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Advocate for Franco-Americans Retires

Looking back on her 23 years at USM, Madeleine Giguere, professor of sociology who retires this spring, reflects that she has had two primary interests—



equality for women and for Maine's citizens of French ancestry.

The ethnic revival of the 1970s and the data from the 1970 U.S.

census focused her research on the Franco-American community in Maine. By tabulating the results of the state census of 1970, Giguere found that Franco-Americans were not disadvantaged by income in Maine or New England, but their education and occupational statuses were low. Concerned about the lack of information on Franco-Americans, who make up 25 percent of the population in New England, she developed a bibliography and materials for a course on Franco-American culture.

Her research on Franco-Americans in New England, published in both scholarly and popular outlets, gained much attention, including a feature in the Boston Globe. In 1986 Giguere was recognized by ActFane (Action for Franco-Americans of the Northeast) for her "exceptional contributions." She has served her hometown of Lewiston on the Historical Commission and, as a member of the Board of Library Trustees, worked to develop Lewiston's French collection into the largest of any public library in New England.

Over the course of her career at USM, Giguere has seen a great improvement in conditions for women, but in the 1970s the inequities greatly concerned her. Women

suffered pay inequity at the time, she says, especially on the Gorham campus. Giguere and others circulated petitions among USM women, and Giguere wrote to the Chancellor asking that an EEO officer be included on the chancellor's staff. Later, as a result of her interest in affirmative action for women, she was named to the Governor's Committee on the Status of Women.

Although a major part of her research has been on Franco-American issues, her academic contributions have been far broader. Shortly after arriving at USM in 1967, she became the only full-time faculty member in the Department of Sociology. Nearly singlehandedly she built the department to its present strength. Giguere also instituted the USM chapter of the national honor society in sociology, and developed courses on the sociology of aging, urban sociology and the sociology of change. The chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminology for the last two years, Giguere also served the university on the planning committee for the Fourth System-Wide Conference on Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education; on the New England Studies Committee, which guided the Provost's Office in creating the graduate program in New England Studies; and on various curriculum, personnel and recruitment committees.

Off campus, she was a member of the Maine State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1978 to 1982 and chaired the committee for 1980-81. She is a member of the American Sociological Association, the Population Association of America, Sociologists for Women in Society, the Northeast Modern Language Association, the Northeast Council for Quebec Studies and the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

Her post-retirement plans include writing an ethnic monograph for a series of sociology monographs. She has been invited to give a paper updating research of the 1980s on

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Callender to Be Honored

Willard D. Callender Jr., professor of human resource development in the College of Education, has been named the 1990 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. He will be recognized at this Saturday's commencement.

Callender was selected for the award upon the unanimous recommendation of the Faculty Selection Committee.

A professor of education since 1962, with a specialization in gerontology, Callender has long been interested in the twin subjects of lifelong learning and motivation to learn. These are topics he has thoroughly explored over the last two years in his honorary position of Russell Chair

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Goodbye Party

Alyce S. O'Brien, executive director for university relations, will be leaving USM this month. She and her family will be moving to Arundel, England to work for a campus administered by New England College of Henniker, N.H.

Alyce joined USM in 1982, and over the past eight years has played a key role in furthering USM's outreach efforts in the areas of community relations, fund raising, media relations and publications. The fund-raising campaign for the Campus Center and the establishment of this newsletter are among her many contributions to USM.

The entire campus community is invited to a reception in her honor, scheduled for 4 p.m., Friday, May 18, on the lawn adjacent to the Alumni House, Portland. Those wishing to contribute to a gift may do so by contacting Mary Schools, Room 728, Law Building, Portland, tel: 780-4440.

Commencement '90 Update

Edward E. Foster, the 1990 recipient of the prestigious George Van Amburg Award, will be the student commencement speaker at the 110th USM Commencement. He joins Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and journalist Frances FitzGerald, who will give the commencement address, in ceremonies on Saturday, May 12.

FitzGerald is the author of "Fire in the Lake: The Vietnamese and the Americans in Vietnam," for which she won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1972; "America Revised," and her latest book, "Cities on a Hill." Ed Foster, a graduating senior, received the Van Amburg Award at Recognition Day ceremonies last week for volunteer efforts which served USM. In addition to outstanding academic work as an international studies major, Foster has been active in several student organizations and honor societies. He has been accepted to Tufts University's graduate program in history.

