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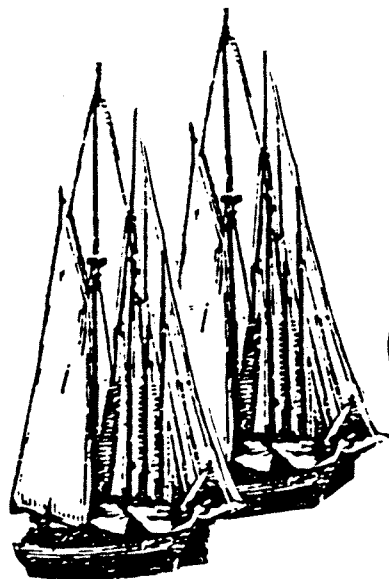
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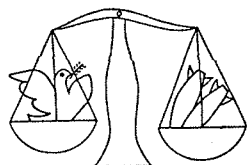


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## Strong Slate Addresses Timely Issues

Spring semester Convocation events got off to a strong start with the first in a series of lectures by a diverse triumvirate uniquely qualified to address several issues affecting "Peace and War in the Nuclear Age."

This series of lectures comes at a time when Congress prepares to tackle defense spending and the superpowers move toward arms talks. The invited lecturers include an administration spokesman for a strong nuclear arsenal, a former nuclear submarine commander now opposed to the arms race, and a well-known activist clergyman.



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### "Peace and War in the Nuclear Age"

The first to visit USM was former Maine Congressman David F. Emery. He discussed "The Administration's Defense and Disarmament Policy" last Thursday (too late to be reported upon in this issue of Currents). A four-term House member, Emery is now deputy director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and is directly involved with shaping this nation's defense policy.

Next on the agenda is James T. Bush, currently associate director of the Center for Defense Information. He has spent 25 years as a naval officer, including tours of duty as a nuclear submarine commander. With this background, Bush has firsthand knowledge of nuclear weapon systems. How safe are the systems? What kind of men operate and command these systems? Do men control the hardware of nuclear war, or does the hardware virtually control itself? These are some of the questions which Bush will address in "Origins of the Arms Race" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 31, Room 301-A, Payson Smith Hall, Portland.

The final lecturer in the series is a former CIA agent and veteran of two wars, William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Perhaps best known as a theologian

who was a leader in the civil rights and peace movements of the 1960s and 1970s, he now serves as senior minister at New York City's Riverside Church. There he has founded the Riverside Disarmament Program to advocate reversing the arms race. Coffin will speak on "The Moral Imperatives of Peace" at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, Moot Court room, School of Law, Portland.

All the lectures in this series will be followed by a question and answer period. They are sponsored by USM's Convocation Committee as part of the yearlong investigation of issues affecting "Peace and War in the Nuclear Age." These events are free and open to all. For more information, call University Relations at 780-4440.

## USM Last Stop for Visiting Committee

The Visiting Committee appointed by Governor Joseph E. Brennan to review the University of Maine will be on our campus on Thursday, January 31.

White at USM the Visiting Committee will hear presentations from deans and directors, examine the student profile of this institution and discuss the educational needs of the area's high-tech industry with business and education leaders of the region. In addition, they will hear a presentation on the role of telecommunication in academia.

There will be an open discussion for faculty, staff and students from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. that afternoon in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham. Joel Irish, president of the Faculty Senate, will chair the meeting. This will

provide an opportunity to report on the special responsibilities, programs and strengths of USM.

Brennan appointed the committee to review the overall mission, finances, organization and performance of the 16-year-old University of Maine system. USM is the final stop for the 11-member committee on its tour of the individual campuses.

