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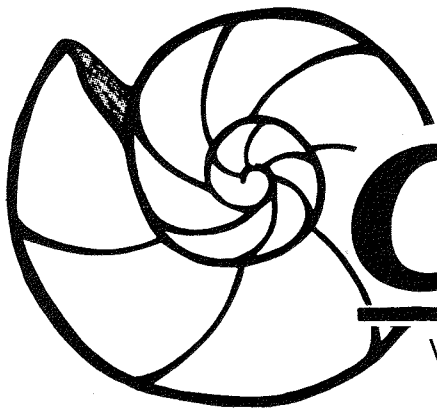
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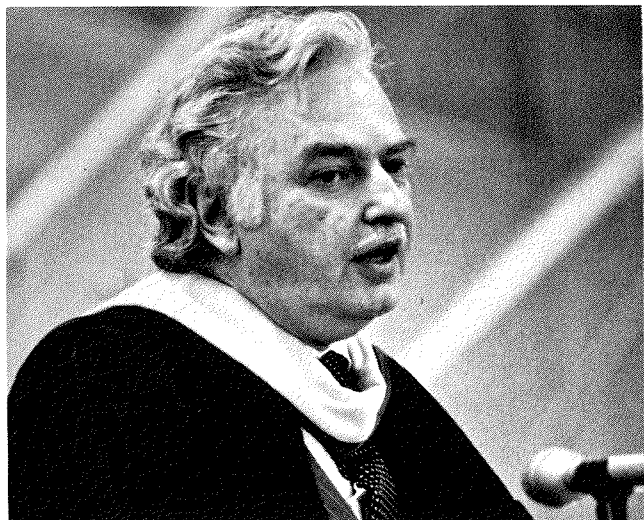
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Kemeny at Convocation

Education Key to Computer Age

If New England colleges and universities stay on the cutting edge of Computer Age developments in higher education, then people living in this area may have a strong competitive edge in the job market.

The number of people who enter the job market depends "overwhelmingly on the quality of their education," said Dr. John G. Kemeny. Given the strong system of higher education in New England, people in the region will have a distinct advantage when looking for jobs, he claimed.

Kemeny, former president of Dartmouth College and co-author of the popular BASIC computer language, was keynote speaker at the September 15 opening of our 1983-1984 Convocation, "The Age of the Computer." Kemeny delivered his address, "How Will Computers Change Our Lives?", before an audience of 1,200 in the Hill Gym, Gorham.

The opening ceremony also featured an academic procession, performances by our Faculty Brass Quintet, introductory remarks by President Woodbury, and a brief address by Convocation Scholar Richard J. Maiman. The convocation scholar said he hopes that Convocation can help us replace our sense of mystery about computers with a sense of mastery.

Despite the many dire predictions about computers replacing humans in the workplace, Kemeny believes that "the same number or a larger number of people will be employed." Com-

puters will allow those people, he said, to increase their productivity and to deliver better services. Education, however, is the key.

"For once it's not the availability of sun that will matter; it's not the availability of oil that will matter," noted Kemeny. "It's the availability of brains that have been developed and carefully trained that will truly matter."

Kemeny did voice concern about the generation "that was in college too early to acquire any substantial knowledge

For more about Convocation 1983-84, see related stories on page 2.

of computers and yet are too young to finish their careers without learning entirely new skills." Unemployment, he noted, is likely to increase among members of that generation.

A faculty member at Dartmouth since 1953, Kemeny questioned whether information disseminated by computer systems will be made available to all individuals or just to "the rich and powerful."

"I'd like to know whether the only games that will be available on your home computer will be PacMan or whether you will also be allowed to play chess on the same computer. Will someone make the decision that there are not enough chess players in the U.S. (to make the game economically viable) therefore we'll all have to learn to play PacMan?"

