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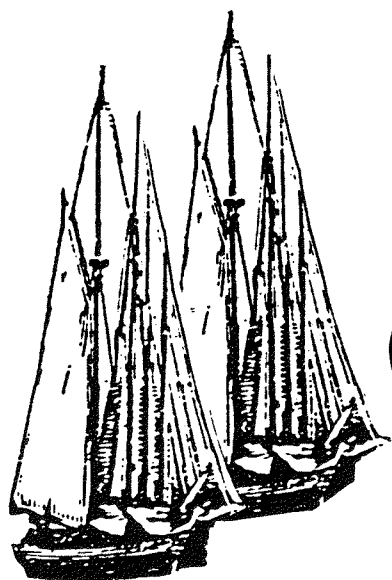
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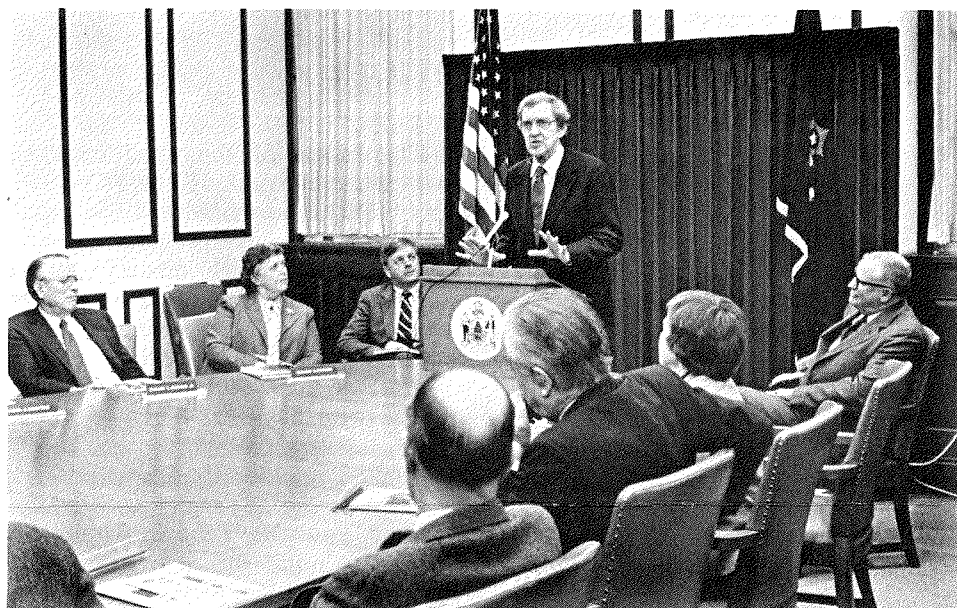
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Visiting Committee Report Among Forum Topics



Edmund S. Muskie speaks at a January 14 news conference in Augusta to release the long-awaited report from the Visiting Committee to the University of Maine. Muskie is joined at the table by Governor Joseph E. Brennan, left, committee chairman Robert E.L. Strider II, and other committee members. Both Muskie and Strider called for a "broad public debate" of the committee's findings and recommendations. (Caswell photo)

President Woodbury has scheduled an open forum to discuss future directions for USM, and specifically the ongoing planning process of the Board of Trustees and the findings and recommendations advanced by the Visiting Committee. Members of the campus community are invited to share their observations, suggestions and questions at 3:30 p.m., Friday, January 31 in Room 302 of the Center for Research and Advanced Study, Portland.

Among the committee's 20 recommendations are: that the University of Maine at Orono be strengthened as a research and doctoral institution; that USM continue to be developed as an urban comprehensive university, offering an undergraduate program of high quality and limited graduate programs; that the Board recognize as a central

priority the strengthening of faculties; that funds be augmented for libraries and computer services; that more academic support service be provided; that the Legislature enact an immediate \$15 million supplemental appropriation for the system as a down payment on the long-term investment necessary to develop needs.

Appointed by Brennan, committee members began their review in September 1984. Brennan called the report the first comprehensive review that the University system has received, and "the last that it will probably receive until after the turn of the century."

Copies of the 40-page Visiting Committee report are on file in campus libraries and in the offices of deans and directors.

Soviet Visitors Face Busy Schedule

One of the first Soviet delegations to visit the U.S. since the signing of a renewed cultural exchange agreement at last fall's Geneva Summit will be visiting the campus beginning Tuesday, January 28.

