



Alumni at University Day discussed how their participation in past University Days has impacted their work and careers.

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10th annual University Day celebrates scholarship

From spiders to solving the DNA puzzle to inmate partner violence, UMPI students showcased their academic research, scholarly work and community service on April 13 during University Day. The theme of this year's event was *A Decade of Learning: Showcasing 10 Years of University Day, 2001-2011*. As part of the special 10 year celebration, several alumni/ae who participated in previous University Day presentations spoke about their experiences

and the impact on their careers.

University Day is an event that heightens students' awareness of the work being done by peers in all of the disciplines represented on campus. The annual campus event allows students to better understand how disciplines interrelate and how the academic work they do applies to the local and global community. It is also an opportunity for students to experience a professional conference format. No regu-

lar classes are held during University Day, but in their stead, students are encouraged to attend student-led presentations and talks held during five sessions throughout the day.

More than 110 students offered 20 talks and presentations, covering areas of study as wide ranging as recreation, criminal justice, social work, education, special education, psychology, biology, literature, and foreign language. Many of the presentations addressed the connections



between learning and the community.

In addition, the International Students Club hosted its Culturefest 2011, which included a display of artifacts from a variety of countries and international snacks. During 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. sessions, a panel of inter-

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Cortese discusses sustainability, higher education's role

The University hosted the founder of an organization focused on making environmental sustainability a

foundation of all learning and practice in higher education as its 2011 Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

Dr. Anthony D. Cortese, co-founder and President

of Second Nature, spoke on April 13. His talk, *The Critical Role of Higher Education in Creating a Healthy, Just and Sustainable Society*, was part of the University's Distinguished Lecturer Series and was held in conjunction with University Day.

For 25 years, Cortese has been actively engaged in climate change and other large sustainability challenges. He is one of the pioneering leaders in the effort to integrate sustainability principles and programs

into higher education in the United States.

In 1993, Cortese founded, along with Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz, Second Nature Education for Sustainability (www.secondnature.org). This non-profit organization's mission is "to develop the national capacity to make healthy, just, and sustainable action a foundation of all learning and practice in higher education." As an advocate for teaching and modeling sustainability at

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Student Support Services awards grant aid

During a President's Reception held on March 31, 19 UMPI students received grant awards through the Student Support Services Program. Each full-time student award was approximately \$600 and will assist the students by reducing their loans.

On December 15, 2000, Section 17 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was amended to provide grant aid for eligible TRIO Student Support Services Program (SSS) students. The respective college/university SSS Program selects the recipients and awards the grant money to eligible freshman and sophomore college students who are active participants, have successfully completed at least one semester, and are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

This is the tenth year, since the passing of this act, that the University's SSS Program has been funded to provide its



participants with grant aid. A total of \$12,000 was awarded. Mary Kate Barbosa, Director of TRIO Student Support Services, and Chris Bell, Director of Financial Aid, worked together to make the selections.

The following students received funding: Abdigani Ashkir, Portland; Joey Bard, Woodland; Doree Bell, Naples; Lisa Bruso, Caribou; James Clark, Presque Isle; Miranda Cobb, Clinton; Jasmine Cote, Limestone; Courtney Cray, Presque Isle; Mackenzie Flannery, Smyrna; Kaci Hudson, Windsor; John Ireland, Sr., Presque Isle; Dylan Markie, Mattawamkeag; Elissa McNeil, Dover-Foxcroft; Sarah Pickering-Ames, Blue Hill; Isaac Robertson, Hood County, Texas; Rashell Saucier, Presque Isle; Gregory Thompson, Presque Isle; Angela Williams, Fort Fairfield; and Dustin Cray, Presque Isle. ★

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national students answered questions about Nepal, Israel, Brittany France, and China. Throughout the day, there were also poster sessions in Pullen 210 and Folsom 206 and displays from student clubs and organizations along the halls of Pullen/Folsom.

To add to the community spirit of the day, the University opened its doors to the public.

During lunch, Michael P. Johnston was presented with the Young Alumni Award. See page 6 for details on Johnston's award.

University Day activities culminated with an evening presentation by Dr. Anthony D. Cortese, a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. See page 1 for details on Dr. Cortese's talk. ★

Maine State Climatologist delivers lecture

Maine State Climatologist Dr. George Jacobson was at UMPI on March 29 to deliver the lecture, *Climate Variability and Biodiversity – Past and Future*, to members of the campus and community.

During his talk, Dr. Jacobson examined the nature of long-term climate variability and how that has changed ecosystems in Maine and the northeast over the past 20,000 years. He also discussed how future changes in climate are likely to influence our landscapes.

Dr. Jacobson is Professor

Emeritus of Biology, Ecology, and Climate Change at the University of Maine. Since his arrival in Maine in 1979, Dr. Jacobson has been a member of the Climate Change Institute, and he was Director of the Institute for nearly a decade. He currently serves as the Maine State Climatologist.

His research has focused on long-term climate variability and specifically on forest responses to climate changes during the past 60,000 years. His projects have included sites in North America, South America, and Europe. During

the 1990s, he chaired the Scientific Advisory Panel for the NOAA Paleoclimate Program, and for the past five years he has chaired a similar Scientific Advisory Panel for the European Science Foundation, the scientific arm of the European Union.

