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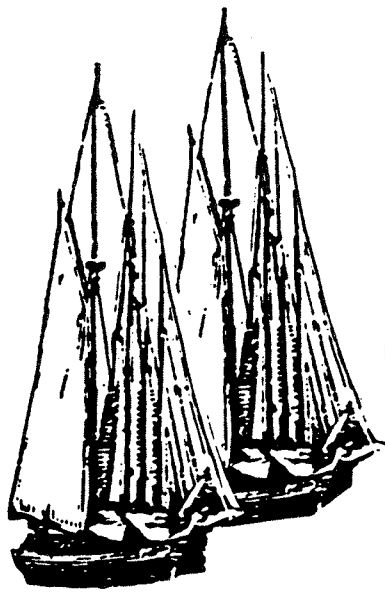
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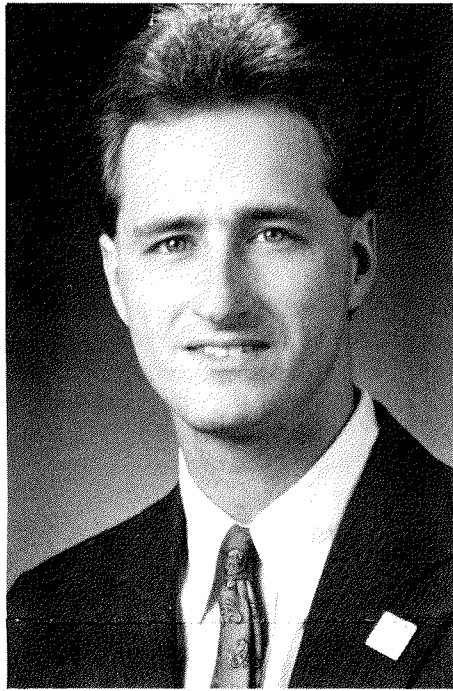
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David Behr, new director of admissions

Director of Admissions Named

Larry G. Benedict, vice president for student affairs, recently announced the appointment of a new director of admissions, David G. Behrs, previously coordinator of undergraduate admissions at the Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg.

Behrs, who holds a master's degree from Shippensburg University, Pennsylvania, is a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Offices of Admission. He has published articles on his field in professional journals and at Penn State he spearheaded a marketing campaign to attract non-traditional students.

Benedict said in announcing Behr's appointment, "I'm absolutely delighted that someone with David's background is joining us at USM. He brings great enthusiasm as well as a diverse set of enrollment management skills."

Mr. Behrs will assume his new duties on July 18.

Spearheading Success at Community Programs

Earlier this summer the Department of Community Programs was honored by the Maine Commission for Women with a Progress Award, presented at the MCW's annual meeting on Friday, June 17. The award recognized the role of Community Program's yearly Women in Management Conference in advancing the lives of working women. The conference "has afforded many women the skills and inspiration necessary to succeed in the management field. The work of this department is a model for the people of Maine," said Patricia C. Bourgoin, chair of the Commission.

Joanne Spear, director of Community Programs, was especially pleased by the award because it underlines the value and power of adult education. "To me," she said, "education is not opening up a head and pouring in knowledge. It's providing the skills and information for people to learn, to reach out for what's best for them." This approach to education can be implemented at any level, but is most applicable to adult learners, Spear said.

The Women in Management Conference, created nearly 10 years ago by the Small Business Development Center, matches Spear's views on education and her personal philosophy. The conference, as she believes all educational undertakings should, empowers people to help themselves.

It was this view of education that drew Spear to the field of adult education when she was still an undergraduate at USM. After finishing her master's degree in the subject in 1976, she came to the university in December of that year. She points out that adult learners are self-motivated: "They set their own directions and goals. The teacher's role is to facilitate their growth and supply an appropriate learning structure."

Women in Management is not the only noncredit program deserving attention, she says. She points also to the Computer Resource Center, the only one in the country to offer a computer certificate, and the Institute for Learning and Retirement. This

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"An Education Worthy of the Name" USM Honors Program Under Conway



Jerry Conway, director, shapes the future of the Honors Program.