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Hand-Tailored Testing

Last year, our application for federal Title III funds stated, in part, that, "USM serves a truly diverse student body - students who are considered traditional and submit the array of test data to assist in the admission and academic planning process; and students who are non-traditional and who never or long ago participated in the national testing programs for college entrance and placement."

Since many of our students are older and therefore don't submit test data, the application noted that it is "critical that USM develop the capacity to collect data to establish an academic track record for all entering student to assist in appropriate course placement."

With last year's receipt of the Title III grant, we've developed a testing program to help determine where students should be placed in the academic program. It's the type of proficiency testing, say officials, that can help students achieve academic goals. It may also have a positive effect on the college dropout rate.

Some 1,650 incoming USM students have been tested in math and writing skills. The Placement Examination Program - as the testing project is known - began in mid-June. All freshmen in a degree program, readmitted and transfer students with less than 30 credit hours as well as two-year degree students are required to take the tests before registering for math and English courses.

National figures show that 50 percent of students who start a four-year degree program do not finish. Students placed in course sections that are suited to their academic skills are more likely to have a successful academic career, says David L. Silvernail, director of our Testing and Assessment Center.

"To my knowledge, the USM Placement Examination Program is one of the most extensive efforts in the region to assess students' academic skills prior to registration," says Silvernail. "With the test results, we can place students in the courses that are best for them."

Silvernail and faculty members developed the math test. A standardized writing test was used this year, although plans are underway to design our own. "We want to use tests

developed here on campus rather than standardized exams," notes Silvernail. "We strongly believe that proficiency tests should be tailored to reflect our curriculum, especially in light of our core curriculum." The core requires students to satisfy math and writing proficiencies and to complete studies in other areas.

The math and writing tests administered under the Placement Examination Program are multiple choice exams that measure competence in grammatical usage, number systems, equation solutions and related topics.

Test results are submitted to the student's academic advisor. The student and advisor then decide in which math and English courses the student should enroll.

Silvernail believes the tests will be particularly helpful to students who have been out of school for several years. The average age of a USM student is 26.

C.H.U.C.K. Hazing Students Told

A mother whose son died as a result of fraternity hazing and a Maine legislator who sponsored anti-hazing legislation spoke here last week.

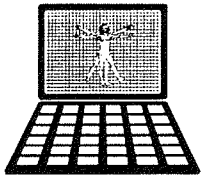
Eileen Stevens founded the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings (C.H.U.C.K.) in 1978, after her son, Chuck Stenzel, died from acute alcohol poisoning as part of college fraternity hazing at Alfred University in upstate New York.

He had been locked in a car trunk, and told he would be released when he had drunk a six-pack of beer, a pint of bourbon and a fifth of wine.

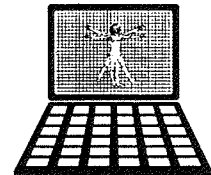
Since the hazing death, Mrs. Stevens has criss-crossed the country to raise awareness of hazing practices and to share information on laws and proposed legislation from a number of states. C.H.U.C.K. also gathers data on hazing-related deaths.

Legislator Mary E. Small (R-Bath), who successfully sponsored legislation prohibiting hazing at Maine's post secondary institutions, also spoke.

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More on Convocation



Campus Reacts to Keynote Address

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Kemeny predicted that within a decade home computer terminals will give "essentially everyone...access to the greatest amount of information that ordinary human beings ever had access to." He stressed a need for development of several major information utilities to disseminate the data to homes. "I would find a single company having a monopoly on information in the United States at least as frightening as having only one television network or only one source of information about the U.S. government."

Kemeny cautioned that our leaders must have "a true understanding of both the potential and the dangers, both the good ways and the bad ways of using computers."

One thing is sure: "The change will be slow, subtle, and yet our lives will change over the next two decades in fundamental ways. In effect, you're going to see a restructuring of society so that 20 years from now you will realize that we have gone through a revolution."

