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Commencement 2000

On Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m., the Cumberland County Civic Center will be the happy scene for hundreds of graduating students at USM's 120th commencement ceremony.

Approximately 1450 students are eligible to graduate this year, with about 900 participating in the exercises.

More than 20 members of the class of 1950 will also march in the ceremonies as part of their 50-year celebration.

Faculty and staff may park in the Barnico Lot, on Spring St., directly across from the Civic Center. Shuttle buses also will be available at USM's Woodbury Campus Center, Portland. Buses depart between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and return to campus at noon from the Civic Center.

For more information, call 780-5106.

Honors

USM will award diplomas and present honors to several community leaders and retired faculty at the ceremony.

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Hook, Line And Sinker: Adaptive Equipment

You had an appointment, but you found a sign on the door: "Gone fishin'."

Fishing season began April 1. But what if you'd love to go fishin' ... and can't because of a physical disability?

Help is available! Picture being someone who can't use your hands or legs, yet being able to sit lakeside in a wheelchair with a fishing rod and reel designed to let you independently cast and reel in a line. Yes, it's true. People with severe physical limitations can fish. And, in fact, do many other things that were never possible in years past.

In the past, disabilities often prevented people from participating in activities and hobbies they previously enjoyed. Today's recreational assistive devices can help change lifestyles by providing opportunities.

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies in USM's College of Nursing and Health Professions has a concentration called "Therapeutic Recreation." Its students go into the field to work in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, mental health centers and other settings where people with disabilities — and their care givers — may not be aware of unique adaptive equipment that can provide recreational opportunities and new freedoms.

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Civic leaders Sally Vamvakias, Phyllis Austin, and Lucien Gosselin will receive Distinguished Service Awards. Duane "Buzz" Fitzgerald will receive a Distinguished Achievement Award.

Commencement Speaker

John Wallach, former foreign editor of the Hearst Newspapers and founder of Seeds of Peace, will receive an honorary degree in recognition of his distinguished career as a journalist and his passionate commitment to world peace and will give the keynote address.

Wallach will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters. He left a 25-year career as the foreign editor for Hearst Newspapers to found Seeds of Peace, a unique conflict resolution program, in 1993. This program brings teenagers from war-torn regions of the world to the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield, Maine, where they work together in an environment free from prejudice, anger, and fear. Wallach has received two Overseas Press Club awards, the Edward Weintal Prize, and the Edwin Hood Award — the highest honor presented by the National Press Club — for his work in uncovering the Iran-Contra affair. In 1979, President Carter presented him with the Congressional Committee of Correspondents Award for his coverage of the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David Summit. In 1991, President Mikhail Gorbachev awarded him the highest civilian honor: the Medal of Friendship. In 1997, Wallach received the Jordanian Legion of Honor from King Hussein.

Emeritus Faculty

Six retired faculty members will receive emeritus status for exemplary scholarship and public service: **Irving D. Fisher**, professor of political science; **Dorothy Woods Smith**, associate professor of nursing; **Franklin D. Hodges**, associate professor of geography; **William A. Brown**, associate professor of mathematics; **Julia C. Tiffany**, associate professor of nursing; and **Martha M. Skoner**, associate professor of nursing. (see *biographies*, p.3)

Student Speaker

Cary A. Shay of Raymond, Maine, a classical studies major, will give the student commencement speech. Shay has been a member of the University's honors program for the past three years. She has written for and served as associate editor of

The Maine Scholar, won the honors public speaking book award, and is currently a finalist for the Senator George Mitchell Peace Scholarship. In 1998-99, Shay was president of the Honors Student Association and this past academic year was student representative to the Honors Faculty Board. For the past two academic years, she has been recipient of the University Presidential Scholarship.

Awards

Sally Vamvakias, a native of Bath, Maine, and a graduate of the University of Maine, serves as chair of the board of directors of the Maine Community Foundation, as trustee of the Maine Medical Center, as an overseer of the Maine Bar and member of their grievance commission, and as a corporator of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound Schools. She also served on the Maine Compensation Commission and is a member of the International Women's Forum. She served 10 years as a trustee of the University of Maine System, and was chair of the Board of Trustees in 1995. Vamvakias is credited with leadership that strengthened and improved internal and external relationships, and gave the System a clear sense of direction.

