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Philippi Named Interim President



Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury has named Harlan A. Philippi acting president of USM while the search is being conducted for a successor to replace President Patricia R. Plante. Plante announced her plans to resign last May; she will leave USM later this month. Philippi's appointment, subject to approval by the University of Maine Board of Trustees, is effective January 1, 1991.

"The time between presidents can be critical for a university," said Woodbury, "but in Harlan Philippi we have a proven leader of whom we can expect both productive and gracious stewardship. Harlan has earned the lasting respect of the faculty and staff and of the wider USM community, and I have absolute confidence in him."

Philippi last served as acting president from September, 1986 until June, 1987, when Plante assumed the presidency. His most recent assignment for the University of Maine

System was as founding chief executive officer of USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. After participating in the planning and selection of the college, he oversaw its first academic year. In July 1989 Philippi became a senior associate attached to the Chancellor's staff, and in March, 1990 the Trustees named him professor emeritus of the University of Maine System.

Philippi also has served the System twice as acting chancellor, as vice chancellor for academic affairs and as interim president at University of Maine at Farmington. From 1972 through 1977 Philippi was dean of USM's College of Education.

Prior to coming to Maine, Philippi was acting dean of Boston University's College of Education, director of graduate studies and chair of the Department of Secondary Education.

A native of Milwaukee, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. at Northwestern University. He resides in Gorham with his wife, Dorothy.

The Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Patricia M. Collins, is reviewing applications for the presidency. They hope to have candidates on campus for interviews by late January.

Committee members are Board of Trustee representatives James Storer and Owen Wells; faculty members Nancy Greenleaf, Richard Maiman, and Thomas Parchman; L. Kinvin Wroth, dean of the School of Law; staff members Mary Collins and Donna Jones; community and alumni representative Richard Libby; and student Michele Reagan. Mary Ann Haas, associate vice chancellor, serves as executive secretary to the committee.

It is still possible to nominate a candidate by contacting Collins in care of the Chancellor's Office, 107 Maine Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401.

Louden Publishes with Oxford Press

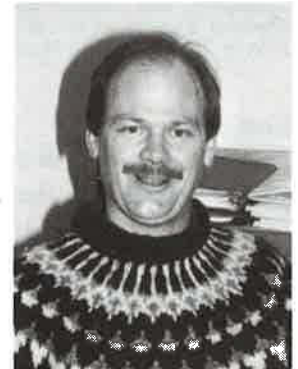
Oxford University Press, one of the world's foremost publishers, has contracted to publish a book on moral theory by Robert B. Loudon, associate professor of philosophy. "I hope I have adequately conveyed our enthusiasm for the

book; we are confident that it will be a valuable addition to Oxford's list," their senior editor said in a letter to Loudon.

Louden finished "Morality and Moral Theory: A Reappraisal and Reaffirmation" while on sabbatical the past year. In this book Loudon strives to provide an alternative concept of morality rather than giving a comprehensive definition. He moves the focus from right or wrong acts to a longer term evaluation of the agent. "I'm more interested in who we are as persons, how we live our lives over the long term than in single acts," he explained. Loudon also asserts that concepts of morality are not static but change with the culture.

In the second part of the book the author tackles moral theory, exposing the underlying assumptions of recent critics of moral theory. It is, Loudon says, "the first book-length response" to the anti-morality, anti-moral theory skepticism which has appeared in many recent books and journals.

The publisher's reviewer was impressed. "Morality and Moral Theory" would make it seem to me a significant contribution to philosophical ethics....I think it would be respected, partly for its scholarship and



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The Harlem Spiritual Ensemble, the only professional singing ensemble dedicated to original presentations of Negro spirituals, will perform at USM as part of the Discovery Concert series sponsored by Portland Concert Association and USM's Music Department, Cultural Affairs Committee and Student Life, at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 15 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for seniors; \$5 for students. For information and reservations call PCA at 772-8630 or the Music Department at 780-5256.

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partly for presenting a nuanced case for an important position."

Louden, who joined the USM faculty in 1982, received his B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz and his master's and doctorate from the University of Chicago. Among honors he has received are fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Endowment for the Humanities, both of which helped support his work on "Morality and Moral Theory." Besides his current book, Louden translated Kant's "On Education" from the German for the Cambridge University Press series on Kant and edited and translated "Moral Judgment: Essays from a Kantian Perspective," published by State University of New York Press. He has also served as series editor for SUNY Press's "Ethical Theory" and as editorial assistant for the University of Chicago Press's "Ethics." He has written numerous articles on ethics, Kant and Aristotle for professional journals and inclusion in books and published a number of book reviews.

