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USM RESEARCH TOPS \$5 MILLION

The annual value of research and training grants awarded to USM has topped \$5 million for the first time in the institution's history. (see President's Notes, page 2)

According to recently released figures from USM's Office of Sponsored Research, the total value of the awards, when calculated over the entire funding period, is nearly \$17.8 million. The latest figures show that the annualized dollar value of research and related services at USM has doubled in the past four years. Those monies fund projects ranging from a nationwide study of child welfare issues to staff development programs for the state's vocational educators.

Among USM's major projects are a \$236,540 grant over three years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services plus a total of \$325,000 over two years from the states of Connecticut, Ohio and Texas to study child welfare issues. USM's Human Services Development Institute—an organization formed to help improve health and human services through research and evaluation services—accounts for more than \$2 million of the annualized value of the grants. The institute has recently been awarded a \$200,000 grant by the U.S. Administration on Aging to conduct a national study of community-based long-term care systems.

"Research in the sciences also is on the increase at USM," said Robert J. Goettel, executive assistant to the president and director of sponsored research. There are currently three National Institutes of Health grants totaling \$1.2 million over four years to study immunological problems during pregnancy that could lead to miscarriages. The project is a collaborative effort among USM's graduate program

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Robert Vitalius, president of Fred S. James & Co., who spearheaded funding of the new scholarship, with business students Paul Lajoie, Dirk Keamy and Melissa Bale, and Richard J. Clarey, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management. *Black Cow photo*

In Support of Maine's Future:

New Scholarships Announced

President Patricia Plante, Richard J. Clarey, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management, Stephen T. Honey, vice president, Development and External Affairs and Charles Crockett, an alumnus and chair of the Annual Fund Committee, represented USM at a late December ceremony announcing the establishment of a new scholarship program underwritten by five local businesses. The event also marked the official beginning of USM's Annual Fund drive, Honey announced.

The scholarship effort was spearheaded by Robert E. Vitalius, president of Fred S. James & Co., and joined by Ron Harris, president of Harris Oil Company; Aretas Stearns, president of Porteous, Mitchell and Braun Company; Dan Quinn, president of ZY-AX,

Corporation, formerly Southworth Inc.; and David Hawkes, partner at Peat Marwick Main and Co.

The new fund, called the Maine Business for USM Scholars Program, will provide \$1000 scholarships for 10 outstanding business students for each of the next three years. The five companies have pledged a total of \$30,000.

Vitalius explained their joint interest in promoting educational opportunity at USM, saying that Maine's economy is dependent on quality education. "As business leaders, we want to be part of the future," he said.

President Plante accepted the pledge with heartfelt thanks. "People can't study when they're worried about how to get from here to there," she said in reference to students' financial anxieties. She said her greatest moment was when she received a Fulbright scholarship, and the stress of meeting her tuition

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Soviet Law Under Gorbachev

The ranking American expert on Soviet Constitutional Law, Robert Sharlet, will give a lecture on "Gorbachev's Changes in Soviet Constitutional Law" at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26 in the Moot Court Room of the Law School.

This lecture, part of the 1988-89 Convocation "Worlds in Flux—the Soviet Union," continues the exploration of Soviet law begun in December by Leon Lipson and Justices McKusick and Glassman. Sharlet will jump forward from the study of Lenin's impact on Soviet law presented last week by Piers Beirne to current changes and developments under Gorbachev.

Professor of political science at Union College, New York, Sharlet was an exchange fellow at Moscow University Law School and has received grants from the Ford Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has published five books and numerous articles on Soviet and East European politics and law, including his definitive analysis of the Soviet Constitution of 1977. Sharlet, who holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University, has testified before Congress and lectured at the State Department. He also served as a national consultant to Amnesty International and has appeared on the "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour."

Convocation events for early February include showings of current Soviet films at 7:15 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, February 6, 8 and 10. Three Chekhov plays will be read by New York actor Peter Brouwer and USM theatre faculty Yvonne Shafer and Claude File at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 11 in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Admission is free for these events, and they are open to the public. There will be lectures on Soviet film and Soviet agriculture later in the month. For more information, call 780-4440.

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payments was removed.