The Currents roving reporter made a few phone calls to check on the reaction to John Kemeny's address: "How Will Computers Affect Our Lives?" Here are a few responses to the question: What did you think of John Kemeny's convocation address?

Judith Critchley, staff associate for employee benefits management: "Too much of it dealt with the future. I'm tired of predictions. I would like more information on the here and now."

Melissa H. Costello, associate professor, COE: "I was delighted. I thought he was one of the best convocation speakers ever. I was impressed by his knowledge, his delivery, just everything. The Convocation Committee deserves credit for bringing someone of his stature to the University."

Steven Wiggins, electrician 2, Facilities Management: "I really did like it. He brought a lot of things to light, like a central home computer, that you don't ordinarily think about. One thing he said does concern me though. People like me are going to be in trouble without some knowledge of computers and how to use them in their work."

Lawrence E. Brazeil, director, Management Information Systems: "Super! I thought he covered just about the right level of computer information for the wide range of people in the audience."

Karen L. Norton, secretary, CRAS: "I felt he neglected what computers really do and are capable of doing. The address was too general."



And Now — Computer Lunches

As part of Convocation 1983-84, there will be a bi-weekly brown bag discussion group. Convocation Scholar Richard Maiman invites interested members of the campus community to come in and share their experience with computers in an informal setting.

"We are trying to get people to think about how computers facilitate or complicate their lives," he said.

Craig Dietrich of the History Department, one of the more experienced computer users on the faculty, will make the first presentation.

It will take place at noon, Thursday September 29 in the Faculty Lounge, Luther Bonney, Portland. They will then alternate between the two campuses.

Symbol of Access



This international symbol identifies facilities that can be used by physically disabled or handicapped people. It also marks parking areas which are set aside for such persons. Those are people who wear long leg braces or who are in a wheel chair; those with crippling arthritis, severe heart problems and other systemic conditions; those who are infirm due to age; or those with temporary disabilities such as broken legs or sprained limbs. License plates also bear this symbol.

Members of the USM community will soon receive a bright yellow card with this symbol in the campus mail. Kathleen H. Bouchard, director of Equal Employment Opportunity, encourages its use as a polite reminder. Put the card on the windshield of any car parked inappropriately in a space designated with the international access symbol.

For more of these cards, call Bouchard at 780-5383.

Accessing the Handicapped

USM celebrates National Handicapped Employers Week, October 2-9, with an affirmative hiring policy, community outreach and a built-in support system for those who become disabled once employed.

The University employs some 800 full-time and 600 part-time persons, about 50 of whom have some type of handicap.

What is a handicap? Most people think of obvious ones such as blindness or paralysis. But the legal definition is broader, encompassing chronic illness such as diabetes, cancer, heart attack, mental disorders and communication disorders such as stuttering as well as alcohol/substance abuse.

Once a handicapped person is hired, or when an employee becomes disabled or handicapped, accommodations are made to enable them to work with ease. That may mean modifying a phone or dictaphone for someone who is hearing impaired, lowering a curb or reducing work hours in the case of someone temporarily disabled due to accident or illness.

"We try to take all reasonable means to accommodate handicapped persons and to integrate them into the workforce," says Kathleen H. Bouchard, director of the Equal Opportunity Office.

Besides accommodating individual handicaps, there are "generic" improvements which make all facilities

and resources accessible. These include: specially marked parking places; automatic door openers on the major buildings on both campuses; emergency fire enunciators; the Kurzweil reading machine, and remodeling restrooms.

USM has also initiated, through its Employee Health and Recreation Program, a preventive approach to employee disabilities. "We hope to encourage healthful lifestyles in order to avoid chronic illnesses which later become handicaps," explains Bouchard.

Beth I. Warren, executive director for Employee Relations, points out that most of us are healthy when we enter the workforce. "But because of the dynamics of aging, the process of disease or accident, we may become handicapped."

It is in this area that the University supports campus community members by providing worker's compensation, extensive Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits and Employee Consultation and Outreach Services (E.C.O.S.).

