



# Braden Theater to host wind film premiere

The University's wind project will appear on the big screen for one night only when The Braden Theater hosts the official film premiere of *Wind 101: The University of Maine at Presque Isle Builds a Wind Turbine* on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5-6:30 p.m.

The half-hour long, high definition film, directed by local videographer and filmmaker Frank Grant and narrated by long-time theater professor Joseph Zubrick, follows the step-by-step process it took for the University to complete this major renewable energy project – from the very first energy survey to the very last installation detail – and the bumps encountered along the way. This film also shows the work the University has done to turn this project into an educational opportunity for its students and the greater community.

The film premiere will include a social time with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar prior to the screening, which is set



to begin at around 5:30 p.m. Following the film showing, there will be a short question and answer session with the filmmakers and University officials highly involved in the project.

The night of the film premiere is an important anniversary for the University – on Nov. 19, 2008, construction work officially began on the University's 600 kW wind turbine, the very first mid-size wind turbine to be installed on a University campus in the State of Maine.

The University's wind turbine is expected to produce about 1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year and save the institution more than \$100,000 annually in electricity charges. It is expected to save an estimated 572 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere each year, or the equivalent of removing 123 cars from the

*continued on page 2*

# UMPI holds GPS workshop, GIS lab dedication

The University will dedicate its new GIS laboratory, the Geospatial Information Technology Center this November, and host a GPS workshop in the same day.

Both the GPS workshop and the lab dedication will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Room 201 of Folsom Hall. The GPS workshop will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. and the lab dedication will take place immediately following the workshop. November 18th is World GIS Day, which is sponsored by the National

Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, and ESRI.

"It's going to be a very special GIS Day this year because we will be dedicating our brand new GIS laboratory and we will be conducting our first geospatial information technology workshop in the new laboratory," said Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Assistant Professor of Geoscience and GIS. "This



is especially exciting because the GPS workshop will mark the debut of research and development activities in the laboratory."

The GPS Workshop is free and open to all who are interested in GPS and GIS technologies and their applications. The Workshop is funded by a grant awarded by the Strategic *continued on page 4*

<p><b>3</b> Koks honored</p>	<p><b>3</b> New Director</p>	<p><b>4</b> Book signing</p>	<p><b>5</b> Music advocacy</p>	<p><b>6</b> Research at MDI Lab</p>	<p><b>9</b> Sports</p>
------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	--------------------------------	-------------------------------------	------------------------

# MCF, local donors recognized at Nordic event

**University officials recognized the Maine Community Foundation and local donors** who have given a combined total of more than \$50,000 in support over the next two years to the University's new NCAA affiliated Nordic Ski program. The recognition ceremony took place during a special event held on Thursday, Oct. 29 in the Campus Center.

The event served as a celebration for the ski program in achieving its new NCAA status and as an introduction of the new ski team and its new coach – Alexei Sotсков – to members of the region's skiing community.

The Maine Community Foundation awarded \$6,000 to the University to jump-start its top-tier athletic program. In addition, several local business owners and ski enthusiasts provided donations to the University to ensure that the Nordic program continues to grow. Attending

the event on behalf of the Maine Community Foundation were Sandra Gauvin, Vice Chair of the MCF's Aroostook County Committee; John Pelletier, Aroostook County Committee member; and Pam Scheppele, Aroostook County's staff representative for the Foundation. Those in the community who provided support to the ski program include Soderberg Construction, S.W. Collins Co., Kieffer

"This grant is an ideal example of how the Maine Community Foundation seeks to partner with community members to help strengthen their communities," Scheppele said. "We look to 'kick-start' programs and then watch those programs flourish under the direction of those who know what's best for their community."

The Maine Community Foundation grant and the generous local donations will help to offset the costs of team equipment and maintenance expenses, entry fees and the many other expenses associated with preparing

Insurance, Nordic Heritage Sports Club, Thompson-Hamel, LLC, Smiths Farm, and other generous donors.

The Maine Community Foundation grant was made from the Pinetree Fund for Aroostook County at the recommendation of its advisors.

and competing at the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Eastern regional NCAA program) carnival races.

For more information about UMPI's Nordic Ski program, contact Coach Sotсков at 768-9689. ★



UMPI President Don Zillman, left, speaks during a reception celebrating the generous community support the University's Nordic Ski team has received.

## Wind Film

*continued from page 1*

road. During its first months of operation, there have been many days when the wind turbine generated enough electricity to supply all of the University's energy needs. However, the wind is expected to blow harder and more consistently during the winter months ahead, so officials are eagerly waiting to learn how well the turbine performs over the course of its first year.

The University originally set forth on this project for several reasons: a serious campus commitment to renewable energy and the reduction of carbon fuel use and global warming; a desire to serve the community as a pioneer in projects that others might want to pursue themselves; a desire to increase the educational programs both for UMPI students and for students around the state; and a desire to reduce its \$375,000 annual electric bill, which is only expected to go higher over the next two decades.

Officials promised to make the wind turbine project very

public and show all sides of completing an alternative energy project – both the value and cost-effectiveness of harnessing natural resources for clean electricity as well as any problems encountered along the way.



With captivating footage that takes the viewer into the classroom, out into the field, and up to the top of the wind turbine, *Wind 101* tells this story as only a film can.

There are only 144 seats in the theater and tickets sales are on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Morning Star Art and Framing on Main St. or at the UMPI Conferences and Special Programs Office in the Campus Center (768.9501). For more information, call 768.9452 or visit [www.umpi.edu/wind](http://www.umpi.edu/wind). ★

# Koks honored during November reception

The University hosted a special reception on Nov. 3 – including the surprise unveiling of a granite table and benches in front of Wieden Hall – to honor two long-time members of the UMPI community for their decades of service.

