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Joel Russ, executive director of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, hands President Richard L. Pattenaude the Masterton Award. Barrelet photo

USM Honored by Chamber Award

The state's largest chamber of commerce has presented its annual economic development award to USM for "...enhancing the overall economic climate of Greater Portland."

The Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Portland Region named USM the 1993 recipient of the Robert R. Masterton Award for Economic Development at ceremonies held Wednesday, September 22 in Portland for nearly 400 members and guests. Past recipients of the Masterton Award, named for the late business and civic leader, include L.L. Bean, Maine Medical Center and UNUM, one of the nation's leading insurance carriers.

In presenting the award, Donald L. McDowell, chair of the chamber's board of directors and president of Maine Medical Center, noted USM's role as a technical and cultural resource for the community, an educator of the local work force and a major employer in the region.

"We're extremely honored to accept the 1993 Masterton Award

since it recognizes how critical it is for people and organizations in both the public and private sectors to work together to enhance our economic climate," said USM President Richard L. Pattenaude. "As a public university, we will continue to direct our resources so that USM's teaching, research and technology transfer programs support the quality of life in our region and state."

Last year, USM's Department of Continuing Education for Business provided training sessions for 2,054 business people. The Production Technology Center, a university/industry partnership that helps Maine companies adapt to new technologies, served 500 business people. The Southern Maine Partnership, a collaborative education reform effort established by USM and supported by UNUM, holds 100 workshops each year for 3,500 educators in 25 public school districts. In 1992, USM served 70,000 people through its noncredit programs, and 70 percent of USM's 10,000 students live and work in Cumberland and York Counties.

"Taken as a whole, these and other services add immeasurably to the economic prosperity and the quality of life we value and seek in Maine," said Burchard A. Dunn in nominating USM for the award. Dunn, a principal partner in the accounting firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker, is chair of the USM Corporate Partners, an alliance of nearly 100 southern Maine business leaders and USM established to share information and resources.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Portland Region has a membership of nearly 1,000 businesses serving the communities of Portland, South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Falmouth, Cumberland, Gorham and Westbrook.

Center for Teaching Sets Aim

During the last academic year, the Commission on Undergraduate Education canvassed the university community and found strong support for development of a Center for Teaching, an idea which had originally been proposed in President Pattenaude's 1992-93 Strategic Plan. Under the direction of John Bay, executive director of the Division of Academic Support, first steps in creating the center have been achieved. "There has been interest on campus in supporting an exchange of ideas on teaching and learning for a long time," Bay said. "Now we finally have the resources to act."

Bay will serve as director of the center for the first year in order to facilitate establishment of the center. In the future the directorship will be held by a faculty person on partial release time who will report to Bay, as indicated in the April, 1993 Action Plan. An advisory board was created with nine faculty members who serve three-year, staggered terms to work with the director in recommending the overall direction and developing goals and an annual work plan.

"The Advisory Board has a mix of recent additions to our faculty and long-term members," Bay said. "We value the mix of perspectives." The board also draws members from all schools and colleges at USM. The College of Arts and Sciences has four members; other schools have one seat on the board. Students also are represented on the board. Members for 1993-94 are Jean Gutmann, professor of associate business administration; Lois Hinckley, associate professor of classics; Deborah Johnson, assistant professor of psychology; Walter Kimball, associate professor of education; David Knudsen, associate professor of electrical engineering;

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"Surrendering Self II," by Martha Miller, one of ten artists whose work is featured in the exhibition "Dreams: Poetic Memory," which explores dreams and the unconscious as a source of creative expression. The exhibition is on view from Sunday, October 24 through Thursday, November 18 at USM's Art Gallery in Gorham. Call 780-5409 for more information on the exhibition and the opening reception, 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, October 24.

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Dana McDaniel, assistant professor of linguistics; Thomas Newton, associate professor of chemistry; Marianne Rodgers, associate professor of nursing; and Robert Schaible, associate professor of arts and humanities, Lewiston-Auburn College. Students are Ethel Bowden Jacobs, Sheila Millay and Marcia Thibodeau. The board meets every other week.

The Center for Teaching will eventually be located in the old library space in Luther Bonney Hall, and a resource room will be established in the Gorham Campus Library. Funding for the center comes almost entirely from interest from a bequest to USM. The operating budget for the first year is approximately \$16,000. The center's mission is to encourage and support the sharing of ideas on teaching. "We can capitalize on the strength of individuals here and build a greater overall strength if colleagues share methods and approaches to teaching with each other," Bay said.