Members include: Edmund S. Muskie, former governor, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of State; Dr. Edward C. Andrews Jr., president of Maine Medical Center and former president, University of Vermont; Wilma A. Bradford, trustee, Westbrook College, Husson College and Eastern Maine Medical Center, and court mediator; Jean Childs, trustee, Westbrook Community Hospital, former member of the Maine Board of Environmental Protection; Jean Sampson, Bowdoin College overseer, former trustee, University of Maine, former executive director, Maine Civil Liberties Union; Robert Clodius, president, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, former acting president, University of Wisconsin; Evelyn E. Handler, president Brandeis University, former president, University of New Hampshire; Francis Keppel, U.S. education commissioner under President John F. Kennedy, former dean, Harvard School of Education; Eleanor McMahon, Rhode Island commissioner of higher education, former provost Rhode Island State College; Nils Y. Wessell, former president Tufts University and president, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Former Colby College President Robert E.L. Strider II is chair.

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Governor Joseph E. Brennan recently announced a new cooperative agreement among USM's Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the State Development Office to increase services to Maine's small businesses. The SBDC runs a statewide program to give small business owners the information and skills they need to run a successful business. The agreement calls for continuation of centers in five Maine cities and expansion of the program to Lewiston-Auburn and Wiscasset. The program is funded with \$325,000 from the SBA and a new \$125,000 appropriation from the State Development Office. Since nearly all of Maine's 25,000 businesses are considered small, Brennan said "It is clear that the ability of small businesses to grow, to compete, is important to the Maine economy." Pictured from the left in Augusta are: Frank G. Bean III, an assistant director with the SBA; Thomas A. McGillicuddy, district director of the SBA; Chancellor Patrick E. McCarthy; Brennan; President Robert L. Woodbury; and Warren G. Purdy, director, SBDC.

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# Maine's Elderly and the Budget Crunch

by John G. Hanna

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The chairman of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee has warned that attempts to cut the federal deficit may come at the expense of increases in some Social Security benefits. Closer to home, a lack of funds may force state legislators to weigh the needs of our elderly against the needs of our children. In the following piece, John G. Hanna discusses the needs of our elderly, and specifically some recommendations from the Blaine House Conference on the Aging. Hanna, a professor emeritus of English, was a Greater Portland delegate to that conference. He also has taught courses for USM's New Dimensions, a program offering a variety of intellectual activities to people age 65 and over.



"Americans are living too long." That's a marble-hearted sentiment most of us politely suppress. But we are facing an anti-Utopian nightmare — call it "2084 A.D." — in which Americans will be so top-heavy with centenarians that they will be powerless to deal with a political lobby that will have cornered 95 percent of the federal budget for the welfare of citizens 95 and over.

Census figures tell the story — in 1900, 3 million Americans over 65; today 26 million; and in 50 years, 60 million. This explosion of the elderly can't be expected to cause paroxysms of joy among our lawmakers at Foggy Bottom on the Potomac. Most of us cringe at the prospect of an elderly lobby rivaling the Pentagon's. The plot thickens, sickens, in the heat of controversy over Social Security and Medicare and their effect on a mounting federal deficit.

## PROMISES, PROMISES

Political rhetoric notwithstanding, much of what the public heard during the fall campaign will come true. Every presidential candidate in my memory promised pie in the sky, and yet most political promises to our senior citizens have indeed come true. The Social Security Act dates back to 1935, Medicare to 1965, Supplementary Security Income to 1972. The Older Americans Act actually did coordinate benefits for the elderly back in 1965, thanks to corrective amendments in 1973 and 1978. While such legislation was no horn of plenty it took giant steps toward better distribution of the nation's wealth.

Voters of all ages are genuinely concerned over their sunset years. "Geriatrics" and "gerontology" have become buzz-words, and courses in the problems of the aging are on every college campus. The Andrus Foundation, an offshoot of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has funded over 177 projects in 79 universities, among others a study of public preferences concerning future directions of Social Security; an examination of the nature and extent of elder abuse; a study of the legal rights of grandparents — the list goes on.

## PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS

But the AARP's dramatic advances may be ambushed. This year, budgetary imperatives threaten to cut deeply into appropriations for both health care and social services. No matter what our incomes before retirement, we mustn't expect Medicare or Medicaid to cover more than 40 percent of our total medical bills. As it is, "60 percent of women over 65 live on nothing but their Social Security checks" — that's the message we get daily from the media. Sociologists speak of "the chronically limited elderly" — aged women (both black and white), rural dwellers, denizens of inner cities — anyone who has drifted in and out of work through the years. It is a fact that those with incomes of \$20,000 to \$100,000 open IRA accounts at 20 to 50 times the rate of the poor. To join America's "pension elite," just work steadily for one firm at better-than-average pay. Sounds simple enough.

But problems are multiplying for America's seniors. They're being institutionalized faster and sooner than ever. Stopgap programs designed to provide alternatives have had a modest success, but the trend toward institutionalization won't level off. Worse, a number of nursing homes in every state have fattened on government funds at the expense of their residents.

Meanwhile, back at the White House (or the Santa Barbara ranch) word has gone out that cuts, compromises, and trade-offs are looming. The Reagan Administration, even after the inauguration, paddles in the lame-duck pond of macro-economics. What is meant by an "adequate" income? Where do we set the "poverty line?" How do the trade imbalance and the national deficit square with the needs of our elderly? Congress waffles, and the public spins its wheels while tax experts fiddle with IRS codes.

Who will speak for the 65-Plus generation? Outwardly well-organized, the individual member of the "aging network" is often apathetic, inactive, uncommitted. Even now, in 1985, no

national administrative agency handles their affairs, and no one with Cabinet rank and status speaks for them. As health-care costs soar, who'll pick up the tab? Certainly not the federal government in its cut-or-freeze mood.

## DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Last September, the Blaine House Conference on Aging hammered out 50 resolutions, and by mid-October the Maine Committee on Aging had named 12 of these for top legislative priority. Reading them, I am impressed by their common sense, their attention to the redress of inequities, above all, their awareness of costs. I have listed some of them below in abbreviated form with a brief commentary.

1. *Amend procedure for determining eligibility for Medicaid; increase interdepartmental coordination to speed establishment of eligibility; prohibit discrimination against persons seeking long-term services based on source of income.*

Those few lines summarize two resolutions on "Long-Term Care for Medicaid Eligible Recipients." The conference delegates objected to the imposition of liens by the state against private property in administering the Medicaid program. To minimize loss of eligibility for Medicaid, delegates also voted for a 30-day grace period so that older citizens might reduce their resources before the legal cut-off date. A high-priority resolution protested the severe shortage of nursing-home beds in Maine, a situation that often leads to a patient's having to forfeit space in the event of even a short stay at a hospital.

2. *Enact "living will" legislation.*

The Blaine House Conference staunchly defended both the right to medical treatment and the right to refuse it. Setting aside religious and ethical considerations, delegates voted in favor of right-to-die legislation. In short, conferees sought to minimize family disagreements and doctors' dilemmas over futile life-sustaining procedures.

3. *Conduct a public education program on Medicare and Medicare supplement insurance, and train volunteers to counsel senior citizens on their insurance policies.*

Since the question of too much or too little supplemental insurance continues to distress or confuse many seniors, the Conference enjoined educational and advocacy groups concerned with this issue to support the Maine Committee on Aging and the Bureau of Maine's Elderly in their efforts to clarify the terms of supplementary coverage.

4. *Investigate limited-benefit health insurance policies.*

Widespread dissatisfaction with sales practices for limited and supplemental health policies prompted this resolution. Delegates charged that the description of benefits is often confusing, even misleading, to the elderly.

5. *Request state funding for Medicaid waiver match.*

Older persons, the conferees unanimously agreed, should be allowed to remain in their own homes under home care as long as they desire. But there's a gap. Until the federal government provides additional funding for those awaiting eligibility for home care, the state is asked to pick up the tab. Moreover, once the federal government appropriates funds, the state should guarantee 30 percent of the "seed" money for this purpose.

6. *Request state funding for the Home Sharing Program.*

Delegates roundly applauded the idea of bringing older persons together in large privately owned dwellings. This resolution deals directly with an all-too-common plight: grandmother lives alone in her own home, her husband gone, her children scattered. What to do with all that space? The best argument for state assistance in home-sharing is humanitarian — companionship for the lonely, the bored, the infirm. Another is strictly financial — savings in general maintenance, utilities, and taxes. Will the legislature appropriate \$200,000 to coordinate this program through the state?