Jan and Evelyn Kok came to UMPI in 1952 when it was known as the Aroostook State Teachers College. During their many years working and living in northern Maine, the two touched many lives. They were both members of the Presque Isle Recorder Consort and were always eager to share their love of music by visiting local elementary schools. Jan Kok also established the musical groups the Hilltop Carolers and the Ren-Bar (for Renaissance-Baroque), and for more than half a century has been involved in the Kiwanis Talent Revue.

During the Nov. 3 reception attended by scores of UMPI officials, community members and Kiwanians, remarks

were delivered by President Don Zillman, Faculty Emeritus Richard Kimball, and Presque Isle Kiwanis Club member Craig Green, followed by a musical performance to the song “The Lovers’ Waltz” by Bruce and Amy Wilkins.

A surprise highlight of the event was the unveiling of a granite table and benches, a gift made by



Jan Kok, from left, smiles as his niece Christina Shipp, standing with Evelyn Kok, talks about her aunt and uncle and how they “were always magic.” Shipp honored her aunt and uncle with the installation of a granite table and benches near Wieden Hall.



Christina Shipp, the niece of Jan and Evelyn Kok. Shipp, a Patten businesswoman, said that ever since she was a little girl, her aunt and uncle “were always magic.” They would visit her family’s house in the Boston area during the holidays and pull out instrument after instrument from their car. She said it wasn’t truly Christmas until her aunt

and uncle had filled their house with music. Shipp saw the installation as a very fitting way to honor them, their dedication to the campus, and their love of music.

In addition to the granite table and benches, Shipp also made a generous donation to start a fund in her aunt and uncle’s names that will help to bring performing artists and musicians to campus each year. ★

## UMPI hires Project Compass Director



The University is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Eddy A. Ruiz as its Project Compass director, completing an effort that has been underway since the summer to establish a three-member retention team for the initiative.

Ruiz, whose full title is the Director of Student Success and Innovative Education, most recently worked in Los Angeles as the coordinator for AmeriCorps at the University of California at Los Angeles. In his new position, being funded through the Project Compass grant, Ruiz will oversee Project Compass efforts at the University to develop and improve culturally responsive strategies for its Native American students.

The University was awarded a major grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation in January to better serve its Native American student population as well as the region’s Native American community. The award made the University eligible to receive up to \$750,000 over the next four years.

Ruiz began work on October 26. With Ruiz, Luke Joseph, Coordinator of Retention Activities, and Myrth Schwartz, Administrative Assistant, Project Compass now has a full retention team in place.



Eddy A. Ruiz

Ruiz received a Master’s degree in Higher Education and Organizational Change from UCLA in 2006. He earned a Master’s degree in History at the University of Oklahoma at Norman in 2003 and his Bachelor’s degree in History from the University of California at Berkeley. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education and Organizational Change at UCLA, with an expected completion date of 2010. ★

# Carter holds book signing at UMPI bookstore

**A long-time local educator and coach** who wrote a book chronicling Presque Isle High School's basketball history from 1950 to the present paid a visit to UMPI's Bookstore for a book signing event on Nov. 4.

Jim Carter, a 1964 PIHS grad who played on the basketball team in 1963 and 1964, spent long hours researching and collecting information for his 92-page book, titled *Six Decades of Wildcat Basketball: A History of Boys & Girls Basketball at Presque Isle High School 1950-2009*. The book includes team rosters, statistics, coaching records, athlete honors, and old photographs.

Carter said during the book signing that he had chosen to start his book with the year 1950 because a book by Nathan W. White had covered the earliest years of basketball in Presque Isle. White's book is titled *Fifty-One Years of Basketball Playing in Aroostook County, Maine: 1900-1950*.

Carter's book hits all the basketball highlights that have taken place since then – listing all of the high school's basketball players who made the 1,000-point club and leaving room for stories about former star athletes.

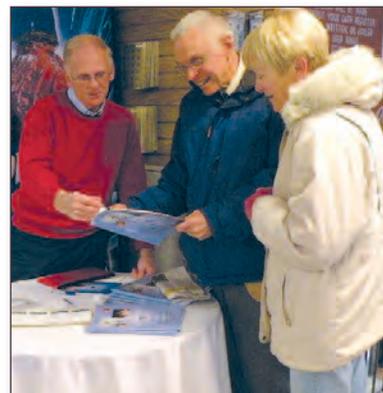
"I always found it interesting to learn what former outstanding players did on their own to become the great players that

they were," Carter said. "Lots of people put in different types of workouts, including some who would play basketball every day, whether it was raining or hot and sunny – whatever it took to make themselves better."

While statistics and records are an important part of his book, Carter said that at its core, it's really a book that focuses on hard work and dedication in the sport.

"I knew a former player who had received many awards and praise, but he said 'I never played the sport for those things, I played because I loved it and wanted to win,'" Carter said. "I think that's really important. It's about putting the team and the love of the game first."

To purchase a book, contact the author at 764.1217 or by email at [jcarter001@maine.rr.com](mailto:jcarter001@maine.rr.com). ★



Author Jim Carter speaks with President Don Zillman and Linda Zillman about his book on Wildcats Basketball during his Nov. 4 book signing.

## GIS Lab and Workshop

*continued from page 1*

Investment Fund through the University of Maine System Chancellor's Office to Dr. Wang with the purpose of fostering UMPI's community GIS partnership and promoting geospatial information technologies in northern Maine.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Maine Department of Transportation, which recently installed a CORS base station on the UMPI campus. The CORS base station at UMPI is one of the eight base stations that make up the new MDOT CORS network and is the only one north of Bangor. The workshop will focus on the CORS system and high-end GPS applications in route and control surveying, utility and infrastructure management, and farming. Guest speakers include GPS and GIS experts from the MDOT, USGS, USM, and experienced GPS users.

At the end of the workshop, participants are invited to join UMPI officials, community GIS partners, and Aroostook legislators for a brief dedication ceremony for the University's new Geospatial Information Technology Center [GITeC], one of the best-equipped laboratories of its kind in the State of Maine.

