



University, Caribou Schools sign agreement

OFFICIALS WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CARIBOU SCHOOL DEPARTMENT have signed an agreement that will allow Education students to take part in extensive internships at Teague Park Elementary School while providing professional development opportunities for veteran teachers there.

President Don Zillman and Frank McElwain, Superintendent of the Caribou School Department, signed the memorandum of understanding during a late August press conference at Teague Park. The agreement, *Building the Future: 2008-2009*, establishes a Professional Development School partnership between the two educational entities and sets forth three main goals: to improve teacher preparation, increase PK-12 student achievement, and enhance professional development opportunities for UMPI and Caribou School Department faculty and staff.

Under the partnership, selected students in UMPI's Education Program will be able to take part in a two-semester teaching internship. The first semester experience would include the first five days of school and one day a week for the rest of the semester, all in the same classroom, while the second semester would be a full immersion into that same classroom for 15 weeks.

Another important component of the partnership includes on-site courses at Teague Park taught by UMPI full-time and adjunct faculty that would be open to UMPI's teacher certification students and veteran staff seeking recertification or meeting other needs.



President Don Zillman and Dr. Reginald Nnazor, chair of the College of Education, joined Frank McElwain, Superintendent of the Caribou School Department and Lois Brewer, principal of Teague Park Elementary School in signing a professional development school agreement.

"We are extremely excited about the hands-on, real-world opportunities this is going to afford our teacher certification students as well as the continuing education aspect it will provide for professional teachers in the area," President Don Zillman said. "This partnership allows us to accomplish two goals that are at the heart of what we strive to do as a University – offer the best possible educational experiences for our students and serve

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Cathie Pelletier offers screenwriting class

THE UNIVERSITY IS GIVING STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS the chance to write screenplays and get involved in making a movie this fall as part of the course "Screenwriting and the Filmmaker's Life," taught by acclaimed novelist and screenwriter Cathie Pelletier. The 10-week course started Sept. 3, and helps to launch the University's

new Film Studies Program. Pelletier, an Allagash native who has written nine novels and had two of them turned into movies, is connecting students with several professionals in the movie industry. Her students are talking by phone with: producer/director George Stevens, Jr. (*Separate But Equal*); producer Caldecott Chubb (*Hoffa*); actress Lolita Davidovich

(*Blaze*); writer/director Ron Shelton (*Bull Durham*); Academy Award-winning production designer Paul Sylbert (*Heaven Can Wait* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*); producer Mitchell Galin (*The Stand*); composer Janis Ian (*The Bell Jar*); and screenwriter and teacher Will Akers (*Your Screenplay Sucks: 100 Ways to Make It Great*). Pelletier will bring to campus for a face-to-



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University unveils five-year Strategic Plan

PRESIDENT DON ZILLMAN AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MICHAEL SONNTAG unveiled the institution's five-year strategic plan, "2008-2013: Engaging the Campus, Connecting with the Community," during a press conference in late August.

The Strategic Plan focuses on streamlining the institution so that students get the most out of their academic experiences, feel more invested in the campus, and develop stronger connections with the community.

"This plan is really about three things: doing everything we can to encourage student success on our campus, ensuring that our internal systems are operating smoothly so we can better deliver campus services to our students, and, as we focus on these two areas, taking every opportunity to develop and strengthen connections between our campus and the community," Sonntag said.

With the connection to community as the unifying theme, Sonntag explained that the Strategic Plan is organized into two major strategic goals: Student Success and Institutional Sustainability.

Within Student Success, officials will review the University's professional and liberal arts programs and align them with student interest, employment opportunities, and community needs. In terms of community connectedness, the campus will seek to establish more student service-learning projects, field work experiences and undergraduate research. Officials also will encourage faculty to conduct more scholarship and research that matters to the region and support all campus staff in initiating more community-centered projects.

Within Institutional Sustainability, officials will focus on customer service, sound financial management, and efficient administrative functions, which includes the implementation of a new academic structure. Academic programs now will be divided under four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Professional



Dr. Michael Sonntag, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and President Don Zillman unveiled the Strategic Plan "2008-2013: Engaging the Campus, Connecting with the Community" during a late August press conference.

Photo courtesy Kathy McCarty, Star-Herald

Programs, and the College of University Programs.

Other objectives include creating new student social spaces with particular attention to the needs of non-traditional and commuter students, providing more customer service-themed training opportunities for faculty and staff, improving and updating teaching facilities, and focusing on fundraising efforts that allow the University to invest in new programs and projects that benefit the region and the state while continuing its long history of sound financial management. Officials also will implement a voluntary system of accountability.