The resolutions discussed above — not to mention the many not included here — are sailing into stormy weather. Governor Brennan has observed that Maine's 112th Legislature faces the toughest budgetary decisions in its history. The political barometer portends major reductions in Social Security and Medicare. Congress threatens further delays in cost-of-living adjustments. Whether the price tag will win legislative approval for our aging population is anybody's guess.

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# Regret—Revival—Renaissance: Slavick on Roberts

"There's no future in her. Why don't you do something on Faulkner?" Young doctoral candidate William Slavick heeded those words of advice — selecting Faulkner over Elizabeth Madox Roberts as a subject of his dissertation. Today he has regrets.

"I should have been urged to write a Roberts biography," says Slavick, "while it could be done, while her family and hometown friends were still alive."

But there may indeed be a "future" in Elizabeth Madox Roberts for the readers and scholars of today thanks to the work that Slavick is doing to find that large audience which he believes her work so richly deserves.

A native Kentuckian, Roberts was one of the first major writers of the "Southern Renaissance," a post-World War I flowering that was to produce the work of William Faulkner, Thomas Wolfe and others. Her first novel, "The Time of Man," published in 1926, was a best-seller and a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. Author Robert Penn Warren has written, "By 1930...it was impossible to discuss American fiction without reference to Elizabeth Madox Roberts."

Yet by the time of her death a scant 11 years later, her popularity among the general public and in literary circles had waned. Though the subject of modest, fleeting revivals of interest, today it is a certainty that a discussion of American fiction will not be punctuated with references to Elizabeth Madox Roberts.

Slavick's untiring efforts to "give her work the attention it's been denied" were born 36 springs ago during an undergraduate lecture at Notre Dame. Listening to excerpts from "The Time of Man," Slavick found himself riveted on "the wonderful kind of musicality in her prose" and "the beauty she found in life despite adversity." He was captivated by the way she could give the poor and downtrodden "nobility and honor" and fill their lives with "the possibility of joy and wisdom."

The summer following his introduction to Roberts was spent "hungrily reading" her novels and stories, "drunk on her prose," as he puts it. Slavick became fascinated with Ellen Chesser, the heroine of "The Time of Man" who grew into womanhood during "an odyssey of the spirit that moves against the background of the rural South," as one writer described the novel. It was an odyssey with personal signposts for Slavick who spent much of his boyhood with the children of sharecroppers in the bottomlands outside of Memphis.

He completed his master's with a critical study of Roberts' fiction, travelling to Springfield, Kentucky, to interview friends and anyone else who might have known the fragile, sickly writer. Then came the ill-fated advice for his doctoral dissertation.

Nevertheless Slavick began teaching "The Time of Man" in 1966, and 12 years later organized the Down East Southern Renaissance Conference, a program that attracted 300 writers from across the country to USM. A Roberts paper that he delivered at that

conference rekindled his interest in the scholarly research of Roberts' work. He has been a keeper of the flame for the works of Elizabeth Madox Roberts ever since.

At the urging of colleagues he has been collecting and editing thousands of pages of commentary on Roberts' work along with typescripts of published fiction and more than 400 letters, personal correspondence to and from Roberts' friends.

Letters have been collected through the usual literary sources, and by pure chance. Slavick recalls a visit to a bookstore in the southern end of Lexington, Kentucky.

The owner had attended an estate sale, though his late arrival at the home had yielded only a box of what appeared to be discarded paper. Four or five pieces of that paper were actually letters that Roberts had written to a friend.

Slavick tells of the flush of excitement at the opportunity to see the

world through the eyes of this oft-ignored literary figure. The fact that biographical details of her life are not common knowledge increases the importance of Slavick's research. "She is not well-known personally," explains Slavick, "so the letters, I hope, will help (solve) this." A manuscript featuring letters and other works should be on the press next fall.