"This program makes a fine investment in our future and that of our workforce, and broadcasts the message that the business community does not want to see the aspirations of our citizens go unconfirmed," Dean Clarey said. He explained that the scholarship money will not be restricted in use to tuition payments, but will also allow students to find child

care or meet other needs that will enable them to stay in school.

Ron Harris said it was exciting to be in on the beginning of a worthwhile project. "Our company has always been in support of education," he said. Aretas Stearns described his rise from shoe salesman at Porteous to the presidency of the department stores and the role his studies at USM played in his advancement. Representatives from Peat Marwick pointed out that 50 percent of their employees are USM alumni. Dan Quinn noted Southworth's upcoming 100th anniversary next year and added, "Our talent is coming from USM."

USM Welcomes Brown and Park

Two new directors have joined the Office of Alumni and University Advancement, Richard Sturgeon, executive director of the office announced recently. Margaret A. Brown has been named director of the annual fund,



and Bill Park has been appointed as director of alumni programs and communications. In addition, Deborah Krichels, previously acting director of development at USM, has

been named director of records and research. The Office of Alumni and University Advancement replaces through a reorganization the former offices of alumni affairs and development.

The director of Annual Funds will coordinate fund-raising activities aimed at USM alumni and the broader community. Brown comes to USM from Bowdoin College, where she was assistant director of annual giving. In this capacity she planned annual giving programs and oversaw the operations of Bowdoin's Alumni Fund and Parents Fund. She also wrote publications and solicitation letters for the department. Prior to her Bowdoin position, Brown was assistant director of development/capital campaign at Westbrook College and executive director of Leadership Wayne County in Richmond, Indiana, where she developed marketing strategies and directed fund-raising activities. "Our goal with the annual fund is to continue financial support from our alumni, and to involve other friends of

the university in that effort," Sturgeon said. "Peg Brown's extensive background and proven success in organizing and implementing fund-



raising efforts will be a welcome asset to USM's annual fund."

Park worked as a development writer and editor in the Office of Com-

munications at Clark University before his USM appointment and as sports information director and assistant to the secretary of public affairs at Amherst College. His responsibilities at USM include production of MaineStream, USM's alumni newsletter, and creating programs and activities for alumni which will strengthen their connection to the university. "Bill brings to the position great energy and enthusiasm and a broad background with a variety of communication skills in both alumni events and publications," Sturgeon said.

"Bill and Peg, combined with our existing staff, will provide the nucleus of a productive office for Alumni and University Advancement."

President's Notes

As of today, USM has exceeded the \$5 million mark in the annual value of grants and contracts for the current academic year. This is both an impressive increase over last year and an important milestone for the University. There is a very good chance that we will reach \$5.5 million before the year is over.

Far more important that the amount of extramural funds generated is the value that these projects and programs represent in fulfilling the mission of this campus. More than \$1.1 million of the 1988-89 total is devoted to collaborative efforts with state government. A large percentage of our projects involve efforts that bring increasing national recognition to faculty and research staff especially in program areas at the core of USM's mission.

The level of extramural funding and the programs supported by that funding place USM in an extremely favorable position relative to other comparable institutions nationally, particularly ASCU institutions. The University community at USM can be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

Campus Notes

■ "Panama: Uncertainty, Instability, Hope," a lecture by His Excellency Juan B. Sosa, Ambassador of Panama to the United States, will be held at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 25 in Rooms A, B and C in the Campus Center, Portland. The lecture, sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Maine, is free and open to the public. Call 780-4551 for more information.

■ Professor Willem A. Bijlefeld, director, Hartford Seminary Foundation, will be a guest speaker for COR 122—Introduction to Islamic Civilization from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, in Room 305 in Masterton Hall, Portland. Bijlefeld will speak on "The Quintessential of Islam: Islamic Doctrine and Theology." The course is taught by Mahmud A. Faksh. The guest lecture is open to the University community only. Call the Department of Political Science at 780-4283 for more information.