"By making our institution more efficient, more financially sound, more customer-service oriented, and more adept at meeting the needs of our faculty, staff and students, we are creating the strongest foundation we can for student engagement and success," Sonntag said. "And, as we do that, I think we're going to see a campus that is making a huge difference in the community."

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Registration deadline is Friday, September 19th ★

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the needs of our community."

Principal Lois Brewer will serve as the site coordinator at Teague Park on this partnership; Dr. Barbara Chalou, Professor of Education, will serve as the site coordinator at UMPI.

University officials hope to establish similar partnerships with other area schools in the future. ★

Savings Bank of Maine donates \$2,500 for Warhol exhibit

THE PRESQUE ISLE SAVINGS BANK OF MAINE RECENTLY DONATED \$2,500 to the University for the framing of Andy Warhol photographs, which the University received from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program this spring.

The gift allowed for the framing of more than 20 of those photographs, which are now on public display in the University's Reed Fine Art Gallery. The art exhibition *Andy at UMPI* is on display until Oct. 11. A standing room only opening reception for the exhibition was held at the gallery on Sept. 5.

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts has donated more than 28,500 original Warhol photographs – valued in excess of \$28 million – to 183 college and university art museums across the U.S. through its Photographic Legacy Program, in honor of the foundation's 20th anniversary. In Maine, three colleges and universities received Warhol pho-

tographs – the University of Maine, Colby College, and the University of Maine at Presque Isle. *Andy at UMPI* serves as the debut exhibition in Maine of these Andy Warhol photographs.

"This exhibition wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of the Presque Isle Savings Bank of Maine," Keith Madore, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, said.

"Because of their sponsorship, we have been able to get these photographs framed much more quickly than we anticipated, which means that the public is getting its first chance to view these original Warhol photographs just months after we received them."



Amanda Morin and Adam Dimmitt refer to the "Andy at UMPI" catalogue as they view the photographs in the Reed Gallery.

The University also received framing support for the project from UMPI arts alumna Jane Caulfield, owner of Morning Star Art and Framing of Presque Isle.

All are invited to view the exhibition. The Reed Fine Art Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ★

University unveils new look for website

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS UNVEILED THE INSTITUTION'S NEW WEBSITE, which has a completely new look and a brand new URL – www.umpi.edu – during a press conference in late August.

Dr. Michael Sonntag, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and President Don Zillman officially unveiled the new website, which features a streamlined design, an easy to navigate organizational structure, and new components especially created for the community.

"Our website is one of the most important places where we can interact with our community at large. It's where we as a University can show who we are and what we have to offer and we wanted to do that in a simple, straight-forward way," Dr. Sonntag said. "What we've really done here is organize our site into a much more user-friendly manner and give it a fresh, new look."

Visitors to the new site will be greeted by a homepage that includes a mini-slideshow showcasing a rolling list of upcoming events as well as several new links, including Community Offerings, a detailed, linked listing of programs

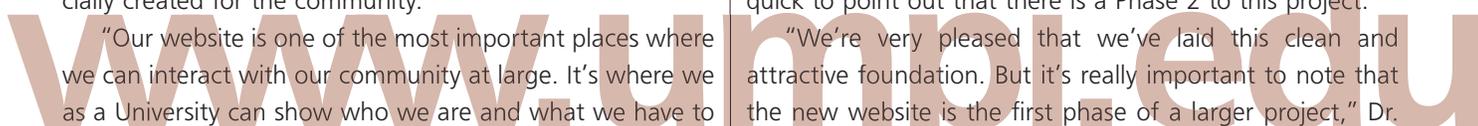
the University makes available to the public.

The bulk of the website project was done in the summer, though preliminary work began during the academic year. The University's webmaster Eric Brissette and its Media Relations Office worked closely with web designer and UMPI alum John Hafford to create the new look and feel of the website.

While the new website looks complete, officials are quick to point out that there is a Phase 2 to this project.

"We're very pleased that we've laid this clean and attractive foundation. But it's really important to note that the new website is the first phase of a larger project," Dr. Sonntag said. "We're going to be adding video and audio and other modes of interactivity. We're going to be doing things that will better showcase our innovative courses, our engaging professors, and the close-knit campus community we have here."

Phase 2 work on the project is expected to get underway immediately and new elements will be added to the website as they are completed. ★



UMPI, arts community unveil web portal

THE UNIVERSITY AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL ARTS COMMUNITY unveiled the first-of-its-kind cultural events web portal for northern Maine in June.

The brand new web portal, www.artsaroostook.org, exclusively will showcase the region's art, musical and cultural events, both allowing artists to submit their events to a wider audience and giving the community a one-stop location to learn about all the arts and entertainment events happening in Aroostook County.

