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Jimmy's Gym

Emeritus Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Jimmy Sullivan will be honored for his contributions to USM in a ceremony on Saturday, May 1 when the Portland campus gymnasium will be dedicated as the James V. Sullivan Gymnasium.

The name change was recommended by USM's Retirees Association to President Pattenaude, and the Board of Trustees approved the change at their September, 1992 meeting. The dedication will take place at 2 p.m. at the gym. Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury and Portland Mayor Charles W. Harlow are among the dignitaries speaking.

Sullivan served on the USM faculty for 32 years, retiring in June, 1991. He played a principle part in developing the Physical Education Department and chaired the committee which oversaw the design and construction of the gymnasium, which opened in 1969. He also was instrumental in the founding of Lifeline, one of the largest community health and fitness programs in Maine. He is chiefly

responsible for the associate and baccalaureate programs in therapeutic recreation offered at USM, and he was chair of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the time of his retirement.

Sullivan wrote several books on health and fitness and headed the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. He also visited USM's sister university in Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil several times to advise educators there on physical education.

For more information, call Special Events at 780-4640.

Celebrating Maine's Diversity

USM and UMaine at Fort Kent have joined forces to showcase Maine's diversity through a conference on the Peoples of Maine. International folk dancing, a performance by The French Fiddlers and dozens of other free activities are scheduled for Thursday, April 15 through Sunday, April 18 at USM.

The event opens at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15 in the Brooks Student Center, Gorham, with a sampling of Maine foods, music and the staging of the play "Everything Sprite" by USM student Steven Williams (see theatre story in this issue). President Richard Pattenaude, UMFK President Richard Dumont and University of Maine System Chancellor Robert Woodbury will give welcoming remarks.

In the keynote address, Jerry Pardilla and Ann Pardilla of the Penobscot Nation will offer their reflections about life as Maine Native Americans at 7 p.m., Friday, April 16, in the Campus Center, Portland. The Huddled Masses Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in the USM Portland

Gym.

Workshops on Maine's culture and history will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 16, on the Gorham campus. Subjects include the Welsh who toiled in Maine's slate quarries, the role of Maine minorities in the Revolutionary War, and the delivery of social services to northern Maine families.

A multicultural festival, showcasing diverse music, dances, exhibits, films, foods and artwork, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 17, on the Portland campus. The Italian Heritage Concert Band and the Philippine-American Society Dancers are among the performers.

The conference will conclude on Sunday, April 18, with a Franco-American Celebration from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lewiston-Auburn College. The celebration will feature the dedication of the college's Franco-American Heritage Collection, music and a photo exhibit.

All events, with the exception of some meals, are free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-5054. People who need special accommodations to participate fully in this program can contact Carol LaMontagne at 780-5054. The hearing impaired can call USM's teletex/TDD number, 780-5646.

Notice from the President

If you have not yet received a copy of the strategic planning Action Plan, please contact the President's Office. All recommendations, suggestions and comments should be forwarded to President Pattenaude during April so a final draft of the document can be distributed in early May.



Gish on Multicultural Education

Nancy Gish, professor of English and the seventh occupant of the Walter E. Russell Chair in Philosophy and Education, will give the 1993 Russell Chair lecture at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 14 in the Moot Court Room of the Law School. A reception will follow, at 5:30 p.m., in the Law School lobby. Gish will speak on "The Other Within: Why Teach Multiculturally?"

In recent years Gish has studied women novelists and poets and has written two books on the Scottish poet Hugh MacDiarmid, whom she considers to have been marginalized in British culture by an elitist attitude that denies recognition to non-English authors. She has used her tenure as Russell Chair scholar to continue her focus on voices undervalued by traditional culture.

A distinguished member of the faculty is appointed to hold the chair for a two-year period, presenting one or more public lectures on education and/or philosophy. Walter E. Russell was a former principal of Western Maine Normal School at Gorham, now USM's Gorham campus.

For an update on any event at USM, call the USM Events line at 780-4500. To get an event listed on the Events line, call Media and University Relations at 780-4200.

Campus Notes

Two faculty workshops have been scheduled for April. Teaching Ethics in a Professional Program will be taught Thursday, April 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Conference Room C of the Portland Campus Center; Teaching an Undergraduate Field-Study Class, presenting an apprenticeship model of teaching using field projects, will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, April 23 in Room 107 at Lewiston-Auburn College. Contact David Whiteside, associate professor of management and organizational studies at Lewiston-Auburn College, at 783-4860, x6130, for more information.