E.C.O.S. serves as a resource and referral service to employees experiencing family or job-related problems. It also helps newly employed handicapped personnel or recently disabled employees adjust psychologically to their living or job experiences, says Eleanor W. Law, volunteer special assistant to the executive director for

Employee Relations. "Whenever we can, we do whatever we can to make it possible for a handicapped person to work here in any capacity," she says.

USM also participates in Maine's Projects with Industry, a non-profit program designed to educate the handicapped about goal-setting, job-search and interview skills.

Gerard R. Salvo, employment services specialist, does two mock interviews each month. He pays particular attention to how candid the people are about their handicaps, and tries to make the interview as "tough as possible." Afterward he and the subjects evaluate the process and performance. If they are seeking a type of job then available at the university, "we talk about those opportunities. We have hired some people who have gone through the mock interview," adds Salvo.

USM marks National Handicapped Employers Week with a many-faceted commitment to full employment and full accessibility for the handicapped. The Division of Employee Relations is ready to address any issues which employees may have. "If members of the USM community have questions or concerns about their physical or emotional well-being, or a discrimination issue related to a handicapped condition, they should feel free to contact the appropriate person in Employee Relations," adds Warren.

A Machine that Reads to the Blind

The Kurzweil reading machine, a device that scans a printed page and reads aloud in a mechanical voice, is located in our Portland campus library for the use of those with impaired vision. The installation of a special adaptor has made the mechanical voice much clearer, reports James B. Brady, head of special services. Faculty, staff, students and area citizens are invited to try the machine.

New Faculty Welcomed

Some hail from as far away as Florida, Nebraska and Hawaii. Others are from closer to home. But no matter their points of origin (or departure), the 20 new members of our faculty are busy with new duties in a new environment. We extend a warm welcome, and hope they'll soon feel at home at USM.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. SandraLee M. Hanisko is an assistant professor of communications. Formerly, she was assistant instructor and coordinator of the Laase Communications Research Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Dr. John L. Massaro is associate professor of political science. He was formerly associate professor of government at Nason College, Springvale, Maine.

Jo-Anna J. Moore is assistant professor of art. She formerly was adjunct professor of art education and director of the Maine Arts Education Project here.

Dr. Marlene Otter is an assistant professor of biology. She has done post-doctoral work at the University of Chicago Hospitals and the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago.

Dr. Richard G. Stebbins, assistant professor of chemistry, was formerly a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Dr. Mark T. Swanson, assistant professor of geology, held that same position at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Miriam Clasby, associate professor of education, was formerly associate clinical professor at Boston University.

College Fare

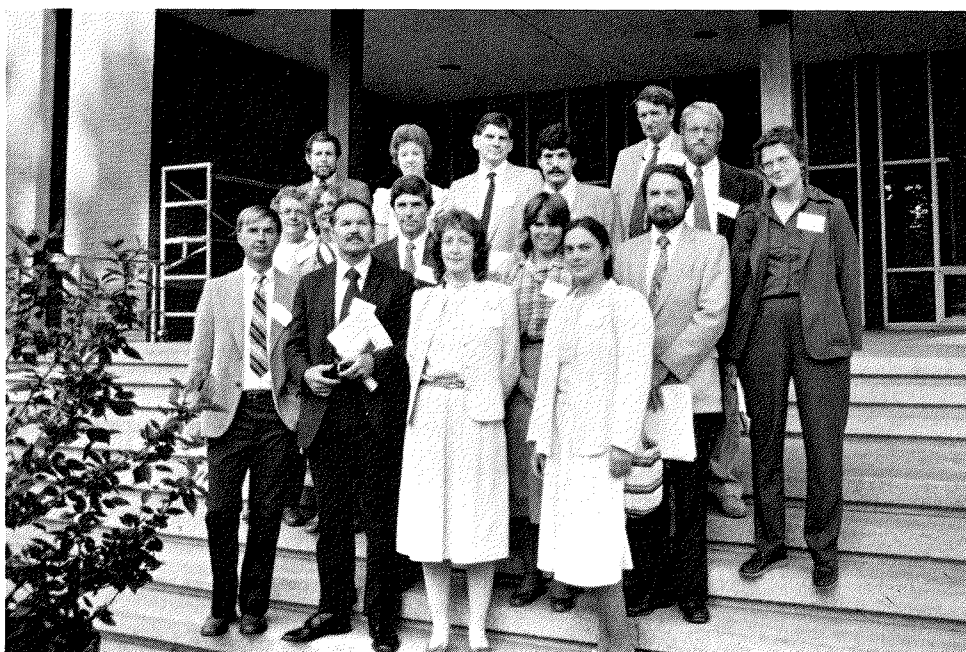
Students, their parents and high school guidance counselors will receive firsthand, in-depth information about some 190 institutions of higher learning at our Annual Fall College Fair.