Professor Jacobson joined the faculty of the University of Maine in 1979 after three years working in the United States Senate in Washington, D.C., first as a Congressional Science Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of

Science, and then as a staff scientist for the U.S. Senate



Dr. George Jacobson

Committee on Environment and Public Works. He was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, and earned a Bachelor's degree in 1968 from Carleton College and a Ph.D. in 1975 from the University of Minnesota. From 1968-1970, he served as a medical specialist in the United States Army. ★

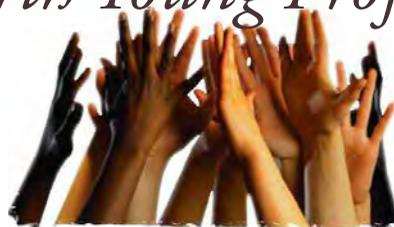
UMPI hosts fourth Young Professionals Institute

Momentum Aroostook, MMG Insurance and the University have teamed up again to provide the area's young professionals with a one-of-a-kind leadership development opportunity.

The three entities began the fourth running of the Young Professionals Institute, a professional development short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to hone their professional skills, on March 30. The program, offered at the University, includes eight sessions between March, April and May.

Officials are pleased to be partnering again on this project and hope to build on the successes they realized during the last three years. Activities and exercises in this year's institute will focus on the theme of improving the regional economy through innovations in education.

Participants will learn innovation engineering techniques that help them to



think about education in new ways, take part in role-playing scenarios that refine their abilities to "pitch" proposals and deliver presentations, conduct mock press conferences that give them experience in working with the media, and network with local officials and statewide leaders. A special new component of the institute is a statewide networking road trip organized by Momentum Aroostook that will bring together YPI participants, graduates and other young business people from around the state to talk about education and other issues important to Maine's future.

Along the way, participants also will be developing action steps for innovations in the Aroostook County education

system to help create a stronger regional workforce. As the culmination of the course, participants will present their action steps to the media and area leaders.

The Institute will be facilitated by University officials, members of Momentum Aroostook, several local business and community leaders, and the graduates of past Young Professionals Institutes. Previous sponsors of YPI participants include Acadia Health Education Coalition, ACE Rent-A-Car, The Aroostook Medical Center, Cary Medical Center, The County Federal Credit Union, DFAS-Limestone, F.A. Peabody Co., Farm Credit of Maine, Katahdin Trust Company, K-Pel Industrial Services, Inc., Loring Job Corps Center, MMG Insurance, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Maine Centers for Women, Work & Community, Ryan's Heart, and Northern Prosthetics. ★

UMPI Disc Sports Club hosts dodgeball tournament

The UMPI Disc Sports Club is inviting campus and community members to take part in the inaugural National Amateur Dodgeball Association [NADA] Dodgeball Tournament, to be held from 1-5 P.M. on Sunday, May 8, in Wieden Gymnasium.

The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the club – so it can purchase more disc baskets and

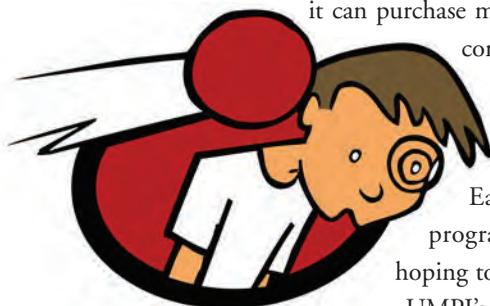
complete its disc golf course, and also so it can donate some of the funds to the Easton Girls athletic program. The group is hoping to raise \$1,000.

UMPI's Disc Sports Club, which was established as a university recognized club in the spring of 2008, has more than 30 members. Aaron Tomlinson serves as the club's advisor. The start and end point for the club's disc golf course is located at the tennis courts and stretches around the soccer fields and Merriman Hall. The club is sharing baskets in order to create a 12-hole course, but hopes to raise

enough money so it can install a full 18-hole course.

The dodgeball tournament's round robin play will begin at 1 P.M., and play-off brackets will be assigned when the round robin is complete. Each game will be three minutes in duration.

Teams must register by May 2. The cost is \$40 per team for 6 players and \$5 for every additional member. Up to 10 players per team is allowed. All team members must complete the appropriate forms and sign the safety waiver (under 18 requires a guardian signature) and be returned with entry fees. Checks should be made payable to UMPI Disc Sports Club. In addition, all team captains must attend a mandatory captain's meeting at Noon on May 8 in Wieden Gymnasium. For more information, please contact Aaron Tomlinson at 768.9474 or email him at aaron.tomlinson@umpi.edu. ★



BATTING CAGES FOR RENT

\$10 per hour per person for 1 or 2 people
\$5 per hour for 3 to 5 people
\$5 per person for 6 to 20 people and requires rental of both cages.



All rentals include instruction and assistance from UMPI players and coaches. Proceeds will help the teams with their expenses. Contact Coach Leo Saucier 768.9421, leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu for availability and scheduling. Public Rentals Available

Diversity Committee hosts talk by Dr. Dena Winslow

The Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, Dr. Dena L. Winslow, delivered a lecture, *Unraveling the Mysteries of Learning Disabilities*, at UMPI on March 28. The event was sponsored by the University's Diversity Committee as a Diversity Awareness activity.

Dr. Winslow involved the audience through several interactive activities to help the participants understanding the neurobiology of how brains learn and the impact this



Dr. Dena L. Winslow, Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, gave a talk on learning disabilities on March 28.

has on those individuals with learning disabilities. She shared with the audience that an estimated 15% of Americans have learning disabilities that affect their ability to listen, speak, read, reason, spell, or perform mathematical calculations.

Most of these problems, she said, can be overcome with training.