As first steps in the process of

sharing ideas, the center will host a series of workshops on teaching and will distribute eight issues of a newsletter which feature teaching techniques of scholar/practitioners at schools around the country. The first of these newsletters has been circulated already. The five workshops scheduled for this fall combine discussion of issues with concrete ideas for classrooms. Panelists will present ideas they have tried and open the floor to discussion.

The center has held a session for new faculty to enable them to meet colleagues and will continue to work with new faculty.

The first workshop, October 13, on "Developing Learning Communities at USM" was cosponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee on Learning Communities, which was created by the president at the recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Education. This committee, which reports to the provost and intends to work with the university community as facilitators in developing and supporting ideas that draw together groups which share a common learning/teaching focus.

It is hoped that long-term strategies for Learning Communities and the Center for Teaching will develop from the initial workshop. The center is requesting feedback from the campus on other activities faculty and staff would find of interest. Ideas should be forwarded to John Bay at 780-4470 or to advisory board members.

Center for Teaching Fall 1993 Workshops

- Encouraging Active Learning
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 1 Payson Smith.
- Documenting Good Teaching: The Value of Creating a Teaching Portfolio"
2-3:30 p.m., Monday, November 1, 102 Bailey Hall.
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, November 3, 41 Payson Smith Hall.
- How to Enhance Student Learning in Large Classes
3-4:30 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 206 Bailey Hall.
- Classroom Assessment Techniques
2:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 2, 510 Luther Bonney Hall.

New M.A. Degree at LAC

Board OKs Occupational Therapy Program

A new master's program was authorized for USM by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees at the September meeting, held September 20 in Augusta. Lewiston-Auburn College will offer a master's degree in occupational therapy which will provide students with the clinical, analytical and assessment skills required by the profession. The Master's in Occupational Therapy is designed for people holding an undergraduate degree in another field.

Lewiston-Auburn College was originally scheduled to offer six baccalaureate degrees, five of which have been implemented. The master's level program will replace the sixth baccalaureate degree, which would have been in the health and human services, and will be funded with money already allocated to USM by the Legislature and through external funding. Lewiston-Auburn College offers interdisciplinary courses and programs in natural and applied sciences and in social and behavioral sciences which support the OT program. In addition, the LAC facility is completely accessible to the disabled. The OT program will consist of 80 credit hours, including field experience. It is expected to enroll students beginning June, 1995.

Projections indicate that the demand for occupational therapists will increase due to implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the aging of the U.S. population. The profession predicts severe shortage of occupational therapists in Maine. At present there are no other institutions in Maine offering an entry-level master's degree in occupational therapy. University of New England offers a baccalaureate program in the field.

Occupational therapists provide rehabilitation services to those impaired by disease, accident or birth problems in a variety of health care settings.

Ergonomics at USM

Cases of carpal tunnel syndrome and other cumulative trauma disorders, most of which are the direct result of poor workstation design, have become the leading cause of occupational illness.

Each year, more than 3 million of these disorders are recorded at worksites throughout the nation, making ergonomics, or the study of how workstations fit the people who use them, an issue of growing concern for organizations in both the private and public sectors.

USM is not immune from this workplace safety problem. From July 1, 1992 through September, 1993, 66 USM workstations were evaluated, 32 of which related to some type of cumulative trauma disorder.

To help address the problem, Associate Professor of Technology Albert S. Kirk, USM's coordinator of occupational safety and health, is providing programs on workplace safety, evaluating the safety of workstations when faculty and staff feel there is a design flaw, and making recommendations on how to correct design problems.

A demonstration office has been established in the Technology Center to display properly designed workstations. Lewis Snow, president of Loring, Short & Harmon, gave the \$15,000 worth of equipment to USM on a permanent loan basis.

"Thanks to the generosity of Loring, Short & Harmon, we now have the ability to actually demonstrate to faculty and staff the type of office equipment that meets accepted ADA and ergonomic standards," said Kirk. "It's a great tool for offering all members of the campus community some guidance on the design of new office space or the redesign of existing facilities."

The office is located on the first floor of the Technology Center, in back of the Hill Gym, Gorham.

