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Soul Making and Education

COE chooses Libra Professor

The College of Education has selected its first Libra professor, an educator who has advocated for sovereignty in education for Native Americans. The appointment of Patricia Locke as Libra Distinguished Visiting Professor was approved by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees at their November meeting.

Locke will give a lecture on campus from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16 in 209 Luther Bonney, Portland and a public lecture at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 19 in Portland High School Auditorium. Both lectures are titled "From Soul Making to Community Making" and will present Native American educational issues. Her campus presentation is part of Women's History Month activities.

Locke, who holds a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship through 1996, is working with the United Nations on the designation of 1993 as the Year of Indigenous Peoples. She will work

with USM's COE in exploring the role of the individual in changing the educational system and the role of education in changing society.

During her appointment, Locke, who describes herself as an American Indian, a term she prefers to Native American, will also work with minority student groups at USM and meet with tribal leaders of the Passamaquoddy in northern Maine to promote the value of higher education for American Indians. Nationally, and in Maine, American Indians have had a low rate of post-secondary education. Locke hopes to establish links between the tribes and USM. A resident of Standing Rock reservation in South Dakota, she lists her tribal affiliation as Hunkpapa Lakota and White Earth Chippewa, Mississippi Band.

In addition to holding a number of academic appointments, Locke created the American Indian Higher Education Consortium during the 1970s and assisted 17 Indian nations in establishing colleges under tribal control on their reservations. As a scholar with the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education in the mid-1980s, Locke conducted research in American Indian post-secondary education. Since 1989 she has been executor of the International Native American Language Issues Institute and also continues to assist tribes in developing education codes. She served from 1989 to 1990 as commissioner of the National Commission on Testing and Public Policy. Her appointment is through May 31, 1993, but she will be on campus primarily during March, working with faculty long-distance the rest of the time.

While visiting campus in October, Locke also met with some teachers from local school districts. She plans to share strategies with teachers on how to work with diverse groups of children in the classroom.

The Libra Professorships were established by the Board of Trustees in November, 1989 with funding of \$5 million from Elizabeth B. Noyce to support academic programs of excellence.

Expert on Native American Issues Keynotes Women's History

M. Annette Jaimes, a member of the Juaneno California Mission Band and the Yaqui/Opata of Arizona and a leading authority on federal Indian policy and other Native American issues, will deliver the keynote lecture for USM's observance of Women's History Month.

Jaimes will speak at 4 p.m. on International Women's Day, Wednesday, March 10 in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland campus. Her subject is "Native American Women and Decolonization in the 21st Century." Her address will be followed by a reception in the Campus Center Amphitheatre and the International Women's Day Dinner, at 6:30 p.m.

Jaimes, who holds a doctoral degree in higher education and policy studies, is currently a teacher of American Indian Studies at the University of Colorado's Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race in America and assistant director of special projects for the University Learning Center. She specializes in the study of native women's perspectives and gender issues, Indian identity, civil rights and sovereignty. Among her publications on these topics are two recent books she edited, "The State of Native America" and "Fantasies of the Master Race."

Celebration of Women's History Month runs throughout March, with lectures, films and videos scheduled several times each week. For more information on events, call 780-4289 or the Events line at 780-4500.

People who need special accommodations to participate fully in this program can contact Women's Studies at 780-4289. The hearing impaired can call USM's teletex/TDD number, 780-5646.



Gary Fifield, women's basketball coach, in a huddle with his team.

Fifield Selected To 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival Coaching Staff

Gary Fifield, who is completing one of his most successful seasons as women's basketball coach at USM, has been named a member of the U.S. Olympic Festival coaching staff. The festival, scheduled for July 23-August 1 in San Antonio, is the major tournament from which members of the men's and women's U.S. Olympic Basketball Teams are selected. Officials of USA Basketball recently announced the 12-member coaching staff for the festival's north, south, east and west teams. Fifield will be an assistant under the University of Connecticut's Geno Auriemma, head coach of the west team.