Dr. Winslow explained that the brain is capable of finding ways to re-wire itself to compensate for such problems as learning disabilities and even brain injuries and stroke.

Dr. Winslow encouraged participants to think of it as "neurodiversity" in which learning disabilities are part of the normal spectrum of human differences, and individuals with learning disabilities are to be accepted like any other human difference, such as race, gender, and cultural background.

Dr. Winslow was born in Caribou and grew up on a dairy and potato farm in Mapleton. She is a graduate of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Southern Maine, and the University of Maine in Orono, where she completed her Ph.D. in 2000. From 2008 to 2010, Dr. Winslow was the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board for Aroostook and Washington Counties, and is the current Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine.

For more information about learning disabilities, please visit www.ldame.org. ★

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all institutions of higher education, Second Nature has worked with over 4,000 faculty and administrators at more than 500 colleges and universities.

Before co-founding Second Nature, Cortese acquired extensive experience with environmental issues, while serving in the U.S. Public Health Services, the original EPA, followed by five years as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. He then returned to his alma mater, Tufts University, where he was the Dean of Environmental Programs. In 1989, he founded the award-winning Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute, the first effort in the United States to

incorporate environmental and sustainability perspectives into a broad spectrum and number of courses.

Cortese is also co-organizer of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which was launched in 2007 in an effort to engage college and university leadership in addressing climate issues. ACUPCC currently has 677 signatories in its network of educational institutions, including the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

A graduate of Tufts University with B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil and environmental engineering, Cortese also earned a Doctor of Science in environ-

mental health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

The Visiting Fellows Program, sponsored by The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, is designed to encourage the flow of ideas between the academic and non-academic sectors of society. The Fellows Program has operated for more than 35 years, and UMPI has been a member since fall 2001.

The University Distinguished Lecturer Series (UDLS) was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors five to six speakers who come from Maine and beyond, representing a range of disciplines and viewpoints. ★

UMPI's Geo-Ecology Club explores Iceland

UMPI Professor Kevin McCartney recently led

a group of geology students on an exploration of the geological wonders of Iceland as part of the Geo-Ecology Club's annual spring break excursion.

During the trip, the Geo-Ecology Club explored the southwestern quarter of the island. The group had five full days, which were spent in traveling a loop in each

direction, plus a day of exploration and shopping in Reykjavik. UMPI students who participated in the trip included Kayla and Sarah Ames, Alanda Godbout, Michelle Hersey, Gary Parent and Kassy Watson.

The northeast loop the group took followed the "Golden Circle," which included Pingvellir National Park. The park is situated upon the spreading



UMPI Geo-Ecology Club at Kirkjufjara Beach along the southern coast of Iceland. Pictured, left to right, Gary Parent, Michelle Hersey, Kassy Watson, Alanda Godbout, Kayla Ames, Sarah Ames and Kevin McCartney.

rift that separates the European and North American geologic plates. Near there is the geyser field that includes Strokkur, the largest active geyser in Iceland, which erupts every five or 10 minutes and reaches heights of about 30 feet. Beyond that were the spectacular waterfalls at Gullfoss.

For their southeastern loop, the group traveled along Iceland's southern

coast. This day included a visit to the Hellisheidi geothermal plant, the second largest in the world. The south coast of Iceland has many volcanoes, including Eyjafjoll which erupted last year and closed many airports throughout Europe. The rocky coastal scenery around Dyrholaey was considered the most beautiful scenery of the trip.

The northwest and southwest loops the group took included a drive up a fjord and a visit to the Blue Lagoon hot springs that are a tourist attraction associated with the runoff from a geothermal energy plant.

The Geo-Ecology Club is already planning a trip next year to Washington D.C., but hopes to visit Iceland again in three or four years. ★

Students offer successful UMPI: CSI event

Campus and community members had a chance to try their hand at crime scene investigation during *UMPI:CSI*, which was held on March 15 and was sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Criminal Justice majors.

Organizers worked with two of the region's police detectives to put on the event, which involved recreating an actual crime scene and having people work in groups to review the scene, look for clues, and make a conclusion about what happened. Detective Adam R. Stoutamyer of the Maine State Police, Criminal Investigation Division III, and Detective Bill Scull of the Presque Isle Police Department oversaw activities.



Detective Bill Scull shows how fingerprints are taken.

The event also included information stations where participants learned techniques, such as how fingerprints are taken and how footprints are extracted from a crime scene. The Maine State Police Criminal Investigations Division Mobile Crime Scene Unit van served as one of those information stations. At the end of the event, participants found out what actually happened. The crime scene was based on an actual event that took place in Aroostook County.

The event allowed Criminal Justice students to do hands-on activities related to their degrees, showcase their program to the campus and community, and share with people some of the work that happens in the criminal justice field. ★



State Trooper Michael Johnston

Johnston receives Distinguished Recent Alumni Award

The Alumni Board of Directors has announced that a Maine State Trooper has been named the recipient of its 2011 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award.

Michael P. Johnston, a Maine State Trooper with the Maine State Police Troop E in Orono, Maine, was presented with the Distinguished Recent Alumni Award during the University

Day luncheon on Wednesday, April 13, in the Campus Center.

Johnston graduated from the University in December 2001 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and was salutatorian of his class. His commitment to learning, especially the discipline of criminal justice, was noted by Dr. Richard Ayre, who nominated Johnston for the honor. "Michael was not only an outstanding student here, he was, in many respects, the kind of student a college professor encounters once in a generation" said Ayre.

