



### UMPI garners major Project Compass grant

Officials with the University of Maine at Presque Isle and the New England Resource Center for Higher Education announced in a Jan. 9 press conference that the University has been awarded a major grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation that will allow it to develop and improve culturally responsive retention strategies for its Native American students.

The award allows the University to receive up to \$750,000 over the next four years to better serve its Native American student population as well as the region's Native American community. With 65 Native American students, the University of Maine at Presque Isle has the highest percentage of such students of all the University of Maine System campuses.

The University is one of four universities in New England chosen to participate in Project Compass, the Nellie Mae

Education Foundation's multi-year initiative aimed at increasing the number of underrepresented populations graduating with four-year degrees. Project Compass is administered by the foundation's intermediary, the New England Resource Center for Higher Education. The other three Project Compass grant awardees are Lyndon State College in Vermont, Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts and Eastern Connecticut State University.

UMPI will use its grant funding to develop strategies that assist Native American students in transitioning from the native community to the university community, as well as develop their life tools to help them achieve their goals within the dominant culture and their own. The proposal's key strategies are: creation of a Native American Center staffed with a



Project Compass (Photo courtesy Kathy McCarty/Star-Herald) President Don Zillman shakes hands with Glenn Gabbard, Associate Director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education and the Director of Project Compass, after participating in the Project Compass signing ceremony.

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Dr. Marie Battiste

### Battiste to speak on Indigenous Knowledge in Education

The University's 2008-2009 Distinguished Lecturer Series kicks off the spring semester and the New Year with a presentation by an internationally renowned researcher on Native American language and culture and Indigenous education.

Dr. Marie Battiste, the Academic Director of the Aboriginal Education Research Centre at the University of Saskatchewan, will speak on "Animating

Indigenous Knowledge in Education: From Resilience to Renaissance" on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. The public is invited to attend this free event. Battiste also will speak to several University classes and community groups, including the local Native American community, during her visit.

For more than 30 years, Battiste has researched Aboriginal

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# Jeep art attracts notice in Houlton

**When group environmental projects were assigned** in Ann Kittredge's 3-Dimensional Design class at the Houlton Higher Education Center this fall, Nick Tarr and Logan Desmond had no problem coming up with their project.

The High School Aspirations Incentive Program students are juniors at Southern Aroostook Community High School in Dyer Brook and were enrolled in this college course as part of the Aspirations program sponsored through the University of Maine at Presque Isle. The University of Maine System and State of Maine Department of Education allows students with a junior standing to participate in college level work with the approval of parents and their school.

When final projects were assigned,

Tarr and Desmond opted to reconstruct out of cardboard the 1997 Jeep that Desmond's late grandfather, Philip Sherman, had made arrangements for him to receive. Since the purpose of the project was to influence the viewer's perception of the environment, the two students came up with the idea of building a cardboard model of the vehicle and "parking" the reconstruction outside the Houlton Center, next to the real thing. The hope was to create a scene that would cause passers-by to do a double-take.

When weather conditions weren't favorable for doing the reconstruction



Two students taking an art course at the Houlton Higher Education Center posed with their professor and their masterpiece, on display in the Center's lobby during the holidays. They are, from left, Logan Desmond, Professor Ann Kittredge, and Nick Tarr.

outdoors, the jeep was moved to the lobby of the Houlton Higher Education Center, where it has received lots of notice. ★



More than 60 middle school students from around Aroostook County gathered at the UMPI art room for a day-long arts workshop in December. Art Education students introduced the group to different types of art, such as printmaking, wire sculpture, altered books, and group painting.

**OAPI WHITE MOUNTAIN TRIP** - sign up by Monday, January 26th!  
[www.umpi.edu/gentile-hall/oapi](http://www.umpi.edu/gentile-hall/oapi) or 768.9401.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES** - Eligible students with GPA of 3.0 or more must apply by Feb. 13. For federal student aid, go to [www.fafas.ed.gov](http://www.fafas.ed.gov) and fill out a 2009 FAFSA application, no later than March 1. For information: 768.9512.

**WIN \$75 CASH** if your original design is chosen for the cover of the 2009 University Day booklet; submit by Feb. 13. For information: Dick Harrison, 768.9604, [dickharrison2@umpi.edu](mailto:dickharrison2@umpi.edu).