The four member delegation will be on campus through Thursday, January 30, visiting classes and meeting with faculty, students and staff as well as with representatives of various off-campus organizations.

A special public meeting on "Contemporary Issues as They Affect Soviet and U.S. Life" is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 29 in the Campus Center, Portland. Following a brief presentation, the delegates will host group discussions on the issues of education, international relations, economics and on topics of general interest. The evening meeting is free and open to the public.

Members of the campus community who would like to meet informally with the delegation are invited to do so during their first visit to the Campus Center, scheduled for 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 28.

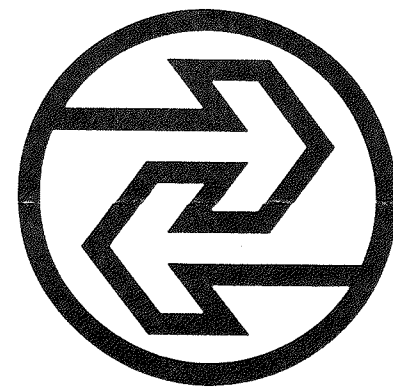
A special banquet hosted by students and a reception at President Woodbury's house are among other activities. A committee of faculty, students and staff, formed to coordinate the visit, hopes to make the delegates as accessible as possible to the campus community. A complete list of classes that the Soviets will visit is available in Stephen J. Reno's office in Room 106, Payson Smith, Portland.

Members of the delegation are Valeriy M. Pivovarov, a comparative education specialist from Moscow's Academy of Pedagogical Sciences; Nikita V. Zagladin, an international relations specialist from Moscow's Academy of Social Sciences; Stanislav V. Pirogov, an economist from the Academy of Social Sciences; and Valeriy S. Chibisenkov, general secretary of the U.S./U.S.S.R. Society, one of the organizations that hosted the late Samantha Smith when she visited the Soviet Union.

USM subcommittees have been formed to oversee the visit of each delegate. Henry C. Amoroso, associate professor of education (tel: 780-5300), is chairing Pivovarov's subcommittee. Karen Erickson, associate professor of political science, is the chair of

Zagladin's subcommittee. Frank A. Durgin, professor of economics (tel: 780-4306), is chair of Pirogov's subcommittee. And Stephen J. Reno, associate provost (tel: 780-4386), is chair of Chibisenkov's subcommittee.

The Provost's Office, UMOOSE (University of Maine Organization of Students for Education), and The Human Rights Coalition are sponsor-



ing the visit in conjunction with the Citizen Exchange Council, a New York-based organization founded to promote such visits.

Faculty, staff and students who want more information can contact Charles F. Smith, associate professor of education, at 780-5300, or any of the subcommittee chairs listed above.

Scholarships and Awards

The USM Honors Committee is now accepting applications for awards that allow the campus community to reward and recognize the commitment of students to special achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

Through this application process, the committee will select those students to be honored at the annual Recognition Day on Wednesday, April 23. Some 40 special scholarships and awards — including Outstanding Senior Woman and Outstanding Senior Man — will be presented at Recognition Day.

But to be so recognized, students must submit a completed application

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Chancellor Candidates Sought

The search for a successor to Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy is underway. Joseph G. Hakanson, chair of the UM Board of Trustees, encourages faculty, staff and students to submit their suggestions for nominees for Chancellor. Send the information to:

Chancellor Search Committee
P.O. Box 913
Bangor, Maine 04401

Papa Moves to Tufts

Joseph P. Papa, director of Facilities Management since 1980, will leave USM to take a similar position at Tufts University, Medford, Mass., next month.

Papa has overseen many changes in our two campuses during his tenure here, including the construction of the Campus Center and the Corthell Hall renovations. "He has been a valuable member of the University community," said Samuel G. Andrews, executive director for Financial Resources. "His expertise, dedication, and management will be sorely missed."

Papa will be the guest of honor at a farewell party from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 30, in Room 1, Payson Smith (the former College Room). Those wishing to make a con-



Papa

(file photo)

tribution toward a gift, may do so by sending it to Andrews at 209 Deering Ave., Portland.

Campus Center Changes

After a semester-long shakedown cruise, the Campus Center, Portland has undergone a few changes. Among them, is the naming of a director.

Susan Silvernail, director of Summer Session, has added the duties of director for the Campus Center. Since taking over the post, Silvernail has followed suggestions and listened to comments made by students, staff and faculty, to serve better the University community. A brief summary of changes and special features follows.