"We are so pleased to be able to provide this forum for the area's artists and musicians, as well as the area's art lovers and music fans," Carol Ayoob, the University's Director of Cultural Affairs, said. "This area has such a rich cultural arts scene and Arts Aroostook will allow a greater number of people to discover all that is available to them – from the coffeehouse performances and outdoor music events to the art workshops and independent film showings throughout the region."

Earlier this year, Ayoob organized the Cultural Affairs Advisory Council so that members of the regional arts com-



munity could assist the University in its mission to provide the area with unique and exciting cultural events. The web portal was one of the advisory council's first ideas. With the help of University web master Eric Brissette, the group determined the look and content for the web site, which showcases events in a listing and a calendar format.

The University designed and will host the web site on its server, and volunteers will maintain the site.

All are encouraged to submit arts and cultural events taking place in the region so they can be listed on the new web site. To make a submission, visit www.artsaroostook.org, click on Submit an Event, fill out the information and click Submit. For more information about the Arts Aroostook web portal, contact Ayoob at 768.9462. ★

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face visit with her class producer Gabrielle Tana, whose new film *The Duchess*, starring Ralph Fiennes and Keira Knightley, will be released next month.

Students also are reading screenplays that have been made into successful films, learning the basic three-act structure of screenplays, and beginning work on an original screenplay.

As the culminating experience of the class, students will create a short film based on an original screenplay with the help of Zoran Popovic, the cinematographer for the 2008 film *War, Inc.*, which stars John Cusack, Joan Cusack, Marisa Tomei, Hilary Duff and Ben Kingsley. The finished film created by Pelletier's class will receive a public screening in Wieden Auditorium at the end of the semester.

Last spring, Pelletier served as the University's Writer-in-Residence and taught two eight-week courses on writ-

ing and novels. Because she is turning her attention more fully to film and the art of movie-making, Pelletier and University officials felt it was a perfect fit for her to return and teach one of the first classes offered in connection with the University's new Film Studies program.

The courses within the new program were developed by English and Art faculty members to provide students the opportunity to study film as an aesthetic art form as well as its commercial, educational and political implications. Professors Richard Zuras and Clifton Boudman will be directing the Film Studies program under the English and Art degrees.

In delivering this class, Pelletier will apply the experience she has gained over the course of more than 20 years of writing. She wrote her first novel, *The Funeral Makers*, in 1986. She made international literary news in 1998 when Doubleday paid her a \$1 million

advance for her novel *Candles on Bay Street*, written under her pen name K.C. McKinnon. "Candles" eventually became a Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions film starring Alicia Silverstone.

Her other McKinnon novel, *Dancing at the Harvest Moon*, has been translated into 18 languages and, in 2002, became a CBS movie starring Jacqueline Bisset and Valerie Harper. Her latest novel, *Running the Bulls*, won the 2006 Paterson Prize for Fiction. Coming full circle, Pelletier has adapted her first novel into a screenplay for director Doug Liman (*The Bourne Identity; Mr. and Mrs. Smith*). She is currently working with actor Donald Sutherland who has optioned her original screenplay, *The Luna Christmas*, with hopes to begin filming in January.

For more information about Cathie Pelletier, visit her website at www.kcmckinnon.com. ★

Campus welcomes new employees

The University is welcoming 10 new employees at the start of the 2008-2009 academic year, including new professors, coaches and professional staffers.

HEIDI BLASJO will serve as the University's new Area Coordinator in Student



Affairs. Blasjo comes to northern Maine after serving as the Residential Hall Coordinator, Interim Assistant to Head of School and Academic Advisor at the Ambassador Preparatory School, an international boarding school in St. Paul, Minnesota. Blasjo has a B.S. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

GREG DOAK takes on duties as the new bookstore manager. He most recently



owned his own business, Stone Art Landscaping and worked at Lowe's as a Live Nursery Specialist. He received a Bachelor of

Science degree from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1992.

ERICA JORTBERG joins the Admissions Office staff as an Admissions Counselor.



She most recently worked at Circle of Learning as a teacher. She received her bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Services from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1992.

DR. JACQUI LOWMAN, who comes to Maine from Grand Forks, North Dakota, will



serve as a new Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Lowman most recently served as an Assistant Professor in the School of Communication at the University of North Dakota.

She received her Ph.D. in Mass Media from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, in 2004.

LIZA MAYNARD joins the Office of the President and Alumni/Development as an Administrative Assistant.



She most recently worked at Presque Isle Savings Bank of Maine. She graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

DR. TODD RUSSELL, a new Assistant Professor of Physical Education, comes to the University from Great Falls, Montana, where his most recent academic



employment was serving as an Associate Professor of Health and Physical

Education at the University of Great Falls. Dr. Russell received his Ed.D. in Higher Education in 1991 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

DAWN MCPHERSON takes on duties as an Instructor of Recreation and Leisure Services. She most recently worked as a Special



Education Consultant and Coordinator of Programs for Child Development Services. She earned her Master of Education degree in Special Education/Early Intervention from the University of Maine in 2004.

