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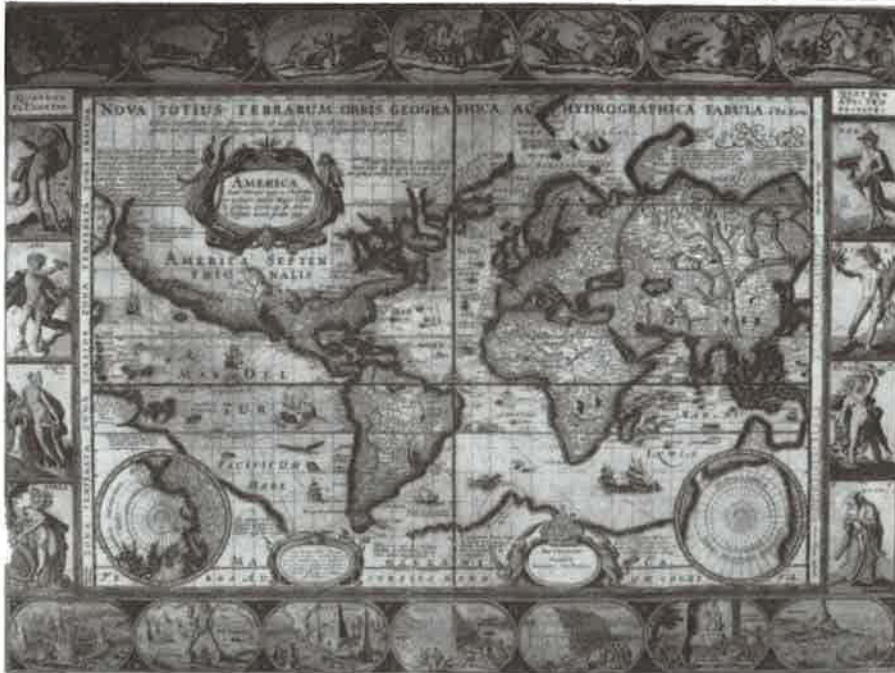


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This map by Pieter van den Keere (1571-1646) is one of "The Treasures of the Collection," now on exhibit in the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education.

USM Celebrates Map Library Opening

Some 350 people were on hand this past Sunday for the official opening of USM's Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, the first separately established rare map library in northern New England.

Located on the first floor of the Portland Campus Library, the facility includes exhibition and storage areas, a seminar room, and facilities for research and study. Ken and Mary Nelson of Falmouth, and Hugh Farrington of Hannaford Bros., recently headed a \$1.5 million campaign -the largest in USM history- to finance library construction and provide an endowment for the collections.

This library is home to The Lawrence M.C. and Eleanor Houston Smith, and The Harold L. and Peggy L. Osher Collections of rare maps, atlases, geographies and globes. Ronald E. Grim, head of the Reference

and Bibliography Section at the Library of Congress in Washington, has estimated that there are not more than one dozen historical cartographic collections in the country that are accessible to the public. Grim and other independent map experts serve on a committee to advise USM on the use and preservation of the collections.

For those who missed the opening tour, the library's inaugural exhibit, "The Treasures of the Collection," can be seen during regularly scheduled docented tours, offered this month at 10 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. In November and December, the library will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays; and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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Bonds for USM

Though the question is overshadowed by hotly contested gubernatorial and congressional races, voters will act next month on a bond issue to benefit the University of Maine System. Question No. 4 on the general election ballot, if approved, will provide \$5 million for the system -including \$1.25 million for USM- to fund a range of improvements to enhance academic programs. In our case, a significant portion of the funds will be used to replace science equipment which was purchased as part of the original construction of buildings that are now 25 to 35 years old.

Specifically, USM would direct the funds to three areas: science education; academic/instructional improvements; and instructional technology/distance learning. Only equipment with a useful life of at least 10 years would be purchased with bond funds.

In science education, we would develop a new science lab at the Lewiston-Auburn College to expand offerings at that location; develop a new lab in Gorham for the new environmental science and policy program, a program that responds to distinct regional needs; and upgrade 25 to 35-year-old labs in Portland and Gorham. Essentially, funds in this category would expand our science education efforts as well as modernize basic scientific instruction areas.

The second category, academic/instructional improvements, includes improving air ventilation systems in classrooms and studios, as well as upgrading equipment in the Music Department and replacing lighting, sound and other technical equipment in the Theatre Department. We also would purchase basic classroom furnishings and equipment (desks, overhead projectors, etc.) to improve the learning environment.

The final category, instructional technology/distance learning, would allow us to upgrade TV equipment used to train our students; improve the

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Angela Bowen at Women's Studies.
Barrett photo

First Dissertation Scholar

USM's Women Studies Department is the host of one of the first two Dissertation Scholars to be brought to the University of Maine System.