- The College Room has waitress service, homemade onion rings, expanded hours and deli sandwiches. Many special events are planned for the College Room including silent movies, dart and backgammon tournaments.

- The Boiler Room now serves deli style. That means food served within five minutes, and a one-price special which includes soup, sandwich and beverage — to eat in or to go.

- Starting in February there will be monthly international dinners, complete with appropriate wine. Foods of a particular country will be featured, and a wine expert will talk about the accompanying wine.

- The Faculty/Staff lounge can now be reserved for private meetings after 1:00 pm. For the convenience of faculty and staff, there will be a variety of newspapers available including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek and Time. To reserve the lounge, call Veda Burtchell at 780-5236.

Costello Elected to National Hall of Fame

University of Southern Maine Athletic Director Richard A. Costello has been selected for induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame. The formal presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1986, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Costello will be inducted into the meritorious service-administration category of the Hall of Fame for the outstanding leadership and guidance he has given to the NAIA District Five during the past 30 years.

Reached at his Kansas City office, NAIA Executive Director Harry Fritz called Costello a cornerstone of the NAIA organization. "Dick has been a truly outstanding district chairman and has given tremendous leadership to our athletic director's association," said Fritz. He's a real statesman in our group and an excellent administrator. His recommendation is certainly justified and we're pleased to be able to recognize his efforts. Through his work as an administrator and his skill as a coach, Dick has been a man for all seasons. We'll miss him in our organization."

USM left the NAIA this past year in favor of membership in the ECAC and the NCAA at the Division III level.

Costello expressed surprise at the announcement of his award. "It's a tremendous honor, one I'll always cherish, but I'm a bit stunned. The strength of the NAIA has always been in the Midwest and West. The East is not considered a stronghold for the NAIA. I don't believe anyone from this part of the country has ever been honored like this by the NAIA. I'm very grateful to the people in the district who did the work to make this possible."

Costello, who originally accepted a one-year position at USM 33 years ago, reached the 200-win plateau as coach of the men's basketball team and now is approaching that same mark as coach of the women's team. He was instrumental in the development of intercollegiate soccer in the state and was a major supporter of more programs for

women at the intercollegiate level. Under Costello's direction, USM now offers 13 sports, including new programs in ice hockey and women's soccer.

"My association with the NAIA goes back to 1956," said Costello, "when there was just one district with a few schools in it. In the 1960s our membership grew to about 40, and since then we've always been the largest district. At that point I was named vice chairman of the organization and in 1971 I became the chairman."

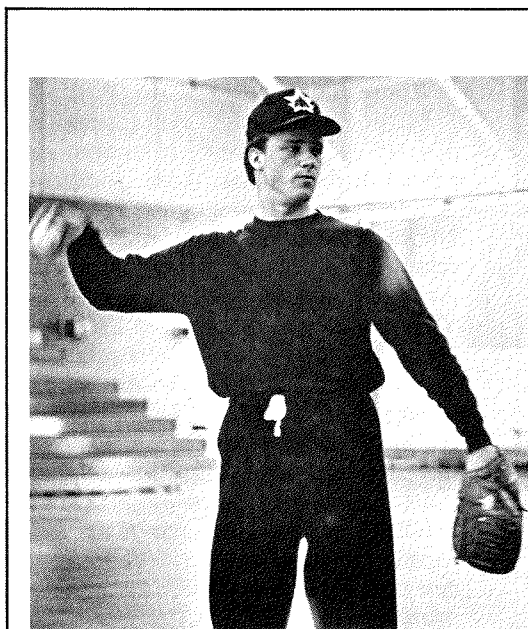
The veteran administrator presided over District Five through the 1985 academic year, maintaining a strong membership and sending teams to regional and national tournaments. But it will be the people whom Costello remembers. "The NAIA is a fine organization and served our school well," commented Costello. "It afforded our student-athletes and those of the other member institutions a chance to compete in post-season play and to experience the many challenges



Costello

(Trueworthy photo)

that college athletics can provide. But the people that I've been associated with over the past 25-30 years have been outstanding. There are many fine coaches and administrators and more importantly, many outstanding human beings. I feel privileged to have been associated with such a special group."



Bill Swift

(Caswell photo)

Nearly 100 area baseball coaches turned out to the Hill Gymnasium on the Gorham Campus recently for the first annual USM-Maine Guides Baseball Clinic.