Kramer photo

So much has been said on the lower standards and expectations in education today that it is reassuring to learn that the most rigorous program of study at USM has to turn away students. For this coming year there were 70 applications for 30 openings in the Honors Program.

The program is built on respect for its students, says the new director, Jeremiah P. Conway. Conway, an associate professor of philosophy, was recently appointed as director of the Honors Program for a three-year term, succeeding Martin Rogoff. He has thought carefully about the goal of a university education. His vision, clearly expressed in the introduction to the Honors Program brochure, guides the program. A university's job is not to prepare students for future careers, not in any narrow sense, he reminds us. A university's primary purpose is to provide a full education, rooted in our civilization. It is with that goal in mind that USM's Honors Program has been designed.

"Honors is committed to a particular vision of educational excellence," he writes, and stresses the importance of small classes, the need for students to understand the rich cultural heritage of Western intellectual tradition and the necessity of an interdisciplinary approach in a world whose problems "transcend the boundaries of any single academic discipline."

Conway, who holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale, has been associated with the program from its inception, as a teacher and as part of the planning team that met during the 1985-86 year. He has been a member of the USM faculty since 1978.

The program is predicated in large part on those skills that empower students, he says. "Through honors work they gain confidence in their ability to express ideas well, to argue and debate, to communicate orally or in writing effectively. They know that they are in charge of their own education and that inspires them."

One of the great pleasures of teaching in the program, according to Conway, is the privilege of working with students "who are willing to work harder to attain an education worthy of the name," he says. "I've developed a tremendous respect for students' capabilities when expectations for them are set high and when they are given the necessary support." Conway mentions as one example a student who handed in a 58-page final paper this spring.

After pointing to the "tremendous job" Martin Rogoff did in setting the Honors curriculum in place, Conway describes his major responsibility to be shaping the seminars and independent projects that round off the honors experience after completion of the four courses—"The

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Notes from the President's Desk



I am pleased to announce that upon the unanimous recommendation of the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair Selection Committee, Willard D. Callender Jr., professor of human resource development, will succeed Libby Cohen to the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 academic years. As Russell Chair Scholar Callender will deliver a lecture each year on a topic of his choice. The Russell Chair Scholar also presents an award to an outstanding high school teacher at Gorham, Deering and Portland High Schools in memory of Russell, who was the principal of Gorham Normal School, now part of USM.

Members of the Russell Endowed Chair Selection Committee were:

Libby Cohen, present Walter E. Russell Scholar
Andrew Anderson, associate professor of technology
Robert Coakley, associate professor of physics
Richard McKeil, professor of associate business and economics
Marianne Rodgers, associate professor of nursing
Allan Whitmore, associate professor of history

Campus Notes

● Application deadlines for the 1989-90 Fulbright grants in research and university lecturing abroad still ahead are:

September 15, 1988: Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and lecturing awards to Mexico, Venezuela, and the Caribbean.

November 1, 1988: Scholar-in-Residence Program.

January 1, 1989: International Education Administrators Program in Germany, United Kingdom and Japan; Seminar in German Civilization; NATO Research Fellowships and Spain Research Fellowships.

February 1, 1989: travel-only awards to France, Italy, and Germany.

The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship; Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications; university or college teaching experience.

For more information and applications, call the Office of International Programs at 780-4550.

● The USM Production Technology Center and the Maine Chapter of the Project Management Institute co-sponsored a two-day Project Management Seminar at Sebasco Lodge this month. Walter H. Phoenix, President of the Phoenix Group, Inc. of Brunswick, developed and conducted the seminar. The guest speaker, Steven G. Bultner, senior vice president of operations, Bath Iron Works Corporation, talked on project management of major ship design and construction programs. Managers and specialists from Central Maine Power, Bath Iron Works, Pratt and Whitney, Sterling Engineered Products, and USM Facility Management attended the seminar.