## Project Compass

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retention team; data management and evidence development; review of academic affairs and curriculum to offer more effective support to marginalized students; and reconfiguration of the roles of student support and advising.

The project will be conducted under the University's Center for University Programs and be informed by a permanent Native American Advisory Board. The funding the University is receiving from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation is designated specifically for purposes that meet the objectives of this grant project.

In October 2007, UMPI received an initial Project Compass grant of \$100,000 to support a year of planning

and capacity building. As a renewing grant awardee, the University receives \$158,000 this year and can receive three more years of grant funding totaling \$750,000.

The second phase grants are contingent upon the institutions' yearly progress on objectives developed during the planning year. Throughout this process, the University has been working closely with the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on this project. With the agreement signed, officials already are moving forward on implementation efforts. ★



# University to open official Prometric Testing Center



**The University announced** in December that the campus will open a Prometric Testing Center, meaning University students and community members will no longer have to drive for hours to take important computer-based exams such as the GRE, Praxis, and MCAT.

The University has signed a contract with the leading global provider in testing services to open a five-seat testing site, which will be located in South Hall. Work is underway now to renovate the space and outfit it with computer stations and other necessary testing equipment. Officials hope to host the official opening for the testing site in February.

“We are so pleased to be joining with Prometric to bring this important service to northern Maine,” President Don Zillman said. “It will benefit not only our students who are required to take certain tests in order to become certified as teachers or to be admitted to graduate programs, but also

the many community members who currently have to drive long distances to take important computer-based academic and licensure exams.”

Right now, the closest Prometric testing centers are in Bangor and Portland. Once complete, UMPI’s Prometric Testing Center will offer tests, examinations, continuing education, practical exams, and assessments on a scheduled basis.

Prometric, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Educational Testing Service, reliably delivers and administers more than nine million tests a year on behalf of 450 clients in the academic, professional, healthcare, government, corporate and information technology markets.

For more information on testing services that will be offered at the site, call 768.9589. Please note that you cannot schedule test times yet. ★

## Pelletier to teach course on Northern Writers

**Acclaimed writer Cathie Pelletier is returning** to her northern Maine roots with a new course that she will teach at the University this spring on writers who explore northern life and living.

Pelletier will offer the course *Northern Writers: A Sense of Place*, which will focus on writers of New England and other northern climes as well as those whose works focus on this unique region and way of life. Open to campus and community members, this 10-week course that begins in February will explore the works of those who capture the essence of New England living and carving out a life “up north.”

Pelletier – who has written nine novels including several that examine life as lived in small Maine towns – will provide opportunities for her class to speak in person and by phone with some of the writers whose works they

will be reading. While schedules are still being coordinated, Pelletier is hoping to connect her students with writers such as Suzanne Kingsbury (*The Summer Fletcher Greel Loved Me*), Howard Frank Mosher (*A Stranger in the Kingdom*), Ernest Hebert (author of the Darby series), Deborah Joy Corey, and Chris Bojahljian, whose book *Midwives* was an Oprah’s Book Club selection.

The course will be Cathie Pelletier’s third collaboration with the University. Pelletier, an Allagash native, most recently taught a screenwriting class at UMPI that helped to launch the University’s new Film Studies Program.

“I never intended to spend much time in the teaching arena, but the atmosphere at UMPI is so open, so energetic and exciting, that I can’t wait to begin a new class,” Pelletier said.

For more information about Cathie



Cathie Pelletier

Pelletier, visit her website at [www.kcmckinnon.com](http://www.kcmckinnon.com). The course, ENG 370, will be offered on Wednesdays from 5-8:45 p.m. in Pullen 214 from Feb. 23 to May 14. To register, contact the Office of Student Records at 768.9607 or email [ingrid.allen@umpi.edu](mailto:ingrid.allen@umpi.edu). ★

# Scholarship established in Peter McConnell's name

The University's Foundation has received a generous \$10,000 gift for a scholarship in Peter G. McConnell's name. The gift was given by McConnell's family.

McConnell and his wife, Helen O'Seep McConnell, were friends of the University for many years and Helen McConnell graduated from UMPI in 1950.

"We are so pleased to be able to continue the legacy Peter McConnell established during his many years of service to Aroostook County," President Don Zillman said. "The Peter G. McConnell Memorial Scholarship will provide deserving County students with the kind of education that Peter firmly believed in – learning in order to better serve your community."

