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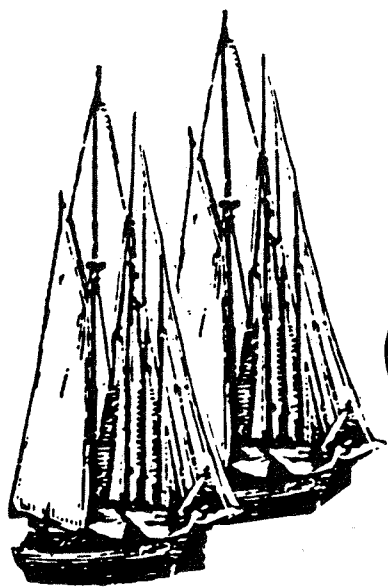
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# University of Southern Maine CURRENTS

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### Launching the Class of '87

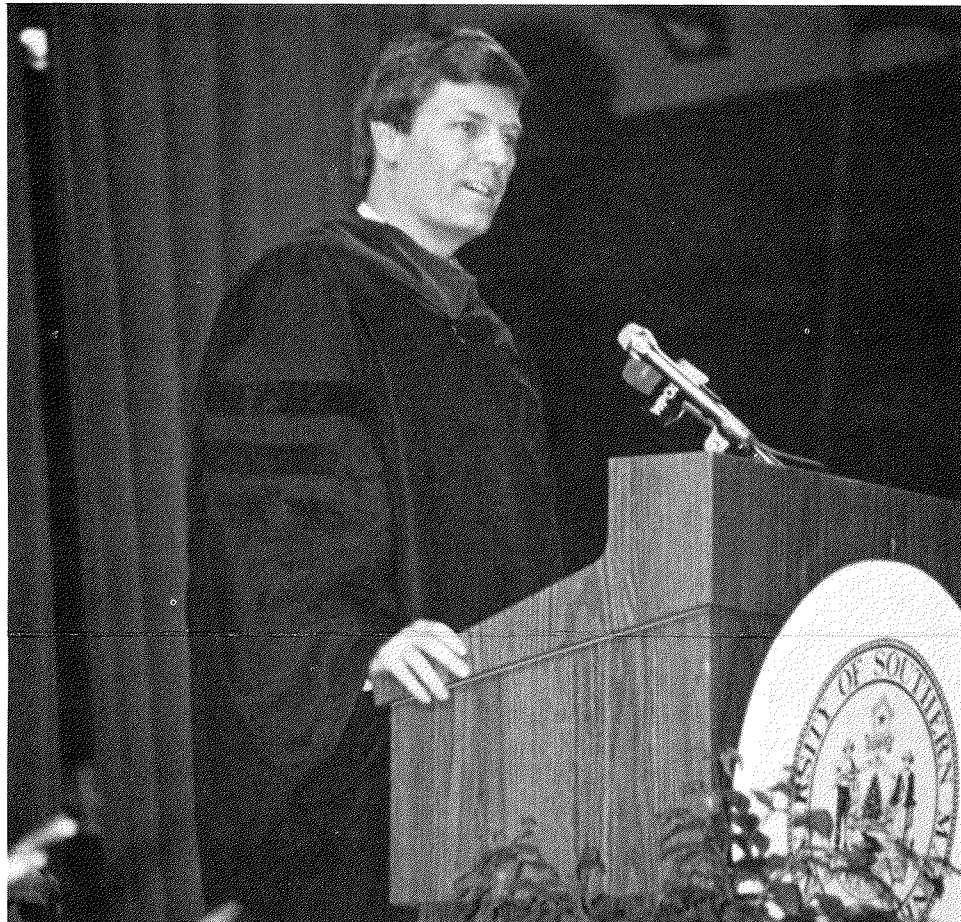
Commencement Day 1987 was sunny and mild outside and colorful inside the Cumberland County Civic Center with flowers, robes and hoods and the green and white parasols of the Class of 1937. The Class of 1987, along with those students receiving associate and master's degrees, a total of some 800 students, shared this milestone in their lives with their near and dear, approximately 6000 parents, grandparents, children, spouses and friends.

