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Class of '98 Commencement

The University of Southern Maine will award diplomas to more than 900 graduates of the approximately 1400 students eligible to graduate, and present honors to three community leaders and three retired faculty, at Commencement ceremonies scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, May 16, in the Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland. In addition, 10 members of the Class of 1948 also will be marching in the commencement ceremonies as part of their 50-year celebration.

William Ryan, chairman, president and CEO of Peoples Heritage Financial Group, Inc., will give the Commencement address and receive the Distinguished Achievement Award. Civic leaders Frances Peabody and Donald E. Nicoll will receive Distinguished Service Awards. Retired faculty members Jerry Bowder, professor of music, Henry S. Monsen, professor of sociology, and Charles E. Armentrout, associate professor of physics will receive recognition as emeriti faculty (see story).



Bill Ryan of Peoples Heritage Bank will be Commencement Speaker.

Gretchen A. Anglund of Glastonbury, CT, a history major, will give the student commencement speech. Anglund has been a Presidential Scholar at USM, a member of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi, and winner of the 1997 Outstanding Senior award. She has served as president of the USM Honors Student Association and student member of the Honors Program Faculty Board, and treasurer/charter member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. With other Honors Program students, she raised money for the group to attend a national honors conference, where she presented a paper. She also was editorial assistant for the Maine Scholar, the journal published by the Honors Programs of Maine. Anglund returned to college as a non-traditional student at USM in 1995 after several years of traveling around the country and working in the Northwest made her realize the importance of a university education.

Commencement Speaker Ryan joined Peoples Heritage, which is headquartered in Portland, in 1989 with some 25 years of banking experience. Peoples Heritage Financial Group is a \$5.5 billion bank and financial services holding company operating in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Prior to joining Peoples Heritage, Ryan served as president of the Bank of New England North and as executive vice president for the Bank of New England in Boston. He serves as a member of Governor King's Maine Task Force on Interstate Banking and Branching, as a director of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Maine, Machigonne, Inc., the New England Education Loan Marketing Corporation, Central Maine Power Company of Maine, Maine Chamber and Business Alliance, and trustee of the Portland Museum of Art, and serves on many other boards of directors as well. He is a graduate of St. Francis College in New York and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Ryan

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Zillman Finishes Term as Dean

Donald Zillman, who has served the University of Maine School of Law as dean since January, 1991, will be stepping down at the end of June. Zillman also was the school's first Edward Godfrey Professor of Law and will continue to hold that endowed chair, named for the school's first dean, Edward Godfrey.

"Don's tenure as dean of the School of Law has been a reflection of Don Zillman the person," Provost Mark Lapping said. "It has been typified by engagement, an unqualified respect and affection for students, a passion for scholarship and ideas, honesty and great generosity. While Don steps down as dean, we are all delighted that he will remain on the faculty as the Godfrey Professor of Law. We look forward to many more years of Don's contributions to the school and the university," Lapping said.

Zillman's tenure as dean saw many initiatives, the foremost being the establishment of the annual Coffin lecture series. This free public lecture series on issues of interest to the Maine legal community has brought six prominent members of the national legal community to local audiences, among them U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and most recently, Robert Reich, author and former secretary of labor. The series honors Judge Frank M. Coffin, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and a longtime supporter of the University of Maine School of Law.

As dean, he has been responsible for building support among alumni and the political and legal community in the state. As a scholar, he is coauthor of five books, among them "Maine Tort Law," "Constitutional Law for the Civilian Soldier," and "Energy Law," and has written book chapters, over 50 journal articles, and

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Susan Robinson, Roxanna York, Frederick Degenhardt, Gordon Harvey and James Doucette of USM Printing Services were awarded eight honorable mentions and two third-place citations in the 1998 Printing Excellence Program sponsored by the Maine Graphic Arts Association. *Alessi photo*

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will receive USM's Distinguished Achievement Award.

Over the past dozen years, Frances Peabody, who will be awarded a Distinguished Service Award during Commencement ceremonies, has been best known for her work with the AIDS Project (TAP), that she co-founded in 1985 follow the death of a grandson. The project now provides services to more than 250 Mainers. Peabody House, the AIDS hospice center, was created in 1995 and named in her honor. Over a remarkably productive lifetime, Peabody, now 95, also has provided leadership in historic and art preservation. She has served Greater Portland Landmarks, where she is a trustee emerita, as well as the Maine Historical Society, the Victoria Society of Maine, and the Portland Museum of Art. She oversaw the restoration of Portland's Tate House and was involved in similar projects through the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. She also has served as a board member of the Sweetser Children's Home, where she is an honorary life member.