■ USM's Department of Community Programs will offer "Black Spirituality in the Movement Toward Civil Rights: The King Legacy," by A. Roy Partridge Jr., pastoral associate at Portland's Cathedral Church of St. Luke, on Tuesday, February 7 and on Tuesday, February 14, "From Protest to Power: Black Political Development," with instructor Augustus Adair, visiting Tallman Professor of Political Science at Bowdoin College. Both lectures will be offered from 7-9 p.m. in Room 143B of the Campus Center in Portland. Tuition is \$15 for each seminar or \$20 for the series of two. For registration information call 874-6500.

■ USM's AREA Gallery at the Campus Center in Portland is featuring oil paintings by Boston artist Nick Lawrence through February 25. Lawrence combines primitive and surreal influences in his work using heavily textured surfaces. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information call Student Activities at 780-4090.

Research

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in immunology, the Foundation for Blood Research and Maine Medical Center.

Much of the research, said Goettel, has a direct economic impact on the

state. For example, the State Department of Economic and Community Development has substantially increased the state's contribution to the \$1.2 million Small Business Development Center. In 1986, SBDC, which is based at USM, provided services to more than 3,600 businesses.

Though many of the grants are awarded from in-state sources, USM has competed successfully on the national level against the University of North Carolina, the University of Chicago and Temple University, among others.

USM Hosts Top Harpsichordist

Premier harpsichordist Igor Kipnis will begin a two-week residency in USM's Music Department on January 23.

Kipnis will appear at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham in "The Age of the Baroque," a multimedia lecture, at 8 p.m., Monday, January 23, free and open to



the public; "The Light and Lively Harpsichord," a solo harpsichord concert, at 8 p.m., Friday, January 27, \$7 general public, \$4 students/seniors; "The Fortepiano," a solo concert on the earliest form of the modern piano, at 8 p.m., Monday, January 30, \$7 general public, \$4 students/seniors; Residency Finale Concert, with USM music faculty and guests, 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, \$7 general public, \$4 students/seniors.

Call the Concert Manager at 780-5256 or Bruce Fithian at 780-5275 for more information.

Box Score

Bahamas Goombay Shootout

While most of Maine braced to battle the bitter cold, the men's and women's basketball squads from USM spent their days on the beaches of Nassau and Paradise Island.

The Huskies flew out of Portland on New Year's Day, landing in Nassau at about three o'clock in the afternoon, and found temperatures in the 80s.

The women's team opened play on Monday with a convincing win over Greenville College of Greenville, Illinois. On Wednesday, the Huskies battled hard against the Bahamian National Team and came away with a hard fought victory. With two wins under their belt, the Huskies were matched with Kennesaw State College in the championship game. Kennesaw State, an NAIA scholarship school, defeated the Huskies 73-66 to capture first place honors and pin the first loss of the season on the Huskies. Senior Diana Duff was selected to the all-tournament team.

The men's team got into action on Tuesday against Southwest Baptist University. SBU participates at the NCAA Division II level and has a full component of scholarship players on their squad. Trailing by three points with 17 seconds remaining, Jeff Bowers launched one well beyond the three point line. As the ball ripped the twine, Bowers was knocked to the floor. Bowers got to his feet, nailed the foul shot and put the Huskies up by one with just 12 seconds to play.

Despite Bowers' heroics, SBU's Joe Shaver had different ideas. With :04 showing on the clock, Shavers drove the lane, pulled up and threw in a runner to seal the victory for SBU. Two nights later, USM fell again by two points, this time to a local Bahamian all-star squad. In their final contest of the tournament, USM eliminated Greenville College in convincing fashion to grab their first win of the invitational. Bowers' fine play was rewarded with all-tournament selection.

Going from bathing suits, snorkeling, and water skiing, back to winter coats and gloves was rough, the players found, but both teams came home with 1-1 records (officially), tanned bodies, and rejuvenated spirits. They could not have picked a better time for an island escape.

What We're Doing

LARRY G. BENEDICT, vice president for student affairs, recently presented a paper titled "An Exercise In Ethical Decision Making: A Campus Community Responds to Homophobic Activism" at the regional meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators held in Hyannis, Mass.

JODY CAPELLUTI, assistant professor of professional education, graduate division, presented a paper, "What Secondary School Principals Need to Know About Middle Schools," at the Maine Elementary Principals Association—Maine Secondary School Principals fall conference on November 3.