Education was always important to McConnell, who was born in Portage on Aug. 7, 1926. After graduating from Ashland High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country during the South Pacific and Korean Wars. On his return to Maine, he attended Bliss Business College in Lewiston and then taught business law, math, and bookkeeping at Presque Isle High School.

In 1964, McConnell served as treasurer to Thomas S. Pinkham, owner of Pinkham Lumber, Inc., and then became comptroller when Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket acquired the establishment.

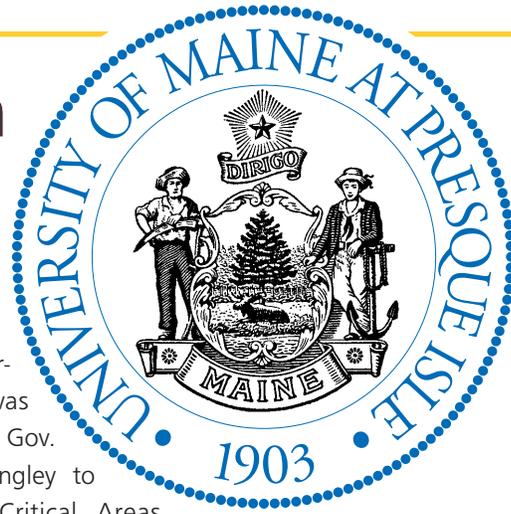
McConnell also dedicated his time to serving his community. He served on the Presque Isle Recreation and Parks

Board for many years – seven of them as chairman. He was appointed by Gov. James B. Longley to the Maine Critical Areas Advisory Board for three years and re-appointed by Governors Joseph E. Brennan and John McKernan.

He also served as President of the Board of Directors of the A.R. Gould Memorial Hospital, was a member of the Board of Directors at Maine Mutual Group, served on the Foundation of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, chaired the Business Advisory Committee at Northern Maine Vocational Institute, served on the National Socio-Economic Committee, and was a member of the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants. McConnell also was a member and treasurer of the Presque Isle Congregational Church for many years. He passed away in 2007.

The Peter G. McConnell Memorial Scholarship will be available to full-time, upper-class students in good academic standing who are majoring in Business or Accounting. Preference will be given to students from Aroostook County.

For more information or to contribute to the fund, please contact the UMPI Foundation at 768.9525. ★



## Battiste

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culture and experience and how they are related to lifelong learning. Her studies have ranged from protection of Aboriginal knowledge, heritage and culture to Native American learning paradigms to university retention and access of Aboriginal graduate students.

Battiste is the author of three books, including *Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision* in 2000. She also is the author of chapters in more than 20 books that have been published around the world as well as articles that have appeared in numerous journals.

In 2008, she received the National

Aboriginal Achievement Award from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation. Battiste was honored to be the recipient of an Eagle Feather during Mi'kmaq Treaty Day in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on Oct. 1, 1995. This special honor was presented by the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, Mawio'mi.

Dr. Battiste completed the first two years of her teacher training at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and then went on to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary and junior high education from the University of Maine at Farmington in 1971. She then earned her master's degree in education from Harvard

University in 1974. In 1984, she received her doctorate in education from Stanford University.

The University's Distinguished Lecture Series was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors five to six speakers who come from Maine and other states representing a range of disciplines and viewpoints. While the emphasis tends to be on featuring visiting academics it is not exclusively so. The speakers typically spend two days at the University meeting with classes and presenting a community lecture.

For more information about Battiste's visit, contact the Media Relations Office at 768.9452. ★

# University hosts Inauguration watching event

The campus and community came together on Jan. 20 to celebrate an important tradition in American government – the Presidential Inauguration ceremony.

The University showed the ceremony on its large projection screen in Wieden Auditorium, giving a large crowd of students, faculty, staff, and community members an opportunity to gather together and observe this significant occasion.

The University began its event at 11 a.m. with a welcome and introduction by President Zillman, followed by a short talk by Joy Cushman, who served as a deputy field director for Obama's presidential campaign team.



Cushman, who resides in Presque Isle, spoke about the opportunity she had to participate in the political process and the roles everyday people play in shaping the future of our government.

"The only time we've succeeded as a country is when a president has been met by a populace that is organized and ready to make a difference," Cushman said in addressing the crowd. "The future of our country depends not just on what Obama



President Don Zillman (right) and Joy Cushman spoke to a crowd of about 130 students, faculty, staff and community members on Jan. 20.

does, but what we do. The future and our country are in our hands."