The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues recognized our child care program as one of the best in the nation. Pictured here following a Capitol Hill news conference to announce the selection are, from the left, Representative Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), Beth I. Warren, USM executive director for human resources, and Representative Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine). Schroeder and Snowe are co-chairs of the caucus. Experts selected 43 companies from more than 160 nationwide to receive recognition for their work in providing child care. Twenty-four employers, including USM, received a "Best on the Block" award. Another 19 employers received Pioneer awards. Of the total 43 employers honored, only three were colleges and universities.

Summer Fun

Summer's not over yet at USM. There are still theatre, film classics, lectures and seminars to be enjoyed.

The USM Summer Theatre will present a "revolutionary" comedy for their last production of the summer. The famous London-based writing/acting company "Low Moan Spectacular" will bring the East Coast try-out of "Squire Haggard's Journal," by Ron House and Alan Shearman, to Maine before it premieres in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Set in 1774-75, this farce "documents" how one man's antics can make history as a down-at-the-heels English squire driven by greed and lust triggers the American Revolution. Performances at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 21 to Sunday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 26 to Saturday, July 30. Matinees at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31. Tickets are \$7 to \$11, depending on performance time, with discounts for seniors and groups. Call 780-5483 for times and reservations.

From Casco Bay to China—lectures will cover a variety of topics. Political scientist Michael Hamilton will look at "Coastal Growth Management: Who Needs It? Why?" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 in the Moot Court Room, Law Building, Portland. David Lampton of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, Inc. will lecture on "China's Reforms: Implications for Sino-American Relations" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20 in the Campus Center amphitheatre, Portland. Portland historian Joel Eastman will describe "Casco Bay during World War II" at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 21 in the Moot Court Room, Law Building, Portland. China is the subject again when USM's China expert Craig Dietrich of the History Department discusses "China's Reforms" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 in the amphitheatre of the Portland Campus Center. Film buffs will enjoy "The Early Years of Film Evolution: the Silent Dilemma," by Jean-Ri Cojuc of USM's Department of Communication, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3 in the Moot Court Room, Law Building, Portland. Gale Rhodes, associate professor of chemistry, will talk on "Metaphors in Science: Facts, Laws and Theories in Literature" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 11 in the Moot Court Room, Law Building, Portland.

Again this summer USM offers film series for adults and children. For adults (and older children), great classics: "The Magnificent Ambersons" (July 20), Orson Welles directs Joseph Cotten, Agnes Moorehead and Anne Baxter; "In a Lonely Place" (July 27), Humphrey Bogart in "film noir" treatment of powerful drama; "San Francisco" (August 3), adventure drama showcasing Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and Jeanette MacDonald; "Deadline U.S.A." (August 10), Humphrey Bogart as newspaper editor fighting the crime underworld. All above films shown Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham Campus.

The children's film series will be shown Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the College Room of the Campus Center in Portland:

Steele on New Options for Actors

Actors who don't take advantage of the many opportunities that the age of video presents are "severely limiting their capacity to survive," says William P. Steele, USM associate professor of theatre.



To hone actors' survival skills, Steele plans to write a book, the working title of which is "An Actor's Guide to Corporate Video." The prestigious John Anson Kittridge Educational Fund has awarded Steele a grant in support of the project.

The concept for the book is based on Steele's own experiences as an actor and narrator in videos for IBM, the U.S. Navy, Filene's, Hewlett-Packard, Data General, Polaroid and dozens of other companies.

"The age of video has arrived," Steele says, and thousands of organizations have begun producing high quality videotapes for training, recruitment and other purposes. It is, however, a very competitive market for actors, and one which demands special stage talents, according to Steele.

"Actors have to absorb massive amounts of information and deliver lines in a set business style," he notes. "They also need to market their skills in a way compatible with the business world and project an image on camera that's appropriate to the client."

To complement the actor's book, Steele plans to author a practical text to prepare chief executive officers for video.

"It's practical research," says Steele of his work, "with a practical application."