Representatives from colleges, universities and vocational/technical institutions throughout New England will be on hand to assist students and parents beginning the process of selecting an institution of higher education.

"Colleges - many of them with declining enrollments - view this as an effective means of reaching a large segment of the public in a short period of time," says Edwin C. Horne, associate director of admissions.

More than 6700 students are expected to attend the fair from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, in USM's Portland Gymnasium.

We sponsor the Fall College Fair in cooperation with area high schools and the Association of College Admission Offices.



Among the new faculty of '83-'84 are, front, left to right: Richard Stebbins; Andrew Potts; Margaret Palmer Wright, assistant to the dean, School of Business Economics and Management; and Lu Bauer. Second row, left to right: Edna Ellis; Jo-Anna Moore; Henry Parsons; Marlene Otter; James Westfall. Back row, left to right: Gregory Parsons; Caryn Perry; Joseph Medley; George Violette; Martin Doughty, exchange professor from King Alfred's; Mark Swanson; and SandraLee Hanisko.

SCHOOL OF LAW

Tybe Ann Brett, formerly an attorney in the Philadelphia litigation group of Drinker, Biddle and Reath, now is associate professor of law.

Michael B. Lang, associate professor of law, held that same rank at the Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Caryn M. Perry, formerly a staff nurse at the Maine Medical Center, is now an instructor in nursing.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

Lu Bauer, assistant professor of accounting, was formerly with the Portland accounting firm, Peat, Marwick and Mitchell.

Dr. Joseph E. Medley, assistant professor of economics, held that rank at Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass.

Dr. George Miaoulis, professor of marketing, formerly held that same rank at the University of West Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Gregory L. Parsons, formerly an assistant professor in the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, is an adjunct professor of business administration here.

Dr. Henry J. Parsons, assistant professor of production/operations management, formerly held the rank of assistant professor of management science at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

Dr. Andrew J. Potts, visiting professor of accounting, formerly held that rank at the University of the District of Columbia.

George R. Violette, formerly tax manager with Schatz and Fletcher, C.P.A.'s, Augusta, is assistant professor of accounting.

James R. Westfall, assistant professor of associate business, was formerly assistant to the president at Seaward Construction Co., Kittery, Me.

PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Richard Harris Silkman, associate professor of public policy and management, was formerly assistant professor at W. Averell Harriman College for Urban and Policy Sciences, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Maureen MacDonald Webster, associate professor of public policy and management, was formerly an independent consultant to private industry and government.

Welcome Aboard.

Of Crime and Concerts

Students returning to campus this fall will find a new major in criminology and a fully accredited program for future musical performers and studio instructors.

Peter M. Lehman, chairman of the sociology department, says the new Bachelor of Arts in criminology reflects a title and curriculum change from the old criminal justice program formerly offered at USM. Criminology is the study of relations among crime, law and society.