Phyllis Austin, with a career in journalism and investigative reporting spanning from the 60s to the 90s, began her career in North Carolina. She then became a political writer for the Associated Press, covering the civil rights movement. She came to Maine in 1969 to cover the State House. In 1972, she was named AP's first environmental writer for New England. Since 1974, she has been a reporter and senior writer for the Maine Times. Her emphasis on natural resources and the environment has provided a voice for thoughtful public policies and management practices. Austin has been awarded two John S. Knight Journalism fellowships, a Japan Press Association fellowship, and an Alicia Patterson Journalism fellowship. She received the Maine Conservation Award in 1989 from the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

Lucien Gosselin has recently been accepted into the first class of USM's first doctoral program, a Ph.D. program in public policy and management at the Muskie School. His service and advocacy in the Lewiston-Auburn community have been described as "legendary." He was instrumental in the creation of Lewiston-Auburn's Economic Growth Council, of which he is now president, and the Maine Economic Growth Council. He was a

major factor in the development of USM's Lewiston-Auburn College and he also teaches there. He has served on USM's Council of Visitors and on the Central Maine Technical College Advisory Council. He has served as a director of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce and of Androscoggin Home Health Services, and as a corporator of the Androscoggin Savings Bank and of Central Maine Medical Center. He is a life member of the Maine Town & City Management Association.

Duane "Buzz" Fitzgerald, a Maine native, was president and COO of Bath Iron Works. (Full biographical details were not available at press time but will appear in the commencement program.)

School of Law

Ceremonies for the University of Maine School of Law will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. **Caroline Glassman** will be the Law School commencement speaker. Glassman is a retired justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Recognition

- USM's School of Business was recently installed as an official chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for AACSB-accredited business programs. USM is one of only 350 schools of business, out of 1400 nationwide, to host a Beta Gamma Sigma chapter.

At the ceremony, which occurred during the annual recognition day for the School of Business, 19 baccalaureate students, nine MBA students, and three faculty/administrators were inducted into the society. The latter category included **John M. Burt**, Dean of the School of Business; **Jean E. Gutmann**, professor of accounting and Director of Student Affairs for the School of Business; and **Richard Pattenaude**, President of USM.

- The School of Business has presented its Faculty Award for Intellectual Contributions to assistant professor **Steven Jackson** and its Faculty Award for Public Service to associate professor **John Bay**.

- The College of Arts & Sciences has named professor **Sat Gupta** for the College's Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award; assistant professor **Robert Sanford** for its Emerging Teacher/Scholar Award; and **Mary Snell** of the Theater Dept. for its Staff Service Award.

Emeritus Honors

The University of Southern Maine takes great pleasure in honoring colleagues who have retired and on whom Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart will confer emeritus status at Commencement.

Emeritus Status recognizes significant contributions to the University and community and encourages continued service from these valued colleagues. (more complete biographies available in the commencement program)

Irving D. Fisher, professor of political science, came to the University of Southern Maine in 1967, following faculty appointments at CUNY-Brooklyn College and Bowdoin. His exemplary record of community service includes work with the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy, the Commission on Maine's Future, the Maine Senate Reapportionment Study Committee, and the New England Political Science Association. Professor Fisher earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Connecticut, and a master's degree and Ph.D. at Columbia University.

The career of associate professor of nursing **Dorothy Woods Smith** has been built upon a commitment to excellence in scholarship, service and teaching, on campus as well as in the larger community. A former staff nurse, she has earned a national reputation for research and teaching surrounding the issues of post-polio syndrome and holistic health. Professor Smith holds a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins, master's degrees from the University of Southern Maine and New York University, and a Ph.D. from New York University.