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, professor of French, co-presented a half-day workshop on the use of authentic materials in foreign language courses at Kennebunk High School on October 7. Crochet also co-presented a daylong workshop in Payson Smith Hall on November 12 that was broadcast to Bangor and Auburn sites through the use of the UM System ITV on the theme, "Towards a New Integration of Language and Culture".

MARGARET A. FOURNIER, associate professor of nursing, presented her work on reminiscence and the elderly at Maine Public Health Association's annual meeting in September.

LOUIS F. GAINEY JR., associate professor of biology, has coauthored a paper on "Physiological Effects of Protogonyaulax tamarensis on Cardiac Activity in Bivalve Molluscs" that appeared in "Comparative Biochemistry" and "Physiology, Part C: Comparative Pharmacology V."

NANCE GOLDSTEIN, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper, "A Preliminary Look at the Impact of Military R & D Spending on the U.S. Software Industry," at the Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) meetings in New York City, December 27-30.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, BRUCE B. CLAREY, professor of public policy and management, and JON REISMAN, graduate student in public policy and management, presented a paper, "Nuclear Moratoria Referenda and the Politics of Energy Planning in Maine," at the annual meeting of the Northeast Regions of the American Society for Public Administration, on November 17 in Newport, R.I. Hamilton was elected to general membership in the National Association of Environmental Professionals. The journal, *Energy Systems and Policy*, has accepted his manuscript, "Relationships Between Electric Power Project Characteristics and Regulatory System Structure," for publication; and the *Journal of College Science Teaching* accepted his article, "Multidisciplinary Teaching About Nuclear Arms."

PAUL D. HODGDON, professor of physical education, spoke on the topic "Coaching the Female Athlete" at the recent third annual Southern Maine Sports Medicine Conference on Women in Sports and Fitness that was sponsored by the American Heart Association.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, gave an address, "The Katyn Forest Massacre In the Face of Glasnost," to the World Affairs Council of Maine in Portland on November 30.

CHARLES M. LYONS, associate professor of special education, has been appointed by Governor McKernan to the Maine Advisory Committee for Children with Special Needs.

RICHARD L. McKEIL, professor of associate business and economics, representing the Archangel Committee, and WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, representing Pax Christi Maine, were honored at the annual Beyond War awards ceremony in Portland on November 19 for the contributions of their organizations to the step toward peace of the INF Treaty.

LINDA R. MEYER, associate professor, Therapeutic Recreation Program, had her article, "Creating Psychologically Safe Ac-

tivity Environments," published in the November/December issue of the *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance*.

MARTHA MOSHER and ALAN BROWN, assistant managers of the bookstores, attended a three-day conference in Sturbridge Mass., October 19-21, sponsored by the College Stores of New England and the College Store Association of New York State.

DEAN PATERSON, health education specialist/consultant, Child and Family Institute, has recently qualified as a trainer of the BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies) program. She will now, through the National Council on Alcohol, Maine, train presenters in Maine to deliver the substance abuse prevention program.

BILL PHILLIPS, associate professor of economics, had his interactive, computerized economics tutorial, *VizEcon*, accepted for fall 1989 publication by McGraw-Hill; he also demonstrated *VizEcon* at the annual national convention of the American Economic Association in New York City on December 28. At the 1988 Conference on Technology in Business on December 5 and 6 he gave an invited speech and demonstration of his tutorials, "EconLab" and "VizEcon." "EconLab" has been selected by the Government du Quebec, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Science, Direction Générale de l'Enseignement Collégial, for translation into French and it was also one of 14 university-developed computer programs selected by Apple for inclusion in its "HyperCard, The First Year" project. Phillips' article, "University of Southern Maine: Visualizing Economics," has been selected for publication in *Wheels For The Mind*.

PATRICIA R. PLANTE, president, had her latest article on higher education, "A Decade of Innocence," published in the fall issue of *Educational Record*, the journal of the American Council on Education.

EUGENE P. A. SCHLEH, professor of history, and alumna Mary Lou Quinn co-edited and contributed to a book, "Consumable Goods II," published by the National Poetry Foundation, Orono.



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