Earlier this summer, the University received a \$96,800 Maine Technology Asset Fund grant from the Maine Technology Institute to fund the purchase of cutting edge equipment to establish a state-of-the-art GIS and GPS laboratory to be used for classroom instruction and community training and services. GIS [Geographic Information Systems] is an information system that captures, stores, analyzes, and displays geographic information. GPS, which stands for Global Positioning System, is a satellite-based navigation system that can be used to calculate a precise loca-

tion anywhere in the world.

Under the direction of Dr. Wang, the Geospatial Information Technology Center will collaborate with its community partners consisting of major cities, towns, native tribes, and non-profit organizations in central and southern Aroostook County to develop GIS databases that allow communities to do a wide range of activities, including inventorying and marketing their assets, maximizing planning and development of natural resources, attracting and retaining businesses, and managing infrastructure for municipal growth. The center will continue to partner with communities in developing specialized GIS projects.

For more information about the GIS lab dedication, call 768.9452. To register for the GPS workshop, contact Dr. Chunzeng Wang at [chunzeng.wang@umpi.edu](mailto:chunzeng.wang@umpi.edu) or call 768.9412. ★

# Wind Experts to speak at Business Breakfast

The University will join with Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development (LEAD) and Northern Maine Community College to present two wind experts at UMPI's December Business Breakfast. Mr. Kurt Adams, executive vice president and chief development officer for First Wind, and Mr. Wayne Kilcollins, wind power technology instructor at NMCC, will address *The Future of the Wind Business in Aroostook County*, beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the UMPI Campus Center.

Adams oversees the development of all First Wind's projects nationwide. First Wind is an independent North American wind energy company focused exclusively on the development, ownership and operation of wind energy projects.

Prior to joining First Wind, Adams was Chairman of the Maine Public Utilities Commission from 2005 to 2008 where he served as a member of the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissions, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions (NARUC), the NARUC Electricity Committee, and the NARUC Competitive

Procurement Committee. He was also Maine's representative on the New England State Committee on Electricity.

Mr. Kilcollins joined NMCC in January, 2009 to develop and lead the first wind power technology program in New England. He will discuss opportunities for wind technology students, as well as findings and potential wind research studies resulting from a week-long trade mission with Governor John Baldacci and other delegates to Spain and Germany in late September.

Prior to joining NMCC, Kilcollins was employed by General Electric Wind Energy – the firm responsible for the maintenance and engineering at the wind farm operated by First Wind in Mars Hill. He earned his masters degree in engineering project management in 2007 and a 1996 baccalaureate degree in mechanical engineering from Century University in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The cost of the breakfast is \$10 per person and the deadline to register is Nov. 25. For more information or to register, call 768.9525.★

# Composer Samuel Hazo to speak on music advocacy

The University brings to campus a musical composer whose work has been performed with Brooke Shields and James Earl Jones when it hosts Samuel Hazo as its third Distinguished Lecturer of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Hazo will speak at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30 in the Campus Center about how music helps us all to become better students and citizens of the world during his talk "The New Face of Music Advocacy" – a message for music lovers, educators and community members alike. All are invited to attend this free event.

Hazo will also participate in a few musical activities during his two-day visit to campus, including a special clinic on Sunday for the UMPI/Community Band and a Monday afternoon clinic for local schools. Hazo will serve as a special guest conductor during the UMPI/Community Band Winter Concert in Wieden Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

"It is our hope that as many students and community members as possible will come to hear Hazo speak and perform during his visit to Presque Isle as this is a unique opportunity to meet one of today's leading composers in his genre," said Kevin Kinsey, UMPI/Community Band Director and MSAD1 Elementary Instrumental Music Director, who is helping to organize Hazo's visit.

Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Hazo has composed for the professional, university and public school levels in addition to writing original scores for television, radio and the stage. In 2003, he became the first composer in history to be awarded the winner of both composition contests sponsored by the National Band Association.



Sam Hazo

His original symphonic compositions include performances with actors Brooke Shields, James Earl Jones, David Conrad and Richard Kiley. He has also written symphonic arrangements for three-time Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter Lucinda Williams.

Hazo's works have been premiered and performed at the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles Convention and aired in full-length programs on National Public Radio.

Hazo's morning lecture and UMPI/Community Band Concert are free and the public is invited to attend both events. For more information, contact the University's Media Relations Office at 768.9452.★

# UMPI, UMFK students conduct research at MDIBL

Contributed by: Stephanie Corriveau

**During October break, students from the Genetics classes** of UMPI professor Dr. Bonnie Wood and UMFK professor Dr. Kim Borges traveled to Mount Desert Island for an exciting experience at the molecular level.

The group – which included Dr. Wood, 10 of her students and eight UMFK students – attended a Molecular Biology Research Techniques Course at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory [MDIBL]. The week-long course was paid for the students through funding from the Maine IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) grant. Because of the grant, undergraduates from various universities across the state are given the chance to work in a laboratory setting and learn about different research techniques. The grant also gives one student from each university the opportunity, through an application process, to have a summer internship at MDIBL.

The night students arrived at MDIBL, Dr. Marcus Davis, a guest instructor from Kennesaw State University, gave a presentation that included background information on the experiment that students would perform during the week. He discussed how limbs have developed through time and noted that certain genes that control limb growth – called Homeobox or Hox genes – have similar DNA sequences in organisms that are evolutionarily related. Dr. Davis told the group that their research would examine the Hox genes of skates (a cartilaginous marine fish) and compare them to Hox genes from chickens.