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"Babes in Toyland" (July 19), "Mary Poppins" (July 26), "Rascal" (August 2) and "Return to Oz" (August 9). Also, Thursday evenings, through August 11, at USM's Sanford Center: "The Sword in the Stone," "Short Circuit," "The Flight of the Navigator," and more...call the Sanford Center, 324-6023 for schedule.

Also of interest to kids, one and two day workshops: stars and the planetarium (July 19 and 26), puppetmaking (July 14), weaving (July 21) and dance and movement (July 28).

Looking Back: 20 Years at USM

Theresa Fickett Honored

When President Patricia Plante hosted this year's Annual Recognition Breakfast for Classified Staff, Theresa V. Fickett was the sole recipient of the 20-year award.

President Plante in her remarks at the breakfast, thanked the classified staff for their dedication and cited the example of Curtis Thurston, a baker with the dining services, who walked 22 miles from Old Orchard Beach to Gorham on a Sunday morning in February when his car had broken down so he could be there to prepare breakfast for students. Such dedication is as important to the quality of this university as individual skills, the president said. That kind of loyalty to the university has kept Terry Fickett, a printer in the Portland printing center, at her post for 20 years.

Fickett came to USM on a part-time basis to work in the cafeteria after 21 years of working in her home caring for her five children. It was 1968 and the College Room had just opened.

Within a few years Fickett moved to the printing center and a full-time job. She has seen a lot of growth in the printing center, she says, from two mimeograph machines back in 1972 to the two multigraphic printing machines and collators. Back then, the printing and mail departments were combined. On a busy day, they received one or two bags of mail. Now the Portland mail room often handles 12 bags a day and when she's free, Fickett sometimes still assists in processing them.

About her 20 years she says, "It doesn't seem that long—time goes by quickly. I've enjoyed working here and look forward to coming to work."

The 20-year award may become a family tradition. Fickett's daughter, Kathleen Fecteau, the acquisitions bookkeeper at the Gorham Library, has already worked nearly 10 years at USM.

Progress for Classified Staff

Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury announced that negotiations between the University of Maine System and employee unions are making substantial progress toward implementation of a new wage structure for some 2,300 classified employees.

The new classification program was designed by the University System and three organizations representing hourly-paid employees—the Associated COLT Staff of the University of Maine System/Maine Teachers Association, Teamsters Local Union Number 48, and University Supervisors Representative Council. A joint committee redefined the criteria on which job classifications are evaluated and brought more than 300 job descriptions up to date, many of them a decade or more old. "This new classification program represents a reordering of priorities about the value of the work performed by University support staff," said Samuel D'Amico, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources.

The revised classification program was approved last year by University and employee representatives. Now being negotiated is implementation: where to place current employees on the new wage band for each job, which jobs will be in units represented by bargaining agents or in a non-represented supervisory unit, and how the University should reward long-term service.

To prepare for the new program, the University System is reviewing more than 1,000 employees in 58 job titles to check which revised classification best fits their duties. Reviews of employees in these jobs were recommended by the joint committee; an appeal process will be established.

The Chancellor's office will update this information shortly.

Summer Arts at USM

The 1988 All Maine Biennial WORKS-ON-PAPER Exhibition will be open to the public now through Thursday, August 11. The juried exhibition reopens on Sunday, September 18 to run through Thursday, October 6. Gallery hours this summer are 12 to 8 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, closed Friday and Saturday.

Jurists who chose the 49 works exhibited from 364 entries were Chris Crosman, director of the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland; Italo Scanga, sculptor from San Diego, and New York painter Martha Diamond. John Kimball and Richard Wilson were selected by the jury as recipients of the SOLO Exhibition and the Exhibition Design Award, respectively.

The exhibition, which includes all work on paper but photography—collage, watercolor, paintings—is supported by the Maine Arts Commission and USM Summer Session. Call 780-5009 for more information.

The Area Gallery at the Portland Campus Center is now featuring "Summer Selections," a group show of work by up and coming artists working in a variety of media, through Saturday, July 30. For more information, call 780-4090.