After earning his degree at UMPI, Michael attended the Maine State Police Academy where he graduated as valedictorian of his class in 2002. Since that time, he has earned numerous professional certifications, completed extensive forensic and general training programs, and represented the Maine State Police on several committees related to law enforcement.

In 2005 and 2009, Johnston was named Trooper of the Troop for Troop E. He was named the 2009 Trooper of the Year for the State of Maine, an award initiated by troop command staff.

In addition to his regular duties, Johnston's specialties include serving as the primary motor vehicle law instructor for the Maine State Police Academy and for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Program. According to Ayre, teaching at the Academy is an honor in itself as instructors are required to develop the courses they teach and go through an extensive vetting process before they can teach the course. Johnston is also an Evidence Recovery Technician with the Maine State Police Evidence Response Team and a Field Training Officer.

During his career, Johnston has been very active in community service, from speaking to retirement community members regarding phone and e-mail scams, to speaking about child safety issues and "cruiser tours" with young students.

His professional success prompted the Alumni Board of Directors to honor Johnston with this year's recent alumni award.

"Since graduating from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Michael has exemplified the goals and ideals that higher education seeks to instill in all those who choose its path," said Keith Madore, Director of Alumni Relations. "Michael has made some excellent achievements in just a few short years as a Maine State Trooper, including recognition as the 2009 Trooper of the Year for the State of Maine. If the past is any indication of the future, the State will be well served by him for years to come. The University is proud to call Michael one of our own."

The Distinguished Recent Alumni Award is given to a graduate who has been out of college between 2-12 years and has distinguished himself or herself in his or her career or service to community. Past honorees include Scott Boucher '00, Craig Cormier '06, Bryan Thompson '03, Erika Valtinson '05, and Neal Labrie '97. This is the sixth time the award was presented during University Day, an event that heightens student awareness of the work being done by peers and how that work applies to service and the professional life of a community. ★

Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibitions 2011 schedule

Nine UMPI students will display their works during week-long shows held between April 15 and May 20 as part of the 2011 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibitions, hosted at the Reed Gallery. The exhibition schedule is as follows:

April 15-21 **Sean Smith**, sculpture RECEPTION will be Friday, April 15, 5-7 p.m.

April 22-28 **Lynn Cote**, painting; **Laurel Green**, photography RECEPTION will be Friday, April 22, 5-7 p.m.

April 29-May 5 **Shelly Hanson**, painting; **Clifford McDonald**, drawing and painting RECEPTION will be Friday, April 29, 5-7 p.m.

May 6-12 **Demerese Montgomery**, photography;

Elizabeth Sawyer, painting RECEPTION will be Friday, May 6, 5-7 p.m.

May 13-20 **Chastity Bernier**, photography; **Dione Skidgel**, photography RECEPTION will be Friday, May 13, 5-7 p.m.

FMI contact Dr. Leo-Paul Cyr at 768.9609, or Reed Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck at 768.9611. The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and university holidays. ★

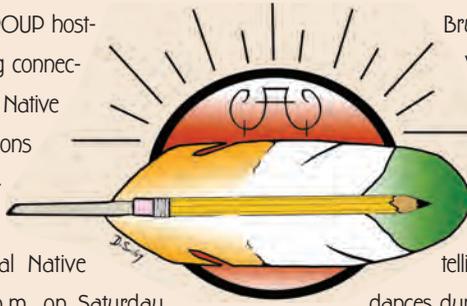
STUDENTS HOST NATIVE APPRECIATION DAY

STUDENTS FROM UMPI'S NATIVE VOICES GROUP hosted a day-long event meant to develop strong connections between higher education and the Native American/First Nations indigenous populations by setting aside a day on campus that focuses on their culture and traditions.

The group hosted the Fourth Annual Native Appreciation Day from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, in Wieden Hall. The free event was supported by Project Compass.

About 150 people attended the first year's event, and about 400 attended the event in 2010. Nicholas Paul, spokesperson for Native Voices, said the student group was pleased to include the addition of a competition powwow to the day's activities.

Native Appreciation Day was conceived in late 2007 by David Perley, a councilor with the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick, and a lecturer for the University of Maine, the University of New



Brunswick, and St. Thomas University. Native Voices since has carried on the tradition.

The event served as a way for the University and the Native communities to meet, mingle and learn, and included a basket making demonstration by Donna Sanipass, storytelling with John Bear Mitchell, and traditional social dances during the day with Brenda Lazado.

An afternoon and evening of traditional dancing competitions began at Noon with a Grand Entry and Opening Ceremonies. Dance categories included: Senior Women, Senior Men, Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Teen Girls, Teen Boys, Women and Men. All of these categories had separate Traditional and Fancy/Jingle competitions. There also was a Tiny Tots category for the youngest participants.

Following dinner, which was sponsored by Project Compass and Native Voices, tie breaker competitions were held and prizes were awarded. ★

Felini showcases work at NYC ARTexchange

UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art **Renee Felini** travelled to New York City to share her artwork in the ARTexchange presented in conjunction with the College Art Association (CAA) 99th Annual Conference. The CAA celebrated the second year of the ARTexchange with a one-night event held on Feb. 11.

According to its website, CAA includes among its members those who by vocation or avocation are concerned about and/or committed to the practice of art, teaching, and research of and about the visual arts and humanities. Over 14,000 artists, art historians, scholars, curators, collectors, educators, art publishers, and other visual-arts professionals are individual members.