This research included multiple steps and the students were led through the process with the help of Dr. Randy Dahn and Dr. Denry Sato. Students were also able to work with relatively new equipment. During the experiment, a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) machine was used, which made copies of DNA segments from the Hox genes. The process also required the use of a DNA sequencing machine



UMPI and UMFK students gather for a group photo during their week-long visit to the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory.

and gel electrophoresis (a method of separating large and small DNA pieces). The technology was used to perform the main goal of the experiment, which was in-situ hybridization. In-situ hybridization involved locating where the Hox genes were active in the developing chicken and skate embryos. Basically, students used DNA segments called probes that they knew corresponded to the DNA segments in the Hox genes. They exposed chicken and skate embryos to the probes – and with the assistance of additional solutions and the reactions of different chemicals – certain parts of the embryos fluoresced purple. The students could then conclude that the sections of the embryos' bodies that turned purple were controlled by Hox genes.

Dr. Wood felt that it was a great experience for her students to be able to use these techniques and technologies.

"Today, so much of biology is molecular biology. So many different fields use these techniques. It's important to understand these procedures and to have experience performing them," she said.

If you are interested in taking a short course at MDIBL, you should check out [www.mdibl.org](http://www.mdibl.org) or contact Dr. Bonnie Wood or Dr. Kim Borges for more information. ★

*\*Note – This story was edited for space purposes. Read Corriveau's entire story in the University Times.*



The students' experiments



Students spent long days on their projects; sometimes they were in the lab until 7 p.m.

# UMPI to offer energy courses

With its wind turbine spinning and questions about renewable energy, climate change and sustainability in the air, the University of Maine at Presque Isle will offer during the Spring 2010 semester the first of many energy courses designed especially for those who want to understand these key topics and the issues surrounding them, and are thinking about becoming active players in the industry.

"We have made renewable energy and climate commitment top priorities at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and we are proud to make this initial offering of energy courses a very important part of the work we're doing in this arena," President Don Zillman said. "These are among the most important issues of our day and it's going to take the involvement of many knowledgeable and dedicated people to meet the challenges we face. We anticipate that these courses will help

to add more informed and committed individuals to the conversation."

The first three courses to be offered are Energy Law and Public Policy, Sustainability Management, and Energy Fuels. These classes mark the beginning of an Energy and Sustainability Concentration in the University's academic programming. In the Fall of 2010, several more energy-related courses – to include classes focusing on climate change and renewable energy – will be offered up for students and community members interested in the subjects.

Energy Law and Public Policy will help students understand a complex area of the rapidly evolving energy sector. Students will learn about the law and public policy surrounding energy issues by using a case study based on UMPI's own wind turbine project.

In Sustainability Management, students will learn about the triple bot-

tom line – a management concept that focuses not just on profits but also on people and the planet.

Energy Fuels will cover a wide range of issues concerning fossil fuels, from an introduction to energy and earth cycles, to the extraction, consumption and emissions of fossil fuels, to climate and change.

"Our goal is to make sustainability an integral part of our curriculum and our students' educational experience," Michael Sonntag, UMPI Vice President for Academic Affairs, said. "The courses being offered this spring, and more that will follow in the coming semesters, are going to give members of campus and the community who want to know more about these issues the opportunity to do hands-on, real world work in sustainability and the environment."

For more information or to register for a course, call 768.9532 or email [admissions@umpi.edu](mailto:admissions@umpi.edu). ★

# GIS project underway at Fairmont Cemetery

**Officials with the University and the Fairmont Cemetery Association** are partnering on a unique project that is helping to preserve important information about a local cemetery for future generations.

Drs. Michael Sonntag, Lynn Eldershaw, Kim Sebold and Chunzeng Wang have garnered two MEIF [Maine Economic Improvement Fund] Small Campus Initiative Fund grants – one this year and one last year – totaling \$23,000 to complete a project titled "Developing a Cemetery GIS Database for Historic, Cultural, and Social Research in Aroostook County."

The University officials are working with members of the cemetery association to create a GIS database that will allow people to search an inventory of information about the Fairmont Cemetery, including burial data and more than 5,000 photographs of burial plots. The Fairmont Cemetery, established in the 19th century, represents one of the oldest and largest graveyards in northern Maine.

This project serves as the very first mapping of a cemetery in northern Maine and the first large-scale, comprehensive cemetery mapping project using GIS and GPS

technology in the state.

During the first year of the project, students Megan Pryor, Sherry Cole, Ashlee Pryor, Robert Baldwin and John Donley worked as research assistants, helping to map and collect cemetery data, including lot and plot numbers, names of the interred, birth dates, death dates, gender, grave headstone/marker material, and mentions of military and civilian service – for more than 2,200 lots and 10,000 plots. Each of these lots and plots has been mapped with GPS/GIS technology.

The second year of work on the project entails entering all of the collected data into a comprehensive and searchable database management system. The information made available by cemetery mapping will serve as a resource for conservation, interment planning, maintenance of grave markers and monuments, and management of facilities, grounds and records. The completed GIS database also will provide important and easily searchable data for researchers in the fields of history, sociology, anthropology, and genealogy. ★

# UMPI in PHOTOS

**pictured clockwise from top left**

**1** Pre-med majors recently gathered at the President's House for a luncheon with TAMC's Boone Memorial Lecturer Dana Green.



**2** UMPI staffers participated in a Halloween dress-up day on Oct. 30.



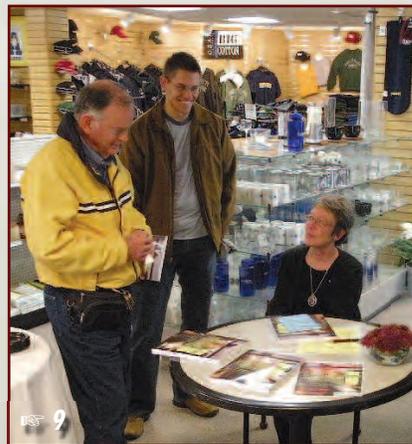
**3** Staff and students explore the Caribou Veterans Center's new Mobile Vet Center, which recently made a visit to the UMPI campus.



**4+5** UMPI faculty, staff and students participated in the Presque Isle Sesquicentennial Parade in August and the Caribou Sesquicentennial Parade in September, helping to recall the first days of school at the institution more than 100 years ago.