The Summer Session music series will continue with concerts by the Portland Brass Quintet on July 19 and the Portland Wind Trio on July 26. Both concerts are free and open to the public. They will be held at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall.

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Ancient World," "The Medieval World," "Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment" and "The Modern Age."

The seminar topic is an important contemporary issue chosen by the students. This year it focuses on education in our culture, considered by the honor students to be central to the future of our society and also an issue very much in public debate today.

A more important part of his job, he says, lies beyond the course of study. "I see that the Honors Program has definite and important implications for the entire university. Beyond the central task of providing an excellent education for 30 students a year, we have the obligation of benefiting the university as a whole."

To this end, the Honors Program is sponsoring a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation which would bring together USM professors with high school teachers to improve the teaching of science, as well as publishing of *The Maine Scholar*, edited by Conway and two associate editors, one in Orono and another in Presque Isle, to be enjoyed by the general reader. The first issue of the *Maine Scholar* has articles by USM faculty, students and professors, scholars and writers elsewhere in Maine and the country.

Conway believes in the importance of making academic work accessible to the public. "A publicly supported university especially owes it to the state to communicate its work," he says. "When academics cannot talk to fellow citizens about the implications of their research, there is a problem."

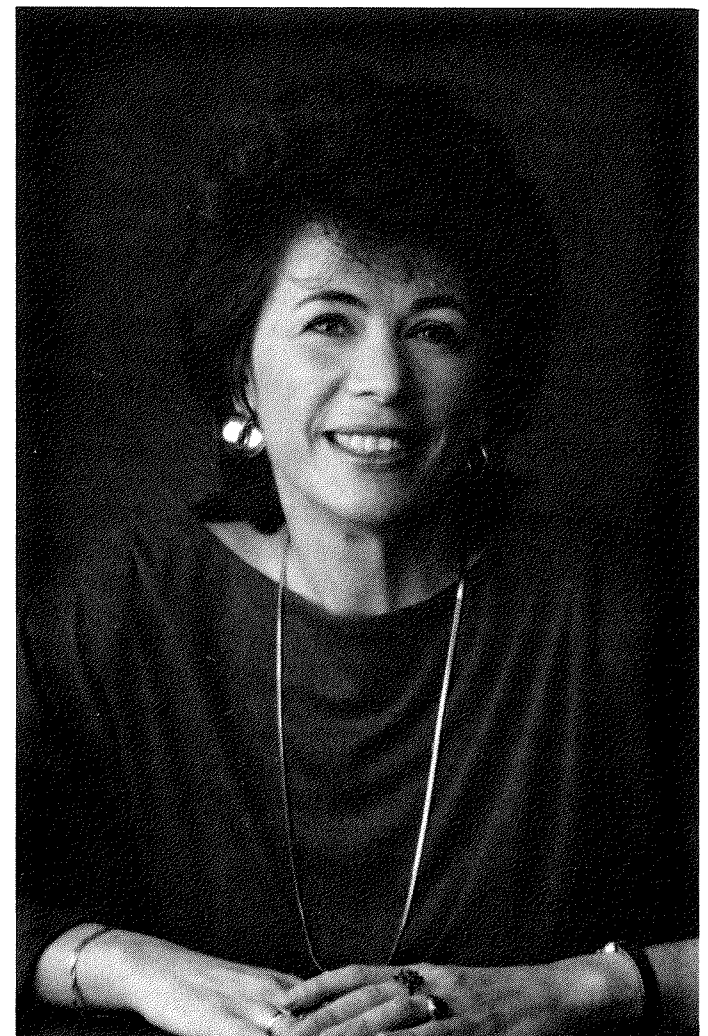


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year's very successful Facing Conflict Conference, which examined methods of conflict resolution in family, work, public policy and three other life arenas, was another first in the state.

The key to the success of Community Programs projects, Spear believes, lies in the close contacts the department has with the outside community. They've worked with the Japan-America Society and the Jewish Community School on recent courses, for example, and will collaborate with Mercy Hospital for a women's health conference this fall.