Following Cushman's remarks, attention turned to the televised coverage of the Inauguration ceremony. Applause filled the room after Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

"This was an opportunity for us to reflect on change in our society, and to consider the very substantial challenges that all of us face, but particularly our major elected leaders, in confronting the challenges that are ahead," President Zillman said. ★

## Hollywood cinematographer works on UMPI film project

The University became a working movie set for a week in December as students in Cathie Pelletier's screenwriting class brought their script to life with the help of a Hollywood cinematographer.

Students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with Zoran Popovic – the cinematographer for the 2008 film *War, Inc.* Popovic and Pelletier – who has written nine novels and had two of them turned into movies – had collaborated on a film project before, so when Pelletier asked him if he would work on a short film with her students, he agreed to make the trip.

Popovic's visit helped students to get a first-hand understanding of what it takes to turn a screenplay into a movie. The students, as well as several volunteer crew members, local thespians and actors from both ends of the state, worked long days and many late nights to film their 20-minute-long short film, *The Proposal*.

The comedy is about a young man, played by Jason



Actor Matt Delameter waits on a couple – actors Jason DeSaldo and Sara Harvey – as cast and crew members look on during a scene rehearsal for the short film *The Proposal* which was filmed recently on campus. Hollywood cinematographer Zoran Popovic, to Delameter's immediate left, spent a week on campus directing the film.

LeSaldo of Fort Kent, who wants to propose to the girl of his dreams, played by Sara Harvey who is originally from Allagash, in a fancy restaurant, but the waiter, played by Portland-based actor Matt Delameter, gets in the way. Supporting roles were filled by local thespians, and University staff and students, including Cissy Libby, Rod Thompson, Keith Madore, Erin Pelletier and David Dekay.

Most of the filming was done in the basement of the President's house, transformed into a fancy restaurant, "Café L'Amour," for

the movie. Set design was overseen by Tom Viorikic, who has worked with Popovic on a past film project.

While the filming and the class are a wrap, Popovic is overseeing the editing effort – he said he enjoyed working on the UMPI film project so much that he wanted to handle the editing personally.

Once the editing process is complete, the University will host a formal screening of the film in Wieden Auditorium. ★

## Nordic Skiers Spend week in Quebec

Nordic ski team members kicked off their ski season with a one-week Thanksgiving training camp at beautiful Forêt Montmorency, Québec. This forest, a Université Laval research and teaching site, enjoys exceptional snow conditions. The UMPI skiers spent most of their week skiing on man-made artificial snow, usually used at the start of the season. However, in the last two days of their training camp, a large storm dumped a huge amount of fresh snow making the conditions ideal for the athletes. The student-athletes spent 4-5 hours a day on their skis and included some dry-land conditioning such as running, strength training, and plyometrics. The Québec trip was an awesome opportunity to focus on two things – skiing and their upcoming racing season!



College of St. Joe's, VT. She was selected to the Merry Monk All-Tournament Team. In mid-December, Korhonen also was selected as co-player of the week by the MWBCA. The sophomore guard from Littleton was outstanding in UMPI's loss to Husson, collecting 25 points while grabbing 8 boards and dishing out 8 assists. She went 15 for 16 from the free throw line in the game. Korhonen competed with players from all the other Universities in the state for these honors.

## Korhonen receives MWBCA honors

Lady Owl basketball player **MEGAN KORHONEN** received two impressive honors from the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association. In early December, she was named to the MWBCA's Honor roll after scoring 19 points and dishing out a season high 8 assists in her team's win over the



## Soccer players earn honors

Several of our student-athletes, from both the men's and women's soccer teams, were recently honored by the NCAA Division III All-Independent Conference. They include:

### MEN'S SOCCER:

- Sophomore **DEVON PEASLEE** (Woolwich), All-Independent 2nd Team/ Forward
- Sophomore **JOSH PEASLEE** (Woolwich), All-Independent Honorable Mention/Midfield

### WOMEN'S SOCCER:

- Junior **KATIE MOODY** (Presque Isle) Defensive Player of the Year & All-Independent 1st Team/Defense
- Senior **ERIN PELLETIER** (Madawaska) All-Independent 1st Team/Forward
- Sophomore **CHELSEA BOUDREAU** (Wallace, Nova Scotia) All-Independent 1st Team/Midfield
- Sophomore **JESSICA KINNEY** (Caribou) All-Independent

Honorable Mention/Midfield • Junior **MAKAYLA GAHAGAN** (Caribou), All-Independent Honorable Mention/Defense The Association of Division III Independents consists of 17 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions.