The excitement of the day was underlined by Governor John R. McKernan, who urged the graduates to set new aspirations for themselves. "While today represents the fulfillment of one dream, it should also be the beginning of others," he said. The governor then moved to the main focus of his speech, whether those dreams could be achieved at home in Maine. He outlined the steps which need to be taken so the goals of the young don't take them out of state. "As graduates of the University of Southern Maine, you have been fortunate to attend a school that caters to individual needs and potentials," he said. "...What I would wish for you, and for all the citizens of this state is that you are provided the opportunity and resources that allow you to take advantage of your talents and to advance confidently...."

Student commencement speaker, David Tolstrup, whose wife and daughter watched from the audience, exhorted his fellow graduates to use the opportunity represented by a university education to face the challenges presented by our shrinking world and growing technology. He cited recent crises, such as the Chernobyl disaster, which he hoped will force us finally to "accept the fact that there is really only one environment — Earth's environment [and] there is only one humanity."

In a similar vein, Interim President Harlan A. Philippi in his charge to the graduates reminded them that a university education must be used properly. "We expect you to honor your university education; to remain educable by reaching for perspectives throughout your life beyond those of your single discipline...beyond those of the jobs

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Governor John McKernan urges graduates to achieve their goals at home in Maine.

(Kramer photo)

### Recognizing the Best and the Brightest

Nearly 200 families and friends gathered in Hastings Formal Lounge on Wednesday, April 22 to honor the more than 80 students who were named recipients of special awards and scholarships at the annual Recognition Day ceremonies.

Education major Anne-Marie Girard and music student Christopher W. Peterson were named outstanding senior woman and outstanding senior man. Junior David L. Cowie received the George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award.

Girard was a leader in our residence life program, served on a College of Education committee to review teaching candidates, and coordinated several community events, among them a food fast and clothing drive for the homeless.

A member of numerous USM performing groups, Peterson served as senior representative to the Music Department Curriculum Committee and as president of the Music Educators National Conference.

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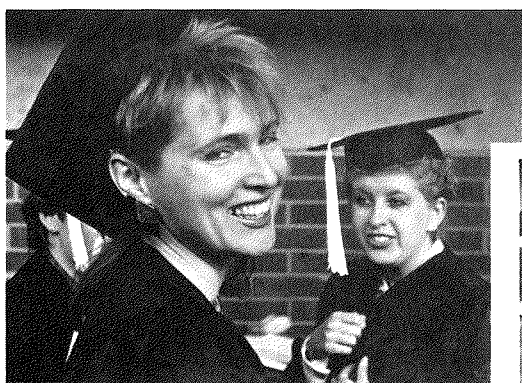
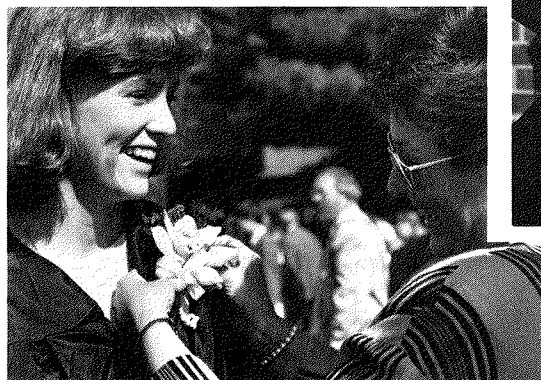


Andrea Frechette, assistant in Continuing Education for Business, Judith Perry, coordinator of Employee Consultation and Outreach Services, and Ellen Corkery, an associate in the Public Service Division, all received master's of science in adult education.

