Tutors, Meg Medlinskas and Tom Wire; Most Active Organizer of Student Organization Events, Thuy Phan and Mihaela Pavlova; Most Significant Contributor to a Student Organization, Heidi Rackliffe; Most Active Commuter Student, Dave Rudolph. For Service: Most Annoying Head Butting Change Agent for Overall Student Improvement, Ravi Munukutla and Aha Blume, Contributes Above and Beyond Effort, Nat Sattayatham; Most Significant or Innovative Impact for the Good of the University, Adam Bickford; Contributor Most Likely to be Remembered 10 Years from Now, Meg Medlinskas; Most Significant Contributor to Community Service, Justin Rossner. Creative Spirit Photo Contest: Favorite Photo, Melissa Corey; Unique Photo, Samantha White.



Nordic ski team member Meagan Toussaint recently donated the jersey she wore at the World Junior Biathlon Championships in Ruhpolding, Germany, to the University in appreciation of the support she has received while juggling her academic and biathlon pursuits.

**Spring retirees celebrated**

Three well-known retiring members of the University family are being celebrated during May. Bill Lothrop, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, retires after 37 years of service to UMPI. Shirley Ballard, with 14 years of service, will soon be retiring from her position as Administrative Assistant with the Normal Hall Faculty Service Center. Bookstore Manager Peggy Smythe, who started her career with the University in 1981, also will be retiring this May. A celebration was



University faculty, students and staff celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with the ceremonial planting of three Lodgepole Pine trees on the north end of campus.

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held for Shirley and Peggy in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge on Monday, May 19.

## Student Senate sponsors senior help day

The University's Student Senate recently joined with the Aroostook Area Agency on Aging to reach out a helping hand to area seniors. The project "Help Your Seniors Day," was held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

Approximately 30 campus and community volunteers assisted throughout central Aroostook County with yard work, raking, window washing, and garage and cellar cleanups. Organizers are hoping to schedule both spring and fall events in the future.

## Reed Gallery to exhibit student work

From May 17 through August 2, Reed Art Gallery will host the Senior Art Project Group Show. Nine students completed their projects this year, and the Gallery will show selected works from each of their solo exhibitions. There will be a reception with light refreshments on Sunday, June 1 at 2

p.m. with artists present to discuss their work and perhaps their art experience and growth while at UMPI. Some students will be continuing on to master's programs. Some will remain in their hometowns continuing their art practices, perhaps opening successful studios. Please come to wish them well and see some remarkable examples from our Fine Arts Department.

## Aroostook Canoe and Kayak Race to benefit Wintergreen Arts Center

The Presque Isle and Washburn Rotary clubs will be hosting an Aroostook River Fun Run Canoe and Kayak Race on Saturday, May 31 – and the University is invited to participate! The race starts at Washburn's Thomas Brewer Park and ends at the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club. The registration fee is \$15 for paddlers age 19-64, \$12 for paddlers over 65, and \$10 for paddlers 12-18. Proceeds benefit the Wintergreen Arts Center. OAPI Director Amanda Morin has offered the use of OAPI canoes for those needing

The Wintergreen Arts Center



Members of the Student Organization of Social Workers were in Rockland on April 10-11 for the National Association of Social Workers-Maine Chapter Annual Conference. Professor Jean Cashman presented a workshop during the annual conference on Illicit Drugs, and UMPI Social Work Senior Thea Day received the prestigious NASW-Maine Chapter Student Award. Conference-goers included, from left, front row: Jennifer Romard and Justin Rossner; back row: Jean Cashman, Greg Gouthro, Nicole MacVicar, Stephanie Rideout, Jessica Plante, Heidi Rackliffe, and Laura Long.

them – contact rachel.rice@umpi.edu or 768.9447 for use of equipment or with questions about this event.