## Owls earn first win at the Star City Shoot Out

The Men's basketball team earned their first win of the season as they impressively took care of the Rams of Unity College 105-41 in the first game of the Star



City Shoot Out at Wieden Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon. The Owls jumped out to an early 15-4 lead, before going on a 27-0 run to close out the first half with a 59-19 advantage. Junior **RAY MITCHELL** (Cleveland, OH) continued his offensive domination, earning a double-double and game high 26 points and 16 rebounds. Mitchell also tallied 4 steals on the day. Freshman **BEN ROSSER** (Caribou) showed his athleticism through a couple of break-away dunks, exciting the afternoon crowd. Rosser finished the game with his first career double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds. Fellow freshman **JEREMY BROCK** (Easton) also added 17 points in the Owl win, sophomore **RON SPENCER** (Chicago, IL) added nine points and a game high six assists. The UMPI Owls were back

in action on the second day of the tournament as they battled Maine Maritime (3-6) to a 90-78 loss. With the loss, the Owls move to 1-6 on the season. **SPENCER**, who had 20 points and six rebounds, led the Owls in points, while point guard **DEVON PEASLEE** (Woolwich) put up 19 points in 40 minutes of play. **RAY MITCHELL** finished the game with 17 points, 14 of those points coming in the first 20 minutes. **BEN ROSSER** had a solid contribution of 12 points, going 4-9 from the field.

## UMPI Star City Shoot Out All-Tournament Team

The following players were selected to the annual UMaine-Presque Isle Star City Shoot-Out All-Tournament Team for their outstanding play:

**BEN ROSSER** – University of Maine at Presque Isle  
**RAY MITCHELL** – University of Maine at Presque Isle  
 Paul Campbell – Maine Maritime Academy  
 Derek DiFrederico – Maine Maritime Academy  
 Hamill Bassue – University of Maine at Fort Kent  
 Jimmy Lopez – University of Maine at Fort Kent  
 Nate Kelly – Unity College  
 Tim Massell – Unity College

**Cross Country athletes earn honors**

Several student-athletes on both the men's and women's Cross Country teams were recently honored by the National Association of Division III Independents. The following runners were named to the 2008 All-Independent Conference Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams (pictured clockwise from top left): Freshman **JUSTIN FERESHETIAN** (Turner) was voted as the men's rookie runner of the year and he was also named to the 2nd Team All-Conference. Senior **EMERSON WRIGHT** (Presque Isle) and sophomore **KURT WHISLER** (Fort Kent) were also both named to the 2nd Team All-Conference. For the women, senior **MICHELLE PHILLIPS** (Riverview), junior **SHELLY HANSON** (Charleston) and sophomore **HANNAH SMITH** (Presque Isle) were all named as All-Independent Conference Honorable Mention. Congratulations to these student-athletes for their continued accomplishments!

**Owls take on Fisher College**

The Lady Owls earned their first Sunrise Conference win with the 73-43 victory over Fisher College of Boston, Mass. on Jan. 11. After battling to a slim halftime lead, 24-20, the Owls were able to double their scoring margin in the second half of play, while shooting 46% from the floor. UMPI also out rebounded their opponents 58-43 in the game. Senior **ERICA DAVIS** (North Yarmouth) earned a double-double in the game as she led all scorers with 19 points, grabbing 20 rebounds and five steals in only 26 minutes of play. Sophomore guard **MEGAN KORHONEN** (Littleton) contributed 15 points, nine

rebounds, and dished out 4 assists. **MINDY SULLIVAN** (Lisbon) added nine points and pulled down 13 rebounds, while **EMILY MOORE** (Lisbon Falls), **KAREN CREIGHTON** (Sussex, NB) and **KATHY KILFOIL** (Johnsville, NB) each had eight points on the day.