In his more than 30 years at the University of Southern Maine, **Franklin D. Hodges**, associate professor of geography, has taught nearly 7,200 students. He joined USM in 1966, following completion of Ph.D. coursework at Clark University. His research includes continued analysis of Maine's population as well as Maine geography and cartography. In addition, he is a founding member and coordinator of the Maine Geographic Alliance, an outreach organization designed to provide in-service training for teachers of geography and related subjects. He holds a bachelor's degree from Farmington State College and a master's degree from Clark.

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Linda R. Meyer, associate professor at USM, specializes in the area of recreational assistive devices and works with her students to develop devices and educate others about their existence. Their emphasis is on education ... especially of people and facilities which could benefit from assistive technologies, but don't know they're available.

"We want folks with disabilities and their families — and especially agency personnel who work with the disabled — to know about this type of equipment," says Meyer.

"The problem is," she says, "that there is no one place people can go to find out about such equipment. You can't just pick up a phone book and find a source. So the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department at USM is working to become a resource. We have videos that describe recreation assistive devices plus a lot of equipment that people can try out before they decide to buy it from a manufacturer. We sometimes develop equipment ourselves when we hear about or perceive a need. And, if we don't know the answer to a problem, we try to locate someone who can help solve it."

Examples? There are many:

- For fishing: an electric fishing reel or casting device that can be mounted on a wheelchair. "This one was actually developed by a person with quadriplegia," says Meyer. With just the use of deltoid muscles, the user can cast the lure and then retrieve it using a two-speed toggle switch to control the reel speed. Electronic reels are expensive, however. If someone can't afford one, a special glove that securely holds a piece of PVC tubing which fits over the handle of a manual reel can be used to reel in the line. Meyer also points to a body harness that can be used to help hold a pole securely, for use in lakes and rivers or in the ocean by persons with the use of only one arm or who have hand weakness or back problems.

- A "Step and Go" cycle that moves using a "stairmaster" arrangement by persons with limited knee flexibility is available. The cycle even comes equipped with a special holder for carrying crutches.

- A handcycle that, although expensive, can be operated by someone without the use of their legs. It can be "pumped" with arms alone. Meyer says there are a number of variations of cycle adaptations. There are even tandem cycles that can be jointly used by a person with a disability and a non-disabled person.

- Meyer and her students have

developed an inexpensive adaptation for a badminton racquet for people who can hit the shuttlecock but can't bend over to pick it up when it falls. There is a small piece of Velcro on the tip of the racket and another wound around the head of the shuttlecock; all the player has to do is touch the racket to the shuttlecock to pick it up.

- There are adapted golf putters and clubs. Some are bent so they can be used by a wheelchair user.

- For hunters, there is an adapter for the vehicle window that steadies the barrel of a rifle so it can be used by persons who cannot independently hold the rifle.

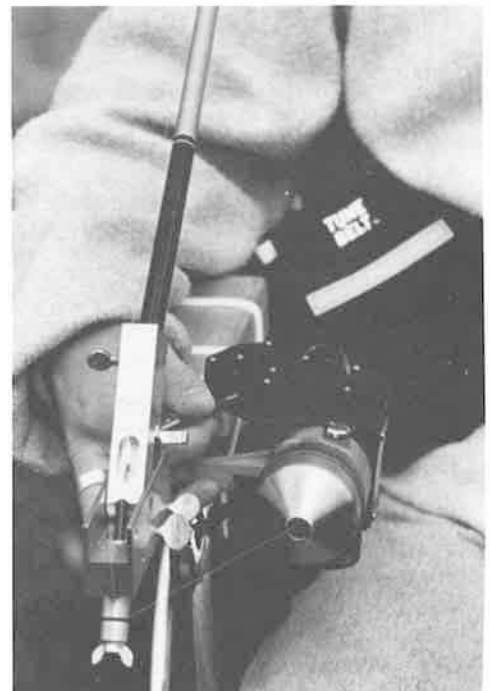
- There are spring-loaded pool cues for use with only one arm.