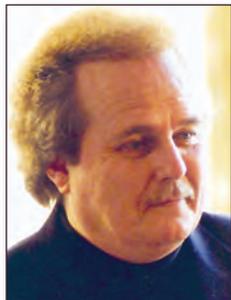
The University also welcomes three new employees to its Athletics Department:

WILLIAM CASAVANT as Athletic Director, **TERRY CUMMINGS** as Head Men's Basketball Coach, Women's Volleyball Coach, and the Head of Wellness Programming for campus employees, and **RYAN GUERRETTE** as the new Head Golf Coach. For more information about these new employees, see page 9. ☆

Dorgan to serve as UDLS speaker

THE UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2008-2009 DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES will kick off with a guest speaker who will discuss community journalism, pioneering spirit, and how to conduct successful grassroots projects during his visit to Maine.

Darrell Dorgan, an award-winning journalist, documentary filmmaker and executive director of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, will be in Presque Isle from Oct. 6-8, speaking to local groups, hosting a community workshop and offering the first University Distinguished Lecture of the academic year.



Dorgan will deliver his community lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Campus Center. He will discuss

everything from homesteaders and ranchers to Maine guides when he offers his talk, "Pioneering Spirit: How 19th Century Maine and North Dakota Helped to Shape a Future President."

Dorgan is the recipient of more than 50 awards for journalism excellence, including an Emmy nomination in 1992 and a National Associated Press award for "Reporting Beyond Reproach." Dorgan is currently working on a feature-length documentary film about the life of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had strong ties to North Dakota and some interesting ties to Maine. Two Maine men helped Roosevelt build his famed Elkhorn Ranch in North Dakota.

Dorgan also will speak with University classes and local service organizations about the importance of community journalism, and on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, he will lead a workshop based on

work he did to help move the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame from dream to reality. The workshop, "If You Build It, They Will Come: Rustling Up Support and Wrangling Publicity for Major Community-Centered Projects," will provide strategies for planning large-scale projects, fundraising, building and maintaining a network of support, and promoting a project around the world. The workshop is free, but you must reserve a space to participate.

Dorgan has served as the executive director of the Hall of Fame since 1997, working first to establish a large support base and raise more than \$4 million to construct the 15,000-square-foot facility – it opened its doors in 2005 – and later to promote the institution to the world. Last year, it was named the 2007 North Dakota Tourist Attraction of the Year.

For more information, contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452.★

Three honored at Hall of Fame Banquet

THE UNIVERSITY'S OWLS' ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTED THREE NEW MEMBERS in a ceremony during Homecoming weekend. The 2008 inductees included Heather A. (Brewer) Richards '96; Jeffrey M. Joseph '00; and Dwight Hunter.

HEATHER A. (BREWER) RICHARDS was a two-sport star, excelling on both the basketball and softball teams. Richards led the MAIAW in steals as a freshman and sophomore, and was selected to both the MAC conference and the MAIAW All-State 2nd teams. Also as a freshman, she was a NAIA District V All-Star, NAIA Rookie of the year, and a MAIAW All-star. Richards was selected to the MAC All-State softball team during her junior season and was also awarded the team MVP and Inspirational Awards.

Since graduating from UMPI in '96 with a degree in Physical Education, Richards has coached a variety of sports, including middle school field hockey and cheerleading, varsity field hockey and JV basketball. She has just completed her 11th year of teaching.

JEFFREY M. JOSEPH was a standout basketball player for the Owls - a NAIA Division II nation-wide leading rebounder who received a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. During his 1212 point career, he was the sixth career leading scorer at UMPI and set school records for most rebounds. Following his junior year, Joseph became a mem-

ber of the Dominican National Basketball Team. Due to all of his efforts and hard work, Joseph was selected UMPI male Athlete of the Year as a senior.

After earning a degree in Business Management, Joseph played in two different semi-professional leagues, the National Alliance Basketball League and the Xtreme Basketball Association. Joseph has spent 17 years in management and human relations.

DWIGHT HUNTER was a baseball and basketball standout at Presque Isle High School. Graduating in 1955, he played both sports while attending Aroostook State Teachers College before transferring to the University of Maine to study physical education. Hunter served in the Army before returning to The County in 1961 to teach at Caribou High School. He served as a teacher, coach and athletic director at CHS for the next 41 years.

Active in advancing Maine high school sports, he has received many awards - Maine's Athletic Director of the Year, State Award of Merit, Teacher of the Year and the Big East Conference Service Award. In 1998, he was one of just six athletic directors in the country selected by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association to receive the National Federation Citation Award.★

Alumni Association honors two alumni

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION at the University of Maine at Presque Isle presented awards to two distinguished alumni during the annual Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 13 as part of its Homecoming 2008 festivities.