Not content to rest with the editing of the letters, Slavick has edited a collection of Roberts' unpublished poems, promoted a television documentary and organized the Roberts' Centenary Conference in Kentucky that attracted the attention of the governor's mansion. Slavick and Robert Penn Warren were then invited to write introductions to a new University Press of Kentucky edition of "The Time of Man."

Most recently he contributed the lead article in a special "Recovering Elizabeth Madox Roberts" issue of "The Southern Review." Leading

Southern literature scholar Lewis P. Simpson notes Slavick's "Indispensable assistance" in compiling the issue and terms his editing of letters the most important work of Roberts now in progress.

Roberts, says Slavick, has not yet earned the admiration of those outside scholarly circles; there are still publishers who ask, "Where's the audience?" Slavick and other scholars believe that Roberts' work is relevant to the 1980's. "Ellen Chesser's elementary affirmation of life," Slavick notes, "says much to a sophisticated but jaded, empty, narcissistic society."

"I believe that we'll see a revival," says Slavick, "a renaissance of interest in her work."

Faculty and staff are invited to view a display of Roberts' letters, photos and related material in the Portland campus library through Sunday, February 3. The display will then move to the Gorham library.

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## HSDI: A Can-Do Think Tank

Its federal grants have nearly tripled in the past four years. Several recent research projects have become national models and staff expertise has led to a reputation for thorough, dependable research.

That's a thumbnail description of the Human Services Development Institute, part of USM's Center for Research and Advanced Study. Since 1972, HSDI has conducted major applied research in the field of health policy; child, family and aging; rehabilitation and special education; and human resource development.

As its name suggests, HSDI helps private and public human service agencies improve the delivery of their services to those most in need. To do this, Director Stephen P. Simonds and his senior staff have marshalled strong interdisciplinary teams in health policy, sociology, social work, education, law and administration. These teams assist HSDI's clients in research, policy analysis, evaluation, training and system design, and are supported by the institute's own data lab, production office and teleconferencing capability.

During the early 1980's when federal dollars were cut back, HSDI's reputation for solid, action-oriented research (Simonds calls it a "hands-on approach") and collaboration with operating agencies ensured continuing federal resources. In the past four years direct federal assistance has increased dramatically. For 1980-81, 28 percent of their projects were paid by direct federal funding. Already in 1984-85 direct funding accounts for 80 percent of HSDI's work. Just since last August, the institute has received some \$600,000 in federal grants, and Simonds expects that figure to increase by the end of the fiscal year.

Among recent projects which continue to attract federal backing are Adoption Disruption, Transitional

Services for the Handicapped, and Health Care Financing.

The first is a national study to evaluate practices for placing older children and those with special needs in adoptive homes. Statistics show that such adoptions frequently fail. This study will evaluate agency practices which help or hinder successful placement.

The HSDI study of services in Portland's public schools to help handicapped youngsters adjust to independent living (the aforementioned Transitional Services program) provided the impetus for a comprehensive look at similar studies of five other communities. HSDI will look at results from Decatur, Ill.; Bedford, Mass.; Oxford, Mass.; Coatesville, Pa.; and St. Paul, Minn., to determine the most successful programs for the handicapped. That information will then be made available to school districts throughout the country.

In July, 1982, Maine and 31 other states implemented medical cost containment programs for nursing homes. (Maine's system, called prospective payment, uses a fixed rate based on previous nursing home costs adjusted for inflation and other factors.) HSDI is studying the impact of the new payment system on the quality of health care in Maine nursing homes.

These and similar studies continue to strengthen HSDI's reputation for "solid research and a hand-in-glove method of working with client agencies," according to Simonds. In just over 12 years, HSDI has grown from a two-person shop to one whose current project load requires a staff of 30. This is an organization that has made an impact on state and national policy — a think tank with a can-do attitude.

"Where once all proposals were initiated by HSDI, we now have agencies calling on us," says Simonds. "We still have to market our services in a very

competitive environment, but the quality of our research staff is well recognized and increasingly sought after."

