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# CURRENTS

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## Record Enrollment at USM

A total of 10,160 students are enrolled at the University of Southern Maine this fall, the highest number in our history. Registrar John F. Keysor said that the fall 1988 enrollment tally marks the third consecutive year that USM has reported a record-high enrollment. The 1988 fall enrollment, which includes all full-time, part-time, graduate and undergraduate students, is up 6.4 percent over the 1987 fall number of 9,546. In September of 1986, there were 9,424 students enrolled.

Enrollment is up across the board, according to Keysor. There are 4,534 full-time students at USM this fall, compared to 4,331 in the fall of 1987. Part-time enrollment increased from 5,215 in 1987 to 5,626 this fall. USM's 10,160 students are generating 87,323.5 credit hours, up 5.4 percent from the 1987 figure of 82,835.5.

There are 5,423 students enrolled in four-year programs (5,166 in 1987), 852 in two-year programs (a decrease from the 879 in 1987), 1,000 in graduate programs (935 last fall) and 2,885 in non-degree programs (2,566 in 1987).

President Patricia R. Plante said she is "pleased but not surprised" by the figures. "We have been emphasizing our commitment to academic quality and we've been able to persuade people that we are serious about it," said Plante. "One consequence of this kind of commitment is increased enrollments."

## Senate Hearing

An open hearing on restructuring the Core Curriculum will be held by the Faculty Senate from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, Room B and C of the Portland Campus Center.



## Researching Pregnancy Loss

### NIH Grant for Applied Immunology

USM and the Foundation for Blood Research recently announced an award of \$800,000 in direct costs (nearly \$1.2 million in indirect costs) by the National Institutes of Health for collaborative research on the causes of recurrent miscarriages and high blood pressure during pregnancy. Research will be led by Neal S. Rote Jr., director of USM's Applied Immunology Program and FBR's Reproductive Immunology Laboratory.

Rote estimates that at least one in 300 women suffers three or more miscarriages. As recently as five years ago, there was no scientific explanation for 50 percent of miscarriages, but

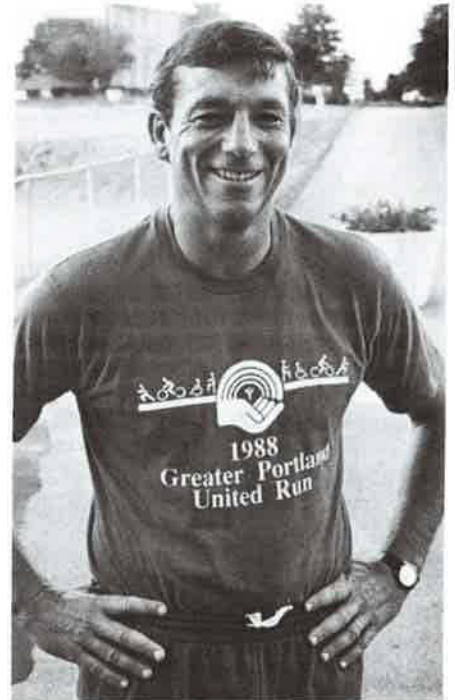


Neal S. Rote, director of the Applied Immunology Program, being interviewed on his NIH grant at his Foundation for Blood Research lab. *Caswell photo*

researchers now believe that these recurrent miscarriages are the result of an autoimmune disease that causes the mother's immune system to turn against her body and the fetus. In the most severe cases, the woman suffers a miscarriage. A less severe case could

