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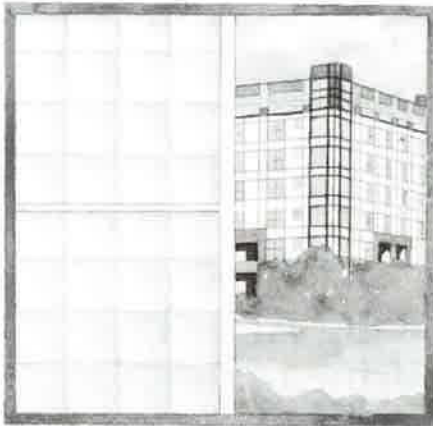


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## Gateway to USM Portland Library opens

During the design and building phases of our new Portland Campus Library, architect James Warner told the *Maine Times*, "This building will definitely be noticed." He was right.

Three years after the university purchased the dilapidated industrial building, we are preparing to officially open the building that will serve as a gateway to the university, the heart of the campus, and a resource to the entire community.

The official opening ceremony for the campus community and members of the public will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 3, on the plaza at the corner of Forest Avenue and Bedford St. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held on the first floor of the library. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 780-4640 by Monday, September 27.

The ceremony, to be led by President Richard Pattenaude, will include brief remarks by faculty, student, staff and community representatives, followed by refreshments and tours. Participants will include alumnus Walter Mattson, president of The New York Times Company, whose father worked in the building when it was a bakery. One segment of

the ceremony will feature the placement of a time capsule in the building's foundation. The capsule will be opened in 2078, on the 200th anniversary of the university.

Kathleen Bouchard, university ombudsperson, and Bob Caswell of media and community relations are co-chairing the committee that is planning the opening. For more information, please call them at 780-4470 (Bouchard) or 780-4200 (Caswell).

Our new library, which in the early years of this century housed state-of-the-art bakery technology, now contains the latest in information technology as well as space for maps and artifacts dating back five centuries. It is, said Pattenaude, "...modern enough to afford Maine citizens and 10,000 students comprehensive access to information in numerous forms, from extraordinary sources."

The first floor houses circulation and reserved books. It also will accommodate the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, which will feature rare maps, atlases and globes from the Smith and Osher Cartographic Collections. That facility will open in the fall of 1994. The second floor holds reference materials, interlibrary loans and data base searching. The third floor features periodicals, archives and book stacks, and the fourth contains additional stacks, administrative offices and conference areas.

Designed to include energy conservation, the new library will save an estimated 568,865 kilowatt hours per year over current energy standards for a building of this size. Those kilowatt hours translate into annual savings of \$56,900. Energy-saving features include the external Kalwall panels and high-efficiency utility systems. The lights around the outside edge of each floor are on ambient sensors that will remain on during evening hours for maintenance and security reasons.

The library was open for business

## President Sets Agenda for Year

"For the first time in three years, we begin without a budget cut," President Pattenaude told nearly 400 faculty and staff gathered in the Brooks Dining Center in Gorham for the annual breakfast, August 31.

Although we must still hold down operating budgets, we can begin to implement steps identified over the last two years, he said. Funding for implementation of select initiatives will come from the Strategic Investment Fund created by pooling reductions of half of one percent from all departmental budgets.

Pattenaude referred also to unit action plans which will be submitted by each department. Other specific initiatives highlighted were development of a student retention plan, establishment of evaluation standards (desired outcomes) in general education, continuing quality improvement efforts, and two new degree programs. He announced that the Board of Trustees has approved a B.A. in Environmental Science and Technology and a master's in Manufacturing Management.

Our efforts over the next few years will have three results, he stated: "We will significantly enhance the rigor and quality of the university; we will raise the admission standards for our regularly admitted, full-time undergraduates; and we will hold the size of our Gorham and Portland enrollment to current levels until we can afford to grow."

The Strategic Plan and its implementation through the "Action Plan" provide us with the steps in meeting our goal to "offer a rigorous and meaningful education to all who are prepared to study with us," he said. Further, he reiterated USM's mission to "provide the citizens of Maine with a university that will be a source of pride and value."

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## Student Affairs: Making Changes for Students

Over the last year, the Division of Student Affairs undertook a self-assessment process which has resulted in restructuring of the division to improve the quality and responsiveness of enrollment services.

Following the recommendations of a consultant, Judy Ryan, interim vice president for student affairs, shifted the focus of several departments, reassigned personnel and created a new department to support access and retention efforts. Enrollment and retention services have been realigned for a coordinated response from the point of a potential student's first inquiry through his or her first day of classes. This customer-oriented model, Ryan said, will make student access easier and will facilitate quick response to student needs. Her division will work in close partnership with academic affairs on issues of student retention.