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## Basketball Returns to Portland Gym

Almost six years to the day, collegiate basketball returned to the Portland Gymnasium on the campus of the University of Southern Maine. Husson College invaded Portland last Thursday for an important Western Maine Athletic Conference (WMAC) doubleheader.

The Huskies last saw action at the Portland Gymnasium on January 20, 1979 against local rival, St. Joseph's College. Several games were played in the Portland Gymnasium during the middle to late 1970s but failed to draw the anticipated crowds. Many felt that the time was right for a return visit to Portland and an attempt at greater visibility in the Portland area. Two other basketball games are scheduled for the Portland Gymnasium during the month of February. Bowdoin College comes to town on Tuesday, February 5 and Bates College will make the drive to Portland on Tuesday, February 26. An alumni game featuring many of USM's finest players will precede the Bates game.

The decision to test the waters in the Portland community stems from recommendations to USM President Robert L. Woodbury from the Athletic Advisory Board. The board, chaired by Joseph F. Hearn, associate professor of psychology, was instrumental in USM's decision to shift to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) next year.



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 THROUGH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ART, "Transfigurations," exhibit of drawings and ceramics by artists Peter London and Harvey Goldman, sponsored by Art Department, 12 noon to 4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, Art Gallery, Gorham. Reception, noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, January 27.

## THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

EXHIBIT, letters and memorabilia of author Elizabeth Madox Roberts, Portland campus library, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday; and 1 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sunday.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 28

LECTURE, Ann Jones, author of "Women Who Kill" and "Uncle Tom's Campus," will speak on feminist theory, sponsored by Women's Studies Committee, 4 p.m., Room 209, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland.

RACQUETBALL CLINIC, lecture, demonstration and practice, sponsored by Lifeline, 7:30 - 9 p.m., Portland Gym, call 780-4170 to register.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

LECTURE, "Thirty Years of the New China," Dr. Liu Sicheng, physician, 3 p.m., Room 302, Luther Bonney, Portland.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30; FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

FILM, "Ashes and Diamonds," Andrzej Wajda (1958), Poland, International Films, 7 p.m., Wednesday - 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; 4:30 p.m., Friday - Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland; \$2/\$1 with USM I.D. Please note International Films will be shown on Wednesdays and Fridays this semester, a change from the Wednesday/Thursday schedule of fall semester.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

LECTURE, "Origin of the Arms Race," James T. Bush, associate director, Center for Defense Information, sponsored by Convocation 1984-85, "Peace and War in the Nuclear Age," 7:30 p.m., Room 301A, Payson Smith Hall, Portland.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ART, Recent Paintings by Fred Lynch, slide presentation, Visiting Artist Series, 11 a.m., Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham.

LECTURE, "Can Machines Think?," Daniel C. Dennett, professor of philosophy, Tufts University, sponsored by Philosophy Department, 2 p.m., Room 302, Center for Research and Advanced Study, Portland.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1; SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FILM, "Spinal Tap," The Weekend Movies, 7:30 p.m., Friday - Luther Bonney Auditorium; Sunday - 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; \$1.50/\$1 with USM I.D.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

ART, Workshop on matting and framing, Larry Hayden, Chroma Artists Supply Co., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hastings Formal Lounge, call 780-5460 to register.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ART, Kendra Davison, clay artist, slide presentation, Visiting Artists Series, 4 p.m., Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6; FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

FILM, "The Thin Man," W.S. VanDyke II (1934), USA, International Films, 7 p.m., Wednesday - 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; 4:30 p.m., Friday - Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

RACQUETBALL, group beginner lessons, four consecutive weeks, sponsored by Lifeline, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Portland Gym, call 780-4170 to register.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

ART, Kendra Davison, clay demonstration, Visiting Artist Series, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., clay studio, Robie-Andrews Hall, Gorham.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ART, Film Festival, "Academy Awards - Student Films," from the Motion Picture Academy in California, 11 a.m., Hastings Lounge, Gorham.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8; SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FILM, "Xica," The Weekend Movies, 7:30 p.m., Friday - Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland; Sunday - 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; \$1.50/\$1 with USM I.D.