Angela Bowen, an African-American graduate student at Clark University, was selected from about a dozen applicants to come to Maine through a Dissertation Fellowship, established by the New England Board of Higher Education to bring graduate students of color in the humanities and social sciences to New England member campuses. Another dissertation scholar is being hosted by the University of Maine's Art Department.

A woman who chose the life of the scholar after a full life as a teacher and activist, Bowen is writing a dissertation on the poet Audre Lorde, whom she met through the Black lesbian movement. Bowen knew USM from a visit here about three years ago when she gave a talk on women's activism, so USM was her first choice for a host campus for the fellowship. She has already participated in a panel on women and graduate studies and presented her research work at a Women's Studies lunch. She will talk again on her research in the spring and plans to meet with minority students on campus to talk about academic aspirations.

At Clark University Bowen is among the first students in the first, freestanding Ph.D. program in Women's Studies in the country. A former dancer, Bowen founded and for 20 years directed a cultural arts center in New Haven, Conn. She also developed and presented programs for

public schools on Black history. Before moving into academic life, Bowen spent eight years as an activist and organizer in the Boston area.

Bowen's dissertation examines Lorde's work in connection to the three liberation movements with which the poet was involved: the Black Culture arm of the Civil Rights Movement, the Women's Movement and the Black, Lesbian and Gay Movement. "It's really not a biography, Bowen says. "I'm focused on her life and writing only as it relates to the movements. It includes an analysis of her writing in terms of the interaction between the movement and her writing. Her role in these movements shaped her life at certain times and thus shaped her writing, which in turn had an impact on the development of the movements."

The purpose of the Dissertation Fellowships is to encourage African-American, Hispanic and Native American students who are U.S. citizens to pursue academic careers at institutions in New England. "I'm thrilled to be here with feminist scholars who are familiar with Audre Lorde's writing and understand my work," she says. "The Women's Studies Department at USM is a perfect spot for me."

Bowen believes the fellowship benefits the host university by demonstrating to students and faculty that people of color are entering the Academy. "It lets them know that minorities who have been in short supply in higher education are becoming available to hire." It's also important, she says, to have a minority presence on campus to provide role models for students of color.

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satellite technology that provides academic programming of interest to our students and the public; and invest in intercampus video-conferencing capabilities, as well as CD-ROM's and related new technologies for our libraries.

This election will mark the first time in six years that a university bond issue has gone to voters. The last system-wide bond - a successful \$36.8 million campaign in 1988 - funded the new Portland Campus Library and the addition to the Garbrecht Law Library.

"The 1994 request is modest," said President Richard Pattenau, "but it will provide sorely needed support that will enrich educational opportunities in our classrooms, labs and studios."

Campus Notes

The Division of Academic Support is holding an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, October 21, in their new quarters, the former library area in Luther Bonney Hall.

The Center for Teaching is holding a series of brown bag lunches to discuss teaching and learning. For the rest of the fall semester, the dates in Gorham are Thursdays, November 10 and December 8 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in 101 Bailey Hall. The Portland group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, October 26 and November 30 in 240 Luther Bonney Hall.

Child Care Services has scheduled a holiday book fair/toy flea market/bake sale as a fundraiser, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, November 5 in the Portland Campus Center.

USM-TV plans to participate in Community Television Network's World AIDS Day recognition program on cable Channel 4. Anyone who has written on the subject of AIDS and would like to read poetry or prose as part of the program, please contact Susan Swain at 780-4200.

At the beginning of this month, one of the nation's leading alternative news networks, Pacifica Radio News, began airing on USM's community radio station, WMPG FM 90.9. Pacifica regularly features nationally known commentators, including syndicated columnist Nat Hentoff, Village Voice writer Donna Minkowitz, political analyst Saul Landau and media critic Norman Solomon. In addition to the daily news program, WMPG will broadcast some 100 hours of special Pacifica programming each year.

The Telecommunications Department is offering a new service, the USM Information Center. By dialing 780-4000, you can reach a person who will answer any question about USM immediately or will call you back with an answer. Calls have been as varied as "How do I get a student ID?" to "Is there anyone at USM who has received a National Endowment for the Arts Grant, and how did they begin the process?" Call the Information Center at 780-4000 for help.



Violinist Lawrence Golan, right, assistant professor of music at USM and concert master for the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and pianist Martin Perry will perform works ranging from a Mozart violin sonata to the world premier of Golan's own composition, "Fantasia for Solo Violin," at the second concert in the 1994-95 Faculty Concert Series. This concert is sponsored by FILENE'S. Golan and Perry will play in Corthell Concert Hall in Gorham at 8 p.m., Friday, October 21. For tickets (\$8 for the public and \$4 for faculty, staff, students and seniors), call 780-5555. Snell photo

Children's Books on Review at USM

In a collaborative project with the Southern Maine Library District (SMLD), the USM Library has been building a collection of children's books as a resource for scholars, teachers and librarians.