## Biology majors speak to high schoolers

Two sophomore biology majors spent a day back at their alma mater, Caribou High School, talking about their college experiences and the research they have done. On April 2, Darren Pelletier and Alison Kieffer spoke to each of Carol Thibodeau's high school biology classes about their participation in courses at both the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) that is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, and the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in coastal Maine. In August 2007, Kieffer and Pelletier traveled to the NIH and took the course, "Current Topics in Genomic Research." In February, Pelletier participated in "The Short Course on Molecular Biology" at the MDI Biological Laboratory that

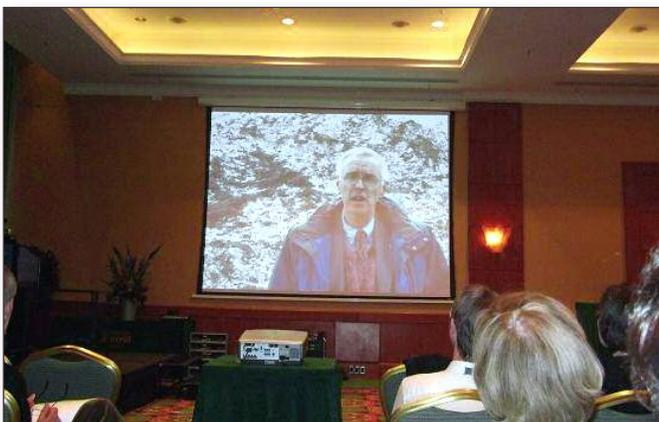
involved extensive hands-on laboratory experience. According to officials, the hope is that these college students – former CHS grads themselves – can provide inspiration for current CHS students who are preparing for the transition from high school to college. (see photo page 12)

## YPI ends with Mock Board Meeting and Etiquette Dinner

The University and Momentum Aroostook wrapped up their first Young Professionals Institute on April 9 with a Mock Board Meeting and Etiquette Dinner. The Young Professionals Institute (YPI) brought together 15 professionals from across Aroostook



County to further develop skills in public speaking, professional writing and interaction with the media. In five weeks, the group learned through role-playing scenarios and hands-on



President Don Zillman recently appeared – by video – at the Biennial Conference of the International Bar Associations, held in late April in Copenhagen, Denmark. Under discussion was the book *Beyond the Carbon Economy – Energy Law in Transition*, which he co-edited with three colleagues.

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Alison Kieffer and Darren Pelletier spent the day on April 2 talking to biology students at Caribou High School. The two, former CHS students themselves, talked to students about the opportunities they've had to take part in science research during their first two years in college.

activities how to write eye-catching proposals, deliver successful oral presentations, and use best practices in written communication. "We all see this as a way to build skills and encourage this younger generation of professionals to stay in the area," Professor Clare Exner, one of the course designers, said of the YPI pilot program. The final session allowed the participants to showcase their newly honed skills to their employers or mentors who sponsored them. (see photos to right and on page 13)

**Astronomy Club hosts workshops for teachers**

The Aroostook County Astronomy Club hosted a workshop session for high school and middle school teachers on Saturday, May 17 in the University's Campus Center. Dr. Manju Prakash, Northeast Regional NASA representative and Maine School of Science and Mathematics physics instructor, presented a 2 p.m. session about THEMIS (Thermal Emission Imaging

System), a recent NASA mission to study the origin of the northern lights. Teachers also participated in hands-on activities making a planisphere, sundial, and learning about online resources. For information about the Astronomy Club contact Jim Stepp at 768.9560.

**Upward Bound Saturday scheduled for incoming students**

TRiO Upward Bound kicked off its summer session for students with "Upward Bound Saturday" on May 17 in the University's Campus Center. For many of the more than 100 Aroostook County students that attended, this was their first look at college life and the college experience. Summer staff members were on hand and campus tours were offered at this student/parent orientation. For information on the Upward Bound program, please call 768.9612. ★



Get Involved for a worthy cause!