Don Nicoll has been a key aide for some of Maine's and the nation's most highly regarded public figures and has volunteered on numerous special

commissions and task forces over almost 45 years of public service. Nicoll began his career in the early days of television as a news reporter in Lewiston. He then was recruited to serve as executive secretary of the Maine Democratic Party. From the early 1960s to the 1970s, Nicoll served in Washington as a top aide to Congressman (later Judge) Frank Coffin, and then to Senator Edmund S. Muskie. He returned to Maine representing Maine Medical Center as vice president for planning and public affairs during a critical growth period. As a volunteer, Nicoll led two state government restructuring commissions, four statewide health and mental health policy and planning councils, served on the executive committee of the Maine Hospital Association, chaired the Mental Health Systems Assessment Commission, and led the board of directors of the Foundation for Blood Research. He served as president of the Japan America Society of Maine, and now serves as chair of the Board of Visitors of USM's Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service. Nicoll also has served on the Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission and the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste.

Also to be recognized at Commencement are recipients of the distinguished service awards for staff. Susan Campbell, this year's Distinguished Professional Staff Award recipient, has gained a reputation in her nearly 20 years of service to the university as one who is able to get things done while encouraging and supporting those around her to achieve at their highest levels.

Campbell, who earned her master's degree in adult education at USM in 1980 and her Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts in 1994, has served USM as the coordinator of New Student Programs, the director of Summer Session, as an assistant to the dean at Lewiston-Auburn College, as the director of Admissions and Advising Services, and currently as the director of Advising. She is credited with developing three successful off-campus centers, with developing a concentration in student affairs within the graduate education program, with heightening awareness of the importance of advising, and with improving the retention rate of undeclared and conditionally admitted students.

Patricia M. Marston, an administrative assistant in the Portland Library, is recipient of the Distinguished Classified Staff Award. She is known for her professionalism, intelligence, and affable personality. This year

alone, Marston volunteered and helped with developing new student library tours, the Student Life Parking Lot Welcoming Receptions, the Student Groove Festival, and the Albert Brenner Glickman Family Library rededication ceremony. Marston came to USM in June 1990 from Jordan Small Elementary School in Raymond where she managed the elementary school's library. She worked for five years at USM's Gorham campus library before moving to the Portland campus library in 1995. She served as the library's first-ever bookkeeper for two years before taking her current position as an administrative assistant in the library. Last summer, she also served as the coordinator of the summer reading program at Steep Falls Public Library. While working full-time at USM, she earned an associate's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in early childhood education here in 1995. Marston also is the chair of the Classified Staff Senate, and a member of the University Planning and Budget Advisory Council (UPBAC). As a member of the Maine Library Association she helped develop a new annual Maine journalism award for the best story on libraries in the state, and helped establish the guidelines for the creation of a new website for the association.

Due to limited parking downtown, buses will be available at the Portland Campus Center to shuttle all who wish to park on campus to the Civic Center, between 7 and 8:30 a.m., returning to campus at noon.

Ceremonies for graduates of the University of Maine School of Law, a unit of USM, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at Merrill Auditorium, Portland.

For more information on USM's Commencement, please call USM at 780-5106.

Reunion Weekend

The Alumni Weekend will be held Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 this year. A highlight of the weekend will be dedication of the Costello Athletic Complex in honor of the many years of service rendered to USM by Dick and Melissa Costello, the former athletic director and professor of education, respectively, at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 20. For more information about weekend events, call 780-4110.

Greek Life Report

A formal review of Greek life, prompted by a number of complaints last fall, has been completed, and Vice President for Student Development Judy Ryan has issued a final report, based on recommendations made by a task force.

Ryan says her goal has been to capitalize on what is good about the Greek system, while minimizing future problems. Complaints from Gorham residents emphasized excessive noise and the use of alcohol. "We need to work more closely with them," Ryan said about the Greek organizations. "But we also will be asking the Greeks to do a lot of work that they are not doing now."

The administration has asked USM's eight fraternities and sororities to submit a letter of intent to the university by September 1, indicating their willingness to comply with Ryan's action plan. Chapters that do not agree may forfeit university recognition.