On the men's side, the UMaine Presque Isle Owls battled to a 115-73 loss to the Falcons of Fisher College, as they drop to 1-8 on the season. **ANTHONY WINGATE** (Orange, New Jersey) led the Owls with 14 points, while **NAJEE NICKEL** (Orlando)

added 12 and **LOREN FAWTHROP** (Amherst, NS) had 10.

**Owls drop two at Maine Maritime**

The women's basketball team battled to a 43-62 loss to the Mariners of Maine Maritime Academy on Jan. 6 at Margaret Smith Gymnasium in Castine, ME. **MEGAN KORHONEN** (Littleton) led UMPI with 14 points while **ERICA DAVIS** (North Yarmouth) scored 11 points and grabbed a team high 9 rebounds. Davis also had 4 steals for the Owls. **MINDY SULLIVAN** (Lisbon) was solid for the Owls, scoring 9 points and grabbing 5 rebounds. On the men's side, the Maine Maritime Academy Mariners had a balanced attack en route to a 81-52 victory over the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Saturday in a non-conference match-up between the two Maine schools on Jan. 10. The Owls were led by **RONALD SPENCER** (Chicago, IL), who scored 14 points and had 3 steals. **BEN ROSSER** (Caribou) had a double-double for UMPI, scoring 10 points and grabbing a game high 15 rebounds.



**Home Basketball Games**

**Sunday, February 8**  
vs. **UM-Augusta**  
Women at 12 p.m.  
Men at 2 p.m.

**Wednesday February 11**  
vs. **UM-Machias**  
Women at 5 p.m.  
Men at 7 p.m.



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## Cheney retiring after many years of service

Human Resources Director **Carolyn Cheney** will be retiring on January 30, after more than



35 years of service at the University. "Carolyn Cheney has been an integral part of UMPI's

operations for nearly four decades. She has worked closely with over half of the people employed by UMPI during its 105 year history. They have known and admired her as a dedicated and compassionate professional and an advocate for the best interests of UMPI and the greater Presque Isle community. We wish her well in an active retirement," President Don Zillman said.

## University receives positive NEASC review

In August of 2008, the University submitted its five-year report to NEASC, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our New England Higher Education accrediting body. The University's report was accepted and NEASC confirmed that our next self-study will be due in 2013. According to Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag, this is good news for the University. "This essentially means we 'passed' our 5-year review and remain in good standing with our accrediting body."



## UMPI TV previews on website

Big news! After lots of hard work on the part of our webmaster Eric Brissette and videographer extraordinaire Frank

Grant, we have a new section on the website for you



to explore – UMPI TV. When you go to the homepage, you'll see it in the column of right hand links with Academics and Athletics. The Media Relations Office is very proud to say that this is our new home for videos and other multimedia. Please visit, check out our videos, and send everyone you know to the spot! We'll be adding new videos on a regular basis, so stop by often!

## Noah Rush-Mabry receives scholarship

Noah Rush-Mabry, a 17-year-old student at Fort Fairfield High School, has been awarded the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Scholarship which covers a year of study in Germany – equivalent to approximately \$8,000. Noah was chosen to receive this prestigious award by AFS, a worldwide nonprofit high school student exchange organization. He is the son of Andrew Mabry and Shirley Rush, Associate Professor of Social Work at UMPI.

## Household Financial workshops offered

The Household Financial Education Initiative, a program of the University of Maine School of Economics, is offering a series of free Aroostook County financial workshops. Participants learn to evaluate their finances; create and stick to a budget; and find organizations and programs that provide heating and financial assistance, including low-interest loans for home improvement or

weatherization. UMPI Business Major Gwen DeFelice is the local coordinator. Organizations or individuals interested in learning more should call 768.9797.

## Spring Ball announced

This year's Spring Ball will "paint the campus green" as the University pays homage to the Celtic and the Irish on Friday, March 13, as it presents **The Emerald Ball**. The annual ball is the campus' most highly attended social event of the year bringing students, faculty, and staff together for a semi-formal evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment and fun. Spring Ball Committee members have been meeting regularly to plan the ball, but would gladly welcome suggestions from others. Contact Keith Madore at keith.madore@umpi.edu.

## Comedian Amy Anderson to perform January 26



Described as "a skinny Margaret Cho" and one of the hottest up-and-coming

comedians in the country, comedian Amy Anderson is coming to the University's Campus Center stage on Monday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. Anderson was selected for both NBC's and CBS's Multicultural Comedy Showcases ad created for the first ever Asian-American stand up showcase, "Chop-SHTICK", at the Hollywood Improv. She has also appeared on Comedy Central, VH1, GSN, and several national television commercials. Admission is free and open to the public. For information contact 768.9582.