The 1990 Commencement will be held in the Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Faculty and staff who wish to march in the processional should be in the Civic Center's Gold Circle Club Room no later than 9 a.m. for robing. Coffee and danish will be available for graduates and guests at the Civic Center from 8 to 9 a.m. and in the Gold Circle Club for participating faculty and staff.

Provost John Deegan Jr. will preside over ceremonies, and as customary, President Patricia R. Plante will deliver a charge to the graduates. Some 800 graduates will be participating in the ceremony this year.

Other Commencement activities follow:

■ The School of Nursing will hold a convocation for the 46 nursing students who are graduating this year and their families. Judith Drew, associate professor of nursing, will speak at the ceremony, to be held at 7 p.m., Friday, May 11 at the First Parish Universalist-Unitarian Church on Congress Street.

■ The University of Maine School of Law Convocation will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 12 at the First Parish Universalist-Unitarian Church on Congress Street. The keynote speaker will be Judge Frank M. Coffin of the U.S. Court of Appeals. A reception will follow at One City Center.

■ The third annual Alumni Association Commencement Breakfast will

be held for graduates and their guests from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Campus Center, Portland. Buses will run every 15 minutes from the Campus Center to the Civic Center.

For more information on the 1990 Commencement, call University Relations at 780-4440.

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Franco-Americans at a colloquium at the University of Laval in Quebec, and she will sit on a doctoral committee for the University of Texas School of Nursing for a dissertation on health beliefs and explanations among Franco-Americans. In her own research she'll be looking for changes in occupation and education levels among Franco-Americans and exploring her hypothesis that social mobility and assimilation are improving.

Research Update

■ E. Michael Brady, associate professor of Human Resource Development, and Richard H. Fortinsky, associate director, Human Services Development Institute, have been awarded a research grant of \$74,974 by the A.A.R.P.'s Andrus Foundation in Washington, D.C. Their study of employers' views on the

value of older workers will begin July 1.

■ The New England Studies Program recently was awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Davis Family Foundation to be used for program development. This grant builds on two previous grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

■ The Joan Whitney and Charles Shipman Payson Charitable Foundation, which supports art and maritime projects, awarded USM's Design Arts Project a \$1000 operating grant. This applied research project, sponsored jointly by New England Studies and the Maine Arts Commission with prime funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, evaluates design issues associated with town planning. Paula Craighead is the project director.

■ The Marine Law Institute of the University of Maine School of Law is now publishing a semi-annual journal, the Territorial Sea Journal, which explores legal issues in the management of coastal and ocean resources. Alison Rieser, director of the institute, and Tim Eichenberg, the institute's staff attorney, are editors. Members of the editorial board include marine and legal experts from Maine to Alaska and from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For information, call 780-4474.

■ S. D. Warren's Technical Department has donated to the Chemistry Department a gas chromatograph, to be used by upper level students in separating chemical mixtures into compounds.



Every two years, a School of Nursing faculty member is selected for the Nursing Research Scholar Award. With funds from a trust donated for promotion of nurse scholarship, the recipient receives release time and a stipend. A reception was held last month to honor the 1987-1989 recipient, Janice L. Thompson, center, and the 1989-1991 recipient, Rosemary Johnson, right. Pictured with them is Kathleen I. MacPherson, acting dean and professor of nursing. Thompson's award allowed her to work with women of the Southeast Asian refugee community to help them better understand the symptoms of depression related to their refugee experiences. Johnson's research project, titled, "Patterns of Practice of Nurse Practitioners in the Care of Women Clients," will help determine how gender, environment and disciplinary philosophies affect the practice.

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Supporting Our International Students

The Office of International Programs has initiated a mentoring program for USM's growing number of international students.

The three-tiered program is designed to help new international students adjust to life in the U.S. and at USM. Each new international student would be matched with a team—a faculty or staff member to help the newcomer with university procedures; a student peer, to introduce them to student activities and organizations; and a member of the Portland community, to give them some perspective on American life.

Mentors can help foreign students by writing letters to them before they come to the U.S. to make them feel welcome; by greeting them at the airport; by providing temporary housing if necessary before they settle into residence halls; by guiding them through university or city procedures; and by inviting them into private homes occasionally or to social occasions.