At USM, Louden has served on department and college committees, on the Faculty Senate, on the Faculty Governance Review Committee, the Prior Learning Assessment Committee, and on curriculum planning committees for the Honors Program, Women Studies, and Public Policy and Management Program.

Annual Fund Looking Good

The 1990-91 Annual Fund Campaign, which began in September, is on track thus far, says Margaret Brown, director of annual giving. "We're where we should be now, one-third through the fund-raising year," she said.

In fact, at the end of November, we stood approximately \$9000 ahead of where we were last year at the same time. Last year's campaign went over its goal of \$175,000 to reach \$217,043, so USM has set a more ambitious goal for the new campaign. This year Brown plans to raise a total of \$250,000.

She is very pleased that alumnus Warren G. Hill, who has a distinguished career in education, will oversee this year's overall campaign. Hill, a member of the class of 1939, is a former commissioner of education for Maine (1956-63), president of Trenton State College in New Jersey (1963-66), chancellor of higher education for the state of Connecticut from 1966 to 1974, and executive director of the national Education Committee of States. He is also a member of USM's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

He will be coordinating the efforts of three sub-campaigns. The Alumni Leadership Gifts Committee, chaired by Richard M. Libby, of the class of 1964 and a native of Gorham, has a goal of \$120,000. Libby will work with

committee members Peter Kovach, class of 1967, associate director of public relations for New England Telephone, and Dick Ranaghan, class of 1973, of Morse, Payson and Noyes.

The 18 business leaders on the Corporate Committee, chaired by Julian Coles, president of Allen and Coles Moving System, will visit 60 businesses personally and mail to 200 other businesses, seeking donations and exploring the possibility of USM-business partnerships.

The newly created Friends Committee is chaired by Carol Wishcamper of Freeport, past president of the Maine Commission on Education. Her committee will be making personal calls on prominent individuals.

Mary Collins, staff development director, is chairing the Faculty/Staff Campaign. USM employees can make donations through payroll deduction.

Gordon Bigelow, dean of educational services emeritus, will help by raising money from retired faculty and staff.

"We are fortunate to have a strong group of committed volunteers working on USM's behalf," Brown said. "They are making friends with alumni, corporations and individuals that will have long-term benefits for the university."

Last year monies raised by the annual fund campaign benefitted every college and school and a variety of programs, from the core curriculum to the Athletic Association. \$130,253 was donated as restricted gifts, of which approximately \$60,000 went to scholarship funds in various schools. Another \$14,656 was designated for library acquisitions.

A total of \$86,790 was raised in unrestricted gifts, which the president and her staff allocated. Of this total, \$12,000 was put aside for international student scholarships, and \$24,000 went to the core curriculum's core humanities project, being developed under Martin Rogoff.

In addition to the three campaigns outlined above, Brown's office reaches out to some 24,000 alumni each year through the three-month student phonathon in the spring.

International Theatre Program Comes to USM

USM has agreed to be the academic sponsor of the prestigious Institute for Readers Theatre, an internationally-known theatre workshop program. Walter Stump, professor of theatre, will serve as institute liaison and IRT faculty member.

IRT is directed by William Adams, professor of speech communications at San Diego State University, who founded the institute 18 years ago to "encourage academic interest in group performance of literature." According to Adams, readers theatre stages all kinds of literature, not just plays, in a variety of performance styles. "USM has a strong emphasis on oral interpretation, so joining IRT to USM is a natural wedding of academic interest and readers theatre," he said. Stump, who worked on his master's degree under Adams at San Diego, has hoped for years that IRT might come to USM. "This organization is the major international institute of readers theatre. With guest artists such as Ray Bradbury and John Gielgud, you know we've become associated with a stellar organization," Stump said.

Academic credit for the three-week summer workshop will be given by USM through Summer Sessions under the course heading "Readers Theatre Institute," but the program will be taught in Europe. It is based in London every other year and in another major European city in alternate years. This year IRT will be held in Paris.

In addition to courses taught by the IRT faculty, who are drawn from academic institutions all over the U.S., special readings and lectures are given by guest artists. In past years guest artists have included Sir John Gielgud, Tom Stoppard, John Updike, Diana Rigg, Sir Ralph Richardson, Mary Martin and Ed Harris. Six credits in theatre, education or communication will be awarded by USM. Coursework will cover scriptmaking, direction, performance, voice and diction, and storytelling and creative dramatics. The program includes 65 hours of daily morning classes, 30 hours of laboratory and 48 hours of field trips.

The workshop is promoted nationally by Adams, with mailings to all academic theatre departments and high school drama coaches and to members of the American College Theatre Festival. For more information, call Summer Session at 780-4076.