**6** Members of UMPI's new Dance Team practice in Gentile Hall recently.



**7+8** Students with the UMPI Art Club recently worked on an art installation on the Wieden Auditorium stage in preparation for a concert by the jazz quartet SPOKE.

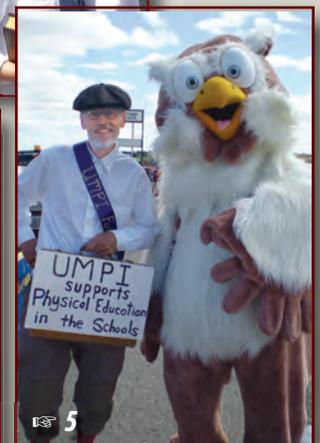


(photo courtesy Arelis Jimenez)

**9** Dr. Bonnie Wood held a book signing at the UMPI Bookstore for her new book *Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership Between Science Educators and Their Students* on Oct. 20.



**10** Officials with Caron's Lawn and Property Maintenance were recognized on Friday, Sept. 18 for the landscaping at the southern entrance of Folsom Hall that the company generously provided to the University. The gift, valued at more than \$5,000, beautified the area many students see every day on their way to classes and included new plantings and the installation of a stone bench. ☆



## Golf Team captures 2nd consecutive championship title

Congratulations to the Men's Golf team, which won its second consecutive conference tournament title on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Natanis Golf Club in Vassellboro. Despite the cold 40 degree temperature, the Owls had a strong showing from its five-member team. To lead his team, **CHRIS COFFIN** (Presque Isle, ME) shot an 85 on the day, while teammate **PAUL RUCCI** (Millinocket, ME) finished the course with a close 87. **CHAD PHILLIPS** (Dover-Foxcroft, ME) earned a 93 and **RANDY WHITMORE** (Medford, ME) finished with a 99 to help their team in the win. To finish out the team, **CHRIS LANDRY** (Truro, NS) shot a 127 on the course to give the team a total of 364. ■ Three UMPI members made the Sunrise All-Conference Team: **CHRIS COFFIN**, **PAUL RUCCI** and **CHAD PHILLIPS**. Chris Coffin was named the Conference Rookie of the Year and Coach **RYAN GUERRETTE** was named the Conference Coach of the Year.

## Cross Country teams shine at conference championship

The Women's Cross Country team captured the 2009 NAIA Sunrise Conference Championship title on Nov. 7 at Park Family Field. This is the second consecutive championship for the Owl women, as they finished first of five competing conference teams, one point ahead of Paul Smith's College. The UMPI men finished second behind Paul Smith's College after a strong showing out on the course. Sophomore **JUSTIN FERESHETIAN** (Turner, ME) won the men's race in an impressive time of 29:00, qualifying him to compete in the men's NAIA National Championships to be held on November 21st in Vancouver, WA. On the women's side, junior **SHELLY HANSON** (Charleston, ME) led her Owl team, finishing third overall on the day, in a time of 22:26, which qualifies her to compete in the NAIA National Championships in Vancouver. Teammate **KATI CHRISTOFFEL** (Clifton Park, NY) finished a close 4th overall in 22:58, while **JUSTINE CYR** (Fort Kent, ME) and **CHANDRA WISNESKI** (Amherst, NH) finished 5th (23:12) and 6th (23:59) respectively. Senior **JULIE RUGG** (South Paris, ME) had a great race, finishing 11th in 25:31, while freshman **ALLY PIZZUTI** (Caribou, ME) came in 17th with 27:39. On the men's side, freshman

**JASON JOHNSON** (Presque Isle, ME) ran a solid race, finishing 8th in 31:30, followed closely behind by teammate **CHRIS RINES** (Caribou, ME) in 31:46 (9th). Senior **AARON SCHMERSAL** (Winthrop, ME) running in his last race as an Owl, finished 15th in 32:47. Freshman **HUGH MCLELLAN** (Maitland, NS) and first-year **BRIAN KORHONEN** (Littleton, ME) finished 18th (33:42) and 19th (33:51) respectively. Finally, **JAMES CIRELL** (Bingham, ME) completed the Owl finishers in 33rd place with a time of 40:38. In addition, Coach **CHRIS SMITH** was named the NAIA Sunrise Conference Cross Country Running Coach of the Year. Go owls!

## Athletes earn Player of the Week honors

Congratulations to **LAINIEY HERRING** and **ELIZABETH KEAGAN** for earning Sunrise Conference Player of the Week honors for November 3, 2009. Lainey Herring (Freshman Forward from Houlton, ME) wins the award after scoring the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over the University of Maine at Machias to help secure a second place finish for the Lady Owls in Sunrise Conference play. Elizabeth Keagan (Freshman Defense from Amherst, NS) is honored after helping the Owls claim a key conference win. The freshman defender from Nova Scotia helped lead the Owls past UMM 1-0 and was part of a defense that limited the Clippers to just two shots on goal. ■ Congratulations to four UMPI student-athletes for earning Sunrise Conference Player of the Week honors for their excellent play on Senior Day Sunday (Oct. 25), as both the Men's and Women's Soccer team earned wins over the Green Knights of Vermont Technical College. **DANIELLE JOHNSON** (a freshman from Jefferson, ME) was recognized as co-offensive player of the week after notching a pair of goals in a 5-3 win over VTC; the two goals were a career-high for Johnson. **KATIE MOODY** (a senior from Presque Isle, ME) was honored as co-defensive player of the week after helping to guide UMPI to a weekend win. While in the game, Moody anchored the Owl defensive by just allowing one goal during her time in the backfield. **JOSHUA PEASLEE** (a junior from Woolwich, ME) received the nod for offensive player of the week after scoring a decisive goal in a 2-0 win over VTC. Peaslee scored once and had three total shots and two on goal in the win. **CRAIG MAFFEI** (a

# Sports!



junior from Readfield, ME) was recognized for his strong play in the 2-0 win over VTC on Sunday. Craig helped hold the Green Knights to just three shots on goal for the Owls eighth shutout of the season. ■ Congratulations to Women's Soccer student-athlete, **DESIREE SMITH**, who was named Sunrise Conference Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 20. Desiree, a sophomore from Thomaston, ME, won the award after an excellent effort on the recent UMPI trip to northern New York State. Smith had one goal and one assist in a 4-0 shutout win at Paul Smith's College of NY. She then scored two goals and earned one assist in a 3-0 win over SUNY-Canton of Canton, NY.