Monday June 30  
American Red Cross

**CAMPUS BLOOD DRIVE**

Wieden Gymnasium  
information: Jim Stepp - 768.9560  
jim.stepp@umpi.edu



Fifteen local business men and women successfully completed the Young Professionals Institute, which was held at the University of Maine at Presque Isle during the months of March and April. The first round of YPI graduates includes, front row, from left, Erica Quin-Easter, Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community; Jonah Alexander, K-Pel Industrial Services, Inc.; Krista Doody, Katahdin Trust Company; Kim Jones, Cary Medical Center; Kristi Bell, DFAS; Katie Widhalm, Katahdin Trust Company; Margo Dyer, MMG Insurance, and Nathan Burnett, unaffiliated. Back row, Ghent Holdsworth II, Farm Credit of Maine, ACA; Chris Locke, MMG Insurance; Steven Fitzpatrick, F.A. Peabody Co.; Terri Chandler, MMG Insurance; Dean Grivois, Acadia Health Education Coalition; and PJ Kinney, MMG Insurance. Absent from the photo was Amanda Morin, University of Maine at Presque Isle.



Upward Bound staffer Rene Laliberty and supporters were all smiles about her "Run for Educational Opportunity." She qualified for this year's Boston Marathon and used it as an opportunity to raise money for Upward Bound programs.

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As part of their two-day visit to the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Maine System Trustees attended a reception featuring seventeen different poster displays and demonstrations prepared by UMPI faculty, staff and students. The reception and poster session served as a unique opportunity for those in our campus community to showcase and discuss their research, leadership and outreach activities. Board of Trustees, Chancellor Pattenaude, and representatives of the other six System campuses circulated among the displays set up in Kelly Commons. The following presentations were represented at the reception: Project Compass: Professors Clare Exner, Kim-Anne Perkins, Dr. Reginald Nnazor, and Michael Carlos; Lecture-Free Teaching: Dr. Bonnie Wood; Struwwelpeter: Dr. Barbara Chalou; Inspiring Courage in Girls: Dr. Anja Whittington; The Marketing of Civil Defense: Dr. John Zaborney; Partnership for College Success: Mike McCormack; Young Professionals Institute: Rachel Rice and Amanda Morin; Micropaleontology Undergraduate Research Lab: Dr. Kevin McCartney; The film Echoes from the Apocalypse: Professor Anderson Giles; Palliative Home Care: Dr. Lynn Eldershaw; RateMyProfessors.com-Valid?



University of Maine President Dr. Robert Kennedy discusses the Northern Maine Regional Airport translation done by Clare Davidshofer's French for Professionals class.

Dr. Michael Sonntag; National Undergraduate Literature Conference: Dr. Raymond Rice; Inclusive Education: Dr. JoAnne Putnam; The World of Pompeii: Dr. John DeFelice; Presque Isle Airport Goes French: Claire Davidshofer; Clinical Chemistry for MLT's: Dr. Linda Graves; Local Wild Plant Inventory: Michelle Baumflek.



After 8 weeks of classes, the University's Writer-in-Residence Cathie Pelletier bid farewell to the campus and community on March 27, seen here with Dick Ayre. The University was so pleased with Pelletier's residency, that it has opted to host another writer or artist in residence within the next two years. Pelletier has agreed to serve as a special advisor on the project.



More than a dozen local business leaders participated in the mock board meeting and dinner held for the graduates of the first-ever Young Professionals Institute, held recently at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Pictured are, from left, front row, Peter Hallowell, Farm Credit of Maine; Nate Berry, Barresi Benefits Group; Kevin Pelletier, K-Pel Industrial Services, Inc.; Brian Hamel, Thompson-Hamel, LLC; Bill Flagg, Cary Medical Center; Diane Collins, MMG Insurance; Arlene Luzzi, Acadia Health Education Coalition; Annette Beaton, Katahdin Trust Company; Andy Grass, MMG Insurance; Matt McHatten, MMG Insurance; and Rachel Rice, University of Maine at Presque Isle. Back row, Chris Anderson, F.A. Peabody Co.; Matt Nightengale, Katahdin Trust Company; Lynn Lombard, MMG Insurance; President Don Zillman, University of Maine at Presque Isle; Susan Grove Markwood, Savings Bank of Maine; Keith Madore, University of Maine at Presque Isle; and Tom O'Hara, DFAS.