"We take our lead from outside sources. That's why I like adult education—it's very much market-oriented, conscious of the wishes and goals of the consumer."



Joanne Spear, director of Community Programs.

Convocation Themes Chosen Roberts 1988-89 Convocation Scholar

President Patricia R. Plante recently announced the Convocation themes for the next three years. The themes will focus on three foreign cultures and political systems.

During the 1988-89 academic year, Convocation will feature the contemporary Soviet Union. Jim Roberts, associate professor of political science, will serve as Convocation Scholar. In writing of this assignment he said, "The Soviet Union of today is undergoing an intense self-examination. For many of its citizens, this is a disturbing time as settled ways are chal-

lenged by the promise of a still uncertain future. For ourselves, as onlookers and students, it is an exciting time to be watching; we shall surely come to a fuller knowledge of our sister superpower—and we may even learn something more of ourselves in the process."

Convocation for the following two years will focus on Latin America in 1989-90 and the Far East in 1990-91.

The opening event of Convocation 1988-89 will take place on October 4. Contact Jim Roberts at 780-4194 with thoughts and suggestions.

What We're Doing

ALBERT BEAN, coordinator of sports information and athletic fund raising, was a member of the sports information staff and tournament committee at the NCAA Division III College World Series held June 2-5 in Bristol, Conn. DAVID DREW, instructor in physical education, athletic trainer and equipment manager, was a member of the athletic training staff at the Series and GREG JORDAN, the veteran voice of Huskies' basketball, served as the public address announcer.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, attended the 59th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Buffalo, N.Y. at which he presented two papers that he co-authored entitled "Time Judgment Performance in a Multiple Timing Task" and "Psychophysical Comparison of Prospective and Retrospective Timing Performance."

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Department of Continuing Education for Business, was the guest speaker for the Freeport Merchants Association on the subject, "Training for Exceptional Customer Service," on May 24. In June he attended the annual conference of the Marketing Federation in New York City.

DAVID P. CLUCHEY, associate dean and professor of law, presented a three-day minicourse on the "Developments Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom and the U.S. Constitution" at Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Cluchey also had his article, "Bail and Preventive Detention in Maine," published in the *Maine Bar Journal*.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, delivered the following lectures: "Metaphysics, Narrative and the Philosophy of Education," at the Association for the Process Philosophy of Education in Cincinnati, Ohio; "Environmental Ethics and Process Philosophy," at the Boston University Conference on Environmental Ethics; "A Normative Measure for Environmental Ethics," at the Environmental Design Research Association, Los Angeles, Calif.; and "The Space and Time of City and Nature," at the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, University of Toronto, Canada.

Stonecoast!

The eighth annual Stonecoast Writers' Conference begins Sunday, July 31 and runs to Friday, August 12. Again this year it will bring writers and poets of note to our Gorham Campus and provide an opportunity to hear readings, panel discussions and lectures, Monday through Friday, during the two weeks.

Award winning poet Edward Hirsch will read from his work at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 31 and will lecture on poetry at 1 p.m., Monday, August 1. Short story writer Andre Dubus, recently recognized by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, will read from his fiction at 7 p.m., Monday, August 1. A panel discussion on "Marketing Fiction and Poetry" will be presented at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2 and at 7 p.m. Stephen Dobyns, poet, novelist and mystery writer, will read from his poems. Dobyns, who teaches at Syracuse University, will lecture on writing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

Novelist Mary Elsie Robertson, who teaches in the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers, will read from her fiction at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, August 3 and will lecture at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 4. Elizabeth Spire, author of three

CARL H. HELMS, software support specialist, Academic Computing Services, conducted a workshop for faculty at Framingham State College (Mass.) May 18 on the topic, "Developmental Mathematics, Instructional Strategies and Supporting Technologies."

