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USM President Richard L. Pattenauade , center, answers a question at the press conference announcing the new alliance. Pictured also, Wayne H. Ross (far left), president of Southern Maine Technical College, and William Andrews, president of Westbrook College.

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Educational Alliance Forms

USM is one of six area schools that recently signed an agreement to share courses and resources, forming the Greater Portland Alliance of Colleges and Universities (GPA). The other participating schools are the Maine College of Art, Southern Maine Technical College, Westbrook College, St. Joseph's College and the University of New England.

"The hope is that through coordinated efforts, we'll ensure better communication and also explore the possibility of course and resource sharing," said President Pattenauade , who took a lead role in the formation of the alliance. The idea grew out of discussions held by Partners for Progress, a Portland improvement group, he said. The group perceived a need to make the Greater Portland area "a more attractive place to live and learn," Pattenauade said at a press conference announcing the alliance on October 25.

The first step in implementation of

the agreement is cross-registration, enabling students at one school to take some courses at another. In the long run, the alliance could support faculty collaborations, joint teaching/research assignments, jointly developed programs, and improved coordination of cultural events and resources.

Students will be able to sign up for courses at another school if they are not able to take that course on their home campus. USM students, for example, could register for a course at the Maine School of Art that is not offered by our Art Department, and students at the College of Art will have a broader selection of liberal arts, science and business courses to choose from by taking courses at USM. Thus, alliance schools can avoid creating a course that is duplicated at another member school.

Students would not be able to take more than two courses a year and no more than five courses over their academic careers.

Implementation is being worked out by chief academic officers in each school, with the aim of offering cross-enrollment during this academic year.

Search for Chief Academic

Applications have been pouring in for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs, assuring a good pool of candidates, and the search is underway. Dave Davis, the present provost, will complete a two-year fixed length position in May.

Alfred Padula, associate professor of history, is chairing the search committee. Serving on the committee from the College of Arts and Sciences are Kathleen Ashley, professor of English, and Richard Maiman, professor of political science.

Representing the other schools are Dorothy Woods Smith, assistant professor of nursing, SON; Charles Lyons, associate professor of education, COE; Charles Welty, professor of computer science, School of Applied Science; Judy Potter, professor of law, SOL; Tom MacDonald, assistant professor of associate business administration, School of Business, Economics and Management; and Jan Hitchcock, assistant professor of social and behavioral sciences, Lewiston-Auburn College and Muskie Institute.

Sam Andrews, vice president for administration, represents the President's Staff; Helen Greenwood, dean of Lewiston-Auburn College, represents the Provost's Academic Council; Betty Robinson, assistant professor of management and organizational studies, Lewiston-Auburn College, represents the Faculty Senate; Susan Roberts, director of advising services, the Professional Staff Senate; Lee Townsend, the Classified Staff Senate; and Dayna Browne, the Student Senate.

The committee, at this point, is considering well over 100 applications, responding to an advertisement in the Chronicle of Higher Education.



A USM music major serenades dinner guests at the last on-campus madrigal dinner, held two years ago. A medieval feast will be held this year December 2 and 3.

Popular Madrigal Dinner Returns

The holiday season wouldn't be complete without a costumed extravaganza presented by the Music Department, and this year we will be treated once again to the popular madrigal dinner. This year's event, "A Mycel Merye Yule Feste," is set in the medieval period, with banquet and performances by the University Chamber Singers, lute songs, jester Randy Judkins, and student horn and string ensembles. Proceeds will support music scholarships.

As in other years, this holiday event will be held on campus first, with procession, banquet and revels in the Brooks Dining Center in Gorham, Thursday, December 2 at a cost of \$25 per person. For reservations, call Mary Snell at 780-5555.

A benefit performance will be held on the following night, Friday, December 3 at the Sonesta Hotel in Portland, with the same musicians and singers but a more elaborate feast, for tickets of \$50 per person. Reservations are required by November 24, and can be made by calling 780-4640.

The Music Department is also holding a raffle in connection with this yuletide celebration. First prize is two round-trip airline tickets to Europe. Raffle tickets are \$10, three tickets for \$25, to benefit the scholarship fund. For information, call 780-4640.