The demonstration office includes three types of adjustable chairs, various styles of office lighting, and other pieces of adjustable work surfaces, including computer stands, footstools and keyboard supports. Faculty and staff can examine the equipment at any time.

In addition to the suffering and lost productivity caused by trauma disorders, workplace design also has become a bottom-line issue here and elsewhere. In 1992-1993, nearly

\$270,000 in workers comp claims were filed at USM, all of which came out of departmental budgets as a result of our self-insured status. That total is about \$133,000 less than the previous year.

"We're moving in the right direction as far as decreasing the number of injuries and the costs associated with them," said Kirk. "But we still need to ensure that all faculty and staff are aware of how to minimize or, better yet, avoid the conditions that lead to these workplace injuries."

Members of the campus community who want more information can call Kirk at 780-5406.

Campus Notes

Flu shots are available to faculty, staff and students at the Student Health Services on both campuses. Shots are \$8. Call for an appointment, 780-4211 or 780-5411.

The Professional Staff Senate invites all members of the university community to attend a forum on wellness in the workplace, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 16 in the Sullivan Gym, Portland. Call Judy Souviney at 780-4083 or Tom Downing at 780-4879 for more information/RSVP.

USM Called to Help

Watch for this year's charity appeal which combines four federations in one campaign.

This new approach allows donors to tailor their giving on a single pledge card and includes choice of payroll deduction. University employees will be able to indicate donations to one or more of the charitable organizations—United Way, MaineShare, Combined Health Appeal and International Service Agencies—or designate an agency aided by the charities.

The federation of groups includes more than 100 agencies that provide social, health and environmental services throughout southern Maine.

If you haven't yet received your packet of information, please call USM's campaign chair, Kathleen Bouchard, at 780-4777.



Fall Music Fest

Play On!

USM's Music Department is hosting a music extravaganza in the greater Portland area at the end of October. During the five-day MusicFest, Wednesday, October 27 through Sunday, October 31, more than 100 music faculty, students, alumni and friends of the department will participate in 41 performances of classical, jazz and folk music.

MusicFest also includes special concerts, lectures and workshops, including demonstrations for children at the Children's Museum of Maine from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 30. The variety of performances kick off a fund-raising campaign to provide money for an endowed scholarship fund, musical instruments, an electronic music studio and electronic keyboard lab, and other needs for music students. All donations raised by MusicFest go to the Play On! fund-raising campaign.

The biggest event in the celebration is the Oktoberfest to be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, October 29 at the Sonesta Hotel Ballroom. A fee of \$20 supplies German food, drink, dancing and music.

Other highlights are a cabaret evening featuring the talents of alumni, 8 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday, October 27 at the Moon restaurant on Fore Street; a faculty concert at the Portland Museum of Art Auditorium, beginning with a wine reception at 5 p.m. and concert at 6 p.m., for a donation of \$5; an evening of "spooky" music by the USM Concert Band at 6 p.m., Saturday, October 30 in the Portland High School Auditorium, for a donation of \$3; and a gala finale concert with faculty, students and alumni performing, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 31 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham, for \$5. Jazz lovers will find performances at many local restaurants on each evening of the MusicFest.

For more information on events and for reservations, call 780-5555.

What We're Doing

JOAN AMERLING, Law School director of development and alumni relations, is a board member of The Maine Women's Fund and is cochairing MFW's development committee.

BRUCE B. CLARY, professor of public policy and interim director of Public Policy and Management, co-authored "Subgroups of Homeless: Street Kids" which appeared in the New England Journal of Public Policy. Clary and RUTH O. RALPH, research associate, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, published "Quality of Life Outcome Measures for Three Case Management Models: Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Broker and Traditional" in Disability Studies Quarterly, as well as having a paper, "The Working Alliance Inventory: Measuring the Relationship Between Client and Case Manager" appear in "Proceedings, Third Annual National Conference, National Association of State Mental Health Agency Services Research." Clary also made presentations on service delivery issues for homeless adolescents to the Maine Association of Adolescent and Child Psychiatry and Department of Child Psychiatry of Dartmouth College. Clary was elected president of the Maine chapter of the American Society of Public Administration for 1993-1994 and chaired a panel on "Leadership, Politics and the Role of the Individual" at The Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program Washington workshop, sponsored by the United States Information Agency.