STEPHEN T. HONEY, vice president for development and external affairs, was the keynote speaker on the topic of "Affordable Housing" at the Northern New England Association of Planners last May 16. On May 23 he spoke on "Innovations in Growth Management" at the annual meeting of the National Association of Regional Councils in Hartford, Conn.

EDWARD ZIP KELLOGG, reference librarian, was on a panel of the Northeast Map Users Organization at UMASS, Boston, speaking about uses and publishing of recreational maps.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, acting director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, presented a paper on "Affordable Housing: Data Needs of Planners and Decision-Makers," at the Homer Hoyt Advanced Studies Institute in Florida last March. She also attended the American Real Estate Society's annual meeting in San Francisco in April. Last February, she presented the Affordable Housing Index for First-Time Home Buyers to the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing.

ROBERT LEMELIN, director, Learning Assistance Systems, had his article, "The Global Access Village: A Report," appear in the spring 1988 issue of the *National Association for Developmental Education Newsletter*.

REBECCA BRYANT LOCKRIDGE, assistant professor of communication, has signed a contract with Greenwood/Praeger Press to act as editor of a research volume of contributed essays on selected photographers whose work has continuing influence on modern photographic ways of seeing. She will be contributing some of the essays to the volume which will be entitled "Fifty Photographers." Lockridge also presented a paper titled "Walker Evans and Robert Frank: A Matter of Masculine and Feminine Principle" at the Northeast Women's Studies Association Conference held at the University of Maine at Orono, May 20-21.

collections of poetry, will read her poems at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 4. R. H. W. Dillard, poet, novelist and short story writer and director of the Hollins College creative writing program, will lecture at 1 p.m. and read from his work at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 5.

There will be readings at 1 p.m. by participants in the Novel Workshop on Monday, August 8, the Fiction Workshop on Tuesday, August 9, by workshop staff assistants on Wednesday, August 10 and by Poetry Workshop members on Thursday, August 11. In the evenings, at 7 p.m., novelist Madison Bell and poet Garret Hongo will read from their work on Monday, August 8; short story writer Alyson Hagy of the University of Michigan and poet Kenneth Rosen, professor of English at USM, will read on Tuesday, August 9; Cathryn Hankla, author of poems and stories, will read from her fiction on Wednesday, August 10; and Carolyn Chute, author of "The Beans of Egypt, Maine" and a Stonecoast participant from its beginning, will read on Thursday evening, August 11.

All events are free and open to the public. For information and schedule confirmation, call 780-4291.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, presented a paper titled "The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods" at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association at Babson College in Babson, Mass., on April 16. The paper has been accepted for publication in the spring 1988 edition of the *North Atlantic Regional Business Law Review*.

MICHAEL W. MULLANE, associate professor of law, had his article "Woe Unto the Trial Lawyers For Their First Mistake Shall Be Their Last," published in the May issue of the *Maine Bar Journal*.

VICTOR J. NEUWIRTH, laboratory associate in chemistry, recently presented a demonstration of "Moment of Inertia" with a variation on the traditional Inertia Baton of his own design to the annual meeting of Physics Teachers of Maine at Bates College.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, School of Business, Economics and Management, conducted a daylong seminar sponsored by the Data Processors Management Association at the Computer Learning Center, Springfield, Va. The seminar's objective was to prepare candidates for the accounting segment of the certified data processing examination given in early May. Potts was honored as the Outstanding Accounting Educator of the Certified Data Processors Program at a banquet held by the Washington D.C. chapter of the Data Processors Managers Association. He also attended the inauguration of Rafael L. Cortada as president of the University of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C. as an invited guest.

FRED W. REMEN, assistant director, Facilities Management, was part of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Group Portland when the commandant of the Coast Guard presented the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Group. Remen, whose rank is lieutenant, junior grade, U.S.C.G.R., is now the executive officer of reserve unit vessel, Newcastle, N.H.

PAUL C. ROGERS, professor of mathematics, has completed a final review of the manuscript of Kenkel's "Introductory Statistics for Management and Economics, Third Edition" to be published by PWS-Kent Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.