## VITA tax help offered at UMPI

Beginning January 28, UMPI will once again serve as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. VITA offers free tax help to people who cannot afford paid professional assistance.



Student volunteers, trained in tax law and certified by the IRS help prepare basic tax returns for low-income taxpayers. According to faculty advisor, Assistant Business Professor Patric Edward, "For the students, this serves as a practicum for the federal tax class most have taken and an opportunity to apply what they've learned." VITA assistance will be available in Library Rm. 201 on Wednesdays from 3 - 7 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For further information, contact linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu or call 768.9740.

## Carbon fuel dependence topic of January noon seminar

The Faculty Noon Seminar series continues with a presentation by President Don Zillman titled "Beyond the Carbon Economy" at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. According to President Zillman, "There are numerous reasons for doubting that the world can continue its present reliance on carbon fuels (coal, petroleum, natural gas) for its energy supplies. Among the significant ones are coming supply shortages, huge demand increases, global



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warming, other environmental threats, and military-political issues." He and 32 colleagues from around the world examined the coming changes in the carbon dependence scenario. Their work, *Beyond the Carbon Economy*, was published by Oxford University Press in April, 2008. All are invited to bring a bag lunch and join in an informal discussion. For further information, call 764.9749.

## Law Enforcement vs. Students in Basketball Game

Criminal Justice students will take on local and state police officers in the Fourth Annual Law Enforcement vs. Students Basketball Game. This event, a fundraiser for the Criminal Justice Club, supports an upcoming trip to Washington DC where they will participate in a specialized Law Enforcement training at the Holocaust Museum. It will be held on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Gymnasium. Admission is \$3; free to UMPI students. Contact Lisa Leduc at 768.9436 or [lisa.leduc@umpi.edu](mailto:lisa.leduc@umpi.edu) for more information.



## Women's Ski Day to benefit BWP

The Second annual Aroostook Women's XC Ski Day to benefit the Battered Women's Project will be held on Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Presque Isle Nordic Heritage Center. Women skiers of all skill levels are invited to enjoy a full day of activities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. including: skiing instruction clinics,



lunch, yoga, massage, snowshoe tours, and sauna breaks. Pre-registration cost is \$25; or \$30 after Jan. 27 or at the door. For information, contact Melissa York at 227.0250 or Amanda Morin at 768.9401.

## Felini Exhibit "Creating Community" opens February 2

An exhibition titled "Creating Community" by University Fine Art Professor Renee Felini will be on display from Feb. 2 through Mar. 6 in the Reed Gallery, Campus Center. This installation exhibition is a gathering of objects and creations by Felini representing her family's sense of "personal community" since their arrival in Northern Maine. A closing reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, Mar. 6 from 5 – 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For information call 768.9611.



## Campus blood drive February 4

The University will be holding its annual spring blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Campus Center. The blood drive is sponsored by the University's

Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi and the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away during the drive. If donors wish to reserve a time in advance, they should call 768.9585 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The University regularly holds two blood drives per year.

## Maine Hysterical Society comedy trio on campus February 10

The Maine Hysterical Society, made up of entertainers: Randy Judkins, Barney Martin and Steve Underwood will present a comedy variety show at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 in Wieden Auditorium. Enjoy original songs and parodies, "wicked-good" juggling, and hysterical sketches. Recently back from an appearance with Lucie Arnaz at New York City's Birdland Jazz Club, they're dubbed "The Best Variety Comedy Act in Maine." \$10/adults, \$2/students, free for UMPI, NMCC, SAGE students with valid ID. For information call 768.9462.

## Folk Singer Rebecca Loebe performs February 11



Folk/acoustic guitarist and singer Rebecca Loebe will present a concert on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. Currently touring in the United States, she has opened for national acts including: Sophie B.

Hawkins, Ellis Paul, Halcyon and rock legend America. Fans of the Americana/folk tradition identify with her breezy storytelling, buoyant personality, and "songbird" voice. The public is invited to attend this free concert sponsored by the Student Activities Board. For information, call 768.9582.