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## USM Supports UW



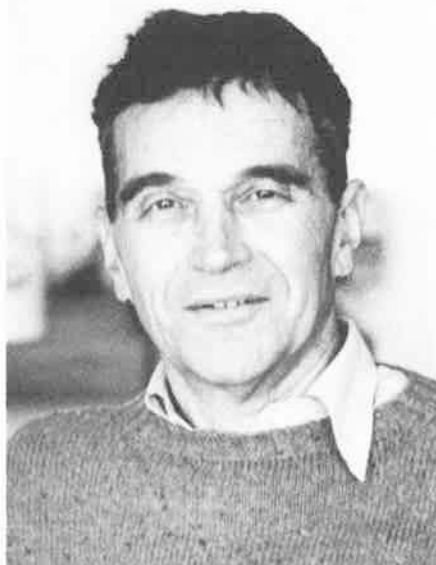
The United Way kicked off its 1988 campaign earlier this month with a "Fun Run" from Deering Oaks to Monument Square in downtown Portland. Vice President for Development and External Affairs Tim Honey, pictured here, had more fun, running from the Gorham campus to Monument Square. Joining Honey on the run from the Oaks to the square were USM staffers: Peter Allen of Lifeline; Pamela Baker of Recreation and Leisure Studies; Claire Berg, Polly Colvin and Mary DeLois, all of Lifeline; Kim Ebbett of Counseling and Career Development; Sue Fontaine and Judy Howes of Lifeline; Florence Mackie of the Portland Gym; Patricia Medina and Mary Moskowitz of Lifeline; Gordon Nelson of Facilities Management; Rhonda Prime of Lifeline; Jenny Reed of Employee Health and Recreation; Shelley Rosenberg of Lifeline; Gerard Salvo of Child Care Services; Judy Violette of Lifeline; and Felicity Watts of the Philosophy Department. United Way, in the past year alone, has served the needs of nearly 110,000 Cumberland County residents. For information on USM's involvement in the campaign and how you can help, call USM United Way Campaign Manager Beth I. Warren at 780-5486. *Caswell photo*

# Opening of New COE Center

## Coles to Interview Maine Youths

Harvard child psychiatrist Robert Coles will be on campus Wednesday, November 2 to describe the work behind his recent book on the moral and spiritual development of children and to demonstrate his techniques in drawing life stories from young people.

His visit marks the opening of the College of Education's Center for the



Robert Coles, Harvard expert on children in crisis.

Study of Lives, which will conduct projects that record and document the life stories of people of all ages, but which will initially focus on adolescents. The Center was established to promote intergenerational communication and an understanding of the individual within the context of society. Research, funded during the first year by a grant from the Spencer Foundation, will focus on issues of development and change throughout the lifespan and the transmission of tradition across generations.

Coles, a research psychiatrist for the Harvard University Health Services and professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard Medical School, is known for his work with children in crisis. He has written 38 books and over 900 articles, reviews and monographs in the field of social psychiatry. His latest project explores how children acquire religious values in different social and cultural settings

and what place these values hold in the child's life.

In a public forum at 7 p.m., Coles will demonstrate his interview strategies working with adolescents, an age group often resistant to interventions of any kind. He will guide a panel of four Maine youths, selected for their personal experiences of achievement or adversity, through the telling of the formative elements in their lives. The forum will be held in Catherine McAuley High School Auditorium, 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland.

An afternoon talk for a professional audience on his recent books, "The Moral Life of Children" and "The Political Life of Children," will be held in Luther Bonney Auditorium and will be open to the university community on a seat available basis.

Both presentations are free. The evening forum is open to the public. For more information, call 780-5078.

## Researching Pregnancy

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cause high blood pressure, which in turn is often blamed for premature infants.

Rote, graduate students in USM's Applied Immunology Program and FBR staffers are working with patients and blood samples provided through the Maine Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

USM and FBR signed an agreement of affiliation late last year to share resources and encourage cooperation on joint projects. "The cooperative use of resources has increased our ability to attract grant support for joint research and education programs of national significance," said President Patricia R. Plante. "Corresponding benefits will include the attraction of top educators and researchers to the university, to Maine's medical centers and to its research facilities as well as the creation of a trained workforce for the growing biomedical/biotechnical industry."

## Box Score

Kudos to:

■ Ed Harding, former USM left wing, who is now playing hockey for the Maine Mariners.

■ USM's Women's Cross Country team, now first in New England and ninth in the nation.



Scott Reeves, USM's new director of jazz studies, will be featured on the trombone and alto flugelhorn in a concert of his original compositions at 8 p.m., Friday, November 4 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Reeves most recently taught jazz at Virginia Commonwealth University and Memphis State University. He has performed with the Temptations, the Ink Spots, the Supremes, Bob Hope and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. In this concert, Reeves will be backed up by Bill Street, Frank Carlberg, Janet Reeves, Ben Street and Pepe Taveira. A highlight will be Reeves' multi-media electronic composition, "Music for Celestial Objects." Tickets are \$7 for the public; \$4 for students, senior citizens and faculty/staff. Call 780-5555 for reservations.

## President's Notes

I am pleased to report that the following have agreed to serve on the Search Committee for the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Sue Ellen Bordwell (EEO)  
Willard Callender (COE)  
Jean Gutmann (SBEM)  
John Heath (SAS)  
Paul Lajoie (Chair, Student Senate)  
Bruce MacLeod (CORE)  
Julia Tiffany (SON)  
Judy Tizon (CAS & Women's Studies)  
Thomas Ward (SOL)  
Michelle Wonder (Student)

I met with the committee at its initial meeting on October 13.