MARTIN A. ROGOFF, professor, School of Law, attended the spring meeting of the United States Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Advisory Committee, to which he was recently appointed. Held in Washington, the meeting was devoted to presentations on the "greenhouse effect" by governmental and academic experts on global warming and climate change.

CHARLOTTE ROSENTHAL, assistant professor of Russian, has received a Travel to Collections Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her project, "Russian Women Writers of the Silver Age, 1890-1925: An Annotated Bio-Bibliographic Guide," enabling her to conduct research at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

NEAL S. ROTE, director and professor, Applied Immunology Program, presented "Auto/Alloimmune Causes of Habitual Abortion" as an invited speaker at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital post-graduate course on infertility in Charlotte, N.C. May 19-20. During May 28-31 Rote traveled to Varna, Bulgaria, to present "Autoimmunity to Phospholipids and the Effect of Reproduction" as an invited speaker at the Seventh International Symposium of Immunology of Reproduction.

EUGENE SCHLEH, professor of history, and MARY LOU QUINN, teaching assistant in history, began the year by hosting and coordinating the annual conference of the North East Popular Culture Association in Portland. At the conference Quinn presented a paper on "The Body Bountiful" and the two also co-authored a paper on "The Little Maine Murders of B. J. Morison." Both papers will be published in *Consumable Goods II* which Quinn and Schleh are editing. "The Little Maine Murders of B. J. Morison" will also be published in "Clues: A Journal of Detection," Bowling Green State University. In March Quinn and Schleh delivered a paper on "Popular Crime in Africa: The Macmillan Education Program" at the National Popular Culture Association conference in New Orleans. The paper will appear as a chapter in "The Mysteries of Africa" which they are writing and editing for *The Popu-*

lar Press.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of philosophy, was invited to submit an article as part of a festschrift in honor of Max Bense, one of the leading authorities in semiotics. The article will appear in the international journal, *Semiosis*.

LEONARD SHEDLETSKY, associate professor and chair, Department of Communication, acted as a communication resource person in a workshop presented by HENRY C. AMOROSO, associate professor of education, titled "Enhancing Communication with Young Disabled Readers," at the International Reading Association, in Toronto, Canada last May 1-6.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, has organized a nationally-advertised institute on peacemaking to be held in Westbrook June 27-30 and sponsored by Pax Christi Maine.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, instructor of nursing, spoke on "You and Your Health Care Team" at the May 13 Post-Polio Syndrome Conference in Dedham, Mass.

JOANNE SPEAR, director, Department of Community Programs, has been appointed to the Southern Maine Regional Commission for Women. Spear, with Joyce Bader, co-developed a one-day workshop for volunteer directors for the Center for Voluntary Action.


JAMES V. SULLIVAN, chair and professor of health, physical education and recreation, addressed the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club on "The Hows and Whys of Physical Fitness," May 11.

JOHN M. SUTTON JR., associate professor of education, has received an American Association of Counseling and Development Scholarly/Research grant. The grant has a working title of "Job Satisfaction of School Counselors in Rural Setting." He also presented a paper, "The Relationship of School Climate Factors to Counselor Self-Efficacy" at the annual meeting of the New England Educational Research Organization in Rockport, Maine in April.

CURTIS B. SWEET, director of telecommunications, founder of the USM-sponsored Maine Telecommunications Users Group, testified recently before the Maine Public Utilities Commission regarding competition in Maine's telecommunications industry.

JOHN J. VOYER, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper, judged to be one of the three best empirical papers at the 25th annual Eastern Academy of Management Conference, titled "Organic vs. Mechanistic Organizations: Effects on Organizational Cognition," in Arlington, Va. last May 12-14.

JANE COOLIDGE YOUNG, assistant professor of nursing, presented a paper titled "Theoretical Support for Clinician Self-Disclosure within the Context of the Health Care Encounter" and an empirical paper entitled "The Effect of Nurse Practitioner Self-Disclosure on the Self-Disclosing Behavior of College Students in a College Health Setting."



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