USM students who have won scholarships and awards will be honored at the annual Recognition Day ceremony at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 21 in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham.

The Classified Staff Senate has developed the following series of workshops based on a survey mailed to the Classified Staff last fall. Workshop funding was raised through the Senate's last Donate-an-Hour Campaign and matched by President Pattenau. The workshops all run from 8:30-10:30 a.m., and are open to all employees of USM with supervisory approval. Space can be reserved by calling Nancy Allen, 780-4054. "Time Management" by Jerome Devlin, director of Human Resources at Utilities, Inc., was presented on April 5. "Enhancing Your Leadership Skills," by Joan Martay from the Training Consultation Group, will help participants become more effective in communication, management and leadership, Monday, April 12, 1 Payson Smith Hall, Portland. "Networking for Support" by Deborah Gallant from Dix-Gallant Associates, will explore what networking is and why we all need networks, Thursday, April 29, 1 Payson Smith Hall, Portland. "Selecting/Appraising Employees," Michael Schack of the Portland Consulting Group will identify a strategy for how the supervisor and selected employee will work together to achieve performance expectations, Wednesday, May 5, 1 Payson Smith Hall, Portland.

The annual Professional Staff Luncheon will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 19 in the Brooks Dining Center, Gorham. The Distinguished Professional Staff Award and the Emerging Professional Staff Award will be presented at the lunch. For more information, call Anita Higgins at 780-4161.

Classified Honors

Jill Kendall, administrative associate in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, received the 1993 Distinguished Classified Staff Award at the Annual Recognition Breakfast for USM's Classified Staff, Thursday, April 11. Kendall also was honored for 15 years of service at USM.

Vice President for Administration Sam Andrews announced Kendall as the winner of the award, selected by a committee of her peers, and President Richard L. Pattenau presented Kendall with a commemorative lamp.

Kendall's department colleagues said in support of her nomination, "Without exception, Ms. Kendall excels at every task presented to her. She not only gets things done, she makes things better. Students frequently express their appreciation of her efforts in their behalf and note her responsiveness...."

Nine other members of the Classified Staff were recognized as nominees for the award, recommended to the committee by their departments: Debora Marie Berry, manager of funded projects in the Muskie Institute; Marthina Berry, accounting operations supervisor in Student Billing; Karla Fuchs, administrative assistant in the Political Science Department; Sandra Lyons, administrative associate in the Technology Department; Arlene Michael, administrative assistant in the Foreign Languages and Classics Department; Judie O'Malley, administrative assistant in the Office of Media and University Relations; Linda Seidl, administrative assistant in the Division of Human Resources; Sharmon Toner, administrative associate in the Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences; and Patti Volland, administrative assistant in the Art Department.

Keynoting the breakfast ceremony, Pamela Plumb, consultant and former Portland city councilor and mayor, saluted the Classified Staff for playing a critical role through the university in enhancing the lives of tens of thousands of individuals in the community who attend USM in some capacity.

The Classified Staff Senate hosted the breakfast, which also honored staff members who have been at USM five and more years. Gordon Harvey and Arlene Michael were recognized for 20 years of service and Margaret Ray and Mildred T. Babine for nearly 30 years of service to USM.

Theatre Department Wins Honors

Student play goes to NYC

A one-act play written by USM student Steven Williams has been selected for performance at New York City's the Village Gate, a club in Greenwich Village.

"Everything Sprite" premiered at USM in December, 1991 and competed in the American College Theatre Festival regional competition in February, 1992 after being selected by ACTF judges to be one of seven competitors.

Williams, a senior theatre major, wrote "Everything Sprite" as part of a playwriting class at USM. He describes it as a coming-of-age "cosmic" comedy. The play presents Sam, a senior at a high school for gifted students, and his attempts to predict the future and launch a romance with his female pal. Although he has written several other plays, "Everything Sprite" has been the first to be produced. It will be directed again by Will Kilroy, USM assistant professor of theatre, with two out of three new cast members. Lynne Westcott returns to the role of Karen, the love interest, while new to the play are freshman theatre majors Jayson Mathieu and Bill Kersnowski, both of whom recently appeared in the USM production of "Midsummer Night's Dream" which played at USM and at the 1993 ACTF regional competition.