USM Reaches Out to Kids

Al Sokaitis, men's basketball coach, is heading a new drug awareness program for Maine school children. The R.E.A.C.H. (Reach for Excellence through Athletic Competition and Hard Work) program combines a basketball clinic with anti-drug and motivational messages. Sokaitis, who recently joined the Athletic Department, has been the featured speaker at the NCAA Division I and Division III YES (Youth, Education, Sports) Clinics held at national conventions over the past two years.

The R.E.A.C.H. program began in late October and will be presented at approximately 20 clinics statewide in high and elementary schools. "This is a program I feel very strongly about," Sokaitis said. "It's about basketball and personal achievement, but more importantly, it's about being a good person. Unfortunately, it's also about the tragedy of drug abuse in our society."

Members of the Huskie's basketball team will be part of the program. "Athletes are still considered role models," Sokaitis said. "We'll get kids involved with basketball and will give them a chance to talk about aspirations and reaching their potential. I feel it's extremely important for younger students to understand that hard work has to carry over into the classroom and the community, as well as on the court or the field. We're talking about

excellence in everything we do, not just basketball or other sports. I'm excited to involve my players in this program. It will be a growth experience for them and show that good people work hard and help others achieve their goals and make responsible decisions in life. That's a big part of the clinic's message."

For more information on R.E.A.C.H., call Al Bean, assistant athletic director, at 780-5434 or Sokaitis at 780-5432.

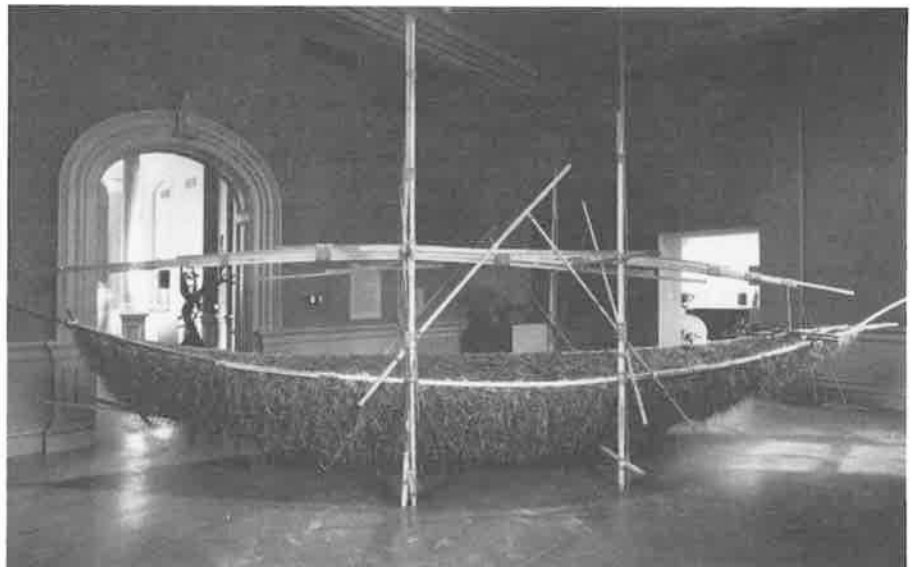
Campus Notes

■ The USM Retirees Association will meet at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 6 for Danish and coffee in the Presidential Dining Room, Gorham. Funding of newsletters and other mailings to retirees is the primary item on the agenda, as well as scheduling of future meetings.

■ The Joint Committee to Develop a Professional Salary System is holding meetings on all System campuses. All professional staff should plan to attend a meeting: 8:30 -10 a.m., 10:30-noon, 1-2:30 p.m., 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 5 in the Faculty Dining Room, Gorham; or the same times, Thursday, December 6 in Room 1 of Payson Smith, Portland.

■ Enrollment in the 1991 Advantage Accounts is open through Thursday, December 20. Call Benefits, 780-5260.

The annual exhibition of work by Department of Art faculty is now on view in the Art Gallery, Gorham. Works in a variety of media, from fabric, clay and sculpture to drawings, prints and paintings, by full- and part-time faculty, are displayed. Below, "Hay Boat," a 1984 work by sculptor Michael Shaughnessy, assistant professor of art. The exhibition will close with a reception, open to the public, to honor the artists from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, December 13. The Art Gallery is open Sunday through Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 780-5009.



What We're Doing

KATHLEEN M. ASHLEY, professor of English, is coeditor of "Interpreting Cultural Symbols: St. Anne in Late Medieval Society." She edited a book, "Victor Turner and the Construction of Cultural Criticism: Between Literature and Anthropology," which has been published by the Indiana University Press.

JOHN P. BROIDA, associate professor of psychology, co-authored with Janet C. Churchill and Nancy L. Nicholson a report, "Locus of Control and Self-Esteem of Adult Children of Alcoholics," that was published in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, Vol. 51, No. 4, 1990.