The SMLD receives 2000 to 3000 books a year, which are made available to librarians and teachers throughout the state to review before purchasing copies.

USM has now received more than 300 children's books, available in the juvenile collection in the Gorham campus library. Joyce Martin, assistant director of the Professional Development Center in the College of Education and an expert on children's literature, has worked with Shirley Helfrich, SMLD director, to establish criteria for books which come to USM. The university is developing a complete collection of books which won the Newbery and Caldecott awards and books by Maine authors or about life in Maine.

Contributions, recommendations for purchase and funding source ideas should be forwarded to Suzanne Knowlton at the Library, 780-5418.

Ward SOL Libra Professor

Visiting Libra Prof in COE

The University of Maine Board of Trustees approved the appointment of two Libra professors at USM for the 1994-95 year. Thomas Ward, professor of law at the School of Law, has been appointed Libra Professor of Law for the period of September 1, 1994 through August 31, 1996. Beverly Daniel Tatum, associate professor in the Department of Psychology and Education at Mount Holyoke College, has been named Libra Professor of Education at USM through this academic year.

Tatum, who has been involved in anti-oppression education for over a decade, teaches courses and publishes on the psychology of racism as well as theories of personality and psychology of the family. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she has worked many years as a consultant in clinical psychology. As Libra Professor, Tatum will give public lectures, conduct panel discussions, and visit schools and classes. She also will organize and conduct a major workshop on "Leadership in Diversity: Understanding Racial Identity Development in Theory and Practice" in January of 1995.

During his two-year term as Libra Professor of Law, Ward plans to complete a book entitled "Intellectual Property in Commerce." The book will address the application of basic contract and commercial law concepts to the division, transfer, mortgage and liquidation of intellectual property. He will also deliver at least one public lecture on his research and make a presentation to the Law School faculty during the course of his project.

Ward, who has been on the faculty at the School of Law since 1978, served as associate dean from 1985 through 1987. He has also taught in the schools of law at the Universities of South Carolina and Illinois, as well as University College in Galway, Ireland.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of 20 Libra Professorships in November of 1989. They are made possible by a gift from Elizabeth B. Noyce to recognize and sustain academic programs of excellence at each of the seven campuses of the University of Maine System. Five of the endowed professorships are at USM schools and colleges.

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celebrated the opening attracted 250 people, including Dan Kyram, consul general of Israel. The conference featured panel discussions with USM faculty and a presentation by New York Times correspondent John Noble Wilford, author of "The Map Makers."

Speakers at Sunday's ceremony, among them President Richard Pattenau, Provost Mark Lapping and former UMS Chancellor Robert Woodbury, who served as USM president when the Smith family donated their map collection, praised the collections and library as an unusual resource for the university community, the people of Maine, and visiting scholars.

The donors of the collections also were cited as, "...four special people who have set an inspirational record of commitment and support to this community."

The late Lawrence M.C. Smith and his wife, the late Eleanor Houston Smith, became summer residents of Maine in 1946, when they purchased Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport. During the next three decades, they acquired the maps, globes and atlases that comprise the Smith Cartographic Collection. In 1984, Mrs. Smith gave Wolfe's Neck Farm to the University of Southern Maine and, two years later, the cartographic collection to the University. Their daughter, Meredith Smith, represented the family at Sunday's ceremonies.

Dr. Harold L. Osher and his wife, Peggy L. Osher, are long-time residents of Portland, where for many years, Dr. Osher served as director of cardiology at Maine Medical Center.

After conversations with Mrs. Smith, the Oshers donated The Osher Cartographic Collection to the University.

"Peggy and I always intended that our collection should be shared, not hidden," Dr. Osher has said. "In the new Map Library, the collections will be accessible not only to scholars and educators, but to school children and the public. This is important to us, and we know that it was important to Mrs. Smith. We are delighted that others will be able to enjoy them and learn from them as we have."

What We're Doing

SCOTT W. BROWN, associate professor of psychology, presented an invited paper, titled "The Effects of Attentional Demands and Event Structure on the Perceived Duration of Auditory Prose Passages," at the fifth international workshop on Rhythm Perception and Production, September 8-11, in Sheffield, England. The paper was co-authored by USM graduate William C. Stinson.

JODY CAPELLUTI, associate professor of education, and Edward Brazee of UMO, authored a book, "Second Generation Curriculum: What and How We Teach at the Middle Level."

JOSEPH CONFORTI, director and professor of American and New England Studies, lectured at the University of New Hampshire on "Jonathan Edwards, Puritan Tradition and the Colonial Revival, 1870-1903." He also presented two papers on Edwards at a conference at Indiana University, which was cosponsored by the "Works of Edwards" at Yale. His book titled "Jonathan Edwards, Religious Tradition and American Culture" has been accepted for publication by the University of North Carolina Press.