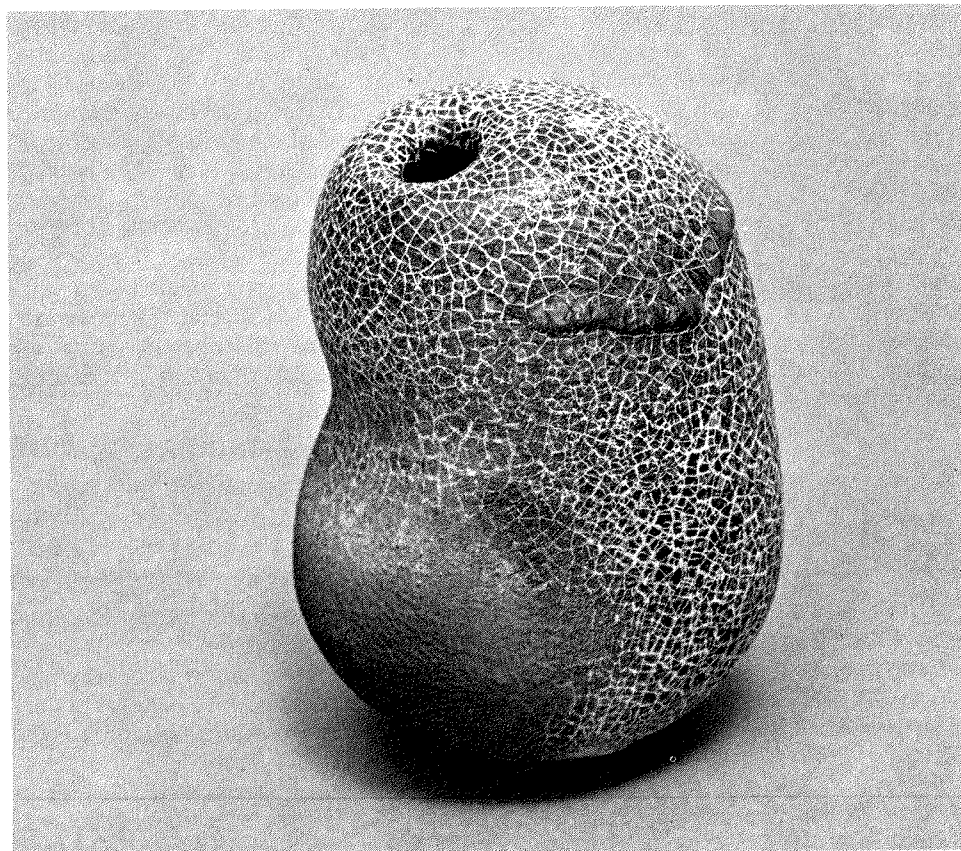
## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MUSIC, "Schubertiad," musical soiree in the spirit of 1820 Vienna, Bruce Fithian, tenor, and friends, 8 p.m., Room 205, Corthell Hall, Gorham.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MUSIC, Senior Recital, Miles Mortensen, flute, 3 p.m., Room 205, Corthell Hall, Gorham.

SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS SOUTHWORTH PLANETARIUM, Public Shows, Science Building, Portland, 7:30 p.m., \$2 adult/\$1 ages 6 - 17, call 780-4249 for reservations.



## "Transfigurations" at Art Gallery

Works by artists Peter London and Harvey Goldman are currently on exhibit at our Art Gallery in Gorham.

Both men have been affiliated with Maine's Haystack Mountain School of Crafts for several years, but this is their first joint showing in Maine. Although they work in different media — London with charcoal and pastels, Goldman with clay — there is a "common nature" to their work. As London explains: "We take ordinary reality and through dint of our will and imagination, reshape that given reality into something more personal and more revealing about ourselves."

"Transfigurations" will remain in the Art Gallery through Thursday, February 14. Gallery hours are noon to 4:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. It is free and open to all.