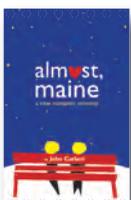
Professor Felini was selected as one of 50 participants to share her work in the CAA event. As with the PechaKucha night in Waterville, where Felini also shared her artwork during October 2010, the objective of the ARTexchange was to support a growing trend in the art world where art is recognized for its scholarly, cultural, and societal importance over its economic value.

No sale of artwork was permitted at the ARTexchange. It was open and free to the public. All artists were in attendance to present their work and engage in dialogue with the viewers. Participants had to develop innovative displays, as most were travelling long distances to reach the destination with the work they chose to share in



the open forum. Additionally, each artist was provided just the space on, above, and beneath a six-foot table to exhibit their work, without access to any electrical outlets or specialized lighting.

Professor Felini welcomed the challenge, as it encouraged her to be creative and experiment with new ways to showcase her artwork. Both the PechaKucha Waterville and ARTexchange NYC events also allowed her to reach large audiences to share her ideas and life's work. ★



Thank You to all faculty, staff, students, and community members who helped to make almost, maine a Success! The Friday and Saturday performances were sold-out shows. Thank you for joining us as we kicked off the **Wieden Auditorium Renovation project** with all proceeds from the shows going to benefit the project.

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Owls Softball Return From Successful Spring Trip

The University of Maine at Presque Isle **SOFTBALL TEAM** concluded their 2011 spring trip to North Myrtle Beach, S.C. with a 1-2 showing on Tuesday afternoon. The Lady Owls dropped the first game of the day against Penn State Altoona, 14-6, before splitting a doubleheader against Penn State Beaver, 9-1 (loss) and 6-5 (extra innings win). After the three-game day, the Owls improve to 3-6 on the season.

"We really came together as a team in that last game," stated Coach Cummings, "and to pull out the dramatic win in your 9th game in four days was extra impressive."

Carolyn Tuck was selected to the All-Tournament Team for her performance.

"It was a very successful trip," commented Head Coach Terry Cummings en route back to Presque Isle, "everyone contributed this week, and I feel that we will be better prepared for Sunrise Conference play as a result of the quality of teams we played during our time here. Also, being able to head back north with a 3-6 record is a great start to our 2011 season." The Owls returned to the diamond on Saturday, March 19th, in a doubleheader match-up against the Lady Mariners of Maine Maritime Academy where the Lady Owls earned the 6-5 victory in the 8th inning of the first game, then dropped a 6-1 decision in the second contest of the afternoon. With the split, the Owls moved to 4-7 on the season. ★



Sophomore Kellie Peers

Owls split doubleheader with Gordon College, earn second win of season

The University of Maine at Presque Isle **BASEBALL TEAM** split in a doubleheader against Gordon College on Monday, March 28. The Owls moved to 2-13 on the year.

In the first game of the afternoon, the Owls battled to a 6-4 loss. The game went back and forth between both ball clubs, before the Scots solidified the lead and eventually earned the victory.

The Owls earned six hits in the game, and were led by **MATT NADEAU** (Auburn, ME) who finished 2-3 from the plate with three RBIs. **SCOTT THORNE** (Dalhousie, NB) and **TED WALKER** (Caribou, ME) singled, while **CARLOS VILLORIA** (Caracas, Venezuela) went 2-4 with two singles.

Freshman hurler, **JORDAN PERRY** (Baileysville, ME) earned the loss from the mound in six innings of work. Perry allowed six earned runs, while striking out two and walking three batters in the effort.

In the second game of the afternoon, the UMPI Owls gained their second win of their 2011 season. Freshman pitcher, **ANDREW CARTER** (Charlos, NB) was solid on the mound as he led the charge against the Flying Scots. Carter completed seven innings from the mound, allowing three earned runs in nine innings of work; striking out four batters and walking six in the Owl victory. **ANDY BROWN** (Princeton, ME) came in as relief with nobody out and two runners on in the bottom of the eighth inning; Brown struck out the first two hitters he faced and earned the third out on a ground-out to second. Brown then pitched the ninth inning to earn the win. The Owls were lead by short stop **EVAN KINGSBURY** (Frankfort, ME), who finished 3-4 in the game, including having the game-winning RBI double. ★

Upcoming OAPI Event

Saturday, April 30

Zip Line Adventure

in Grand Falls, N.B., 10 a.m.

For more information or to register, contact Kim McCrea, 768.9401



Sports! Sports! Sports!

Players of the Week

Congratulations to these spring athletes for being named Players/Pitchers of the Week in the Sunrise Conference for the week of March 21, 2011

Softball

CAROLYNN TUCK (Jr. Physical Education Major – Brewer, ME) was named Sunrise Conference Player of the week after leading the Owls to a 1-1 week. The junior outfielder posted a .600 batting average for the two contests including going 3-3 in a 6-5 win over Maine Maritime Academy; Tuck recorded a pair of doubles and two RBIs.

KRISTA COFFIN (Fr. Athletic Training Major - Presque Isle, ME) was named Sunrise Conference Pitcher of the Week after the Owl's win over Maine Maritime Academy. Coffin 12-hit the Mariners, only allowing five runs on the outing and walking two batters.

Baseball

ANDREW CARTER – (Fr. Physical Education Major- Charlo, NB) was

named Sunrise Conference Player of the Week after his .625 batting effort in the Owl's 19-0 win over Penn State Worthington. The Owl's pitcher and designated hitter went 2-4 with two runs, two RBIs, and a stolen base on the contest. In a 6-3 loss to King's College later in the week, Carter recorded three hits and one run.