WAYNE COWART, associate professor of linguistics, will have his article "Anchoring and Grammar Effects in Judgments of Sentence Acceptability" appear in an upcoming issue of the journal, *Perceptual and Motor Skills*.

DONALD F. DORSEY JR., assistant professor of biology, presented a seminar on whale behavior and identification in the Gulf of Maine to personnel of Maine Coast Guard Stations on October 5 in South Portland. He will participate in a series of field trips on Coast Guard cutter Shackle to study whales and their environment.

MUHAMMAD EL-TAHA, associate professor of mathematics, spent the spring semester on sabbatical leave at the Department of Operations Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he conducted research and offered a five-lecture series on sample-path approaches to solving queuing problems.

BRUCE FITHIAN, associate professor of music, had a world premiere performance of his composition "Rivers" for soprano, viola and cello at Pomona College, Calif. on September 25. He will be recording a CD of contemporary art songs for the Master Musicians Collective label in Boston this November. In December he will tour as tenor soloist

with the Boston Camerata in Toronto, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Boston and New York.

MAGGIE FOURNIER, associate professor of nursing, presented her research study titled, "Redesigning the Family: Characteristics, Attitudes, and Behaviors of Lesbian Co-mothers" at the conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology: Social Science for the Next Generation, last April 13-17 in Cancun, Mexico.

RICHARD J. MAIMAN, professor of political science and director of graduate affairs and research, had two co-authored articles accepted for publication. "The Passenger Decides on the Destination and I Decide on the Route: Are Divorce Lawyers' Expensive Cab Drivers?" will appear in the *International Journal of Family Law*. "Bring Back the Lawyers: Challenging the Dominant Approaches to Ensuring Fairness in Divorce Mediation" will be published in the *Minnesota Law Review*. Both articles grew out of a research project on divorce lawyering funded by the National Science Foundation.

HAIG H. NAJARIAN, professor of biology, recently reviewed a manuscript on cercariae from snails submitted for publication in the *Journal of the Helminthological Society of Washington* (D.C.) at the request of the journal's editor; Najarian's publications in *Science* (1953) and the *Journal of Morphology* (1954) were cited in the manuscript.

AH-KAU NG, professor of applied immunology, and DAVID SILVERNAIL, director of the Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, serve on the Advisory Group for ScienceWorks, a program funded by the National Science Foundation to promote teaching of immunology in high school science classes in Maine.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, completed two-weeks as a guest lecturer in the Free Market Business Development Institute, School of Business Administration Executive MBA Program, in Far East Russia. He gave lectures at the Russian American School of Business located in Blagoveshchensk (the Amur region near the Chinese Manchurian border) and at the Free Market Development Institute on the Sakhalin Islands, located off the north west coast of Japan.

KENT C. RYDEN, assistant professor of American and New England Studies, read a paper titled "The Presence of the Past: Historic Cemeteries and the Public Landscape

in Rhode Island," at a recent meeting of the American Culture Association in Chicago. He also participated in a panel discussion on "Defining Ecocritical Theory and Practice" at the Western Literature Association convention in Salt Lake City. He has been asked to contribute an essay, "Taking the Measure of the Land: Surveying, Mapping, Local Experience and the Abstraction of the American Landscape," to the anthology titled "Technologies and Tradition: Essays on the Philosophy of Local Material Culture."

ELLEN SCHIFERL, associate professor of art, is a member of the governing board of The Maine Collaborative for Education in the Arts & Humanities; JOSEPH CONFORTI will be acting as USM's representative to the Collaborative this year.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, associate professor of nursing, was appointed co-editor, with MARIE HASTINGS-TOLSMA, assistant professor of nursing, of the *Rogerian Nursing Science News*, published by the Society of Rogerian Scholars, New York, N.Y. Smith served as co-chairperson for the 1994 Statewide Seminar in September on the Late Effects of Polio; and as co-coordinator of Therapeutic Touch for People with AIDS offered through The Aids Project, Portland. Smith also attended the 22nd East Coast Advanced Nurse Healers Invitational Workshop to study Therapeutic Touch with Dolores Krieger and Dora Kunz in August. In June she presented her paper, "Power as Knowing Participation in Change: A Rogerian Line of Inquiry," at the Fifth Rogerian Conference in New York City. At the Sixth International Polio and Independent Living Conference in St. Louis, Smith served on the "Coordinating Post-Polio Treatment: You, Your Primary Physician and Your Expectations" panel. At the same conference she gave presentations on "Therapeutic Touch" and "Myofascial Release: An Informed Consumer's Perspective."

JUDY TIZON, associate professor of anthropology, had her paper, "Transformations in the Amazon: Status, Gender and Change among the Asháninka" published (in Spanish) in *Amazonia Peruana* #24, Spring 1994, Lima, Peru.



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