Barbara (Kneeland) Blackstone received the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to an alumnus/alumna who has made long-term contributions to the Alumni Association or the University, or who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on the University. Laura (Bouchard) Gardiner '82 received the Educator of the Year Award, presented to an alumnus/alumna who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator.

Barbara Blackstone, nominated by her daughter Jessica Blackstone, graduated from the University in 1992 with a degree in athletic training. In 1999,

she became the assistant athletic trainer at UMPI, and two years later became the head athletic trainer for the campus. In 2004, she was promoted to the position of Director/Assistant Professor of the Athletic Training



Barbara Blackstone

Education Program. From 2003-2006, Blackstone worked to double the enrollment in the Athletic Training program after it



Laura Gardiner

transitioned to an accredited program. She has served on the University of Maine at Presque Isle Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1997, serving as President from 1999-2007.

"She is a true UMPI Owl at heart and should be honored for all the hard work and dedication that she has given the University as a student, a professor and as an alum," Jessica Blackstone

said in her nomination letter.

Laura Gardiner graduated from the University in 1982 with a degree in Physical Education and has served as a physical education teacher in Aroostook County for 24 years.

Gardiner's achievements include being named the Maine Teacher of the Year 2003 by the Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in the category of Middle Level Physical Education Outstanding Teacher. She

also is an UMPI Hall of Fame inductee.

Gardiner has been a member of the MAHPERD for her entire teaching career, and for many years, she has served as a cooperating teacher working with the University's student teaching program. She also has conducted senior citizen training sessions for the community at the Gentile Hall Fitness Center. ★

NSE provides travel opportunities

TWO BUSINESS STUDENTS RECENTLY SPENT A YEAR IN FLORIDA earning their certification in Hospitality Management – at UMPI tuition rates – thanks to the University's National Student Exchange Program.

The two students, Nicole Bossie of Caribou and Brandi Hill of Houlton, spent the 2007-2008 academic year at the University of Southern Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus, working with faculty who specialize in hotel and restaurant management and taking part in intensive internships at high-end Florida resorts. At the end of their year away from home, Bossie earned a certificate in restaurant management; Hill, a

certificate in hotel management.

"Not only did they receive their certificates, but the classes they took in Florida are being transferred back to UMPI and applied toward their degrees in Business," Marjorie McNamara, UMPI's NSE program coordinator, said. "It was just an amazing opportunity for Nicole and Brandi and I think it's so important that other students know that they can take advantage of the same opportunities while attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle."

The University's National



Two students recently spent a year in Florida as part of the National Student Exchange Program. Nicole Bossie and Brandi Hill earned their certification in hospitality management. From left, Marjorie McNamara, UMPI's NSE coordinator, presented the certificates to Bossie and Hill.

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Business students create Limestone Walking Tour

BUSINESS STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY spent the past year working on a project to help the Town of Limestone with its tourism efforts.

Students in several of Professor Bob Murray's business classes worked to create, develop, and promote a self-guided historical walking tour of Limestone. The project, done in conjunction with the Limestone Historical Society, saved the town time and money that it would have had to spend if it had these services done professionally or if it had done the work itself.

Last summer, students began the first steps of the project – selecting the sites to be featured in the walking tour – with the help of the Limestone Historical Society. Society members provided the information for each of the 13 buildings and landmarks showcased, including the Trafton House, the Cyr Store and the Kearney Cemetery, and students designed the path partic-

ipants would take to view the entire tour.

During the Fall of 2007, three students compiled the information and helped to prepare a pamphlet of the walking tour. During the Spring of 2008, four more students applied the various marketing techniques they learned about in class to create awareness for the Limestone walking tour. And, finally, this summer, one more student devoted time to bringing media attention to the walking tour.

Students who participated in the project include: *Joanna McGlenn, Ashley Brooker, Liza Maynard, Rachael Willey, Brett Mayhew, Matthew Dubay, Harriet Huntley, Amanda Williams, and Jenna Flanagan.* The brochure design and layout was provided courtesy of the University's Media Relations Office.

The goal of the project is to bring more visitors to the area and serve as a boost to the local economy. ★

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Student Exchange program allows students to study at hundreds of colleges and universities across the U.S. for a semester or a year, focusing on a subject area that UMPI may not offer while paying in-state tuition rates or the rate they would pay to attend UMPI.

Bossie said it was an experience she won't ever forget.

"The National Student Exchange program was the best experience of my life. I had the opportunity to achieve many things, meet lifelong friends and grow as an individual," Bossie said. "If I didn't have NSE, I never would have been able to afford getting an experience like this."