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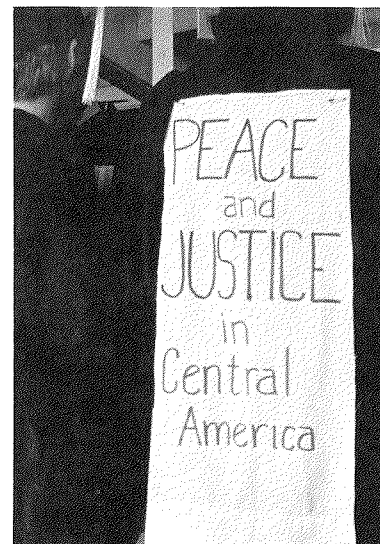


# Getting



# Ready

# To Go



## • The Best and Brightest (cont. from p.1)

Cowie, an education major, has chaired the Senate Finance Committee and the Student Events Board. He also has been active in student orientation programs, the USM Children's Christmas Party and Student Legal Services. In addition, he has done volunteer work for the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons, The Hunger Project and the High Level Nuclear Wastes Project. The Van Amburg Award, in memory of the longtime USM student services staff member and USM graduate, is presented to a student deserving special recognition for volunteer efforts.

A committee of students, faculty and staff select the recipients of the senior awards and the Van Amburg award.

Among the other awards and their recipients were:

- The Arthur H. Benoit Memorial Scholarship, given in memory of the University of Maine System Trustee and his wife Judith, was also presented to David Cowie, for leadership and a willingness to serve the university and community.

- The Dena A. Brooks International Student Scholarship was presented to Hannah V. Holmes, a junior who plans to study abroad next year. The award was established in memory of the wife of former USM president Kenneth Brooks.

- The Clara Burnham Award for significant contributions to residence life was given to Charles "Chuck" Lamb, our former director of residence life who now serves in a similar capacity at the University of Vermont. The award is in memory of the former residence director of Robie-Andrews Hall.

- Business student Kathryn Erswell was named recipient of The Mary Purkis Gilman Scholarship Award. Established in 1984 in memory of Mary Purkis Gilman, wife of retired executive and former Gorham business owner Horton Gilman, the award recognizes young people entering business.

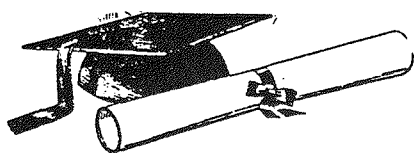
- Outstanding Senior Woman Anne-Marie Girard also received the Gertrude M. Prinn Scholarship, named in honor of the Gorham alumna of 1923 and former director of reading in Portland schools. It is awarded to a woman who shows unusual promise of

becoming an outstanding elementary teacher.

- The Dorothea J. Vlahakos Memorial Scholarship went to junior communication major Lisa M. Luce. Leadership potential and scholastic achievement are criteria for the award. The scholarship is given in memory of the instructor at Gorham State College.

- Senior Peter R. Story was named the 1987 winner of the Roland Wirths Memorial Award. The Athletic Department presents the award to the person who best exemplifies the traits of the late sports editor and writer for the Guy Gannett newspapers.

Charles L. Cragin, an alumnus of USM and the School of Law and a partner in the law firm of Verrill and Dana, gave the opening address.



## Class of '37



Marion A. Hussey, left, and Hilda W. Sheldon, members of the class of 1937, prepare to march in the processional. Marion, who earned the then customary three-year teaching degree in 1937, returned to USM and earned her baccalaureate degree in 1977.