The action plan calls for members of the Greek houses to adopt a policy that prohibits the use of alcohol at all social events, including alumni events, on chapter property, and for the Greek organizations to bring GPAs up to that of their on-campus counterparts. The average G.P.A. for resident students under the age of 22 during the fall semester was 2.631, Ryan said. This compares to a 2.438 G.P.A. of all Greeks for the same period. While retention and graduation rates of Greek students have not been tracked, Ryan said that it is significant to note that other groups, such as athletes, tend to matriculate more successfully through the system. Athletes as a group (there are about 450) had a 2.86 G.P.A. in the fall semester.

This fall a part-time staff person will be hired as a Greek life advisor, and a full-time substance abuse counselor will be provided on the Gorham campus to offer educational programs and individual counseling to students.

The task force noted that many Greek organizations perform community service, and the report highlighted many positive aspects of Greek life.

To reduce clashes between the Greeks and their residential neighbors, the Gorham Police Department has assigned police officers to the five Greek houses in Gorham to establish better rapport with members.

Ryan hopes the Greek Life review is the first step toward ongoing dialogue with these organizations.

Emeriti Faculty Honored

Three retired faculty members, Jerry Bowder, professor of music, Henry S. Monsen, professor of sociology, and Charles E. Armentrout, associate professor of physics, will be recognized at Commencement for achievement of emeritus status. Emeritus status recognizes significant contributions to the university and community and encourages continued service from these valued colleagues. Emeriti faculty are nominated by their departments and approved by their deans, the provost and president. Emeritus status is then conferred by Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart.

Armentrout retired last August after serving USM with distinction for 37 years. He was originally sent to Portland by the Physics Department at the University of Maine to establish a physics program at USM when it was a satellite campus of UM. A past chair of physical sciences and engineering, Armentrout, who earned an M.A. in physics from Wesleyan University and an M.S. in radiological physics from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, also served USM for years as university radiation officer and as chair of the Portland physical sciences building committee. During his many years at USM, he provided a range of very practical service as well, from installing a programmable light system in the planetarium to physical outfitting of the department laboratories. His professional research was on atmospheric electricity and on null type experiments to detect gravitation fifth-force, a topic he published on as well. Armentrout served the public community as a consultant and expert witness on the physics of automobile collisions.

Bowder came to USM's Music Department in 1960 after studying composition with well-known composers at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, where he earned his Ph.D. He himself has composed numerous works, performed by the Eastman-Rochester Philharmonic, the Manhattan School of Music Orchestra, Portland and Bangor Symphony Orchestras, among others. He was selected for a fellowship from the National Endowment of Arts and Humanities in 1972 and was named Maine Bicentennial Composer in 1976.

In 1969, Monsen was appointed associate professor to build a department of Sociology out of the Discipline of Sociology and Social Work, a

subdivision of the Division of Social Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Texas and was an assistant professor at the University of Houston before coming to USM. His research has focused on sentencing policies in Maine.

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reviews in the areas of energy law, military law, government tort liability and legal education. He teaches and gives public talks on his areas of expertise in the U.S. and in the U.K., Germany, South Africa, Denmark, Spain, the Czech Republic, Holland, Canada and Australia.

Just prior to coming to USM, Zillman had an appointment as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. From 1986 to 1990 he was professor of law and director of graduate studies at the University of Utah. He holds bachelor and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and an L.L.M. from the University of Virginia.

After a national search for Zillman's successor, the name of the dean-designate will go to the System Board of Trustees during the summer for review and approval, according to Provost Lapping.



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What We're Doing

ROBERT ATKINSON, director of the Center for the Study of Lives and associate professor of education/human resource development, had his book, "The Life Story Interview," published in January by Sage Publications (No. 44) in their Qualitative Research Methods Series. He also received a grant from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Community Folklife Program, administered by The Fund for Folk Culture, to complete the video project, "Gabriel Women: Passamaquoddy Basketmakers."

DOMENICA T. CIPOLLONE, director of International Programs, has been selected as the USM representative to participate in the one-month exchange program with Rissho University in Japan this June. While in Japan, she will strengthen current university relationships with Rissho University and Shinagawa-ku, Portland's sister city, and explore new exchange opportunities for students, faculty and staff. She presented a session, "Basic Immigration for the True Blue Beginner," at the 1998 NAFSA: Association of International Educators Region IX Immigration Workshop held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in April.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, and ALFRED L. PADULA, associate professor of history, were among several UM System faculty interviewed for the Maine Public Television documentary "Remember the Maine," shown on the 100th anniversary of the sinking, February 15, 1998. Eastman's book, "Styling vs. Safety," was used as a source for a "Century of Safety Facts," an article on auto safety in Consumer Reports annual automobile issue in April.