## Guerrette named new softball coach

Tracy Guerrette, the Lady Owl's basketball coach and Sports Information Director will serve as the University's new softball coach when the season begins on Feb. 1. "I know Tracy will work hard to make our softball team competitive in the Sunrise Conference this spring," said UMPI Athletic Director Bill Casavant. Guerrette was a four-year starter on the Wisdom High School varsity softball team, where she earned Most Valuable Player and All-Aroostook recognition. She joined UMPI's Athletic Department in 2007. UMPI's Athletic Department in 2007.



## Kudos to Doug Miles!

An Accounting/Business Management major, Doug is UMPI's Nov.-Dec. Student of the Month. ★



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FEB 1		2	3	4	5	6	7
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**JAN. 26**  
Registration  
Deadline OAPI  
White Mountain  
Winter Ascent, Feb. 18 – 21. FMI 768.9401 ■  
Comedian Amy Anderson, 8 p.m., MPR. Sponsored by Student Activities Board, FMI 768.9582

**JAN. 28**  
Faculty Noon Seminar, 12 p.m., Faculty Lounge Normal Hall. "Beyond the Carbon Economy" by President Zillman. ■

Wednesday Night Skiing at Big Rock, depart Gentile 3:45 p.m.. FMI 768.9401

**JAN. 29**  
Distinguished Lecturer Marie Ann Battiste, 7 p.m., MPR, FMI 768.9428.

**JAN. 30**  
Law Enforcement vs. Students Basketball, 7 p.m., Wieden. FMI 768.9436

**JAN. 31**  
SEAM Workshop. 8:30 a.m., Allagash Room, Campus

Center. FMI call Wendy Ross at 768.9594. ■ Kappa Delta Phi Mu Dance/Social, 9 p.m., MPR. FMI 551.7788

**FEB. 1**  
Women's XC Ski Day, 9 a.m., Nordic Heritage Center to benefit Battered Women's Project. FMI call 227.0250 or 768.9401.

**FEB. 2**  
Renee Felini Exhibition "Creating Community", Reed Gallery through Mar.

7. FMI 768.9611.

**FEB. 3**  
Women's Climbing Night, 6 – 9 p.m., Gentile Hall. First Tuesdays & third Wednesdays, FMI 768.9401.

**FEB. 4**  
Campus Blood Drive, 12 – 6 p.m., MPR. FMI call 768.9585.

**FEB. 7**  
Transformations. Education Series, 8 a.m., Alumni Room.

**FEB. 10**  
Maine Hysterical Society, 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium. FMI call 768.9462

**FEB. 11**  
Singer/Guitarist Rebecca Loebe, 7 p.m., CCTR. FMI call 768.9582. ■ Special Olympics Skills Evaluations, 9 a.m., Gentile Hall. FMI 780.2458.

**FEB. 12**  
UNE Masters of Social Work Informational Session, 5 – 7 p.m., Alumni Rm. FMI 768.9498 ★

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## Weekly Meetings

### MONDAYS

Physical Education Majors Club, 4:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 233.5764.

### WEDNESDAYS

Klub Kampus Movie Night, (formerly Non-Traditional/Commuter Club) 6 p.m., Owl's Nest, 768.9501.

### THURSDAYS

French Club, 12:10 p.m., Alumni Room (Owl's Nest Jan 22 only), 768.9493.

Games Club, 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest, 768.9628.

### FRIDAYS

College Republicans, 10:30 a.m., Owl's Nest, 540.3236.

Klub Kampus Meeting, (formerly Non-Traditional/Commuter Club), 11 a.m., CC-118, Biweekly, 768.9501. ★



Tory Bradbury, a Senior Business Management major, recently was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation. The Central Aroostook High School graduate was among 11 college students from Maine colleges and universities across the state to receive the award. MHEAF is administered by the Maine Bankers Association, which established the scholarship program in 1990. Taking part in the presentation were, from left, Mark L. Walker, Vice President and Counsel, Maine Bankers Association; Bradbury; and Peter P. St. John, Senior Vice President, Katahdin Trust Company.



Bria Ryder, a sophomore Business Major with a General Management concentration, recently received the Deborah Kierstead and Milton Bailey Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 award, from the Northeast Society for Human Resource Management. Officials annually present the scholarship to two students. Taking part in the scholarship presentation are, from left, Jennifer Curran, NESHRM president, Ryder, and Shelli CronkHITE, NESHRM secretary.

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