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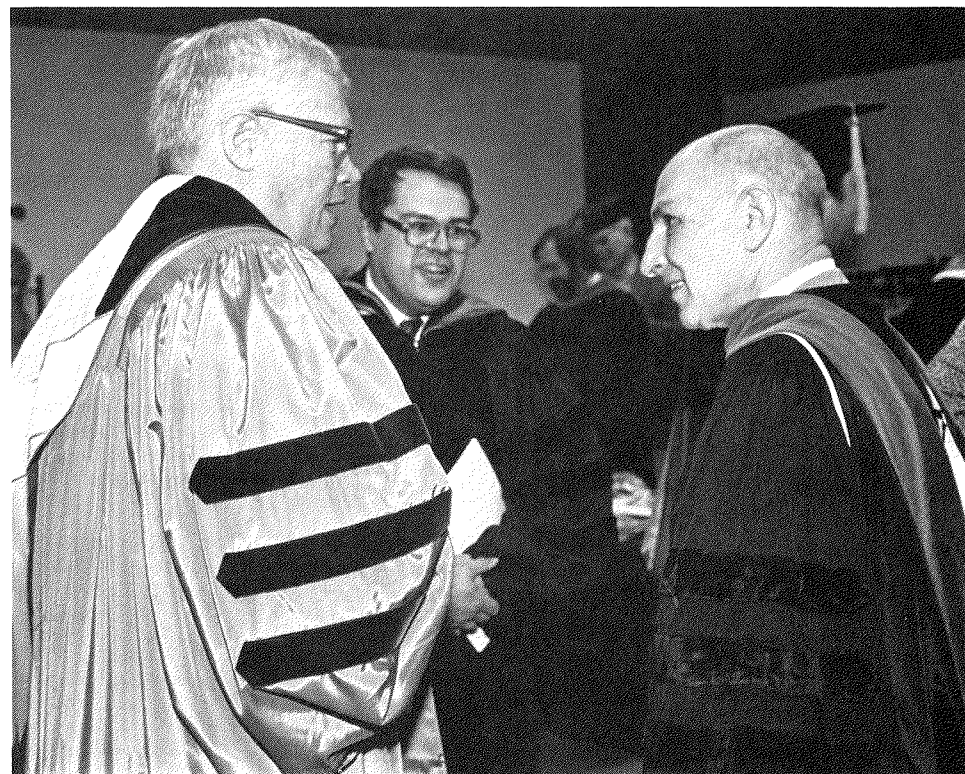




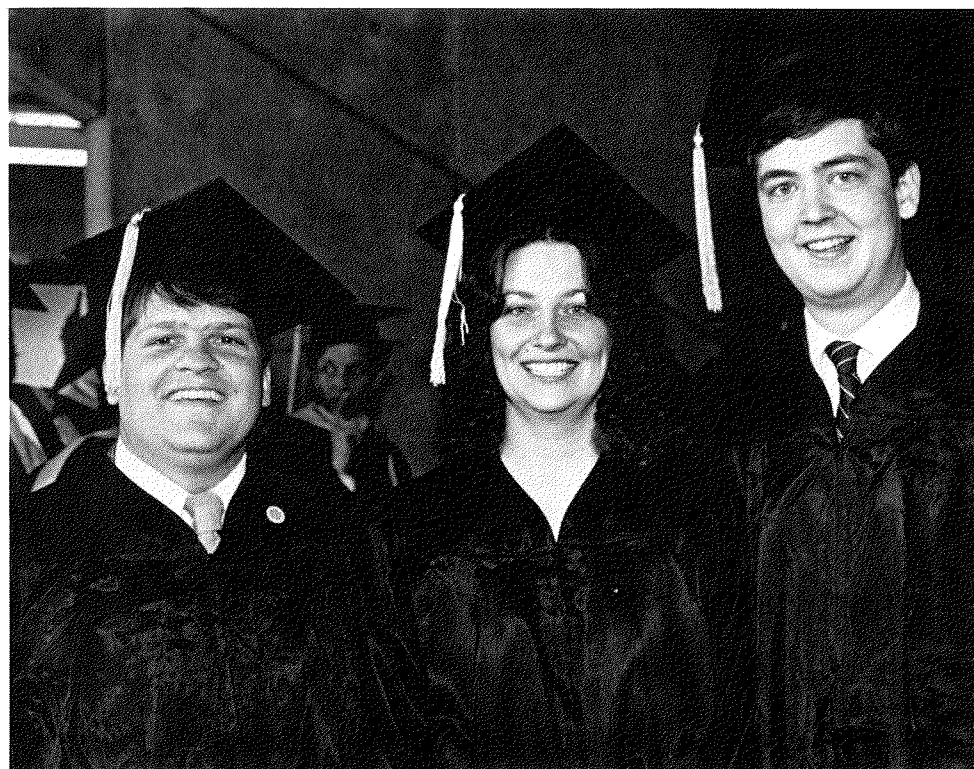
David Tolstrup, student commencement speaker, with wife Karen and daughter Julia. (Kramer photo)



Graduates' last sight of John Keysor, dean of Educational Services, as thousands of students remember him. (Kramer photo)