WILLIAM F. GAYTON, professor of psychology and chair of the Psychology Department, presented a paper titled "Anger and Discipline in Sports" at the Maine Center for Coaching Education at the University of Maine on March 21.

RITA KISSEN, associate professor of education, was the keynote speaker at the first statewide conference of the Wisconsin chapter of GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, on March 5. Kissen also presented a workshop, "Growing up Gay in Maine," at "Where the Girls Are," a conference for women and girls in grades 6-12 sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Portland.

MARK B. LAPPING, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was a keynote presenter at the 1998 Northern New England

Campus Compact conference on April 3 in Portland.

ELAINE MAKAS, adjunct associate professor of social and behavioral sciences, LAC, led a workshop on "Curing the System: Prescribing a Balance in Medical Treatment," at the Lewiston-Auburn College conference, Disabled, Enabled, and Empowered on March 21. She is one of the editors of the book "Accessing the Issues: Current Research in Disability Studies," published by The Society for Disability Studies and Muskie School of Public Service.

CARTER MANNY, associate professor of business law, presented a paper titled "Recent Developments in Controlling U.S. Encryption Exports" at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association at Babson College on April 4.

JAYNE D.B. MARSH, research associate, Muskie School, Child and Family Institute, has authored a section of the upcoming book, "Failure to Thrive and Pediatric Undernutrition: A Transdisciplinary Approach," (Brookes Publishing, Fall 1998). Her contribution is titled "AIMS: Developmental Indicators of Emotional Health: Strengthening the Foundations of Emotional Health in Early Childhood: A Preventative Intervention Assessment Methodology." She has been invited to present the "AIMS Methodology and Infant Mental Health" at the Infant and Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona's fourth institute on Infant Mental Health: From Risk to Resiliency, in Phoenix next October.

NANCY RICHESON, clinical instructor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, presented four workshops titled, "Creative Journaling" for the Choices Mentor program in Portland and the Statewide Training Network for Peer Leaders in Rockland. In April she will be co-presenting, with TIFFANY SANDSTRUM, instructor, Recreation & Leisure Studies, "Leisure and Life Satisfaction for Older Adults," at the Maine Park and Recreation Association state conference.

BETTY D. ROBINSON, dean, Lewiston-Auburn College, is co-chair of a committee responsible for launching a United Way-inspired community assets program in Lewiston and Auburn.

ROBERT M. SANFORD, assistant professor of environmental science and policy, cowrote an article titled "The Role of Information Technology in the Practice of Archaeology," that appeared in Trends in Research (Vol. VIII, No 3, Emory University). Another article he contributed to, "Reading

the Landscape: Inference of Historic Land Use in Vermont Forests," appeared in the Journal of Vermont Archaeology (Vol. 2, The Vermont Archaeological Society, Inc.). American Antiquity (Vol. 63, No. 1) published Sanford's co-written article, "Cleaning Artifacts with Calgon."

LYDIA A. SAVAGE, assistant professor of geography and anthropology, was selected as a finalist in the Nystrom Dissertation Competition of the Association of American Geographers and presented her paper, "Geographies of Organizing: Unions and the Service Sector," as part of a special session at the annual meeting in Boston in March. At the same meeting, she served as a panelist for the sessions, "The Dissertation and Beyond: Strategies for Finishing the Ph.D. and Becoming Job-Marketable" and "Academic Labor: Tracking New Trends." She organized and chaired a panel titled "Feminism and Socialism: Reflections on the Past, Directions for the Future," and co-organized and served as a discussant for a plenary speaker session titled "Between Crisis and Opportunity in Academic Labor."

NANCY SONNENFELD, visiting assistant professor of epidemiology, testified on April 6 at the Portland City Hall debate on Portland's new smoking ordinance.

ZARK VANZANDT, professor of education, has co-authored a two-volume book, "Lessons for Life: A Career Development Activities Library," published by the Center for Applied Research in Education, a division of Simon & Schuster. He recently co-presented a workshop titled, "Whatzyer Function Regarding Career Dysfunction," at the Maine Counseling Coalition Conference in Rockport. The workshop was part of a graduate student research grant from the National Career Development Association: "A Study to Measure the Effect of a Cognitive Restructuring Curricular Intervention on the Negative Career Thoughts of First-Year High School Students," awarded to Michael DeRespino, a student in USM's counselor education program, for whom VanZandt was the major professor.

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