More Options for Russian Majors

USM and Bowdoin College have entered an agreement to allow each other's students to take courses in Russian language and culture at either institution.

At present USM has a Russian Studies program, an interdisciplinary area studies major, and Bowdoin has a Russian major focused on Russian language and literature. Although both institutions offer advanced level Russian language classes, courses are not offered as frequently as some students may need.

"This exchange agreement is designed to meet an occasional need," explains Charlotte Rosenthal, assistant professor of Russian at USM. "We prefer to see students go on a real exchange program to Russia to build on their language base, but not every student can do that. This provides another means of enriching the USM offerings and fills a gap for some students."

The agreement will allow USM students to take fourth-year level Russian courses at Bowdoin, and Bowdoin students to take designated Russian-related courses. Not many students are expected to participate in this exchange; it is intended primarily for students who cannot participate in other exchange programs or who must meet course requirements for graduation at a time when their home institution does not provide the necessary courses. USM offers more social science courses on Russian culture, while Bowdoin offers upper Russian literature courses more frequently than we do.

Students taking advantage of this arrangement would register, pay tuition and receive their official grade and credits through their home institution.

Since this is a pilot program, it will be monitored annually and evaluated after three years. The agreement was signed by the institutions in late September and is now in effect. A USM Russian major is already taking courses at Bowdoin this fall, and a few Bowdoin students are considering taking advantage of USM's courses in Russian history and politics and in Rosenthal's specialty, Russian women writers.

An immediate benefit of the agreement was the jointly sponsored visit November 3 by the famous Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, who visited USM and Bowdoin.

Campus Notes

The Classified Staff Senate is dedicating a portion of the funds raised through the "Donate an Hour" campaign to subsidize classified staff attendance at job-related workshops, seminars or other programs. The Senate's funding is being matched by President Pattenaude; and there are also matching funds within the College of Education to allow more COE classified staff to take advantage of available programs. Individuals are limited to one \$40 award per year, through June 1, 1994. For more information, call Robin Day at 780-5260, Sharmon Toner at 780-4254, Debbie Berry at 780-4839 or Cathy Knox at 780-4221.

USM has initiated a new employee orientation program which will begin with a day-long session required for all new full- and part-time classified and professional staff members, Tuesday, December 14, in the Faculty Dining Room and Presidential Dining Room, Brooks Dining Center, Gorham. Programs will be held once a month, and new employees will be notified of program dates nearest to their hiring date. Orientation will include health and safety awareness training, aspects of USM, and our mentoring program. For more information, call Bernadette Curtis, training/development program specialist, at 780-5384.

USM's program in Rehabilitation Counselor Education has received reaccreditation for a three-year term from the Council on Rehabilitation Education, Inc., the accrediting body.

A copy of a brochure stating USM's sexual harassment policy is available through Sue Ellen Bordwell, special assistant to the president for equal opportunity, 780-5094.

Lifeline received an award for outstanding support of BaySide and Goodwill Industries at the Goodwill Industries' 1993 Annual Meeting.

Books and periodicals on current real estate valuation theory and practice are available at USM's Library in Portland. They have been donated by the State of Maine Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. The Appraisal Institute sponsors real estate courses and enforces a strict ethical code.

Hodgdon Honored

Receives Mentor Award
from Maine Women's Fund



University of Southern Maine field hockey coach Paula D. Hodgdon was recognized as a pioneer in women's sports by the Maine Women's Fund at the annual Maine Women's Fund dinner, November 10. The Maine Women's Fund promotes the aspirations and well-being of women and girls in Maine.

Hodgdon, the Huskies' field hockey coach for 27 seasons and a former instructor and athletic director at the university, received the Maine Women's Fund Mentor Award at the evening presentation honoring women in sports. A high school athlete, Sara Richard from Presque Isle, a woman overcoming disabilities, Irene Furlong, and the organization Outward Bound also received awards. The awards were presented by Olympic Gold Medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, honorary chair of the event.