JORDAN PERRY (Fr. Criminal Justice Major- Baileyville, ME) was named Sunrise Conference Pitcher of the Week after his dominating performance in the Owl's 19-0 shut-out of Penn State Worthington. The freshman pitcher struck out 11 batters and allowed just one hit and two walks in seven innings to earn the first win of his career in an Owl's uniform. Perry was also named WAGM Player of the Week after earning his first collegiate win from the mound. ★

UMPI XC annual Spring Run Off 5K Run, Walk & Relay a success

UMPI hosted its 31st annual Spring Run Off 5K Run, Walk, and Relay Road Race on April 9. This race was the second in the County Challenge Series and served as a fundraiser for the UMPI Cross Country team. Thank you to all those who participated and helped make the UMPI XC team's annual fundraiser a success! 113 people from the community participated in this year's run! Special thanks to students Carly Langlely, Abdi Jibril, Kyle Corrigan, Chris Cosenze, Ryan Jones, Rashell Saucier for their work at the race. Thanks to all – see you again next year! This event was sponsored by the UMPI Cross Country team, Aroostook Beverage, River Run Deli, and Pepsi Bottling Group and was directed by UMPI Cross Country Coach Chris Smith who is in his 23rd as the director of this particular race. All proceeds benefitted the UMPI Cross Country team. ★

Ramsey has solid performance at NCAA Championship

UMPI Nordic skier, WELLY RAMSEY (New Sharon, ME), had a strong race in the 10K Freestyle competition of the 2011 NCAA Skiing National Championships hosted by UVM at Trapp Family Lodge and Stowe Mountain Resort. ■ Ramsey skied to a

24th finish overall, posting a time of 27:25.9, a very solid race for his first NCAA Championships. Ramsey, only a freshman, positioned UMPI in 12th place out of 17 teams competing in the Men's Nordic championships; ahead of UNH and Michigan Tech. and tied

with Colby College, who had two skiers in the race. Ramsey was also ahead of perennial powerhouse, Middlebury College, an impressive feat considering the Panthers had two racers in the men's field. ■ Ramsey finished in 29th place on Friday, March 11,

posting a time of 1:09:31.0 for the course. As the sole participant for his team, Ramsey carried UMPI to a 20th overall finish. ■ With these races, Ramsey completed his rookie campaign as a NCAA Championship participant. Congratulations and great job Welly! ★

Sports!

Scholar Athlete Awards

Congratulations to our UMPI Owls for their continued success on and off the courts/playing fields. ■ For Sunrise Conference recognition, each student has maintained a cumulative **GPA of 3.50 or better** and has completed at least 32 credit hours at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. For national recognition, the student is of junior status or above in academic standing and has maintained a cumulative **GPA of 3.50 or better.** ■ UMPI athletes **JUSTINE CYR, PATRICK MANIFOLD** and **KATHLEEN HIGGINS** were also named Most Outstanding Scholar Athletes in the Sunrise Conference, for having the highest cumulative GPA among the athletes in their respective sport.

Women's Soccer

CHELSEA BOUDREAU (Sr. AT major - Wallace, NS) National & Sunrise Scholar

JACQUELYN RAYMOND (Jr. Behavioral Science/Psych major - Ashland, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

CAROLYNN TUCK (Jr. PE major - Brewer, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

TAYLOR USSERY (So. Bus. Management major - La Verne, CA) Sunrise Scholar

Women's Cross Country

****JUSTINE CYR** (Jr. Biology major - Fort Kent, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar – Most Outstanding Sunrise Conference Scholar Athlete

KATI CHRISTOFFEL (So. AT major - Clifton Park, NY) National & Sunrise Scholar

JANELLE GAGNON (JR. Bus. Management major - Caribou, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

Men's Cross Country

JUSTIN FERESHETIAN (Jr. PE major - Turner, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

SAMUEL JOHNSON (Jr. Criminal Justice major - South Berwick, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

MICHAEL LECLAIR (Sr. Secondary Ed major - Winslow, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

Volleyball

MEGAN KORHONEN (Sr. PE major - Littleton, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

Men's Soccer

KYLE CORRIGAN (Jr. Bus. Management major - Caribou, ME) Sunrise Scholar

Men's Golf

PAUL RUCCI (Sr. AT major - Millinocket, ME) Sunrise Scholar

RANDY WHITMORE (Sr. PE major - Milford, ME) Sunrise Scholar

Women's Basketball

MEGAN KORHONEN (Sr. PE major - Littleton, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

EMILY MOORE (JR. Psychology major - Lisbon, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

EMILY PELLETIER (So. AT major - Fort Kent, ME) Sunrise Scholar

Men's Basketball

****PATRICK MANIFOLD** (So. Bus. Management major - Great Yarmouth, UK) Sunrise Scholar - Most Outstanding Sunrise Conference Scholar Athlete

KYLE CORRIGAN (JR. Bus. Management major - Caribou, ME) National & Sunrise Scholar

BRADLEY TRASK (So. Biology major - Easton, ME) Sunrise Scholar

Softball

****KATHLEEN HIGGINS** (Jr. AT major - Cole Harbour, NS) Sunrise Most Outstanding Scholar

CASSANDRA GREEN (Jr. Secondary Ed. Major - Truro, NS) Sunrise Scholar

CAROLYNN TUCK (Jr. PE major - Brewer, ME) Sunrise Scholar

MEGAN KORHONEN (Sr. PE major - Littleton, ME) Sunrise Scholar

EMILY MOORE (Jr. Psychology major - Lisbon, ME) Sunrise Scholar ★

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Child-soldier Michel Chikwanine leaves UMPI with powerful message

The University of Maine at Presque Isle and 150 attendees welcomed Congo native Michel Chikwanine on April 4 in the Campus Center for a special presentation. A former child-soldier, Michel grew up amid



the terror of the Great War of Africa that claimed the lives of 5.8 million people, including his father. Michel was forced to

leave his home and become a refugee at age 11. Today, he is an accomplished motivational speaker, addressing audiences across North America. Michel has spoken to over 100,000 people leaving audiences with a new perspective on life, a sense of hope through social responsibility, and a desire for change.