H. Draper Hunt, professor of history, Allan Whitmore, associate professor of history, and Irving Fisher, associate professor of political science, wait in the robing room. (Kramer photo)



Changing Times — Male nurses Roland Auger and George Moreau flank future doctor, Dana Merlin. (Kramer photo)

## Summer Fun!

Summer's the time to make time for fun, so treat yourself to some of the excitement on campus this season. Learn to sail in weeklong cruises, discover the Soviet Union through a special lecture series, uncover hidden talents with our summer arts program or just sit back and enjoy the music in our summer festival. For more information on any program listed and more, call 780-4076.

Six lectures by guest speakers on aspects of Soviet culture will begin on Wednesday, June 24 with a lecture on the status of Soviet women by Dr. Harry Shaffer of the University of Kansas. This series, covering Soviet literature, defense, economy, schools and art, will run through Monday, July 20 and will be held in the Portland Campus Center Amphitheater at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

For outdoor enthusiasts and naturalists, a lecture on edible plants will be held in the Portland Campus Center Amphitheater on Tuesday, May 26 and in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham on Tuesday, July 21; on rare plants of Maine on Tuesday, July 14 in Hastings Formal Lounge and on backpacking in Europe on Monday, July 13 in Bailey Hall, Room 10, Gorham.

If you're an early bird, join the Birds of Maine walks at 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays in Gorham, in front of the library, Wednesdays in Portland in the Back Bay parking lot, corner of Falmouth St. Extension and Baxter Blvd., every week, May 18 through July 15.

Readings will be held by authors participating in the Stonecoast Writers' Conference every evening Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 13, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of Anderson Hall, Gorham. Admission is free.

The Russell Square Summer Theatre will present three comedies, "Light Up the Sky," a classic by Moss Hart, in June; the bizarre musical comedy, "Little Shop of Horrors" by Roger Corman, Howard Ashman and Alan Menken in July; and "Greater Tuna," a satire of small town life in Texas will

begin Wednesday, August 5. For reservations/information, call 780-5483.

Visiting artists Joyce Abrams and Elisa Decker of New York City will join USM photography professor Rose Marasco for the summer visiting artists workshop, which will run from Monday, July 6 through Thursday, July 23.

For more on the arts, check out a series of craft workshops; art gallery shows include a special "Made in Maine" show, Sunday, July 12 through Thursday, August 13; and a Films of the Past Festival. Music, music, music... Bluegrass festival, Saturday, June 6; Southern Maine Concert Band, Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28; Youth Chamber Orchestra of Switzerland Wednesday, July 22, and Choral Arts Society on Monday, July 27.

A unique offering this summer will be a two-day Sports Psychology Institute, Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, organized by William Gayton, chairman and professor in the Department of Psychology at USM. Guest experts include Daniel F. Hanley, physician emeritus at Bowdoin College and a permanent member of the Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee; Kate Hays, clinical psychologist and a member of the New York City Marathon Psyching Team, the Exercise and Sport Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association and the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sports Psychology; and Robin Vealey of Miami University who has served as sport psychologist for the U.S. nordic ski team and is a national instructor for the American Coaching Effectiveness Program.

If you dream of sailing away, brush up on basics with USM's Maine Sailing Adventure, offered in nine sessions beginning Monday, June 15 through Friday, August 18. Lessons run Monday through Friday while you sail to Boothbay Harbor. An advanced course is offered July 27 through 31.

Don't leave out your children — request a brochure on special summer programs — workshops in art, drama and science; craft seminars; film series and day camp.



## • Class of '87 (cont. from p.1)

you will hold or the degrees you will fulfill," he said. "We expect you to uphold the spiritual wealth of your university education, to use it to teach others through your vision and your deeds...."


Joseph Chandler, retired associate professor of business administration, was honored with the status of professor emeritus. Professor Chandler brought years of experience in labor and industrial relations to his position at USM and taught for nearly 20 years.

The commencement ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Mark R. Shedd, the first director of USM Public Policy and Management program.