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Department of Continuing Education for Business, is a recent presidential appointee to the Portland Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He will attend the 13th annual National Conference on Management and Professional Development in Florida where he will present a workshop on the one-day professional conference.

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, delivered a paper, "The Concept of Responsibility in the 'Aeneid,'" at the fifth annual meeting of the Atlantic Classical Association, held at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia in October. She also attended the meeting of the College Board Latin Achievement Test Committee in November. This is her seventh and final year of service on the committee.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, presented a lecture titled, "An Historical Overview of Human Uses of the Bay," for the Greater Portland Council of Governments and the Friends of Casco Bay, as part of their "Regional Management of Casco Bay" series last summer.

MAHMUD A. FAKSH, assistant professor of political science, had an article, "U.S. Predicament in the Middle East," published in the September issue of the *Duke (University) Dialogue*. In October, he conducted a seminar on major events in the Middle East at Cape Elizabeth High School. Also, he gave a talk on the peoples and cultures of the Middle East at Lyseth Elementary School in Portland. In November, Faksh gave a public lecture, "U.S. Predicament in the Persian Gulf," that was sponsored by the Portland Events Board.

WILLIAM T. McCULLOUGH, associate professor of therapeutic recreation, recently

addressed the staff and residents of Seventy-Five State Street on "The Therapeutic Benefits of Pet Ownership."

DOROTHY D. MOORE, dean of the College of Education, was among the 50 top education leaders, government policymakers, business leaders and foundation directors invited to participate in a forum in Washington D. C. on November 13-14, sponsored by the EXXON Education Foundation.

IVAN MOST, director, Production Technology Center, led a resources panel at the "Total Quality Symposium" sponsored by the Maine Human Resource Management Association last May.

CARON M. NARDI, administrative manager, Department of Continuing Education for Business, recently attended a one-day regional marketing seminar at the American Management Association in Watertown, Mass.

GORDON E. NELSON, assistant director of facilities management, had his article, "Establishing a Paper Separation and Collection Program," printed in the July 1990 issue of *Executive Housekeeping Today*.

GEORGE R. PARKS, university librarian, was elected to the Southern Maine Library District Board of Directors. On November 3-7, he participated in the "Crime Prevention, Security and Emergency Procedures for College and University Libraries Workshop" held in Louisville, Kentucky.

ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, assistant professor of literature and writing, Lewiston-Auburn College, presented a paper he co-authored with GALE RHODES, professor of chemistry, titled "Science and Religion in the Classroom: Practical Considerations of Content and Pedagogy," on October 18 at Montclair (N.J.) State College's annual conference, "Institute for Critical Thinking."

KENNETH SEVERENS, professor of New England Studies, was an instructor at the Portland Museum of Art's statewide Teacher Training Institute, a part of ARTREACH, last summer.

MARK W. STEEGE, assistant professor of psychology, co-authored a paper titled, "Applications of a Sequential Alternating Treatments Design" published in the Fall edition of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. He co-authored a book chapter titled "Use of Functional Analysis and Acceptability Measures to Assess and Treat Severe Behavior Problems: An Outclinic Model" that appeared in "Perspectives On

The Use of Nonaversive and Aversive Interventions For Persons With Developmental Disabilities.

W. DOUGLAS THOMPSON, professor of epidemiology, had his paper, "Infertility and Breast Cancer: A Population-Based Case-Control Study," published in the October issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*. On October 29 he gave a presentation, "Epidemiology: Theory and Practice," at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. On November 1-2, he was a visiting fellow at the Radiation Epidemiology Branch of the National Cancer Institute.

LENA WEINER-SORGMAN, records technician, Admissions, presented a paper to the Maine Teacher's Association's Fall Leadership Assembly titled "Discrimination in the Workplace Regarding People with Disabilities/An Historical View of the American's Disability Act (ADA) and its Effect in the Workplace."

Storm Cancellations

Below, a list of radio stations which carry USM class cancellation notices.

WMGX/WGAN of Portland;
WBLM of Portland; WWGT of Portland; WSME/WCDQ of Sanford; WHYR of Saco; WPKM of Portland; WYNZ of Portland; USM's WMPC; WPOR of Portland; WCLZ of Brunswick; WOXO of Norway; WTVL of Waterville; WTSN of Dover, N.H.; WKZS/WLAM/WJBQ of Lewiston; WRKD/WMCM of Rockland; WIDE of Biddeford; WMME of Augusta; WXGL of Lewiston; WHEB of Portsmouth, N.H.; WABK of Gardiner; and WCME of Wiscasset.

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