BRUCE FITHIAN, associate professor of music, had a premiere of his composition "Tomorrow in Sarajevo" by the Maine Gay Men's Chorus at USM's Corthell Concert Hall on May 8. The composition was based on a poem by KENNETH F. ROSEN, professor of English. Fithian is music director of the MGMC, which was featured in a Boston concert on June 11. As part of a duo of voice and lute called "Poema Harmonico" Fithian sang in the Boston Early Music Festival on June 15. From June 21-26, he was an artist faculty member at the Aston Magna Academy at Rutgers University. As part of the Academy, he performed Schubert lieder with period instruments. Fithian was featured as a soloist singing lute songs on the WGBH Boston radio program called "Off the Record" on September 30. As director of the Opera Workshop at USM, Fithian, in conjunction with the Portland Concert Association, presented previews of "Die Fledermaus" at Oxford Hills High School, Freeport High School and Brunswick High School.

CHARLES R. FITTS, assistant professor of geosciences, presented his paper, "Well Discharge Optimization Using Analytic Elements" at the June 1993 Ground Water Modeling Conference, sponsored by the International Ground Water Modeling Center at the Colorado School of Mines.

BHISHAM C. GUPTA, professor of applied mathematics, gave an invited talk at the Institute of Mathematics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 16. He presented a paper titled "Some Simulated Results on Search Designs of Resolution 3.k for 2^m Factorials" at the fifth symposium on Statistics with Applications in Agriculture and gave an hourlong invited talk titled "Search Designs and Taguchi Method for 2^m Factorial Experiments" at the 38th annual meeting of the International Society of Biometry, July 18-23, held at the Federal University of Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor, political science, is the author of a draft international agreement providing for science and technology cooperation and exchanges concerning environmental regulation of surface mining and reclamation of mined lands in the rain forests of Indonesia. The agreement is expected to be signed before the end of 1993. He is also principal coauthor of a proposed \$3.2 million technical assistance agreement between OSM and the Indonesian bureau concerning "Improvement of Mining Environmental Policy and Regulatory Program" which the World Bank has offered to fund in 1994.

SUZANNE K. HART, director of the Survey Research Center of the Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, and USM alumnus, Clarkson Woodward, received certificates of appreciation at the Portland Police Department semiannual awards ceremony for designing and directing the Parkside Neighborhood Community Survey, a project that involved a house-to-house survey of residents concerning attitudes about the level of criminal activity, safety and security, and satisfaction with Police Department services.

RITA M. KISSEN, associate professor of education, has been appointed as a regional judge for the 1993 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing, a nationally recognized competition, now in its 36th year.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, completed a ten-week visiting professorship at the American University in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria during his sabbati-

cal leave. Potts presented the first international financial accounting class offered by the university, which is a joint Bulgarian-American institution established in 1991.

CHRISTOPHER REED, assistant professor of art history, was a 1993 Lehman Lecturer in Art History at Carleton College in May. Drawing on his recent work on post-modernism and identity politics, he offered a lecture and a seminar focusing on feminist art and AIDS posters. Reed was also interviewed by Minnesota Public Radio for the statewide edition of "All Things Considered."

NANCY SALMON, dance instructor, Theatre Department, has been appointed to the Arts in Education Steering Committee for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA).

LEONARD J. SHEDLETSKY, professor of communication, had his paper, "Computer-Mediated Communication to Facilitate Seminar Participation and Active Thinking: A Case Study," appear in a special issue of the Electronic Journal of Communication, (Volume 3, No. 2, April 1993). His chapter, "Accused of Sexual Harassment," appears in "Sexual Harassment" (Hampton Press, 1993). He is cited for his contribution to the special section on sexual harassment, Journal of Applied Communication Research, (Vol. 20, No. 4, November 1992). Shedletsky has been invited to join the Hinckley Group, a consulting organization providing professional services for diversity management strategies. He has been asked by ERIC/RCS to write a series of articles on the human-computer interface in education for the journal Educational Technology.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, assistant professor of nursing, was selected as one of two nurse educators to serve on a national logical job analysis panel. The group of experts was convened in February by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Their work, including a test plan for a supplementary examination for licensure for graduates of baccalaureate programs, was published in April. She published a summary of her research finding, "A Study of Power and Spirituality in Polio Survivors Using the Nursing Model of Martha E. Rogers" in the winter, 1993 edition of Rogerian Nursing Science News, and presented her research findings from the same study at the Eastern Nurses Research Society meeting in Boston last April.



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