Kinsey Sicks event a success

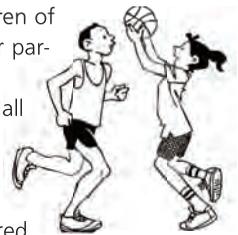
Over 200 students, faculty, staff, and community members packed into Wieden Auditorium to see The Kinsey Sicks, the Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet, on March 29. As promised, The Kinsey Sicks



delivered a night full of a *cappella* singing and comedy. The evening's performance was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Cultural Events Committee, Diversity Committee, Gay-Straight Alliance, and Student Organization of Social Work.

UMPI students help make 13th annual Fit and Fun Day a success

On April 2, children of all ages and their parents traveled to UMPI's Gentile Hall to participate in the 13th annual Fit and Fun Day, an event sponsored by the University of Maine at Presque Isle's Physical Education Majors Club. Fit and Fun Day invites community members to come to campus for two hours of non-stop, adrenaline pumping activities. A perfect way to kick-off the spring season, Fit and Fun Day helps children and adults realize that fitness isn't just about exercise, it's about having fun, too!



Faculty Noon Seminar continues at UMPI

UMPI's Faculty Noon Seminar Series will continue on April 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge when Dr. Tomasz Herzog presents *Empire of Illusion? America's Problem with Contemporary Public Discourse*. According to Herzog, "As one commentator wrote recently: 'We can't win the future by ceding the present and romanticizing the past.' To do that, America needs a new, nonpartisan, public discourse that will not only help prevent it from further eroding but, in the long run, also help reinvigorate the ideals underpinning the American Dream and a flourishing civil society." Herzog's presentation will address, from a social sciences stance, the issues that might be, or need to be, the core of a new American public discourse. The purpose of the Faculty Noon Seminar Series is to foster awareness of research and teaching activities taking place

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continued from page 10 on campus and to provide a forum for dissemination between faculty members. The series also offers the opportunity to network and encourage transdisciplinary scholarly activity. As a campus wide forum, students, faculty and administrative staff are invited to present their work during the seminar series. For more information about the Faculty Noon Seminar Series, contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768.9749.

Annual Senior Class Dinner and Auction held

UMPI's Senior Class of 2011 hosted their annual dinner and auction on April 20 in the university's Campus Center. The auction began after the dinner



was completed. Items from this year's auction included: 3-day car rental

from Ace Rent-A-Car, 2-night stay at Portage Lakeside Cabins, seasons pass to Big Rock, Barb Lambert's famous peanut butter fudge, and Portland Sea Dogs tickets. All proceeds raised from this event went towards the 2011 graduation activities and stoles. For more information about future senior class fundraising events, please contact Keith Madore at 768.9568.

McCartney's work presented

UMPI Professor Kevin McCartney is co-author of two abstracts for talks being presented at the 4th Joint Meeting of the Silicofossil and Palynology Groups of The Micropalaeontological Society being held at the University of Tromsø, in Norway. *Upper Cretaceous stratigraphical and paleontological records from the Arctic Platform and*



Sverdrup Basin, Canadian High Arctic: prospects for future detailed studies of Cretaceous paleoenvironmental changes and Siliceous microfossils from Kanguk Formation outcrops on Devon Island— a neverending Late Cretaceous story resulted from research performed during Kevin's sabbatical in the Fall of 2009 and are being presented by his University of Nebraska – Lincoln and University of Warsaw colleagues (David M. Harwood and Jakub Witkowski).

Houlton Higher Education Center participates in Clothesline & Shawl Project

UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center again participated in the Clothesline & Shawl Project on April 4 to honor of Sexual Assault



Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. For more information about this event call 532.3000.

Ms UMPI contest a success

Students, faculty, staff, and community members made their way to Wieden Auditorium on April 7 to see what they hoped would be an entertaining show, and they got just that. An opening number choreographed

UMPI's Jim Stepp receives award

Congratulations go out to UMPI's Director of Residence Life, Jim Stepp, for being honored as he was awarded the District Award of Merit by the North Star District of the Boy Scouts. Stepp received the award for his work as a Genealogy and Astronomy Merit Badge Counselor, a Board of Review member, and for being "Jim Stepp the Science Guy" for the past 8 years at the Cub Scout Day camp. This is the highest award that the district gives out to volunteers. *Congratulations Jim!* ★



Jim Stepp (left) receives award from the Boy Scouts' North Star District.

by Danielle Humphrey, Brittany Humphrey, and Stephanie Pemberton, started the event off right. Contestants Ben Costello, Bryan Jennings, Josh Williams, Josh MacKinnon, Rich Felbaum, Chris Moore, Seth Dorr and Chad Parker had the audience laughing from beginning to end. For their efforts, the senior class raised \$750 to go towards their graduation activities and stoles. Congratulations go out to Rich Felbaum for earning the title of Most Photogenic,