## Sexual Harassment Policy

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** From time to time Currents is asked to print USM's official policy statement on sexual harassment. USM is committed to a harassment-free environment, and in addition, the Division of Employee Relations has developed a workshop — "Prevention of Sexual Harassment." For more information, call Beth I. Warren, executive director, Human Resources, 780-5486.

Sexual harassment of either employees or students is a violation of federal and state laws. It is the policy of the University of Maine that no member of the university community may sexually harass another. In accordance with its policy of complying with non-discrimination laws, the University of Maine will regard freedom from sexual harassment as an individual employee and student right which will be safeguarded as a matter of policy. Any employee or student will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of this policy.

Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- 1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education;
- 2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or
- 3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment, education or living environment.

It is the policy of the University of Maine to ensure fair and impartial investigations that will protect the rights of the person(s) filing sexual harassment complaints, the person(s) complained against, and the University as a whole.

GORDON S. BIGELOW, dean, Educational Services, has been appointed a member of the Cumberland County Task Force for the Prevention of Blindness.

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, associate professor of French, has been informed that her paper, "French for the Health and Social Professionals," has been selected (from approximately 130 possibilities) for presentation at the Fourth Annual Conference on Languages for Business and the Professions, to be held at Eastern Michigan University in May, 1985.

ORLANDO E. DELOGU, professor of law and legal studies, was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Section on Environmental Law at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, held in Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the Planning Committee for a National Environmental Law Workshop to be sponsored by the Association in 1985-86.

LUCIA A. DIBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, had a review of the novel "Fragments indicatifs," by the French-Canadian novelist Jean Racine, published in the December issue of The French Review.

JOHN G. HANNA, professor emeritus of English, was recently interviewed by Craig Pushard, WMTW-TV sports announcer, for the program "Community Eight." They discussed "The Super Bowl as a Mirror of American Society."

MARJORIE T. PODGAJNY, Lifeline exercise specialist, was one of the presenters on the topic "Use of Incentives in an Employee Health Program" for the Bureau of Health.

BARBARA RICH, associate professor of social welfare and volunteer social worker at the Maine Youth Center, recently served on a panel which discussed the recommendations of the Concannon Commission. The topic was "Services in the Juvenile Justice System."

KEVIN P. RUSSELL, director, Department of Conferences, has been appointed as a member of the Conference Operations and Standards Subcommittee, of the College Services Committee, of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International. The purpose of the committee is to acquaint member institutions with the benefits of conference activity on their campuses.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of philosophy, has had his book "The Flesh of Thought is Pleasure Or Pain" (Washington Univ. Press, 1982) recommended for classroom use by The Philosopher's Index.

ROBERT F. SEIBEL, associate professor, School of Law, was elected 1985 chairperson of the Section on Computers and the Law at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C. He also serves as a member of the Computer Subcommittee of the Section on Clinical Education.

LEONARD J. SHEDLETSKY, associate professor of communication, presented an invited lecture entitled "Some Problems with Left-Right Thinking About Male and Female Brains" at the Speech Communication Department Colloquium, University of Maine at Orono.

RICHARD H. SILKMAN, associate professor of public policy and management, spoke to the Maine Economic Society in Portland on the newly proposed federal income tax program.

WILLIAM STURNER, professor of management and organizational psychology, presented a session on "The Psychology of Risk and Change" at the annual convention of the National Association for Gifted Children in St. Louis in November.

JAMES V. SULLIVAN, coordinator, Therapeutic Recreation Programs, spoke to the Board of Directors of the Bath Y.M.C.A. on "The Values and Benefits of Physical Fitness," and to the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Farmington on "Integrating Physical Fitness into the Physical Education Program." Recently he spoke on "The What's, How's, and When's of Physical Fitness" to the Yarmouth Lion's Club and at Wells High School's Fitness for Life Fair.

ROBERT L. WOODBURY, president, USM, was one of nine community leaders questioned on the number one issue affecting Portland's future in the December 1984 issue of Maine Today.