- There are playing card holders for people with impaired hands or the use of only one arm. Like a lot of the equipment, card holders can be purchased commercially or very inexpensively made by simply fastening two margarine top backs together at the center and sliding the cards in between.

- There are holders that allow a one-armed person to knit or crochet.

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Photo below: One of Prof. Meyer's students, sophomore David Speed, operates the electric fishing equipment from a wheelchair. The rod, shown along his upper arm, is in position for casting. It receives its power from the battery pack, shown near the elbow. With the flip of a button, the rod will cast the lure and a toggle switch allows the reel to retrieve the line.
(photo: Dan Davidson)



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- There are ramps that allow a person to bowl, as well as special "pushers" that permit a person to propel the ball down the alley. Some of these are commercial and costly. Meyer, however, developed one from a simple push broom by attaching a curved piece of wood that matches a ten-pin ball to the brush end. There is even a special bowling ball with a retractable handle that can be used by people who have hand impairments such as a missing index finger.

- Meyer even developed a special screen that a sight-disadvantaged person can use to draw and "see" artwork through touch. The user presses a crayon onto a piece of paper that is laid on the screen. The screen backing creates a "braille like" raised impression of the crayon wax on the paper that can be felt and interpreted, like looking at a painting.

Meyer says her department has lots of videos depicting assistive equipment and sport and recreation activities for persons with disabilities. "The videos can help educate about recreational opportunities. Education about what exists isn't always enough, however. Part of a therapeutic recreation specialist's job involves asking the questions necessary to properly match a person to devices that will meet the person's needs and expectations. Knowing what to ask and carefully listening to client responses is key," she says.

"Recreational therapy is very much a quality of life field," says Meyer. "Assistive devices are one way of improving quality of life because the devices provide access to activities in which someone has been unable to participate. The critical element is to let people know equipment is available, or can be created for them, and to then match persons to devices that will help them reach their recreational goals."

For more information, call Linda Meyer at (207) 780-4654, or email <meyer@usm.maine.edu>.

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William A. Brown, associate professor of mathematics, retired from the University of Southern Maine in 1992 after 32 years of teaching. He has been cited as "one of the giants on whose shoulders the current Mathematics and Statistics Department was built." He has been lauded for providing many solutions to math problems published by the Mathematical Association of America. He earned his bachelor's (Cum Laude) from Bowdoin College, and a master's from the University of Maine at Orono.

Julia C. Tiffany, associate professor of nursing, retired in 1999 after serving on the University of Southern Maine's faculty for 18 years. She has been noted as an expert in psychosocial nursing and her expertise has been sought throughout the region. She has been a major contributor in the national debate on advanced practice roles for psychosocial nurses. Professor Tiffany received her bachelor's from the University of Washington, a master's from Rutgers University, and her Ed.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Martha M. Skoner, associate professor of nursing, retired from USM's faculty last year. She had worked 22 years as a nursing educator and had been honored by the American Nurses Association when she was selected to be project director of the National Survey of Nurses with Doctoral Degrees from 1979-1981. She came to USM in 1987 and was elected chair of the Graduate Department in 1988. She received her bachelor's, a master's, and her Ph.D., all from the University of Pittsburgh.

Senior Art Exhibits

An art exhibition in mid-April at the Danforth Gallery featured USM senior BFA studio majors Christine Caswell, Dean Corbin, and Kathy Sirois. Their exhibits included ceramics, paintings and sculpture.

Cross Country Academic All-Americans

The USM women's cross country team has been named an Academic All-America team. They were designated by the Division III Cross Country Coaches Assn. for the 5th time in seven years. To qualify, the seven runners who competed for USM at the regionals were required to have a combined GPA of at least 3.00 for the fall semester. Three runners — Hollie Harnish, Jennifer Ditzel, and Jessica Short — earned individual honors with a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Congratulations to the team and its athletes!

Classified Staff Award

Cheryl Nash has been named the 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Classified Staff Award.