Barbara Winthrop, events committee chairperson for the Maine Women's Fund, said Hodgdon was selected because of the long-term commitment she has made to women's athletics. She noted that many of Hodgdon's students have gone on to become coaches and athletes.

"Paula has been a strong advocate, role model and guiding force for many of the young women who have attended this institution," USM Athletic Director Al Bean said.

Hodgdon came to USM in 1967 and proceeded to establish the women's athletic programs at the university. In 1993 she retired from full-time duty as athletic director. She still holds her part-time post as field hockey coach.

A \$500 donation from the Maine Women's Fund in Hodgdon's name will be presented to USM athletics, the tax exempt athletic organization of her choice.

New Program Trains for Jobs

A program that will train students for jobs as environmental specialists is on schedule for admitting students in the fall of 1994. The new undergraduate degree program in environmental science and policy was approved by trustees last July, in response to interest demonstrated by students and employers in environmental businesses in the area.

The program will train students for jobs in environmental management, water protection, community planning and impact assessment. USM's admissions office receives approximately 75 inquiries per year from potential students about an environmental policy program. ABB Environmental Services, Inc., the Department of Environmental Protection and Woodward & Curran are among the local organizations that have voiced support for establishment of an environmental degree program.

Six different USM departments, including biology, chemistry, geosciences, political science, public policy and geography, planned the program. The full program will consist of 41 courses that link the social sciences and basic sciences together. Most of the equipment, lab space and other resources are already available.

Students in the program will serve internships in the environmental community, including area businesses, government agencies and USM's Wolfe's Neck Program on the Environment and Society.

Nancy Gordon, associate professor of chemistry, has been named as acting director for the first year. A search will be undertaken for a director soon. Initial projections call for 20 students per year, which will cover most of the program's costs. New costs not covered by tuition revenues and fundraising will be covered through reallocations within the university.

"The establishment of the program is a direct outgrowth of USM's strategic plan, which calls for us to develop academic programs that build on USM's existing strengths and are responsive to clear regional needs," President Richard L. Pattenau said.



Soprano Rhee Michelle will give a recital of 20th century music for voice ranging from Broadway show tunes to contemporary art pieces, at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 19 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. The concert, sponsored by Taylor Music Company, will feature work by Charles Koechlin, in which the soprano will be accompanied by pianist Judith Quimby and Anthony Allen on flute. Another highlight of this concert are premieres of works by Maine composers Charles Kaufman and Lila Cobb. Tickets for the concert are \$8 for the public and \$5 for students, seniors and faculty and staff. Call 780-5555 for reservations. Snell photo

Publications Office Wins National Award

Publication materials promoting the Cartographic Campaign "Charting the Future," which is raising funds for housing and managing USM's valuable antique map collection, won a silver (second place) medal in a national competition among university and college advancement offices.

Julie Cameron, director of publications and marketing, Camille Buch, assistant director of publications, and Sandy Dowling, cartographic campaign director, created and produced the materials, including a catalog and brochures.

More than 754 institutions submitted over 4100 entries in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's 1993 Recognition Program. There were 63 entries in the category of Fundraising Publication Packages, in which USM received one of two silver medals awarded. USM is a member institution of CASE.

What We're Doing

WILL KILROY, assistant professor of theatre, performed this summer with the Studio Theatre of Bath in a production of "The Nerd." He directed, produced and adapted scripts for "Cinderella and Rumpelstiltskin" which were presented in Gorham, and directed "Graceland" in Ogunquit. In June he attended a two-week symposium in Paris on stage combat which culminated in a public performance. In Philadelphia at the national convention for the Association of Theatre in Higher Education, he presented a workshop on the acting techniques of Michael Chekhov with veteran screen/stage actress Mala Powers and performed in the premiere production of "The Brother's Silence."

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had his article, "Stephen Leacock: The Humorist as Educator" published in the spring 1993 issue of The McGill Journal of Education. Kulawiec's book review, "Janusz Korczak w getcie," ("Janusz Korczak in the Ghetto - New Sources") published in The Polish Review, Vol. 28, 1993, Fall.