Now back in Maine, the two say they wouldn't trade their experiences for the world, but Hill said they also made an important discovery.

"This experience really made me appreciate home, and you don't know what that means until you experience it," Hill said. "It's the atmosphere. It's the people. It was a real eye opener. I found where my place was." ★



Sports! UMPI hires Bill Casavant as new Athletics Director

THE UNIVERSITY HAS HIRED WILLIAM CASAVANT, a major proponent of sports and recreation in the region and a literal Maine sports legend to serve as its new Athletics Director.

Casavant, who has served the regional athletics community for more than 35 years and who was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends' Hall of Honors in 2006, took the job as the University's Director of Athletics in July. He most recently has served as Northern Maine Community College's Director of Admissions for 15 years.

Casavant replaces Rich Ward, who, after nine years as UMPI's Director of Athletics, announced that he and his family would head west to explore new opportunities.

In his new role, Casavant will oversee the University's 12 intercollegiate athletic teams – affiliated nationally with the NCAA Division III and the NAIA's Sunrise Conference – as well as direct club sports and the intramural sports program. The new AD also will head up student-athlete recruitment efforts and foster community support of University teams.

"I'm excited to get started here on campus, working with coaches and implementing our plan to become competitive in the Sunrise Conference immediately," Casavant said.



Casavant's vision for the Athletics Department includes getting the entire campus community highly involved in athletics, drawing people from campus and the community to games, and shaping student-athletes "to be the kind of people that others want to be around, that others will want to come and see."

"Bill's addition to the Athletics Department will go a long way in terms of reconnecting the campus as fully to all of Maine as possible as well as look-

ing for students wanting to participate in a full student-athlete experience," President Don Zillman said.

Casavant, who hails from Holyoke, Mass., graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Upon graduation, he took a position at Limestone Junior Senior High School, teaching eighth grade science for eight years while coaching soccer, basketball and baseball. In 1980, Casavant both earned his Master's degree in Education from the University of Maine and took a new job as the Athletics Director for Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute [now NMCC]. While in that position, he coached soccer and baseball at the Institute and also coached basketball at UMPI for four years.

Casavant has garnered several athletic honors. He was inducted into the second class of the Owls Athletic Hall of Fame in the early 1990s, and he was named to the Hall of Honors by the Maine Sports Legends organization as a sports legend from the Northern Region-Aroostook Area. ★

New golf, men's basketball, volleyball coaches

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE has added two new members to its coaching staff: Terry Cummings as head coach of the men's basketball and women's volleyball programs, and Ryan Guerrette as head golf coach.

Terry Cummings replaces Mike Carlos, who coached the Owl men's basketball team the past four seasons. In his new role as a full-time employee at UMPI, Cummings will also oversee the new Gentile Hall fitness center.



Terry Cummings, men's basketball and women's volleyball coach



Ryan Guerrette, men's golf coach

As a player at UMPI, Cummings – who earned a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Services – experienced a stellar career, where he was an All-NAIA District 5 pick and scored more than 2,000 career points. He was a BDN All-Maine, third-team choice at Houlton High School in 1987.

"He brings a great background as a collegiate player and possesses coaching experience at the high school level as well," said UMPI

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Second Pluto added to Solar System Model

During the summer, the dwarf planet Pluto was installed outside the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton – completing the present expansion of the 80-mile-long Maine Solar System Model. Pluto joins Ceres and Eris, added to the model last November, as “dwarf planets” formally recognized in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union. The new Pluto serves as part of the Northern Maine Museum of Science’s education program which tracks the

progress of the New Horizons NASA project spacecraft scheduled to reach Pluto in 2015. For information about the solar system model or museum contact Dr. Kevin McCartney at 768.9482.

Student receives Wanbaugh Purchase Award

A Fine Arts student, Nicole Smith of Presque Isle, is the recipient of the University’s very first art purchase award. Smith received the Robert C. Wanbaugh Memorial Art

Presque Isle, made the presentation. Dr. Wanbaugh established the endowment in memory of her husband, an artist and Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate from the University, to allow for the annual purchase of an outstanding work of student art for the University’s collection.



Dr. Kevin McCartney, center, worked with members of the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum to install a scale model of the dwarf planet Pluto in Littleton this summer.

Purchase Award at the end of the Spring 2008 semester for a painting she created as part of her Senior Art Show “Nostalgia of the Past.” Dr. Rebecca Herrick Wanbaugh, Professor Emerita of History at the University of Maine at

for her work with the Student Education Association of Maine [SEAM]. Ross was named the Outstanding Local Advisor for 2007-2008 during the NEA-Student Program’s Summer Leadership Conference, held in

Washington, D.C. in July. The organization, with chapters across the state, provides professional development opportunities and allows members to network and interact with education professionals and teacher education students in Maine and across the country. The University, under Ross’s guidance, established a SEAM chapter last year.