Nash, administrative associate in the Athletic Department, has served that department for the past seven years. According to Albert Bean, director of athletics, she is responsible for monitoring 30 different budget accounts totaling in excess of \$1.75 million. She also supports the work of 60 full and part-time staff members there. Nash also helps to monitor and support the USM Athletic Association. Bean refers to her as "a jewel, a cornerstone."

The award was presented at the recent Classified Staff Breakfast.

Note: the 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Professional Staff Award will be announced at Commencement and at the Professional Staff luncheon on May 23rd.

Summer Programs

USM can claim the largest summer program of any college or university in Maine, offering 400 credit courses and with some 4600 students enrolled.

The new, free 98-page summer catalog is now available, providing opportunities to acquire new skills, accomplish educational goals, and discover new things. For more information, call 780-5617.



If summer session is near, then spring must be upon us. The flowers and new growth -- like that seen here in front of Payson Smith Hall -- seem to bring new life to our campus.

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Child Welfare Services sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services in Arlington, Va., last March.

MICHAEL LANG, professor of law, is chair of the Ethics 2000 Task Force charged with preparing comments on behalf of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation on the ABA's Ethics 2000 Commission's proposed changes to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. In January, he presented an interim report for the Task Force to the Tax Section's Committee on Standards of Tax Practice at the Section's midyear meeting in San Diego. Lang co-authored an article, "Circular 230 Revisions: 'Faned' Indifference to Solicitation," published by Tax Notes last September. He will become the program planning chair for the Tax Teaching Committee of the ABA Section of Taxation this summer, and will assume the chair of the Committee in 2002.

JOHN LaBRIE, director, Summer/Winter Session and International Programming, has been elected the Northeastern regional vice president for the North American Association of Summer Sessions. MARK LAPPING, provost and vice president for academic affairs, published the chapter on "The Rural Dimension of Multiculturalism" in the book, "Urban Planning and a Multicultural Society" (Praeger Publishers, 2000); and presented the papers, "Planning in Kansas City: The Challenge Ahead," at the University of Missouri at Kansas City; and "Factory Farms: The Threat to Vermont's Agriculture," at Vermont Sierra Club Forum on Large Farms. He had book reviews published in several journals.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, professor of philosophy, served as commentator on a panel, "The Enlightenment Project: Foucault Revisited," presented at the Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies conference at the University of New Hampshire in December. He was session chair for the colloquium on "Value," and commentator on "Fact/Value Distinctions and MacIntyre's Eudaimonism" at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference in Boston last December. His new book, "Kant's Impure Ethics: From Rational Beings to Human Beings," was published in December by Oxford University Press.

LOIS R. LUPICA, associate professor of law, had her article, "Transition Losses in the Electric Power Market: A Challenge to the Premises Underlying the Arguments for Compensation" accepted for publication in the Rutgers Law Review and expects it to appear in Book 3, Vol. 52, April, 2000. Last December, she presented a program to the Maine Attorney General's Office on "The No-Contact Rule and Government Lawyers."

STANLEY M. MAX, associate editor of Maine Business Indicators and lecturer in mathematics, reviewed chapters 1 through 5 of the forthcoming book, "Intermediate

Algebra" (3rd Edition, Prentice Hall, 2000). IRWIN NOVAK, associate professor of geology, has been appointed by Governor Angus King to a five-year term on the Board of Certification for Geologists and Soil Scientists. Novak was co-author, with geology major Ed Luetje, of a paper presented at the Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America meeting held in March in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The paper was entitled: "Pebble and Cobble Morphology on Crescent Beach, Cape Elizabeth, Maine."

GEORGE R. PATTERSHALL JR., electrician coordinator, was recently selected as the 1999 Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the 265th Combat Communications Squadron, South Portland Air National Guard Station in South Portland. He was also selected as the 1999 Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the 253rd Combat Communications Group, Otis, ANG Base, Mass.. He currently serves as the Readiness Noncommissioned Officer.