## Six players honored during Senior Day

Six UMPI senior soccer players were honored on Sunday, Oct. 25 during a home game against fellow Sunrise Conference member Vermont Technical College. Three Lady Owls – **MAKAYLA GAHAGAN** (Defense from Caribou), **KATIE MOODY** (Defense from Presque Isle), and **BILLIE MARTIN** (Defense from Caribou) – and three men – **COREY HARDING** (Midfield from Plymouth), **TREVOR HEWS** (Defense from Van Buren), and **DYLAN HARRIS** (Defense from Patten) – were celebrated. Both UMPI teams earned wins on the day. Congratulations!

## UMPI teams sweep weekend play

All five of UMPI's fall athletic teams had a successful weekend on Oct. 24 and 25. The Men's and Women's Soccer teams, while celebrating Senior Day on Sunday, each pulled out a win against Vermont Tech in Sunrise Conference play. On the women's side, the Owls were victorious over VTC 5-3; **LAINIEY HERRING** (Houlton, ME) and **DANIELLE JOHNSON** (Jefferson, ME) each scored two goals apiece, while teammate **DESIREE SMITH** (Thomaston, ME) earned one goal and one assist on the day. Sophomore **AMBER BRADLEY** (Mars Hill, ME) got in the action with one assist. Senior **DYLAN HARRIS** got the go-ahead goal on the men's side, off a **DEVON PEASLEE** (Woolwich, ME) assist, which gave the Owls an early 1-0 lead in the game. Brother **JOSHUA PEASLEE**

# more Sports!

(Woolwich, ME) got in the action netting a goal a few minutes later at 11:43, which gave the Owls the final 2-0 win. ■ The UMPI Women's Volleyball team remained undefeated in the Sunrise Conference after going 3-0 on Oct. 24 at the Sunrise Conference match-up at UMaine Fort Kent. The Owls defeated UMaine Machias 3-0, Paul Smith's College in three matches as well (3-0), and handed host UMFK a 3-0 loss to finish out the day. ■ Finally, the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams competed at the Mariner Invitational at Maine Maritime Academy on Oct. 24. Despite the harsh and rainy conditions, the women finished in the top spot on the day, lead by junior **SHELLY HANSON** (Charleston, ME) in 22:43 (3rd place fin-

ish). On the men's side, it was a 7th, 8th, 9th, close pack-time finish for the Owls with **HUGH MCLELLAN** (Maitland, NS) coming in at 32:10, closely followed by teammates **JASON JOHNSON** (Presque Isle, ME) (32:12) and **CHRIS RINES** (Caribou, ME) (32:29.) With the strong showing, the Owls finished third on the day, just two points behind second place.

## Women's Volleyball Wins Sunrise Conference Championship

The University of Maine at Presque Isle women's volleyball team defeated the Bengals of UMaine Fort Kent, 3-1, in the Championship game of the 2009 Sunrise Conference Tournament on Saturday afternoon. UMFK earned the earlier win in the semi-final play-in game against fellow conference member UMaine Machias; the Owls, who finished first in the conference over the regular season, had a bye in the first round of the tournament. ■ With the win, the Lady Owls close out their successful season at 18-4, as they repeat as Sunrise Conference Champions.

## Both UMPI Soccer Teams Fall at the Sunrise Conference Tournament

The UMaine Presque Isle men's soccer team played arguably one of their best games of the season, keeping undefeated Bengals of UMFK scoreless through the first half of the Sunrise Conference Semi-final match-up. ■ After a 0-0 first 45 minutes of regulation, UMFK's Dwayne Smith scored off a Spencer Jacoby assist just 2:15 into the second half to lead top-seeded University of Maine at Fort Kent to victory over No. 4 Owls. Jermaine West

scored five minutes later to make the final score 2-0 for the 16-0-1 Bengals. Smith had the assist. UMPI goalie **RICHARD FELBAUM** (Saco, ME) turned away seven shots for the 11-5-2 Owls, while UMFK goalies David Girouard and Giovanni Sinclair combined for one save on four shots. ■ On the women's side, Roo forward Angie Waryasz scored an unassisted goal 26:52 into the first half as No. 3 State University of New York at Canton upset second-seeded University of Maine at Presque Isle in the Sunrise Conference semifinals. Kirsten Morley scored two second-half goals for the 10-8 Roos. Cristina Butler had both assists. UMPI goalie **TAYLOR USSERY** made four saves on eight shots for the 10-6 Owls.

## Sunrise All-Conference Teams

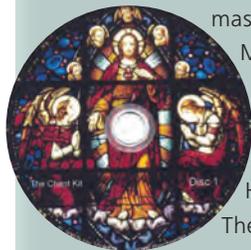
- Women's Soccer** **KATIE MOODY** (senior from Presque Isle, ME)
- Men's Soccer** **DEVON PEASLEE** (junior from Woolwich, ME)
- Women's Volleyball** **ERICA DAVIS** (Player of the Year) – (a senior from North Yarmouth, ME), **MEGAN KORHONEN** (junior from Littleton, ME), **MICHELLE FERRY** (Senior from Princeton, ME), **JOHANNAH BUBAR** (senior from Riverview, NB). **COACH TERRY CUMMINGS** was voted *Coach of the year* for women's volleyball.
- Women's Cross Country** **SHELLY HANSON** (a junior from Charleston, ME), **KATI CHRISTOFFEL** (a freshman from Clifton Park, NY), **JUSTINE CYR** (a junior from Fort Kent, ME), **CHANDRA WISNESKI** (a senior from Amherst, NH) **COACH CHRIS SMITH** was named *Coach of the year* for women's cross country.
- Men's Cross Country** **JUSTIN FERESHETIAN** (a sophomore from Turner, ME). ★

## Gregorian Chant performance

Wieden Auditorium will be filled with the sounds of Gregorian Chanting on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. when a Maine-based vocal artist steeped in the musical tradition offers up an afternoon performance.