Chad Parker and Seth Dorr for both being named 1st Runners-up, and a big congratulations goes to Josh MacKinnon for being named Ms UMPI 2011. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a success including: Keith Madore; Jennie Savage; judges Charles Johnson, Candace Roy and Sharon Roix; auditor Heather Craig; and stage help Bonnie DeVaney. For more information on upcoming senior class fundraisers, contact Keith Madore at 768.9568. ★

Congratulations, Stephanie March Student of the Month

Stephanie Corriveau, is a Biology major from Van Buren. Stephanie has many achievements including being named to the Dean's List, serving as a staff writer for the UTimes, and being a member of Phi Eta Sigma. She has traveled to other parts of the state to participate in two Short Courses at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory and in a Mini-Medical School Program at the Maine Medical Center. Stephanie is friendly and always willing to help students and staff. She also gives back to her community. She is a certified EMT, and has helped out at the local nursing home and at a regional animal shelter. *Congratulations Stephanie!*



activities 4.25.2011 – 5.14.2011

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

★ **Kappa Delta Phi**,

6pm, CC118

TUESDAYS

★ **Newman Club**,

7pm, CC 118 ■

Presque Isle Student

Ministries, Bible

Study, 8pm, Alumni

Room

WEDNESDAYS

★ **Fellowship of**

Christian Athletes,

7pm, Alumni Room

THURSDAYS

★ **Student**

Organization of

Social Workers,

12:30pm, CC118 ■

Campus Crusade for

Christ, 7pm, CC118

FRIDAYS

★ **Gay-Straight**

Alliance, 12:30pm,

Library, Room 201,

768.9604 ■ **OAPI**,

1pm., Gentile Hall,

OAPI Office ■

Campus Activities

Board, 1pm, Alumni

Room

APRIL 26

Student Senate Meeting 12:40-2

p.m., Alumni Room

APRIL 27

Movie Night *Post Grad*, 7 & 9

p.m., Wieden Auditorium, April

Sue 768.9582

APRIL 28

Faculty Noon Seminar Tomasz

Herzog, *Empire of illusion?*

America's problem with contem-

porary public discourse, 12:30-

1:30 p.m., Normal Hall Faculty

Lounge, Lynn Eldershaw

768.9749

APRIL 30

Zip Line Adventure in Grand

Falls, N.B., 10 a.m., 768.9401

MAY 3

Athletic Awards Ceremony 5:30

p.m., Campus Center MPR, FMI

Levesque 768.9506 ■ **Women's**

Climbing Night 6-8 p.m., Gentile

Hall, Kim McCrea 768.9401

MAY 4

Spring Fiesta MOVIE NIGHT,

student choice, on the lawn/

driveway (pending weather)

MAY 5

Student Appreciation Barbecue

11:30-1 p.m. ■ **Cinco de Mayo**

POETRY READING 7 p.m., MPR

■ **Cinco de Mayo** STREET

DANCE 9:30 p.m., tennis courts

MAY 6

Last Day of Classes ■ **Spring**

Fiesta FUN DAY, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Karaoke, Indoor Laser Tag, T-

shirt Decorating, Henna

Tattoo/Designs, Sand Art + more

■ **UMPI's Got Talent**, 7 p.m.,

Wieden Auditorium

MAY 7

Music Fest 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (tenta-

tive) Wieden Lawn or Auditorium

■ **Natalie Stovall Concert** 8 p.m.,

Wieden Gymnasium, April Sue

768.9582 ■ **Outdoor Rock**

Climbing in Acadia National

Park, 768.9401

MAY 9

UMPI Community Band Concert

■ **Final Exams Begin**

MAY 12

Final Exams End

MAY 14

Commencement



Four members of the UMPI community participated in the March 19 Arooski Ski Tour—an all-day tour of seven Nordic ski trails in Aroostook County. Pictured, left to right: Joey Bard, Bonnie Wood, Justine Cyr, and Rachael Hannah. Bard and Cyr are members of UMPI's Nordic Ski Team while Wood and Hannah are biology professors. The event was organized by Mike Smith, Director of Healthy Hometowns, Maine Winter Sports Center.

Biology faculty, students participate in MDIBL Symposium

Three UMPI biology majors, accompanied by Dr. Rachael Hannah and Dr. Bonnie Wood, participated in the 38th Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory on April 15 and 16. ■ On the first day of the Symposium, Stephanie Corriveau, Taylor-Jo Quint and Dan Sheffield gave a poster presentation entitled *Exploring Bioinformatics with Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms of CYP2C19 and ACTN3: An INBRE UMPI/UMFK Bioinformatics & Molecular Biology Short Course*. Their presentation was based on work they did at an October 2010 Short Course at the MDI Laboratory. ■ On the second day of the Symposium Dr Rachael Hannah spoke to the audience about *Dynamic Regulation of Cerebral Arteriole Diameter by Potassium Channels: The Difference between Life and Death*. She described her research as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Vermont as well as her plans for summer research at the MDI Lab and that she hopes to continue at UMPI. ■ This year's Symposium was attended by 200 people and included four sessions of talks and three poster sessions all packed with presentations by researchers, graduate students, and undergraduates from all over Maine. Dr. Bonnie Wood serves on the Organizing Committee for the Symposium and can be contacted for more information at bonnie.s.wood@umpi.edu. ★

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