"It's certainly a great honor to be selected," said Fifield, "not just for me, but for our women's basketball program and the university. My selection is a direct reflection of our program's success and the reputation and respect that we have earned at the regional and national levels. Hopefully, the exposure to a new level and other professionals will help me to improve my skills as a coach and bring new ideas to our program at USM."

Fifield, in his sixth season at USM, currently holds an incredible 149-25 record for an overall winning percentage of .851%, the nation's highest

winning percentage among active NCAA Division III women's basketball coaches. As of this writing, the women's team, with a 23-3 mark, has won the Little East Conference Championship and is preparing for the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Huskies also have won 20 or more games for 13 consecutive seasons, more than any other NCAA Division III squad in the country. Only two Division I schools and one Division II school have better marks than USM. In a feature story earlier this season in the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press, Fifield told sports writer Don Fillion, "We're having a lot of fun with it. We don't talk about the streak. All I want to do is keep it going."

Fifield, a Vermont native, began his coaching career in 1974 after receiving both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Vermont. Prior to his arrival at USM, Fifield was an assistant at Dartmouth College and served as head coach at Vermont Technical College. While at VTC, he led his squad to the Northern New England Small College Conference title. He also coached basketball and soccer at Vermont high schools for 11 years.

He was named Converse Coach of the Year in District I last season and has earned Little East Conference honors three times.

CQI Pilot Projects

The Quality Council has announced that five of the initial proposals submitted have been approved as pilot projects in USM's Continuing Quality Improvement program.

These projects, which will be supplied with logistical support by the council, represent three divisions of the university. In the administrative sector, Mary Collins, staff development director, and a team from the Division of Human Resources will improve the workers compensation process at USM.

Elise Scala, employment services specialist, will head another project in the administrative division aimed at streamlining hiring practices. Her team will have approximately ten people from Human Resources, the Provost's Office, Community Program and various academic units.

For sponsored research, Larry Waxler, accountant/systems administrator, will lead a team in an effort to simplify the presentation of monthly account summary reports.

In the Division of Student Affairs, Pauline St. Pierre, records technician in Financial Aid, will head a team of eleven staff members from her Department in personalizing customer service. Margie Fahey, special assistant to the vice president for student affairs, will work with Janet Nichols, director of telecommunications on a project to improve telephone access within the division. Volunteers for their team will be sought from all division departments and others with an interest in phone access in Student Life. A sixth project is on hold while its suitability is being clarified.

The Quality Council is hoping to approve approximately 10 proposals altogether, but will consider more if staff support permits. The council is planning to update the community at campus-wide presentations.

President Richard L. Pattenau said he was encouraged by the response to the initial request for proposals. "We are excited by the possibilities," he said. "Staff and faculty have expressed genuine interest in our CQI campaign, and the result is that we are able to undertake some excellent projects that will move us forward."

Proposals for projects can be very brief, the president stressed. Deadlines to submit project proposals for the rest of the semester are March 10, April 10 and May 10. For more information, call Bob Goettel at 780-4480.

National Psychiatric Organization Recognizes Law School Program

A collaborative program run jointly by the University of Maine School of Law and the Maine Medical Center was recently honored at the American College of Psychiatrists' annual meeting in February. The Forensic Psychiatry Program, was selected as a runner-up for the college's 1993 Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education.

Established in 1988, the program fills a requirement for psychiatric fellows, but offers indispensable experience to law students as well. It meets a public need, too, since the Psychiatric Fellows at Maine Medical Center provide forensic evaluations in actual cases being handled by the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, resources that might otherwise be unavailable to clinic clients.

Through monthly seminars this instruction, including lecture, simulation and live client representation, provides training to psychiatric fellows at Maine Medical Center and student attorneys in the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic for their respective roles in serving as expert witnesses in legal cases in the future.

The decision whether to accept any case for forensic evaluation is made jointly by the faculty of both the Clinic and Maine Medical Center. The supervising attorneys assist in formulating the precise legal purpose and factual issues to be addressed by the evaluation, and the psychiatric evaluation is performed under the supervision of a faculty member from Maine Medical Center. The need for such expertise typically arises in custody disputes and sentencing proceedings. Psychiatric evaluations and testimony can also prove invaluable on legal matters arising out of substance abuse problems.