Education instructor receives national advisor’s award

A University education instructor, Wendy Ross, received top honors at a National Education Association conference this summer

Faculty essay featured in Echoes magazine

A faculty member with twenty-year roots in Aroostook County was recently published in the 20th anniversary issue of Echoes magazine. “Community – Why I Love Northern Maine” was the title of an essay in which Dr. Kevin McCartney describes his appreciation for Aroostook County’s sense of community. “For me, ‘community’ is to humans what ‘ecology’ is to the natural world,” writes the University of Maine at Presque Isle geology professor. “In an

Sports!

New coaches

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Athletic Director Bill Casavant. “He’s done very well at both, and he still has name recognition, which is very important.”

Prior to joining UMPI, Cummings has been the Athletic Director at Greater Houlton Christian Academy since 2003 and coached the Eagles’ boys basketball team from 2002-2008. He did double duty the past two winters, coaching the girl’s varsity basketball squad. The GHCA girl’s team compiled an impressive 34-7 record under Cummings, reaching the Eastern Maine Class D semifinals in 2007 and the quarterfinals in 2008. He was also the school’s volleyball coach during the past two seasons.

Cummings resides in Houlton with his wife Crystal and their two sons, Jordan and Malachi.

Ryan Guerrette is a 1998 graduate of Northern Maine Community College where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the NMCC golf team, leading his team to back-to-back conference championships

in 1997-98. In 1998, he was the conference Individual Champion and NMCC team MVP. Since graduating, Guerrette has spent six years as director of golf at the Mars Hill Country Club.

“We’re excited about Ryan becoming a part of our UMPI athletic staff; he has a great track record as a coach at the high school level,” Casavant said. “I think he’s a great fit for UMPI and we look forward to him working with our student-athletes.”

Prior to accepting his new job at UMPI, Ryan has been the head golf coach at Central Aroostook High School since 2000. His Panther team won seven straight Aroostook league titles, including six individual Aroostook League titles and one individual State Championship. A graduate from Central Aroostook High School in 1996, Guerrette was a part of the CAHS State Runners-up Golf Team in 1994.

Guerrette is currently employed as the Operations Manager at Big Rock Ski Area, and resides in Mars Hill with his wife Jamie and two children, Carly and Bobbi Jo. ★

notes



The University recently received a unique gift from an antique collector, a hand-painted souvenir pitcher made in 1910 that features an image of the original Aroostook State Normal School on it. The school was the precursor to the University. Taking part in the presentation are, from right, President Don Zillman; Harland Eastman, the antique collector who donated the pitcher; and his grandson Eddy Hungerford, a physical education major at UMPI.



named the 2008 Midwest League Athletic Trainer of the Year this summer. Tarpey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training in 2003. As a student, he interned for the Toronto Blue Jays and since graduation, he

has gone on to earn his Master of Science degree in Athletic Training and worked with three professional baseball teams, including the Mesa Miners and the Lansing Lugnuts.

keynote address by President Don Zillman, "Renewable Energy: The Views from 40,000 feet and 200 feet." Admission is free for UMPI faculty and students. For information contact Dr. Chunzeng Wang at 768.9412 or chunzeng.wang@umpi.edu.

Campus hosts Climate Change Institute

The Climate Change Institute of Maine, an interdisciplinary research unit developed to study climate and environmental systems, will gather on campus on Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27. Meetings begin with a banquet and presentation, "Rock Glaciers of the Deboullie Ecological Reserve." A field excursion to Gardner Pond Rock Glacier is also planned. For information, contact Dave Putnam at 768.9726 or david.putnam@umpi.edu.

Maine GIS Users Group on campus Sept. 26

On Friday, Sept. 26, the University will host a one-day statewide meeting of the Maine GIS Users Group – the only organization of GIS professionals in Maine. The event will include presentations at the Campus Center and a

area of fewer people rather than many, everyone takes on greater importance." Kevin and his wife Kate reside in Caribou and are owners of the Old Iron Inn Bed and Breakfast.

Session on Engaged Learning" presented by Dr. Lisa Leduc, associate professor of criminal justice, Dr. Kim Sebold, associate professor of history, and Dr. Anja Whittington, assistant professor of recreation/leisure. Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to bring their lunch and join in the discussion.

Faculty Noon Seminar Series continues

The Faculty Noon Seminar Series resumes for the fall semester on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge with a joint "Panel

Alum receives major athletic training honor

Alum Robert M. Tarpey was



The University recently held a summer First Year Seminar camp for incoming freshman. The students were able to complete their FYS course work, which normally takes a whole semester, during the week-long pilot program.