"The criminology course is a rigorous, sequential liberal arts program which looks at crime and criminology as a field of study rather than just vocational preparation in the criminal justice field," says Lehman.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for a variety of careers in criminal or juvenile justice, other social science occupations and law.

Music chairman Jerry L. Bowder reports accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music for the degree of Bachelor of Music in performance. Although we have awarded this degree for several years, final accreditation was won last June. "The 20 students currently enrolled in the program will be prepared to assume roles as vocal or instrumental concert performers or teachers of classical music within the setting of their own studios," says Bowder.

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The address was sponsored by the Inter-Fraternity Council, a group representing USM's 10 Greek letter organizations. Nearly 400 USM students belong to fraternities and sororities.





Photo: Richard Margolis

In Black and White

The pitfalls of childhood and sensual encounters with the evening landscape are among the subjects of photographs now on display at the Art Gallery in Gorham.

"Contemporary Photographers" includes the works of 12 photographers culled from individual shows at the George Eastman House, Rochester, N.Y. The International Museum of Photography, Rochester, with support of the National Endowment for the Arts, is circulating the exhibit.

Selected works of Tyrone Georgiou, David Goldes, Lawrence McFarland,

Richard Margolis, Frances Murray and Stuart Rome are included in the exhibit. Others are: Linda Brooks; Mark Goodman; Debora Hunter; Gary Metz; Charles Roitz; and Jeffrey Wolin.

"The photographs reflect a variety of attitudes and techniques toward the medium," says Juris Ubans, director of our Art Gallery.

"Contemporary Photographers" continues through October 13. The USM Art Gallery is open 12-4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

What We're Doing

KATHLEEN M. ASHLEY, associate professor of English, gave a paper, "Contracts and Conventions: The Moral and Literary Implications of Giving One's Word in 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'" at the International Congress of Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

DAVID P. CLUCHEY, associate professor, School of Law, participated in a review of legal, political and ethical concerns in setting up health promotions programs at a conference on "Worksite Health Promotion: The Bottom Line" in Portland. The conference was sponsored by the Maine Consortium for Health Professions Education, the Lancaster Group and the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce.

LUCIA A. diBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, attended a symposium on Jean D'Alembert held in Paris this past summer.

GLORIA S. DUCLOS, professor of classics, has been appointed to the College Board Development Committee for the Latin Achievement Test for a one-year term.

MARGARET A. FOURNIER, associate professor, School of Nursing, and RICHARD STEINMAN, professor of social welfare, are the authors of "Learning Community Organization and Clinical Services: An Inter-Disciplinary Practicum with the Elderly," which has been published for a national audience by the University of Kentucky, in "Inter-Disciplinary Health

Team Care: Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conference."

NANCY K. GISH, associate professor of English, has been invited to Cambridge University for the twenty-fifth anniversary of "The Pelican Guide to English Literature" and the publication of "The New Pelican Guide to English Literature." Gish wrote, "Hugh MacDiarmid: The Early Work," a 2500 word article, for the "New Pelican Guide." Her article marks the first inclusion of Scotland's great twentieth century poet in the eight volume series.

P. LEN JORDAN, Lifeline exercise specialist, appeared on the Channel 6 call-in show "On the Line" for a special on the Heartline program.

CHARLES H. LAMB, director of Residence Life, has been elected Vice President of the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers at the group's recent annual meeting. Lamb has served the organization for six years as Newsletter Editor, and will serve as program chair for the NEACUHO Conference at Syracuse University. He also attended the ACUHO-I annual convention in Seattle where he hosted the Regional meeting.

LIN LISBERGER, sculptor and instructor in the art department, will be showing recent sculpture and drawings at the Portland Public Library during the month of October.