USM Coach Ed Flaherty kicked off the program with a one-hour session on infield play. Flaherty was followed by former Maine Guides' manager Doc Edwards who conducted a catching clinic. South Portland native Billy Swift (pictured at left) rounded out the morning session with a discussion of pitching fundamentals. Swift played his collegiate baseball at UMO before signing with the Seattle Mariners.

There was also a segment on outfield play by Dave Gallagher, the Guides' center fielder. Gallagher and Flaherty combined to conclude the daylong program with an in-depth look at hitting mechanics and drills.

Famous Conductor to Visit

The father of the wind ensemble movement in music will be on campus this week to work with USM music students.

Frederick Fennell, director of the Tokyo Wind Orchestra, is considered the father of the wind ensemble movement. He will visit the Gorham campus to lead teacher workshops and instruct students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 28, 29, and 30.

Fennell founded the Eastman Wind Ensemble, the Eastman Chamber Orchestra and the Fennell Symphonic Winds. Among the orchestras which have followed his baton as guest conductor are the Denver Symphony, the London Symphony and the Boston Pops, to name only a few.

At 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 29, Fennell will conduct the USM Concert Band, the People's Community Band of South Portland and the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble in a combined concert at City Hall Auditorium, Portland. Tickets are \$5.

Fennell's weeklong visit to Maine, which includes work with several high school bands throughout the state, is sponsored by the Portland Concert Association. For more information, call the USM concert manager, 780-5256.



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Currents has asked that I provide a short article about income tax planning, tax saving and common errors that you might commit in preparing your tax return. At the risk of oversimplification, here are a few things to think about and points to remember.

Outside Consulting Income

USM employees often have outside consulting income. This income is subject to Social Security taxes (self employment tax), unless you are above the Social Security maximum. If you are married and your spouse assists you at all in the production of this income, even if the services are minor, your spouse can be your employee and be paid for this work, thus lowering the amount of income on which you need to pay self employment tax. Since payments to the spouse are not subject to Social Security or unemployment taxes, this produces an overall tax saving. If your spouse had no other earned income, then the income you are providing would now enable the spouse to open an IRA (individual retirement account). This could increase your deduction from the spousal IRA of \$2250 to \$4000, creating additional tax savings. Having self employment income also enables you to open a Keogh Plan. This would allow you to tax shelter as much as 20% of your net income from self employment into a pension plan even though you might already be participating in an employer provided pension plan or an IRA account.

An Option for 1986

Working at the University provides the opportunity to participate in a tax sheltered annuity via a salary reduction

agreement. This is one of the most beneficial of pension plans. Although the contribution amount can vary, it is deemed to be an excellent tax shelter device. This will not save you money on your 1985 taxes, unless you have participated in 1985, however now is the time to think about your 1986 taxes.

Investment Tax Credits

If you purchase tangible property that is used in your capacity as an employee or in your trade business and this property is subject to more than 50 percent business use (as opposed to personal use), then most likely it is eligible for an investment tax credit. For example, if you purchased a personal computer that is employed 75 percent of the time in business use, then you can get as much as 7½ percent of the purchase price as a reduction in your federal tax bill. An automobile would also qualify for this as credit, but again, the use would have to be over 50 percent for business purposes. It would also be subject to other limitations. This opportunity should not be overlooked, and it is typical of the way many businesses/corporations reduce their tax liabilities.

Charitable Contributions

Two items often overlooked in the charitable contributions area are property given to qualified institutions and mileage allowances. Properties such as books and equipment, if not previously deducted as business expenses, can often be deducted at their fair market value, if given to an educational or charitable organization. If you use your vehicle for charitable purposes such as delivering Meals on Wheels, at-

tending meetings as an officer of the Red Cross, etc., the miles that you drive can be taken as a deduction at the rate of 12 cents per mile.

Head of Household Status

Most unmarried taxpayers file using a "single" status. It is possible that if you are unmarried (or in certain cir-



cumstances, living apart from your spouse) and you provide over one half the cost for maintaining a home for your parent or your children, even if you do not claim them as dependents, you may be entitled to head of household status. Head of household status allows you to use tax rates that are lower than those of a single person.

Common Errors or Overlooked Items

Through 1985 at least (while we await the blessing of Congress on a new tax law) improvements to your residence in the way of insulation, storm doors and windows, caulking, automatic setback thermostats, etc. are eligible for the residential energy credit. This is 15 percent of the first \$2000 of expenditures. Even if you used your credit on a previous residence, you can use the credit again on a new residence.