"Our primary objective," Ryan said, "which we hope to have achieved by January, 1994, is to have admissions, academic advising, financial aid and registration services available on both the Portland campus (in Payson Smith) and Gorham campus (in Corthell Hall). We want to provide one place on each campus which serves as the front door to the institution and eliminates the need for students to run back and forth between campuses in using enrollment services."

Specific changes made to date include reorganization of the Admissions Office and dividing the former Department of Advising and Career Services into two more focused departments: Advising Services, which includes orientation, under Susan Roberts as director; and Career Services and Cooperative Education, under the directorship of Lawrence Bliss.

In addition, to assist the goal of expanding student scholarship support, one of the five major fundraising priorities for USM, Daniel Palubniak, formerly director of admissions, has been reassigned to University Advancement as special assistant for scholarship development and management. In his new role, Palubniak will assess current scholarship programs and establish strategies for increasing external scholarship support. A special charge will be to create scholarships that will attract a greater diversity of students and

### For quick reference, current Student Affairs departments and their directors:

- \* Enrollment Services — John Keyser, executive director
- \* Advising Services — Susan Roberts, director
- \* Financial Aid — Edward Reiman, director
- \* Registration — John Keyser, director
- \* Student Information Research Services, Steven Rand, director and associate registrar
- \* Athletics — Albert Bean, director

- \* Career Services and Cooperative Education — Lawrence Bliss, director

- \* Counseling Center — Ira Hymoff, director

- \* Police and Safety — Coin Hauck, director

- \* Student Health Services — Judith Souviney, director

- \* Student Judicial Affairs — Carl Hill, director

- \* Student Life (housing, dining services, student activities, student leadership, Greek Life, recreation and intramurals) — Joseph Austin, director

- \* Women's Center — Lucie Arbuthnot, director

recruit more out-of-state students and highly motivated students.

Susan Roberts is wearing a second hat as interim director of admissions until a new director is selected. The search will get underway soon, Ryan said. Deborah Daeris has been named associate director of admissions, in charge of recruiting traditional age students. Judy McManamy continues as associate director specializing in recruiting adult students.

The new director of financial aid, Edward Reiman, assumed his post July 12. Reiman comes to USM from the State University of New York at Geneseo, where he was associate director of financial aid.

The newly created Department of Student Information Research Services, to be directed by Steven Rand, associate registrar, will provide computerized data and software support to other units in enrollment services. Registrar John Keyser will have over-all responsibility for the above offices as executive director of enrollment services.

Margaret Fahey, who completed a one-year appointment as special assistant to the vice president for student affairs, has returned to the College of Arts and Sciences as assistant dean of the college and director of student academic affairs.

The university will continue to study how to best use the Gorham campus as a resource. Another goal for the year is a review of the athletic program in the context of the university's action plan.

The reorganization, Ryan said, is a visible sign of the division's new, consumer-oriented approach to student needs. "We've already seen positive changes result from restructuring," she said.

## King Alfred's Brings Comedy to USM

King Alfred's College of Winchester, U.K. returns to USM with a British comedy "Shakers," the story of a trendy British cocktail lounge as seen through the eyes of four long-suffering waitresses. The show, to be performed by students from King Alfred's as part of a continuing exchange program with our Theatre Department, will run September 15 through September 18, Wednesday to Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lab Theatre in Russell Hall, Gorham and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland.

In the tradition of "Cheers," "Shakers" offers a unique view of a world where everyone from check-out girls to Yuppies want to go to be seen. Playwrights John Godber and Jan Thornton have constructed a comic look at the reality behind the cover of plastic palms and Pina Coladas.

Godber's work has won many major awards including the Laurence Olivier Comedy of the Year Award and a Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award. His broad-based appeal is attributed to his punchy and entertaining style.

Tickets are \$7 for the general public, \$6 for staff and \$4 for students. For more information, call the Russell Square Players Box Office at 780-5483.

## USM Facilitator Appointed

During his breakfast address to faculty and staff, President Pattenaude announced that Kathleen Bouchard has been named the first ombudsperson for USM. "I believe the university, given its diversity and complexity, will benefit from an office that provides faculty, staff and students with assistance in resolving problems," he said. It would contribute to making "USM a better place to work and learn."

Bouchard considers her primary charge to be an active listener. She says she hopes to enhance communication between the administration and the university community. Bouchard reports directly to the president, and one of her responsibilities will be to make him aware of areas of concern, while preserving the confidentiality of any individual contact. "I hope to keep the president and his staff apprised of concerns on campus. We want the university to be responsive to its people."

Another role will be that of facilitator. "When someone raises a concern, feels they've run into a brick wall or doesn't understand their way around this large and complex institution, I want to be there to help solve the problem," she said in a recent interview. "I want to lead a confused or angry student or employee through the university structure to a solution. We want to make USM a welcoming, positive community."