Kilroy had remounted the play for performance during the Peoples of Maine Conference in the middle of April. Since it was already in rehearsal again, he responded to an ad for new plays he saw in "Backstage," a theatre trade publication, by submitting "Sprite." The Village Gate holds an annual festival which showcases new work. Often, promising plays are picked from the festival for production in Off-Off Broadway runs, Kilroy said. The performance at the Village Gate is scheduled for 5 p.m., Sunday, April 25.

Performances to raise funds to help defray the cost of sending the production to New York will be held in early April at USM. There will be 4 p.m. performances on Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9 in the lab theatre in Russell Hall on the Gorham campus. The one-act play can be seen in Portland at 6 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Admission for all performances is \$3, with tickets available at the door.

For more information on the production and performances, call Kilroy at 780-5394.

Kading receives national ACTF award

Charles Kading, professor of theatre, received a commendation for excellence in scene design from the national judges of the 1993 American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C. The award, one of three given nationwide, was for scenery he designed for USM's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Forensics team takes 3rd place in regional competition

A four-member team of USM theatre students competed in the New England Regional Championships in Forensics, held March 6 at Northeastern University, against schools such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Boston University, Emerson College, and Suffolk University. Team member Susan Butler won first place in prose and first place in poetry recitation. Steven Williams took second place in prose, fifth place in poetry, and with Ryan Corliss won first place in Dramatic Duo and second place in Dramatic Duo with Susan Butler. The fourth team member was Jody Nichols.

The overall wins qualify the team to compete at the U.S. National Forensic Tournament, which will be held in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, April 15 to 19.

Congratulations!

Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor

Donna M. Cassidy, Art Department
Muhammad A. El-Taha, Mathematics and Statistics
Robert C. Flagg, Mathematics
Leigh Gilmore, English
Nathan D. Hamilton, Anthropology
Michael J. Hillard, Economics
Rosemary Johnson, Nursing
Kathryn Lasky, Communication
Gerald N. Peters, English
Scott D. Reeves, Music
Willard J. Rusch, English
Michael J. Shaughnessy, Art

Tenured at Current Rank of Associate Professor

Nancy J. Austin, Education
Nance R. Gordon, Chemistry
Walter H. Kimball, Education
Edwin P. Kulawiec, Education
Robert M. Schaible, Literature and Writing
Martha Skoner, Nursing
Bill G. Thornton, Psychology
Susan M. Vess, School Psychology
George R. Violette, Accounting
John J. Voyer, Business Administration

Tenured and Promoted to Professor

Colleen A. Khoury, Law
Michael W. Mullane, Law
Alison Rieser, Law

Promoted to Professor

Bruce H. Andrews, Business Administration
Joel I. Gold, Associate Business Administration
David L. Silvernail, Education



Scottish folksinger Jean Redpath, internationally recognized as the foremost interpreter and authority of traditional Scottish music, will perform in a solo concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 17 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$8 for students and are available through the New England Studies office. She will also give a free lecture on traditional music and the role of the singer/interpreter at 4 p.m., Friday, April 16 in Corthell Hall. For information, call 780-4920. People who need special accommodations can contact Mary Snell at 780-5256. The hearing impaired can call USM's telex/TDD number, 780-5646.

What We're Doing

SCOTT W. BROWN, associate professor of psychology, presented an invited paper titled "Attention, Distraction, and Performance on a Continuous Timing Task" at the fourth international workshop on Rhythm Perception and Production in Bourges, France, June 8-12, 1992. The paper, co-authored with USM graduate Peter Johansson, was published in the workshop's proceedings.

CHRISTOPHER CASTIGLIA, assistant professor of English and New England Studies, delivered a paper, "Susanna Rowson's 'Reuben and Rachel': Captivity, Colonization, and the Domestication of Columbus," on the American Literature Before 1800 Division Panel of the Modern Language Association Conference in New York in December. The paper will be reprinted in "Redefining the Political Novel," forthcoming through the University of Tennessee Press, as well as in an upcoming issue of *Early American Literature*. Castiglia read his paper, "Catherine Did It: The Theory and Performance of Activism and the 'Basic Instinct' Protests" at the "What is Modern?" conference at the University of Massachusetts—Amherst in October and at the "Unnatural Acts" conference at the University of California—Riverside in February, and as an invited lecturer at Southern Methodist University in November. He was invited to read his paper on "Race and Gender in the Captivity Narratives" at the American Ethnic Studies Association Conference in Salt Lake City, in March. He also gave the keynote address at the "Subjectivity and Agency" conference at the State University of New York—Binghamton in February. Maine Public Radio's "Maine Things Considered" did a story on Castiglia's class, *English 342: "Introduction to Lesbian and Gay Studies,"* the first such class at USM, on March 10.