## Campus Notes

- The Parenting Center, a program of USM's Child Care Services will sponsor a program, "All You Ever Wanted to Know about Kindergarten but Didn't Know Whom to Ask," with Faith McMullen, coordinating manager of USM's High Street Child Care Center, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, Room 41, Payson Smith Hall, Portland, free and open to the public. Questions should be directed to Ralph C. Baxter, 780-4125.

- The Department of Mathematics will host the 20th annual regional Mathematics Fair on May 29, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Hill Gymnasium, Gorham. The competition is open to area students from fifth to eighth grades.



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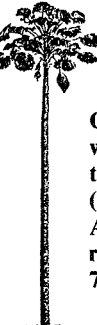
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Odds are in your favor to win a week in Hawaii. There's still time to buy one of the tickets (limited to 100) in the Athletic Association's "Great Escape" raffle. Contact Al Bean, at 780-4200/5434.

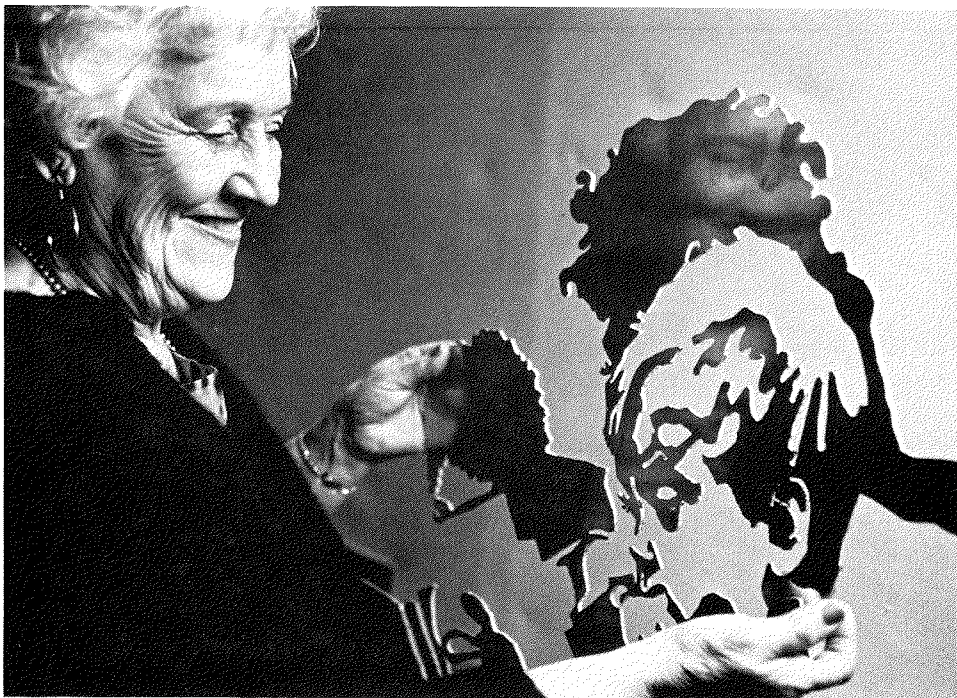


USM Looks at Gary Hart: "It's unfortunate that the religious right has been able to impose their obsession with bedroom issues on the country. . . Hart would have raised issues that may not be raised by any other candidate," Michael Hamilton, assistant professor of political science, said at a news conference on Gary Hart when he stepped out of the campaign for president. "I would prefer we would argue about issues, not image," countered Sandi Hanisko, assistant professor of communications, "but there's no denying that image has played an important part in the last eight presidential campaigns." Both professors concluded Hart had made a foolish mistake. The two faculty members answered questions from Channel 6, WPOR, WGAN and WWGT immediately after Hart's announcement. Note: Faculty members who have an expertise on a topic in the news should notify the office of Media Relations of their availability.