The number of international students is growing, according to Domenica Cipollone, director of international student programs and exchanges. "We want to accommodate these students successfully and ensure they have a positive, pleasant experience here," Cipollone said. "We also wish to get members of the broader community involved in our international program. We all stand to gain from it."

OIP reports that 36 new undergraduate and graduate students will be on campus for the Fall '90 semester. Among the countries to be represented on campus this fall are Japan, Mexico, India, Turkey, China and, for the first time, Bangladesh.

OIP is appealing to the USM community and friends to participate in the mentoring program. Cultural training and orientation for volunteers will begin in the summer. Anyone interested in being a team member can call OIP at 780-4550 for an application.

Global Perspective

■ The Office of International Programs is requesting donations of bicycles to be used by USM students from the Caribbean for local transportation. The students are studying at USM as part of the Cooperative Association of States for



On Wednesday, April 18 the USM Chorale under the direction of Dr. Robert Russell and the USM Concert Band under Dr. Peter Martin were recorded by William McCullough for a limited release compact disc. This, the first CD to be made of the two USM music groups, was a cooperative venture between USM's Office of Alumni and Development and the Music Department. For information on purchasing the CD, call the Music Department at 780-5265. Above, the Concert Band in recording session. *Erhun photo*

Scholarships (C.A.S.S.) program. For donations or information, call Marilyn Gellner at 874-6565.

■ James V. Sullivan, professor of health, physical education and recreation, has been invited to present a comprehensive health education program to K through 12 classroom teachers in Natal, Brazil. In addition he will deliver an undergraduate health education course at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte. Both programs are sponsored by the Maine and National Partners of the Americas.

■ A delegation from France's Pays de la Loire region was on campus Monday, April 30 as part of a statewide tour in response to a system-wide delegation to France last April. The group included representatives from the Universite du Mans, Universite d'Angiers, Universite de Nantes and several chambers of commerce and economic development agencies. The delegation was here to explore the possibility of joined economic development, regional links and greater involvement with the University of Maine System. While in Portland, they met with several USM faculty and staff members and were addressed by City Council Member Pamela Plumb and William Nugent, director of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce.

■ Geraldine Glodek, groundskeeper with the Department of Facilities Management and instructor of English, will be planting trees and restoring a nature trail along the Volga River in the Soviet Union for three weeks this summer. The work camp is arranged through Volunteers for Peace in conjunction with the University of Kazan, U.S.S.R.

■ In the last Global Perspective col-

umn, an item appeared about the international newsletter on agriculture RSEEA (Research on Soviet and East European Agriculture). Lynn Matyas of the Office of Sponsored Research was inadvertently omitted from a list of newsletter staff members.

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Scholar. He held previously another honorary appointment at USM, that of Convocation Scholar for 1985-86, guiding the university's consideration of "The Aging of America."

Callender first joined the USM faculty in 1962, then taught sociology at Clark University and at the University of Maine at Machias. In 1972 he returned to USM as a research associate and then associate director of USM's Human Services Development Institute. His publications include a book, "The Adult Education Class" and, as coauthor, a national guide series, "Improving Protective Services for Older Americans."

Callender, chair of the Department of Human Resource Development and senior research associate at the Human Services Development Institute, earned his B.A. from Bates College and a master's and doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

What We're Doing

KATHLEEN M. ASHLEY, professor of English; **WILLARD D. CALLENDER JR.**, professor of human resource development and present Russell Chair Scholar; **DAVE DAVIS**, dean, College of Arts and Sciences; **WILLIAM J. GAVIN**, professor of philosophy; **DOROTHY D. MOORE**, dean of the College of Education; and **JANICE THOMPSON**, associate professor of nursing, have been named by President Plante to a selection committee for the next holder of the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair. **JOHN DEEGAN JR.**, provost, will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

INDIA L. BROYLES, assistant professor of education, made a presentation with USM graduate assistant, Joanne Krawic, on "The International School: Focus on Geography," at the Maine Council for Social Studies in Brunswick on April 6. They also presented a special session on "Leadership in Curriculum Development for Global Education," at the National Elementary School Principals Conference in San Antonio on April 8.