EILEEN M. EAGAN, assistant professor of history, was awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture in Mexico at the University of Monterrey for the 1992 academic year. She is in the International Studies Program teaching two sections of "U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945" in English to upper level students.

MUHAMMAD EL-TAHA, assistant professor of mathematics/operations research, had his paper "MVU Estimation in a Shifted Gamma Distribution with Shape Parameter a Known Integer" accepted for publication by "Communications in Statistics: Simulation and Computation."

LARRY L. GLANTZ, research associate, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, received a grant from the State of Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation in support of his project titled "Supported Employment Systems Change Project Evaluation and MIS System Development."

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, received a review of his book "Regulatory Federalism, Natural Resources, and Environmental Management," in *The Environmental Professional*, the quarterly journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals. He organized and was one of three people in the U.S. Office of Surface Mining delegation, which was invited by the Republic of Indonesia to visit, examine mining operations, and discuss a possible technical assistance agreement with their Directorate of Mines concerning development of a regulatory program to control the environmental effects of coal mining in rain forests and coastal plains. He also presented his research on the "Impact of Acid Rain Controls on Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement: Programs and Workload," in a briefing for Robert Armstrong, President Clinton's nominee for Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals.

COLLEEN A. KHOURY, associate professor of law, was appointed chair of the Commission on Gender, Justice and the Courts by Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Daniel E. Wathen. The thirteen member commission, established by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, will study how gender affects the treatment of women and men in the legal and judicial environment and make appropriate recommendations to ensure that gender bias does not affect judicial decision making.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, was invited to attend the ceremonies of the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to be held in Washington D.C. on April 22. Kulawiec furnished materials for the Janusz Korczak exhibit to be featured in the children's wing of the museum. Kulawiec also was invited to attend an international tribute to liberators and rescuers of victims of the Holocaust to be held at the Arlington National Cemetery on April 21.

KATHLEEN I. MacPHERSON, professor of nursing, co-presented a conference with Jacquelyn Campbell, titled, "The Feminist Process: A Tool for Caring," at the Mayo Center for Nursing, Rochester, Minn. on February 17. She also spoke on "Women

Preparing for Menopause with Knowledge and Power" on Women's History Day at the Division of Nursing, University of Maine at Augusta.

ELAINE MAKAS, adjunct associate professor of psychology at Lewiston-Auburn College, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care.

HAIGH H. NAJARIAN, professor of biology, has been invited to present a paper, "Bulinus in Iraq," and participate in a symposium on "Medical and Veterinary Aspects of Parasites Transmitted by Molluscs," at the Third International Congress of Medical and Applied Malacology scheduled for October 18-22 in Sydney, Australia.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Higher Education, February 24-March 1, in New Orleans. He was reappointed chair of the Financial Review Committee and made a report on the committee's review of the NCHE budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

CHRISTOPHER REED, assistant professor of art history, had an article, "Through Formalism: Feminism and Virginia Woolf's Relation to Bloomsbury Aesthetics," reprinted as the lead essay in the anthology, "The Multiple Muses of Virginia Woolf," University of Missouri Press. Reed is currently preparing a critical anthology of Roger Fry's writings.

RICHARD STEINMAN, professor emeritus of social work, co-presented a paper, "Preparing Field Instructors in Eastern Europe: The Challenge of Discordant Values," at the annual meeting of the National Council on Social Work Education, in New York City, February 28.

THOMAS M. WARD, professor of law, is the author of an article titled "The Supreme Court Diminishes the 'Redeeming' Qualities of the Bankruptcy Code in 'Dewsnup v. Timm,'" that appears in the "Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law—1992." At the 1993 annual meeting of the Maine State Bar Association, Ward served as panelist for a seminar program on the subject of "Intellectual Property as Collateral," presented by the Intellectual Property Section of the MSBA.

DONALD ZILLMAN, Godfrey professor of law, and dean, School of Law, was quoted by USA Today in a January 27 article on President Clinton's efforts to lift the ban of homosexuals in the military.



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