Jay Violette is the founder and director of the Spiritus Schola Cantorum, a Gregorian chant troupe. A member of Waterville's Corpus Christi Parish, Violette has participated in Latin masses according to the Tridentine rite in Newcastle, Lewiston, and Portland. He has served as cantor for traditional Requiem funeral masses throughout Maine, and was recently invited to join the schola at the Cathedral in Boston. He is the author of *The Chant Kit*, a resource for those wishing to learn to chant, which includes a booklet with companion CDs.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$2 for students, and free to UMPI, NMCC, and SAGE students with proper ID. For more information about this performance, contact the UMPI Cultural Affairs office at 768.9462. ★



UMPI's **image** newsletter is now on a monthly schedule. If you have items to submit, please email them to [susan.pinette@umpi.edu](mailto:susan.pinette@umpi.edu) or fax to 768.9608. Deadlines for Submissions to the image:

**Monday, Nov. 23** – for the Dec. 9 issue  
for events occurring Dec 9-Feb 7

**Monday, Jan. 25** – for the Feb. 8 issue  
for events occurring Feb 9-March 7



# notes

## Plans underway for spring Medieval Faire

The UMPI campus will be transported back in time this spring as Dr. **KIM SEBOLD** and her Medieval History class host a Medieval Faire for area seventh-grade students on Tuesday, Mar. 23 in Wieden Gym. Sebold's students have been working together with the Presque Isle Middle School history club; and preparations for the fair have already begun with a series of fundraising bake sales and requests for volunteers. All with an interest in designing/building booths, sewing costumes, or helping out in other ways should contact Dr. Sebold at 768.9721.

## Welcome Elijah Robert

We are happy to announce the addition of a new member of the UMPI family – Elijah Robert, born at Cary Medical Center (very appropriately) on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, to **RILL STEVENS** and Heidi Thompson. Rill is Plumbing Coordinator for UMPI's Physical Plant. Dad, Mom and brother Nathaniel are thrilled.

## International Appalachian Trail topic of Nov. 18 talk

Dick Anderson, President of the Maine Chapter of the International Appalachian Trail/Sentier International des Appalaches(IAT/SIA) and Walter Anderson, Chief Geologist for the IAT/SIA will present a talk, on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. The program includes a discussion of the geological underpinning of the trail, the geography of the

present route, and plans for future expansion. Pictures of maps, sights along the trail and historical events will be featured as part of the talk – offered through the University's "Adventures in Recreation" series. All are invited. For information, call 768.9537.

## Student Etiquette Dinner, Reception and Fashion Show set for Nov. 19

A Professional Reception, Supper and Fashion Event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. This event is sponsored by the Senior Class,



the Alumni Association and Career Services. It is designed to provide our seniors, juniors and teacher certification students the opportunity to learn the fine art of dining, fashion and conversation; and is free to students who are seniors or juniors. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, contact barbara.devaney@umpi.edu, Director of Career Services, 205 South Hall, 768.9750.

## Birds and Learning Opportunities topic of Faculty Noon Seminar

According to Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology Dr. **JASON JOHNSTON**, much can be learned from birds. Faculty Noon Seminar series continues on Friday, Nov. 20 (please note time and date changes) with his talk: "UMPI, Home to More Than Owls. How Campus Birds Provide Learning Opportunities for Majors and Non-majors." Johnston has used the study of

birds to teach both science majors and non-majors about the scientific method. He will discuss ways students have been integrated into the research process by studying campus birds, the potential effects of the wind turbine on birds, and measuring birds' food availability. Held from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, Normal Hall. For information, call 768.9749.



and changing face to a "pentimento" – a new picture painted on top of the old. In her essay, fittingly titled "Pentimento," Crowe reflects on her own hometown memories of Presque Isle's changing face, as well as the recorded thoughts of Presque Isle Historical Society members and long-time residents Ann Wight and Audrey Thibodeau. Her essay can be found in the October-December, 2009 issue of the magazine.

## Raffle to benefit TRiO Upward Bound students

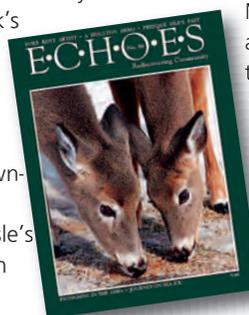
There's still time to buy raffle tickets for a fundraiser to support TRiO Upward Bound students with their Work Experience stipends and Bridge Program - transition period from graduation to college. **CAROL MCGLINN**, Assistant Director and Academic Counselor for Upward Bound notes there are 13 great prizes such as: 100 gallons of fuel oil, gift certificates for groceries, restaurant gift cards, gas gift card, a men's snowmobile jacket just to name a few. The drawing will be held Saturday, Nov. 21. Tickets are 3 for \$5, 8 for \$10, or a single ticket for \$2. To support this fundraiser, get in touch with Carol at 768.9620.