If you have had a substantial increase in income, either through your own efforts or your spouse's, you should explore the possibilities of "income averaging". Although the requirements for this are more rigid than two years ago, it is a possibility that sneaks up on many taxpayers. The computations are too technical to explain here. However, you would need to know your taxable income in 1982, 1983 and 1984 to determine whether you would be eligible for income averaging in 1985. By the way, as a general rule, income averaging is not useful if your income has declined.

Mileage to doctors' offices, hospitals, etc. is eligible for medical expense deduction at the rate of nine cents per mile. Also often overlooked as a medical expense deduction are devices such as hearing aids, false teeth, crutches, etc.

Remember, if you itemize deductions, in addition to general sales tax deduction, you can take the specific sales tax paid on the purchase of a car, motorcycle, motorhome, boat, plane, or on materials to construct a new home.

Costs of professional journals, union dues, specialized tools, uniforms, footwear, are all deductible as miscellaneous deductions. Costs of safe deposit boxes are deductible if you keep documents pertaining to income producing properties in the safe deposit box.

I hope some of this helps. Good luck with tax avoidance.

D. Bradlee Hodson is an associate professor of accounting in the School of Business, Economics and Management. He is also a C.P.A. with his own accounting business.

Visiting Artist Series Continues

A feminist sculptor and a prize-winning architect will give free public lectures as part of the Art Department's Visiting Artist Series.

Harmony Hammond is best known for her large rag-wrapped sculptures. Her works represent the primordial force of women's spirit by using materials and techniques which connect her art with traditional women's crafts.

Hammond will critique student works and give a slide/lecture, "Developing an Abstract Iconography," at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 27, in Hastings Lounge, Gorham.

Brunswick architect Stephen Moore, whose prize-winning design created the Portland Campus Center from a truck warehouse, will give a lecture on architecture accompanied by a multi-projector slide exhibit. His presentation will take place at 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 31, in Room 10, Bailey Hall, Gorham.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-5460.

Language Learning Workshop Planned

A nationally known researcher into the ways children learn language, and a speech pathologist from UMO will be the key speakers in two daylong workshops sponsored by the graduate program in hearing impairment.

Jean Berko-Gleason will lead the first workshop on language development, Saturday, February 8. She will address such topics as the appraisal of the language-learning process, assessing and addressing children's needs in language development, and examining language development as part of a universal process.

Berko-Gleason is professor and chair of the Department of Psychology at Boston University as well as director of the Development Psychology Program and the Interdisciplinary Program in the Study of Language Behavior there. She is also a research associate at the U.S.V.A. (United States Veteran's Administration) Medical Center's psychology section. She recently edited and wrote four chapters of the book titled "The Development of Language," published in 1985.

On Saturday, March 15, Palmer Curtis, assistant professor of speech communication at UMO, will lead a workshop which covers such topics as evaluation of children's language level, teaching techniques for children with linguistic problems and interpreting

test results.

Both sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in Payson Smith Hall on our Portland campus. For more information, call the Professional Development Center at 780-5326.

Convocation Calendar

LECTURE: "Travel: The Ultimate Leisure Activity," Bob Nannay, associate professor of industrial education and technology and world traveler, discussion and slides of people and cultures of over 70 countries, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, January 30, Campus Center, Portland.

FILM: "Late Spring," Japanese film (1949), an exploration of the fragility of family life; 6 p.m., Friday, February 7, Luther Bonney Auditorium; 4 p.m., Sunday, February 9, Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland, \$2/\$1.

FORUM: "Elder Men and Women of Achievement," with Rebecca Lockridge, assistant professor of communication, and Jamie Cope, photographer, 12 noon, Thursday, February 13, Amphitheatre, Campus Center, Portland.

EXHIBIT: "Boston's Elder Men and Women of Achievement," photos by Jamie Cope, from February 13 - March 17, Campus Center, Portland.

New Faculty Welcomed

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Mathematics

Suzanne Rybka Gosbee, a former information systems designer for Western Electric, has been appointed instructor of mathematics for a two-year period. She has taught at her alma maters, UMO and Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Department of Psychology

John P. Broida, assistant professor of psychology, has assisted with research determining behavioral effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Western Illinois University and SUNY at Albany. The newest member of the Department of Psychology served as an adjunct assistant professor at Skidmore College before coming to USM.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Irving J. Ouellette, assistant professor of education, was most recently the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the school system serving Bath and surrounding towns. A former director of reading for Connecticut schools, he earned degrees at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and at UMO.