Dr. Jacqui Lowman, one of the University's newest employees, won the campus raffle for a free ride in a hot air balloon during the Crown of Maine Balloon Festival in late August. Lowman wrote about her experience in a recent edition of the *Star-Herald*.

a reminder

The "image" will be published monthly. If you have items of interest to the campus or community for the October issue, please send them no later than Friday, September 26 to: UMPI Media Relations / susan.pinette@umpi.edu / fax: 768.9608



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SEPT. 18
★ [Senior Class Committee Meeting](#), 12:00 p.m., St. John Room, CC. FMI 768.9512.

SEPT. 19
★ [University Senate Meeting](#), 3 p.m., CC118. ■ [Open House for Prospective Students](#), 9 a.m., Wieden Auditorium.

SEPT. 20
★ [OAPI Rock Climbing in Central Maine](#), \$30 students, \$45 non-students. FMI 768.9401. ■ [Fingerprinting for Education Majors](#), 7:30 a.m., CC118.

SEPT. 23
★ [President's Business Breakfast](#), 7:30 a.m., CC.

SEPT. 24
★ [Maine Arts Commission Workshop](#), 12:40 p.m., MPR. ■ [Faculty Noon Seminar](#), 12 p.m., Normal Hall Faculty Lounge.

SEPT. 25
★ [UMPI's Got Talent](#), 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium
■ ["The Billies"](#) – Coffee House, 7:30 p.m., MPR.

SEPT. 26
★ [Maine GIS Users Group State Meeting](#), 7 a.m., CC.

SEPT. 27
★ [Climate Change Institute](#), Annual Field Excursion, 5:30 p.m., Allagash Room.

SEPT. 29
★ [UMPI-NMCC-SAD1 Mural Unveiling](#), 1 p.m., Key Bank, downtown Presque Isle.

OCT. 1
★ [PE Majors Club Meeting](#), 3 p.m., CC118.

OCT. 6
★ [Dos Miguels](#), Jazz/Afro-percussion - 7 p.m., CC, MPR.

OCT. 7
★ [Darrell Dorgan, Distinguished Lecturer](#), Community Workshop - 6 p.m., Allagash Room.

OCT. 8
★ [Darrell Dorgan, Distinguished Lecturer](#), Public Lecture - 7:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room.

Weekly Meetings

TUESDAYS

[College Republicans](#), 11 a.m., Alumni Room. FMI: 227.0451.

[PrISM Bible Study](#), 7 p.m., Alumni Room.

WEDNESDAYS

[Organization of Psychology Students](#), 4 p.m., Alumni Room. Biweekly. FMI: 768.9411.

THURSDAYS

[Student Organization of Social Workers \(SOSW\) Meeting](#), 12:15 p.m., CC118.
[Games Club](#), 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest.
[Campus Crusade for Christ](#), 7 p.m., CC118.
[French Club](#), 12:10 p.m., Alumni Room.

FRIDAYS

[Non-Traditional Students \(NTS\) Club Meeting](#), 11 a.m., Alumni Room, Biweekly. ★

Check out our New Website! www.umpi.edu

Oral History class preserves local stories

STUDENTS IN DR. KIM SEBOLD'S ORAL HISTORY CLASS have conducted interviews with local people about the way life used to be in northern Maine so that researchers, historical societies, and Maine people can have access to the information for generations to come.



Dr. Kim Sebold

Sebold's students spent eight weeks this summer interviewing locals about everything from the extensive winter carnivals that northern Maine towns used to hold to the musical traditions in Aroostook County. Students were expected to complete transcripts of all their interviews, which Sebold plans to share with selected local historical societies and the Maine Folklife Center in Orono. Copies also will be housed in the University's Special Collections room.

"This is about preserving a slice of life, so people can listen to and utilize this information," Sebold said. "This is for future generations."

Most immediately, Fort Fairfield residents will use the information in conjunction with their town's 150th anniversary celebration.

Sebold said History majors at the University will continue their efforts to preserve local history this fall when she teaches her Discovering and Interpreting Local History class. ★

Community

New Ventures Business Course Register by Sept. 22 for Women, Work & Community's 12-week business planning course; it begins Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Presque Isle CareerCenter. FMI: 764.0050 or erica.quineaster@maine.edu. **Suicide Prevention Walk** An *Out of the Darkness Community Walk* to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Aroostook Centre Mall. Proceeds help fund research, education, and survivor and awareness programs. FMI on campus: Jim Stepp, 768.9560. **Caribou Choral Society Rehearsals** begin Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., at the Mormon Church recreation room, 67 Paris Snow Drive, Caribou. All persons interested in singing advanced four-part music are invited to join. Dues are \$12 to defray sheet music costs. Concerts are Dec. 6 and 7. FMI: 764.1482. ★

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