## Melissa Crowe published in Echoes magazine

Former UMPI Professor of English and Presque Isle native, **MELISSA CROWE**, recently published an essay in Aroostook's *Echoes* Magazine in which she compares downtown Presque Isle's renovation

## 38th European Fine Art Study Tour travels to Italy

For those who would like to experience the beauty and culture of Italy first-hand, the Fine Art Department will once again offer, under the guidance of Professor of Fine Art **CLIFTON BOUDMAN**, a summer European Fine Art Study Tour of the Italian peninsula from May 27 – June 6, 2010. Those on the "Italian Dream Tour" will spend two days each in Rome, Florence, Venice, and Sorrento; and take excursions to Pisa, Pompeii, Assisi, Padua and Capri. Among the many highlights are stops at Giotto's Arena Chapel and the famous glass-blowing region of Murano. Three college credits are available, and this year's trip offers a special discount on the purchase of two airline tickets. Complete prices and details can be found at [www.cliftonboudman.com](http://www.cliftonboudman.com). For further information, call 455.8096 or 768.9448. ★



map © GORP

## activities 11.18.2009 – 12.5.2009

s	m	t	w	t	f	s
NOV 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### MONDAYS

★ Gay-Straight Alliance, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9604

★ UMPI/Community Band rehearsals, 6:30 p.m., Wieden Music Room, 473.7859

#### TUESDAYS

★ Student Senate meets, 12:40 p.m., CC118, 768.9561

★ Presque Isle Student Ministries, 8 p.m., Library Conference Room, 768.9479

WEDNESDAYS  
★ Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m., CC118, 768.9523

THURSDAYS  
★ Student Organization of Social Workers (SOSW) Meeting, 12:15 p.m., CC118,

768.9650  
★ Native Voices, 1 p.m., South Hall 211, 768.9726  
★ Games Club, 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest, 768.9628

★ Campus Crusade for Christ, 7 p.m., CC118, 768.9502

SATURDAYS  
★ Breathe Writer's Group, 10 a.m. (biweekly), Owl's Nest, 506.473.1462

#### NOVEMBER 17

★ Advisement & Registration for Spring Classes begins. 768.9607 ■  
★ PrISM Board Meeting, 4 p.m., CC118. 768.9560 ■  
★ Reception for Teacher Certification Students, 2 p.m., MPR. 768.9615

#### NOVEMBER 18

★ GIS/GPS Lab Dedication, 11:30 a.m., Folsom Hall Rm. 201. 768.9452  
■ Principles & Development of the International Appalachian Trail, 7 p.m., CC118. 768.9537

#### NOVEMBER 19

★ Wind Turbine Film Premiere, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Braden Theater. Advanced tickets at CCTR and Morning Star Art & Framing, \$10 each. 768.9452 ■  
★ Etiquette Event for Juniors and Seniors, 5:00 p.m., MPR. 768.9750

#### NOVEMBER 20

★ Wind Turbine Film Campus Premiere, 3 p.m., MPR. Free. 768.9452 ■  
★ Faculty Noon Seminar, 12:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Normal Hall.

#### NOVEMBER 21

★ Wintergreen Arts Center Gingerbread Countdown, 1 p.m., Gentile Hall. 768.9568

#### NOVEMBER 22

★ OAPI Caving in Québec Day Trip, 768.9401

#### NOVEMBER 23

★ OAPI Hot Shot Shoot Out, 8 p.m., Gentile Hall. Categories & prizes, children & adults. 768.9401

#### NOVEMBER 25

★ Thanksgiving Holiday begins. *Happy Thanksgiving!* Offices closed.

#### NOVEMBER 26

★ Offices closed.

#### NOVEMBER 29

★ Gregorian Chant Performance with

Jay Violette, 2 p.m., Wieden Aud. 768.9462

#### DECEMBER 1

★ Student Senate Meeting, 12:40 p.m., CCTR. 768.9561 ■  
★ Student Teaching & Certification Info Session 768.9430

#### DECEMBER 2

★ Student Teaching & Certification Info Session 768.9430 ■  
★ Business Breakfast

with Kurt Adams and Wayne Kilcollins, 7:30 a.m., MPR. 768.9525 ■

★ Graduate School Workshop, 3 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9750.

#### DECEMBER 4

★ University Senate/Faculty Assembly, 1 p.m., CC118. 768.9438

#### DECEMBER 5

★ Holiday Light Parade, 7 p.m., Cocoa & Cookies in Gentile Hall 7:45 p.m., 768.9452 ★

## Congratulations, Meghan!

October Student of the Month

Meaghan Medlinskas  
Lightbown



A social work major, Meg is a familiar face in South Hall and across campus. She doesn't hesitate to get involved; she has served as a SOAR peer advisor, writing center tutor, and valuable member of the Student Affairs staff. Her cheerful smile and helpful attitude always shine through.

## Financial Aid /Scholarship Deadline for 2010-2011 Academic Year is February 12, 2010.

Applications now available in the Financial Aid Office – 232 Preble Hall (top floor) or online at:

[www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf](http://www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf)

Students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater are urged to apply. If you filled out an application last year, please stop by the Financial Aid Office to request reactivation of this application.

**Late applications will not be accepted**

### CALL FOR ENTRIES!

UNIVERSITY DAY ART CONTEST \$75 PRIZE!

Create a design for the cover of the 2010 University Day Booklet

for details contact Dick Harrison 768.9604, [dick.harrison2@umpi.edu](mailto:dick.harrison2@umpi.edu)

**image** is a monthly publication of the University of Maine at Presque Isle's Media Relations Office, and is distributed to members of the University community. **The deadline for material is ten days before the date of publication.** ☆

Rachel Rice, editor • 207.768.9447 • [rachel.rice@umpi.edu](mailto:rachel.rice@umpi.edu)  
Dick Harrison, design + layout ☆ Sue Pinette, administrative assistant  
In complying with the letter and spirit of applicable laws and in pursuing its own goals of diversity, the University of Maine System shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, or veterans status in employment, education, and all other areas of the University. The University provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Questions and complaints about discrimination in any area of the University should be directed to Barbara DeVaney, Director of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, 205 South Hall, 181 Main Street, Presque Isle ME 04769-2888, phone 207.768.9750, TTY available upon request. ★