Reid D. Stevens, assistant professor of education, worked as a therapist/administrator at Augusta's Crisis and Counseling Center before accepting teaching positions at the University of Georgia and North Dakota State University. An expert in counseling education, Stevens earned his degrees at the University of Georgia, UMO and Suffolk University.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

Frederic L. Aiello, associate professor of associate business administration, has taught at Nasson College and UNH. A graduate of Northeastern University, he has worked in the private sector as a management consultant, a research assistant and a small business owner.

John J. Sanders, assistant professor of associate business administration, taught at Westbrook College and served as a staff accountant for an accounting firm. The former auditor for the state of New Hampshire was educated at USM and Plymouth State College.

PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Josephine M. LaPlante, assistant professor of public policy and management, comes to USM with research and teaching interests in the area of state and local public finance. She most recently taught in Pennsylvania State University's Institute of Public Administration and has been a program/planning and budget analyst for several Onondaga County agencies in Syracuse, N.Y. Josephine earned her degree at Syracuse University.

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and two letters of recommendation to the Office of Student Activities no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, February 3. The offices are located in the Student Center, Gorham, and in the Campus Center, lower Bedford Street, Portland.

The committee judges applications based on academic achievements, honors received, academic department activities, USM activities as well as community service. Students must

have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5, and they must be a degree candidate carrying at least six credit hours. Students carrying fewer than six hours are eligible as long as they are verified as a graduating senior. Graduate students are also eligible to apply.

For applications and more information, please call the Office of Student Activities at 780-4090 in Portland or 780-5470 in Gorham.

Sullivan is Latest "Partner"



Sullivan (third from right)

James V. Sullivan, flanked above by Brazilian physical therapy majors, is the first member of the USM faculty to participate in an exchange program known as Partners of the Americas.

Sullivan, who is chair of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, professor of health, physical education and recreation, and director of Employee Health and Recreation, spent two weeks last fall at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte in Natal, Brazil.

At the request of university administrators, he went there to provide an overview of our academic fitness programs, those developed for use by elementary school children and employee assistance programs. He spent his days with physical education and physical therapy faculty and students.

Sullivan enjoyed 6:00 a.m. jogs on the beach, and was surprised by the number of beachgoers in evidence so early in the day. His Brazilian hosts saw to it that he had few idle

moments. "I was really impressed with the warmth, hospitality and generosity of the people. We were welcomed with open arms," he said. On his last evening there, Sullivan received a friendship plaque which he displays proudly in his office in the Portland Gym, along with many other mementos of a long career dedicated to health, physical education and recreation.

Sullivan, who is in "constant communication" with his South American colleagues, will have a chance to reciprocate when two of them visit USM to see his programs in action.

Other members of the University community who have participated in Partners of the Americas are Stephen J. Reno, associate provost, and Robert J. Goettel, director of Center for Research and Advanced Study. President Woodbury will journey to the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte April 10-18.

Members of the University community interested in following in their footsteps, should contact Reno at 780-4386.

What We're Doing

JOHN C. BODEN, assistant professor of music, **NEIL BOYER**, applied faculty, **THOMAS PARCHMAN**, instructor of music, and **JOHN SCHNELL**, part-time faculty, were among seven featured soloists in the Portland Symphony Orchestra's January 14 concert in Portland City Hall.

ANDREW COBURN, director, Health Policy Unit, Human Services Development Institute and assistant professor, Public Policy and Management, and **THOMAS P. MCDONALD**, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, recently spoke on nursing home financing and reimbursement at the Research Seminar Series held at the Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, in Baltimore, Md.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, presented a paper entitled "Can We Be Too Moral?" at the 1985 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting in Washington, D.C. in December.

SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE, research and advanced study associate, Human Services

Development Institute, presented a paper entitled "The Parental Self-Concept: What Is It and Why Do We Need to Understand It Better" at the conference of the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs in Washington, D.C. in December.

DOROTHY S. SHOOPS, associate professor of nursing, presented a paper on the history of nursing in Maine at a recent meeting of the Maine Nursing Home Society.

MARY SNELL, concert manager, Music Department, has recently sold several articles to Yankee magazine. The first short profile appears in the "Quips, Quotes and Queries" section of the January issue. Mary regularly has articles and reviews published in the Maine Sunday Telegram, the Portland Evening Express and New England Monthly magazine.

JURIS UBANS, professor of art, has been reappointed to the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities. He also serves as a member of the MSCAH Executive Committee.