(Caswell photo)

An open house was held Thursday evening, April 30 at our new Child Care Center, located next to the Portland Gym. Here, Eleanor Law, USM's social work consultant to Child Care Services, is pictured with one of four pieces entitled, "Childcare Seasons." An anonymous donor commissioned artist Roger Richmond, designer of the Maine Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Augusta, to do the work in honor of Eleanor, a social worker who has devoted 50 years of service to children and adults. The artwork was unveiled at the open house. It also was announced that an endowment has been established in her honor to provide child care scholarships to the children of faculty and staff. At a ceremony that evening representatives of the McKernan administration, the University of Maine System as well as other friends throughout the region recognized the development of Child Care Services programs with several standing ovations. All told, more than 400 people attended the festivities.

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## Currents Changes

With commencement behind us, Currents will no longer be published every other Monday. We tentatively plan to publish one issue in June and another issue in July. The regular publication schedule will resume with the start of classes in September.

Please remember to keep the Office of Media Relations informed about any activities and programs. Chances are that the information can be used in a summer issue of Currents or can be sent to an appropriate off campus publication.

## JOB OPENINGS

*Fieldwork coordinator*, Department of Social Work, deadline May 31, contact Joseph D. Kreisler, 780-4120/4080.

## What We're Doing

E. MICHAEL BRADY, associate professor of adult education, had his article "A Letter" appear in April 1987's *Lifelong Learning*.

ARDITH FREEMAN, lecturer in music; ALISON HALE, instructor in music; and THOMAS PARCHMAN, assistant professor of music; who perform together as the Portland Wind Trio, have been invited by the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte in Natal, Brazil, to perform and lecture on American music.

NANCY P. GREENLEAF, dean, School of Nursing, was a presenter at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Health Council, Inc. in Boston this May.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper on "Teaching Nuclear Issues: An Analysis of 52 University Syllabi" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association in Cambridge, Mass. He also convened a panel on "New Federalism and Environmental Protection" at the same conference.

D. BRADLEE HODSON, associate professor of accounting and research associate, has been selected accounting advocate, a special award presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration for the State of Maine.

JULIEN S. MURPHY, assistant professor, philosophy, presented her paper, "Sustaining Pregnancy in Brain-Dead Women: Legal and Ethical Issues," at the annual Colby Women's Studies Conference in March. She gave a talk, "Do Fathers or Fetuses Have Abortion Rights?" at Bowdoin College in April; delivered her paper "Women with AIDS: Sexual Ethics in an Epidemic," at the American Philosophical Association Meetings in Chicago in April. Her two papers on women philosophers, "The Philosophy of Antoinette Brown Blackwell" and "The Philosophy of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," have been accepted for publication in Volumes Three and Four of the *History of Women Philosophers*, Nijhoff Publishers. She is giving a talk, "Rape and the Unconsciousness" for the Portland Rape Crisis Center, and presented a workshop, "AIDS and Sexual Dread," for the AIDS: Plague, Panic, and the Test of Human Values Conference, sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council in Augusta.

DOROTHY D. MOORE, dean, College of Education, attended the annual convention of the American Association for Counseling and Development in New Orleans, last April.

THOMAS PARCHMAN, assistant professor of music and clarinetist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, will perform in the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy this summer.

NEAL S. ROTE, director of applied immunology, presented a day-long workshop on "Immunology and Reproductive Immunology" at the annual meeting of the Montana Society of Medical Technology, Billings, Montana, last April. He was invited to speak on "Antiphospholipid Antibodies and Recurrent Pregnancy Loss in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland, Oregon.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, has contributed entries on Tennessee Williams, Wallace Stevens, Breece D' J Pancake, Walter Sullivan, Sr. Therese Lentfoehr, and Paul Mariani to a forthcoming Greenwood Press book, "The Biographical Dictionary of Contemporary Catholic American Writing," edited by Daniel Tynan.

MARY SNELL, concert manager, was one of 12 theater critics chosen to participate as a fellow at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's National Critics Institute. She will be attending on a full scholarship grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts.

RICHARD STEINMAN, professor of social welfare, has published an essay-review of "Social Support Networks & the Care of the Elderly" in the January 1987 issue of the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

ROBERT A. WALKLING, associate professor of physics, will present a paper entitled "Acoustics for Everyone: a General Course in Acoustics" at a conference on Prospects in Modern Acoustics Education and Development at the University of Gdansk, Poland.