She will serve all campus constituencies, and she emphasized that all inquiries and discussions will be kept confidential. Her role is not connected to any formal grievance process, she said, nor does her position supersede or override existing procedures or policies. "My assumption is that I will be helping people find resources or solutions that already exist, though I may make recommendations on adjusting or initiating new policies," she said.

She will be working closely with Sue Ellen Bordwell, special assistant to the president for equal opportunity, and they will plan how their responsibilities mesh. She also will meet with deans and directors to inform them of the service. "I need the support of deans and faculty to make a difference," she said. "We need to work together on the campus climate to make it as supportive as possible to everyone here."

Bouchard, whose new position was effective as of September 1, has an

ideal background for her new role, which interacts with all areas of the university. She came to USM in 1969 after earning a master's degree in college student personnel administration. She held a variety of positions in student affairs, including work with fraternities and sororities and managing student orientation, before becoming director of student affairs in 1976. In 1981 Bouchard was appointed EEO director and wrote USM's first affirmative action plan. When she became director of off-campus programs and instructional delivery in 1985, she moved into academic affairs. The off-campus centers in Saco-Biddeford, Sanford and Bath-Brunswick reported to her in this position. She also served as acting executive director of the Division of Off-Campus Instruction and Academic Support when John Bay moved to other university responsibilities. Last year as special assistant to the provost, she served as a liaison between academic affairs and the rest of the university community.

USM joins many large businesses as well as universities in establishing such an office. Bouchard has joined a national association and has attended meetings of an informal group in Boston which includes ombudspersons from Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Massachusetts at Boston, and area businesses.

Bouchard's office is in 301 Payson Smith, and her phone number is 780-4777. She is planning to have weekly office hours on the Gorham campus, as well.

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on the first day of classes thanks to the efforts of the library staff and Bob Leeman of DFM, who supervised a crew of 20 student movers. The students, who moved more than 200,000 books and all library equipment during August, saved the university about \$35,000 in moving costs, when compared to bids from professional movers.

The Portland Press Herald, in an editorial which ran on the first day of classes, noted, "USM cannot achieve the excellence to which it aspires without having a repository for knowledge and academic research to match. Beginning today, the match is being made."



Clarinetist Thomas Parchman (right) and other members of Penumbra play Mozart on period instruments.

## Variety Spices Faculty Concerts

Another season of superb concerts by USM faculty opens on Friday, October 1 with a concert featuring clarinetist Thomas Parchman. For the second year the entire faculty concert series is supported by outside sponsors.

A highlight of the first performance is a Mozart piece performed as Mozart himself would have heard it. Parchman will perform Mozart's "Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano" as part of the ensemble Penumbra. Wearing costumes from Mozart's era, pianist Jim Parakilas will play the fortepiano, Mary Jo Carlsen, the viola, and Parchman will perform on a reproduction of a late 18th century clarinet. The concert includes modern works as well, including pieces by Weidenaar and Prokofiev. It is sponsored by Saturn of Westbrook.

Two weeks later on October 15, Laura Kargul will play 19th century Romantic music, sponsored by ARA Services. Soprano Rhee Michelle will give a recital of 20th century music for voice on Friday, November 19, sponsored by Taylor Music Company. Laurie Kennedy, on viola, James Kennedy, on cello, and Martin Perry, on piano, will play work by C.P.E. Bach, Beethoven, Enesco and Brahms in a concert Friday, February 4 sponsored by Gorham Savings Bank. Classical guitarists Keith Crook and Michael Katz will perform March 4, sponsored by A.G. Edwards. Bassoon and oboe star in a concert on Friday, April 22, with Ardith Freeman and friends, sponsored by Filene's.

Performances are at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall on the Gorham campus. For tickets, call 780-5555.

## What We're Doing

HENRY C. AMOROSO, associate professor of education, THOMAS MacDONALD, assistant professor of associate business administration, LEONARD SHEDLETSKY, professor of communication, and TOM TRAVERS, computer science major, presented a panel at the April Eastern Communication Association meeting in New Haven on "Instructing K-12 Teachers in Computer Networking and K-12 Instructional Practices in Computer Networking: Linking Teachers and Students to the Global Village." Amoroso, MacDonald and Shedletsky presented their work, "Computer Networking: Training K-12 Educators for a New Technology," at the New England Educational Research Organization, in Portsmouth, also in April, 1993.

INDIA L. BROYLES, associate professor of education, and CHERIE MAJOR, associate professor of education, have just returned from "Educational Systems: Change and Reform," a two-week study trip to central Europe organized by Major in affiliation with the Wells School District ETEP site. The group, which included students, teachers and a principal, visited primary and secondary schools, universities, and national educational institutes.