SUSAN E. PICINICH, associate professor of theatre, taught a workshop session that demonstrated computer application in costume design, make-up techniques, and pattern-making, at the American College Theatre Festival in Durham, N.H. last February. In March, she participated in the national conference of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) in Denver, entering her costume renderings and photographs of USM's 1999 production of "Grannia" in the Design Expo 2000 event at the conference. As a member of the USITT Costume Commission, she also exhibited slides and described the puppets, and how she and her students constructed the puppets from the spring 1998 USM play, "The Danube." Also at the conference, she participated in a full-day professional development workshop in which she was trained in two software programs in the areas of costume design and theatrical make-up.

ALISON RIESER, professor of law, and director of Marine Law Institute, co-authored an amicus brief on behalf of the State of Maine in "Wyer v. Board of Environmental Protection." She participated in a Washington, D.C. workshop to develop federal guidelines for establishing a network of marine protected areas in U.S. waters, to be considered by the President's Council on Environmental Quality. In February, Rieser submitted written testimony to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation regarding a bill proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Maine Legislature to provide for the assessment of real property used for commercial fishing at the current use. She also served on a panel discussing legislative reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens federal fisheries law at the National Association of Environmental Law Societies' "Sea Change" March meeting at Stanford Law School.

BETTY ROBINSON, dean, Lewiston-Auburn College, recently attended the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting

in Baltimore, Maryland, where she served as discussant on the session, "The Impact of New Technology on the Higher Education Environment."

ROB SANFORD, assistant professor of environmental science and policy, is the author of "Land Use Planning & Environmental Impact Assessment," and "The St. Lawrence Seaway," in the Encyclopedia of Environmental Issues (Volumes I and II, Salem Press, 2000). His review of Emily B. Russell's "People and the Land Through Time: Linking Ecology and History" appeared in Anthropology Review Database, September 20, 1999.

THOMAS M. WARD, professor of law, was named co-reporter on a study undertaken for the United States Patent and Trademark Office to assess and define the technical, economic, and legal requirements associated with an integrated federal registry for the recording of security interests in intellectual property. The project is funded by the Patent and Trademark Office and the Franklin Pierce Law Center. He introduced the proposed Federal Intellectual Property Security Act as part of a joint program, "The Legislative Horizon for Commercial and Intellectual Property Lawyers," at the March ABA section meetings in Columbus.

RICHARD WEST, associate professor of communication and associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, was selected as chair of the National Communication Association's Lifetime Teaching Achievement Award Committee. He has also agreed to serve as an associate editor for three journals: Qualitative Research Reports, Communication Quarterly, and Communication Education, for the years 2000-2003.

KATHLEEN J. WININGER, associate professor of philosophy, had her paper "Following African Identity in Bessie Head: An Exile's Philosophical Journey" accepted for publication in the International Women in Higher Education Proceedings.

JENNIFER WRIGGINS, professor of law, had her article, "Family Law and Marriage Law: Autonomy, Interdependence, and Couples of the Same Gender," accepted for publication in the "Boston College Law Review." Her article on "Rape, Racism and the Law," originally published in 1983 in the "Harvard Women's Law Journal" was excerpted in a new casebook, "Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Multiracial America" (West, 1999). Wriggins was quoted and her article, "Genetics, IQ, Determinism, and Torts: The Example of Discovery in Lead Exposure Litigation," (Boston University Law Review) was cited in an article, "Should the Medical and Genetic Records of Relatives be Available to Defense Attorneys?" that appeared in Lawyers Weekly USA, December 13, 1999.

What We're Doing

ROXIE BLACK, director and associate professor, MARY ANNE MOISAN, assistant professor, LISA CLARK, instructor, and CHRIS HUBBARD, level I field work coordinator/adjunct faculty — all members of the Occupational Therapy Program, Lewiston Auburn College — were co-presenters at the workshop, "Dialogues in Occupation," at the annual Practice Symposium of the Maine Occupational Therapy Association in Augusta last March. DOMENICA CIPOLLONE, director, International Programs, served as a panelist at the annual conference of National Student Exchange in Albuquerque, New Mexico, last March. Her presentation was part of a session titled "International Students in the National Student Exchange: A Discussion on Non-immigrant International Student Participation in the NSE."