Instruction is provided by Professors Potter and Mullane from the Law School and Doctors Goldfine and Heath from Maine Medical Center. A key element of the program's success has been the involvement of Diane Schetky, a nationally renowned expert in child forensic psychiatry. Schetky, who maintains a private clinical practice in Rockport, is frequently called on to serve as a forensic expert by courts and attorneys around the country. A participating faculty member since the program's inception,

Schetky's role has expanded this year to provide direct consultation with student attorneys on case-related problems.

Walter Menninger of the Menninger Foundation reviewed the program during a site visit for the award. Menninger said he was favorably impressed and that he was interested in establishing a similar program at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas.

New Law Library Dedicated

The addition to the University of Maine School of Law Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library was dedicated Friday, February 26. Dean Donald Zillman and members of law firms that helped fund the project spoke at the brief ceremony.

The three-story, 6,800-square-foot addition to the Garbrecht Law Library was constructed at a cost of \$1.2 million, including \$135,000 in private donations. The addition houses 1,750 book shelves, 55 student study spaces and a reading room. The addition was considered necessary after an American Bar Association team found that the law library would not meet ABA accreditation standards due to lack of adequate space. Voters approved the project as part of a 1988 bond issue that also financed construction of USM's new undergraduate library on Forest Avenue, scheduled to open in September of 1993.

The Garbrecht Law Library, named for the librarian who served the school from 1963 to 1979, houses 276,140 volumes. The library includes a complete collection of federal and state statutes as well as Canadian and British Commonwealth law reports. The collection of Canadian legal materials is considered one of the largest in the Northeast. Legal periodicals and recent congressional hearings, reports and bills also are available.

In addition to students, the law library serves more than 500 Maine attorneys and 650 other citizens who hold courtesy borrowing privileges. Law Librarian William Wells estimates that hundreds of other citizens use the library each year as a reference resource. Speakers at the dedication ceremony reiterated that the library expansion would be a great resource to the legal community.



Composer and conductor Ron Nelson, professor of music at Brown University, is the the 1992-93 artist-in-residence in the Music Department. He will be giving masterclasses and conducting special rehearsal sessions for students the week of March 15 to 19. Nelson will conduct the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Chorale and Chamber Singers in a program featuring his own compositions at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 18 in Corthell Concert Hall. Tickets are \$3 for the public and \$1 for seniors and students. For tickets and information, call 780-5555.

Campus Notes

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their observations and opinions on improving the experience students have at USM to a forum on student retention hosted by the Professional Staff Senate. The Senate's Spring '93 Leadership Forum will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday, March 12. RSVP 780-4200.

Time is almost up for faculty interested in applying for \$2000 summer grants for curriculum development or research projects promoting teaching or scholarship. Project submissions are due by Monday, March 15; for applications, contact Office of Academic Affairs, University of Maine System, 107 Maine Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401 or phone 947-0336, ext. 328.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will hold their March meeting at USM, Sunday and Monday, March 21 and 22. The public meeting will be on Monday. For more information, call Frances Frost at 780-4861.

The Classified Staff Annual Recognition Breakfast will be held April 1 (snow date is April 2) in Brooks Dining Center. Guest speaker is Pam Plumb. For more information, call Betsy Hart, 780-4220.

What We're Doing

GREGORY BAZINET, assistant professor of technology, has authored a chapter titled, "Assistive Technology," to be included in "The Community Revolution in Rehabilitation Services" (Andover Medical Publishers, Inc.).

ARDIS CAMERON, associate professor of New England Studies, gave an invited paper, "The 'Oxen Without Horns': Images of Ethnicity and Sex in Turn-of-the-Century America" in Paterson, N.J. at an event funded by the NEH in Commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the American industrial revolution. Cameron has also been invited to be the keynote speaker for Women's History Month at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. Her paper "The Politics of Looking Back: Resistance and Self-Representation in Working-Class Struggle," will also be presented at USM on March 25.