Marquee

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MUSIC, John Dandurant, string instrumentals, sponsored by Portland Union Board and The Coffeehouse Committee, College Room, Payson Smith, Portland, 5-8 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LECTURE, "Elijah P. Lovejoy of Maine and the Practice of Abolitionism, 1802-1837," H. Draper Hunt, professor of history, USM, Green Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 46 Sheridan St., Portland, 6:30 p.m., free.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27;

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

COLLEGE FAIR, representatives from 190 colleges, universities, vocational/technical schools, sponsored by USM, New England Association of College Admission Offices and area high schools, USM's Portland Gym, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday; 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

MUSIC, Monica Palmes, acoustic guitar and vocals, College Room, Payson Smith, Portland, 5-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28;

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FILM, "Walkabout", Nicholas Roeg, Australia (1971), International Films Series, Wednesday, Bailey Auditorium, Gorham; Thursday, Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland; 7:30, \$2/\$1 with USM I.D.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

LECTURE, "Medicine and Health in China," Dr. Yong-ming Yu, surgeon, Peking Capital Hospital, New England China Consortium quarterly meeting, Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham, 2 p.m. USM community invited.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30;

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

MUSIC, Jahnaki, Tom Kennedy, Laura Campbell, vocals from bluegrass to Beatles, College Room, Payson Smith, Portland, 5-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5;

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

FILM, "To Have and Have Not," Howard Hawks, USA, (1944), International Films Series, Wednesday, Bailey Auditorium, Gorham; Thursday, Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland, 7:30, \$2/\$1 with USM I.D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

MUSIC, Octoberfest, Ben Baldwin and The Big Note, The Practical Cats, rock 'n roll, rhythm & blues, swing and boogie, Portland Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7;

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

FILM, "The Year of Living Dangerously," Weekend Film Series, Friday, Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland; Sunday, 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; 7:30 p.m., \$1.50/\$1 with USM I.D.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

LECTURE, "Crime Rates, Crime Myths and Radical Criminology," William Chambliss, professor of sociology, University of Delaware, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, 410 Luther Bonney, Portland, 1:30 p.m.

CONTINUING

SOUTHWORTH PLANETARIUM, Public Shows, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

THROUGH OCTOBER 13

ART, "Contemporary Photographers," traveling exhibit from the George Eastman House, Rochester, NY, Art Gallery, Gorham, 12-4 Sunday through Thursday, free.

CHARLES M. LYONS, associate professor of education, and interim director of Health Professions Education, has had this article entitled "Preparing Protocols for Institutional Review Boards" published in the fall issue of "Research in Rural Education."

PATRICIA M. O'MAHONEY-DAMON, assistant professor of biology, attended a three-day workshop "Current Concepts in Immunology" held at Westbrook College this summer. She is reviewing an introductory-level biology textbook for Saunders.

ANDREW J. POTTS, visiting associate professor of accounting, has had an article, "A Survey of Basic Accounting," printed in the September 1983 issue of "Accounting Trends XVII: Innovating Accounting and Information Systems Course Outlines," published by McGraw Hill, Inc.

CINDY QUINN, acting manager, bookstore, will serve as co-chairperson of the National Association of College Bookstores/College Stores of New England regional meeting in Portland. RICHARD J. CLAREY, associate professor of management, and senior fellow, New Enterprise Institute, will host a seminar "Effective Management" at that meeting.

ELLEN SCHIFERL, assistant professor of art, read a paper entitled "Disease, Death and the Sacra Conversazione in Fifteenth Century Italy"

at the International Congress on Medieval Studies. She and KATHLEEN ASHLEY, associate professor of English, conducted a panel on their inter-disciplinary course on Medieval Art and Literature for the Medieval Forum at Plymouth State College.

MARA UBANS, associate professor of German, helped plan and participated in an intensive "German Week" organized for secondary and post-secondary teachers of German by the Maine chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, of which she is vice-president. The program was held at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, was recently appointed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to a three-year term on the Court's Advisory Committee on Judicial Records. He also is a member of the Maine State Bar Association's Legal Aid Committee and appeared before the legislature's Appropriations Committee in support of legal services funding.

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