KATHLEEN I. MacPHERSON, professor of nursing, gave the keynote address, "To Take or Not to Take Hormone Replacement Therapy: A Shifting Paradigm for Decision Making," at the Menopause: Rethinking Women's Health conference sponsored by SUNY at the Buffalo School of Nursing. She presented a paper, "Taking it to Heart: Menopause, Hormones and Cardiovascular Disease," at the Berkshire Women's History Conference, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on June 11. On June 12, she presented a paper titled "Making Their Own Choice: Postmenopausal Women Stop Hormone Therapy," at the tenth conference of the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research in Boston. On October 27, at the 121st annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in San Francisco she presented "A Bodily Response: Women Stop Taking Prescribed Hormone Therapy." MacPherson's chapter, "Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Women and the Hormone Debate" was printed in "AWHONN's Clinical Issues in Perinatal and Women's Health Nursing" (J.B. Lippincott, Co., pp. 244-249). Another chapter, "The False Promises of Hormone Replacement Therapy and Current Dilemmas," appeared in "Menopause: A Midlife Passage," (Indiana University Press).

LESLIE H. NICOLL, research associate, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, has been

selected as a distinguished lecturer by Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing for the 1993-1995 biennium. On August 12 and 13, Nicoll was selected by a group of her peers to attend the Rural Nurse Leaders Workshop sponsored by the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication held at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, associate professor of arts and humanities, Lewiston-Auburn College, taught July 12-16 as one of the primary faculty in The Scientist as Humanist Project's fourth annual summer seminar. Sponsored by the University of New Hampshire's Center for the Humanities and funded by the National Science Foundation, the project had as its theme this year, "Focus on Biology: Metaphors of Time and Rates of Change." Schaible was also invited by the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (based in Chicago) to conduct a workshop during its 40th annual Star Island Conference, "Poetry in an Ecological Context: Pleasure and Political Community," July 31-August 6.

MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY, associate professor of art, had his sculpture installation, "Seneca," that was on exhibit at Maine Coast Artists, reviewed in the October/November 1993 issue of Art New England.

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 of Educational Technology.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, gave an invited talk on "Some Contributions to Optimality and Construction of Nested Row-Column Designs" at the first North American New Researchers' Conference held at the University of California, Berkeley, August 3-7. His paper, "On Mutually Orthogonal and Totally Balanced Sets of Balanced Incom-

plete Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns," was published in the journal Statistica Sinica (Vol. #3, 1993). Uddin's paper "Optimality and Construction of Nested Row and Column Design" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference."

ZARK VANZANDT, associate professor of Human Resource Development, made presentations at the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) in Washington, D.C., June 24, and the national Occupational Information Coordinating Committee Conference, August 23, in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. on the "Get A Life" career planning portfolio. VanZandt is the project consultant for the portfolio project and has worked with pilot sites in Maine, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Utah during the past year, preparing the portfolio for national distribution through ASCA. He also was an invited participant to the Planning for Life Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Committee for Economic Development at Fort McNair, Washington D.C. on August 4.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, presented a paper, "Beyond the Conventional Wisdom about the Homeless: 'Cultures of Resistance' on the Streets," at the national conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Miami Beach, in August.

MARGO WOOD, professor of education, was awarded a Durrell-Crosley research grant by the New England Reading Association to support "Project Story-Boost." The project will test a model for providing foundational literacy experiences with children's books to "at risk" kindergarten children at a very low cost. The \$1,500 grant will fund the development of training materials and presentation of a pilot workshop for teachers' aides and volunteers in June 1994. Wood and MARSHA WINSHIP, a former USM graduate student, presented a paper, "Case Studies of the Writing Development of Two 'At Risk' First-Graders" at the annual convention of the Maine Reading Association in Bangor, September 25.

L. KINVIN WROTH, professor of law, had his essay, "The Maine Connection: Massachusetts Justice Downeast, 1620-1820," published in "The History of Law in Massachusetts: The Supreme Judicial Court, 1692-1992," (Boston, 1992). The essay is an expanded version of a paper presented at the colloquium celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court held in 1990.



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