MARVIN J. DRUKER, assistant professor of public affairs, and **BETTY D. ROBINSON**, assistant professor of Human Services Management, co-authored a paper, "Implementing Retrenchment Strategies: A Comparison of State Governments and Public Higher Education," which was presented by Druker at the Regions I and II American Society for Public Administration annual meetings in Boston, November 11-13.

HOWARD M. FAULKNER, associate professor of technology, has been invited to present a paper, "Moisture Related Problems in Energy Efficient Housing in North America," to the Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) in Wellington, New Zealand mid-February. Faulkner will spend several days at this government research and engineering facility reviewing current projects. He also has been invited to speak to the faculty of the School of Architecture at Victoria University in Wellington later in the month.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, has been chosen to be the chair of the Presidential Nominating Committee of the Metaphysical Society of America. He has also organized a nationwide set of scholarly programs for the Society for the Study of Process Philosophies that include: "Process Thought and British Empiricism," "Aristotle and Whitehead," and "Ecology and Buddhism." He also published an article on "Classical American Philosophy and Environmental Ethics" for the Journal of Philosophy and Ecology.

FAITH HARRINGTON, assistant professor

of New England Studies, will have her book on the early 17th century fishing settlements of New England published next year by Johns Hopkins University Press in their North American Landscape series. Harrington gave a paper titled "New England Coastal Wilderness: Truth or Tradition?" in January, coauthored with palynologist Gerald Kelso of the National Park Service, at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Kansas City, MO.

HELAINÉ HORNBY, director, Center for Child and Family Policy, Muskie Institute, received a grant from Zeller Associates in support of her project, "Arkansas Outcome."

WILL KILROY, assistant professor of theatre, presented "The Techniques of Michael Chekhov" in November at the New England Theatre Conference. Kilroy performed in "Arms and the Man" at Ogunquit's Christmas-By-The-Sea Festival in December, and he directed a USM production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in January at the American College Theatre Festival at Plymouth State College.

POLINA McDONNELL, research associate, Muskie Institute, received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education in support of her project, "Training for Athletic Directors and Other School Personnel in Local Educational Agencies in Maine."

LESLIE H. NICOLL, research associate, Muskie Institute, has been selected to write a bi-monthly column titled "Electronic Efficiency" in the Journal of Nursing Administration that will focus on various applications of computer software and hardware to increase efficiency for nurse executives. The first column on "Accessing Literature" is scheduled for publication in June, 1993. In late April, Nicoll will present "Comparison of Flushing Protocols in the Maintenance of Intermittent Intravenous Devices," based on research conducted at Brighton Medical Center over the last two years, at the fifth national conference on Research for Clinical Practice, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Hospital colleagues will help her present this research.

CHRISTINE M. O'CONNOR, instructor of health/fitness, had her book, "Beginning Weight Training: Something for Everyone," published by American Press in January.

MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL, professor of education, received a grant from Brown University in support of his project titled "New England Multifunctional Resource Center."

STEPHEN G. POLLOCK, associate professor of geology, was elected vice-chair of the

Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America and will assume office on March 29.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, presented a paper titled "Cash Flow—The Oil That Keeps the Small and Family Business Organization Running Smoothly," at the 17th annual meeting of the Small Business Institute Directors' Association held in San Diego on February 4-7. At the conference Potts received the Distinguished Paper Award.

WARREN PURDY, associate professor of associate business administration, received a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration in support of his project, "Small Business Institute."

WALTER STUMP, professor of theatre, was invited to judge the Irene Ryan Acting Competition for region eight (California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada) of the American College Theatre Festival at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Stump also read a paper titled "Reader's Theatre: A Teaching Methodology."

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, co-authored an article on homelessness which appeared in the December 1992 special issue of The Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare.



Ruth Becker, who has volunteered more than 6000 hours over a 10-year period to the Gorham Career Center, was named the recipient of the Mary Rines Thompson Award for outstanding community service. The award is given annually by the United Way of Greater Portland. Becker, a former faculty member at Framingham State, is responsible for the center's annual report, surveys and other assignments.

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