**activities 5.19.2008 – 6.30.2008**

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**MAY 20 & 21**

★ Free Edward Jones Investment Seminars, Campus Center. FMI 764.0802.

**MAY 21**

★ TAMC Healthcare Volleyball Tourney for United Way, 5:30 p.m., Wieden Gym.

**MAY 27**

★ Cigna Vision Plan Meetings, 10 & 11 a.m., CC118.

**MAY 31**

★ Rotary Fun Run

Canoe and Kayak

Race to benefit Wintergreen Arts Center. FMI rachel.rice@umpi.edu or 768.9447. ■ Golf 2-person Scramble 10 a.m., Men's & Women's teams, Presque Isle Country Club; preregister by Thursday, May 29, alan.gordon@umpi.edu, 768.0473.

**JUNE 1**

★ Reception – Senior Art Project Group Show, 2 p.m., Reed Art Gallery.

**JUNE 6**

★ Relay for Life begins 6 p.m., Northern Maine Community College, benefits American Cancer Society. FMI lisa.leduc@umpi.edu.

**JUNE 14**

★ Fingerprinting for Education Students 7 a.m., Owl's Nest.

**JUNE 30**

★ Red Cross UMPI Blood Drive 10 a.m., Wieden. FMI 768.9560. ★

**OAPI Summer Adventure Camps**

For information call 768.9401

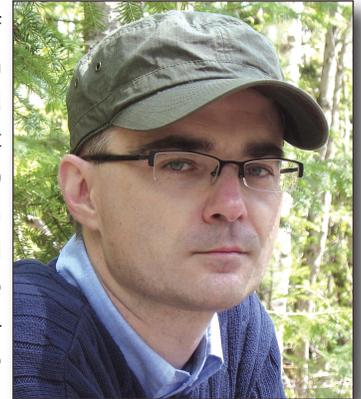
- ☞ June 30-July 3 **Rock Climbing and Ropes Course** - Climb, learn new techniques, gain confidence; ages 8-13. Drop-off at 8:30 am, pick-up at 4 pm; \$80 fee.
- ☞ July 14-18 **Half Day Camp** - Hike, build a fire, set-up camp, play fun games be outside; ages 8-10. Drop-off at 8 am, pick-up at noon, \$50 fee
- ☞ July 21-25 **Outdoor Adventure** - Rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, camping and trip leading skills; ages 11-13. Drop-off at 8:30 am, pick-up at 4:00 pm. Overnight "camping trip" Thurs. night (dinner, Fri breakfast & lunch provided), \$125 fee.
- ☞ August 11-15 **Fun with Nature** - ages 8-12; walks, games. Drop-off at 8:00 am, pick-up at 12:00 pm, \$50 fee. ★

# Education Professor published in Poland

An Education Professor has had a book he coauthored with three other scholars published in Poland.

Professor Tomasz Herzig, an Associate Professor of Social Studies Education, coauthored the book *Praca w Polsce – Dobry Start* [or *Working in Poland – A Good Beginning*] published recently by Warsaw University Press, Poland.

The book, made possible thanks to a grant from the European Union's European Social Fund, examines the sociocultural, legal and economic aspects – both theoretical and practical – of the professional adaptation of foreigners to the Polish labor market. Herzig said that his own immigrant experience – he came to the United States from Poland in 2004 – helped him understand the nature of many problems immigrants face in their private and professional lives.



Tomasz Herzig

Herzig said that he hopes the book will serve well with social workers, educators and those seeking jobs in his home country of Poland, which is now a member of the European Union.

*Praca w Polsce* was coauthored by four scholars representing different disciplines, including sociology, education and sociolinguistics. Two authors, Anna Wawrzonek and Malgorzata Rosalska, represented Faculty of Educational Studies at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. Herzig, who formerly taught at that university, represented the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Halina Dolega-Herzig, a former Adam Mickiewicz University professor of sociolinguistics and journalism, served as the fourth coauthor.

Since its publication, a new training program for social workers based on the book has started in Poland. Several seminars and workshops for social workers and educators, based on the book, have been held in Poland. ★

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