ROY A. GALLANT, director, Southworth Planetarium, was offered a contract from McGraw-Hill's adult trade division to publish a collection of his accounts of his expeditions to Siberian meteorite impact sites, to be published in 2002. The book will include Gallant's eighth and ninth expeditions, planned for this summer, to Estonia and Siberia.

DIANE HALEY, evaluation specialist I, Muskie School, gave a presentation on psychiatric hospital to school transitions at "Building on Family Strengths," at the National Conference on Research and Services in Support of Children and their Families, in Portland, Oregon, last April.

DAVID HARTLEY, director of rural health and assistant research professor of health, policy, and management, spoke on "Who's Job? Addressing Professional Shortages," in the Capitol Area Rural Health Roundtable forum on Public Policy and Mental Health Services in Rural America, held at the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. on February 10.

TARA C. HEALY, assistant professor of social work, received the Harriet M. Bartlett

Award for Social Work in Health Settings for her paper, "Community-Dwelling Cognitively Impaired Frail Elders: An Analysis of Social Workers' Decisions Concerning Support for Autonomy" last March. Also in March, she presented a paper, "The Challenge of Everyday Evaluation of Decisional Capacity in Home Health Care" at the 46th annual meeting of the American Society on Aging.

JOHN R. HEATH, professor of computer science, had a paper, "High-Speed Storage Area Networks Using a Fibre Channel Arbitrated Loop Interconnect," published in the March issue of the journal, IEEE Network.

PHILIP JAGOLINZER, professor of accounting, had his paper, "The Current Status of Upper-Level Managerial Accounting Courses: Results of a Nationwide Survey" accepted for publication in this winter's edition of The Journal of Accounting and Finance Research (Vol. 7, No. 4). His book, "Cost Accounting: An Introduction to Cost Management Systems" was published by South-Western College Publishing Co. In April, Jagolinzer was inducted in the Hall of Fame of the Northeast Region of the American Accounting Association. His articles, "What Topics Are They Teaching?" was published in Management Accounting, and "The Current Status of Upper-Level Managerial Accounting Courses: Results of a Nationwide Survey" was published in the Journal of Accounting and Finance Research.

JUDITH L. JOHNSON, director, Testing and Assessment Center, and STEPHEN J. ROMANOFF, director, Russell Scholars Program, and associate professor, interdisciplinary studies, recently had their manuscript, "Higher Education Residential Learning Communities: What are the Implications for Student Success?" published in the September issue of the College Student Journal, (Vol. 33, No. 3). Johnson's paper, "Distance Education and Technology:

What Are the Choices for Higher Education?" was published in the January, 2000 issue of the Journal of Educational Computing Research (Vol. 21, No. 2). Johnson presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research (AERA) Conference last April in New Orleans titled, "Four Approaches to Student Retention in Higher Education." She will present a research study at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum (AIR) titled, "Distance Learning: How Effective and Who Succeeds? An Investigation of Student Learning Styles, Achievement, and Satisfaction," this May in Cincinnati.

POLLY KAUFMAN, adjunct professor of history, has been awarded, by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, a Fulbright senior scholar grant to teach American Studies at the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Education in Oslo, Norway.

COLLEEN A. KHOURY, dean and professor of law, spoke at the November 19, 1999, naturalization ceremony for new citizens at the invitation of Judge Brock Hornby and the U.S. District Court.

WIL KILROY, associate professor of theatre, rejoined the State Ballet of Rhode Island as Dr. Coppelius in "Coppelia" this past December. Last fall, he created "Tammy and Billy-Bob's Anniversary," which performed via Renegade Productions. In January, he produced the regional American College Theatre Festival at UNH. In February, he was a judge for the Kennedy Center's Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition at the University of North Carolina, and in March, judged for the Maine Drama Festival in Portland.

MICHAEL LAHTI, coordinator, School-Based MH Centers, Muskie School, delivered a presentation on research of post-legalization services for families adopting children with special needs at the sixth national child welfare conference, Celebrating Leadership & Innovation in

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