C. GEORGE CAFFENTZIS, associate professor of philosophy and Honors Program, had his article, "La Crisi del Debito in Africa e sue Principali Implicazioni per la Riproduzione Sociale" published in the book, "Donne e Politiche del Debito: Condizione e Lavoro Femminile nella Crisi del Debito Internazionale" (Franco Angeli, Milan).

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Muskie Institute, had his article "Dinosaur Parks," published in the June 1993 issue of Fate. The article is one of the appendices from his forthcoming book, "Living Dinosaurs of the World: A Cryptozoology Field Guide." His note on "The Legend of Felines Escaping from Wrecked Circus Trains," was carried in the folklore periodical, Folklore News, no. 29. Coleman's regular column, "The Cryptozoo News," featured many late-breaking items on moa sightings, lion reports and Alaskan natives' "Hairy Man" accounts, in the April 1993 issue of Strange Magazine. The just published "Encyclopedia of Strange and Unexplained Physical Phenomena" by Jerome Clark is dedicated to Coleman and features many of his photographs and a biographical entry on him.

JOSEPH A. CONFORTI, director and professor of New England Studies, and JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, were session chairs at the "Northern New England Men and Women of the Civil War Era" conference held at the Washburn Humanities Center at the Norland Living History Center, Livermore, June 4-5. CONNIE BURNS, New England Studies student, was a presenter at the conference.

SAT GUPTA, associate professor of mathematics, gave a series of lectures at Hong Kong University, Thammasat University in Bangkok, and Delhi University, during February and March, 1993. The lectures were on "Fractionally Integrated Time Series Models."

NATHAN D. HAMILTON, associate professor of archeology, and MATTHEW BAMPTON, assistant professor of geography, presented "Mapping a Changing Environment: Geoarchaeology in Casco Bay" and "Back Through Time: Uncovering Casco Bay's Paleohistory" as part of The Maine Audubon Society's 1993 field trip series.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, is editor of the "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Mission Vision and Strategic Plan." The plan was written during his 1991-1993 assignment to the U.S. Department of the Interior, at which time he was a member of the task force that established a strategic planning process for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). Also for OSM, he wrote and presented a research report on the "Impact of Acid Rain Control on Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement: Programs and Workload." Hamilton made related presentations on "The Impact of Acid Rain Controls on Collection of Fees for Reclamation of Abandoned Mine Lands" at the annual auditor's meeting of the OSM Compliance Management Division in Nashville, and on "The Effect of the Clean Air Act Amendments on the Takings Environment" at a special seminar of coal valuation for the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington D.C.

FAITH HARRINGTON, assistant professor of New England Studies, was elected chair of the steering committee for the conference for New England Archaeology. She toured archaeological and architectural sites in Turkey and Greece in July. In August, she taught two courses at the Shoals Marine Laboratory at the Isles of Shoals.

JUDITH L. JOHNSON, director, Testing and Assessment Center, will be on sabbati-

cal from September to May, 1994. She is pursuing a Ph.D. at Boston College in the Educational Research, Measurement and Evaluation program. She has been awarded a fellowship grant by the American Association of University Women to support her studies.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had his paper, "The Model of Childhood in the Future" published in Polish in a collection of papers, "The Rights of the Child," by Impuls Publishers, Cracow, Poland, 1993. His review, "Schooling Without Labels: Parents, Educators, and Inclusive Education," was published in the summer 1993 issue of Childhood Education.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, has been commissioned to write the entry on "Examples in Ethics" for the new Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy. His essay, "On Some Vices of Virtues Ethics" (American Philosophical Quarterly, 21) is being reprinted in "Moral Disputes," edited by James Fiseser (Wadsworth, forthcoming). During June-August, 1993, he was a participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar on Kant's ethics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

JAYNE D. B. MARSH, research associate, Muskie Institute, presented an AIMS Workshop at the 29th annual meeting of the New England Public Health Association, June 2-4, in Cape Cod, on "Starting Early: Screening to Reach Infants with Health and Development Needs." ANNE KEITH, assistant professor of nursing, moderated the session. Marsh and SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE, consultant, Muskie Institute, have received a grant from the A. L. Mailman Family Foundation in support of Project AIMS work that will assist in further revisions and dissemination of the "AIMS: Developmental Indicators of Emotional Health," the psychosocial assessment tool developed by Project AIMS.

RICHARD L. MCKEIL, professor of associate business and economics, coauthored a self-study guide titled "The Free Market System and Russian Economic Conversion."

WILLIAM G. MORTENSEN, director of public service, served as host of the annual region I conference of the Association for Continuing Higher Education, held May 2-4 in Portland. At the conference, Mortensen, PAUL W. BAYLISS, director of continuing education for business, and KATHLEEN S. LeBEL, director of conferences, presented a workshop on "Continuous Quality Improvement at USM."

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