C. GEORGE CAFFENTZIS, assistant professor of philosophy and honors program, read a paper titled "Spinoza and the Economic Life of Seventeenth-Century Holland," on April 23 at Hofstra University, as part of "The History of the Jews in The Netherlands" lecture series.

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, professor of French, attended the fourth annual Quebec Winter Symposium in Montreal, March 23-25.

ORLANDO E. DELOGU, professor of law, was an invited speaker and commentator at the Bettman Symposium, part of the American Planning Association's annual meeting, held April 21-24 in Denver. The symposium focused on problems associated with the aggressive use of planning and land use control tools at state and local levels of government.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, was appointed to the editorial board of "Public Administration Review."

ELLEN ARPEN KANDOIAN, professor of law, conducted a course titled, "The Law and Themes in Depth Psychology," for the C. G. Jung Center, Brunswick, Maine, from April 3 to May 2. The course focused upon four themes in Jungian thought and their relation to the dynamics of law in our society.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director of the Insti-

tute for Real Estate Research and Education, spoke on "The Economy of Maine and the Relationship of Housing to the Economy" in March to Loring, Short and Harmon, Portland. On April 16 WGME-TV interviewed Lamont on the statewide housing market.

KATHRYN LASKY, assistant professor of communication, has had her article, "Perceptions of Television Programming Among College Students with Varying Degrees of Video Production Experience," accepted for publication in Educational Research Quarterly.

LORRAINE D. MASURE, director, Sanford Center, addressed Rotarians and their secretaries on the subject of "Winning Teams" on April 27, in honor of National Secretaries Week.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, had an article published in the April 1990 issue of the New Accountant titled, "The Certified Fraud Examiner." Potts also presented a paper in March titled, "Academic Judgment vs. Just Cause in Collective Bargaining—A Ruling Through Arbitration," at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Business Law Association 1990 annual meeting held in Philadelphia.

JOHN M. ROMANYSHYN, professor emeritus of social welfare, was the keynote speaker for the Maine Chapter—National Association of Social Workers' annual conference awards dinner.

KIMBERLY J. STROM, assistant professor of social work, past president of the National Association of Social Workers, received a Social Work Award at the Maine Chapter—National Association of Social Workers' annual conference awards dinner.

JAMES V. SULLIVAN, chair and professor, health, physical education and recreation, gave a presentation on "Exercises for the Hospitalized Elderly," at the "Healing and Holism" workshop on April 25.

BILL THORNTON, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Cognitive Avoidance and the Defensive Attribution of Responsibility to a Victim" at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia, March 29-April 1. He has been appointed to chair the Academic and Scientific Affairs Committee of the Maine Psychological Association.

JURIS K. UBANS, professor of art, is serving on the advisory team of scholars working on the first film documentary on the life and work of American photographer Ber-

enice Abbott, made possible through grant support from the Maine Humanities Council.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, published a paper with John P. Morgan of Old Dominion University, on "Some Constructions for Balanced Incomplete Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns," in the March issue of *Biometrika*.

SUSAN M. VESS, assistant professor of school psychology, attended the executive board meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Tampa, Fl. as one of the two Northeast regional directors. Vess and Laura Douglas of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, contributed a chapter titled, "Best Practices in Working with Students with a Hearing Loss," and an appendix, "Medications Commonly Used with School Children," to "Best Practices in School Psychology II." Vess is the secretary of Trainers of School Psychologists Association, and attended the association's meeting in San Francisco in April. Also in April, Vess attended the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists in San Francisco. She gave a presentation with Gary Macdonald titled, "Delivery of School Psychological Services to Students in Postsecondary Settings." As Northeast regional director, Vess attended the Delegate Assembly/Executive Board Meeting of NASP.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, moderated a panel on "Marbury vs. Madison: The Emergence of Judicial Review," at the forum on "The Courts and the Constitution," presented by The Edmund S. Muskie Archives, Bates College, and The University of Maine Law School, at Bates College on May 1. On May 15, as part of the same forum, he will moderate a panel on "Plessey vs. Ferguson and Brown vs. the Board of Education: Classic Cases in the Definition of Civil Rights."

Former USM Instructor Deceased

Alfred D. Blease, an instructor of physics between 1965 and 1969 at University of Maine at Portland, died recently in Roanoke, Virginia. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Chair of the Science Division, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA 24038.



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