## Media Log

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One indication of the respect and credibility that faculty and staff command is the degree to which their expertise is called upon by the news media. In this column, the Office of Media Relations recognizes some of the faculty and staff who have shared their expertise with the public. If you can comment on current news events, please call Media Relations at 780-4200.

**Parker E. Albee Jr.**, associate professor of history, had his opinion piece on the 50th anniversary of the Munich Conference published in *The Boston Globe*.

**H. Draper Hunt III**, professor of history, wrote an opinion piece comparing the famed Lincoln-Douglas Debates to modern presidential debates. The essay recently appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*.

**Stephen Lehane**, director of child care services, was interviewed by the ABC Radio Network in New York on child care issues in the 1988 campaign.

**Michael Hillard**, assistant professor of economics, was interviewed extensively on the settlement of the IP strike in Jay. Newspapers and stations requesting interviews included *The Atlanta Constitution* and *The Atlanta Journal*; WCSH-TV, Channel 6; WMTW-TV, Channel 8; the *Bangor Daily News*; the *Portland Press Herald*; WGAN Radio; and MPBN Radio.

**Michael Shaughnessy**, assistant professor of art, was the subject of a feature story in the *Portsmouth Herald*.

**Kathryn Lasky**, assistant professor of communication, was interviewed about the popularity of movie videos for *The El Paso Times*.

**Michael S. Hamilton**, assistant professor of political science, authored an opinion piece on coastal growth management that appeared on the editorial page of the *Bangor Daily News*.

**Neal S. Rote**, director of the Applied Immunology program, was interviewed by the Associated Press, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *Science News*, *WOR* radio in New York and *Prevention* magazine on recurrent pregnancy loss and on the June meeting of the American Society for the Immunology of Reproduction.

**William Sturner**, professor of management, was interviewed by *Executive Strategies* magazine for a story on working relationships.

**Jeremiah P. Conway**, director of the Honors Program, was interviewed by the *Journal Tribune* for a story on the status of the humanities in education.

**William H. Coogan III**, associate professor of political science, and **Richard J. Maiman** and **Oliver H. Woshinsky**, professors of political science,

have been doing a series of live interviews about campaign issues for WGAN Radio and local TV stations.

**Thomas A. Power** and **William A. Steele**, associate professors of theatre, were asked by the Associated Press and WMTW-TV, Channel 8, among others, to evaluate the presentation of the presidential debates.

**Robert Atkinson**, assistant professor of human development, was interviewed by ABC Radio News and United States Radio Network (RKO) about an article he had published in *Psychology Today* about the shared values of teenagers around the world.

## Campus Notes

■ The Division of Public Service is now the Division of Continuing Studies. The new name, which more accurately reflects the division's purpose, will become effective on December 1. No administrative changes will occur.

■ The Mill 2 Gallery at the Saco-Biddeford Center has on exhibit juried works by members of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks. The majority of oils and watercolors on exhibit are landscapes representing the Kennebunk area. Gallery hours are: 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. on Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit closes on Friday, October 28.

■ The Southworth Planetarium continues the very successful Childrens' Planetarium Workshops. The one-day workshops, for ages 6 through 14, will be held at 9 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, November 12 and December 10 in the Exhibit Hall of the Planetarium on the Portland Campus. The cost is \$15 and includes materials. Call 780-4249 for reservations.

■ An art exhibit presenting works by older adults in the New Dimensions program will continue at the Intown Center, 68 High Street, Portland through Friday, November 25. The paintings are projects from an art class taught by Annie Bernstein, who also has works on exhibit. Viewing hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. New Dimensions is sponsored by the Department of Community Programs, USM, and ElderCircle, Inc. Call 874-6500 for more information.

■ A panel discussion on "Effective Approaches for Working with Learning Disabled and Hearing Impaired Students" will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 8 in the Faculty Dining Room, Gorham, sponsored by Handicapped Student Services, College of Education and Staff Development Office. Call 780-4040 for more information.

## Research Update

**Robert Atkinson**, assistant professor of human resource development, received a grant award of \$7,500 from the Spencer Foundation to support the Center for the Study of Lives' project recording the lifestories of young people. Atkinson is also writing a book, "Sustaining Virtues: Traditional Values and Life Course Development."

**Muhammad El-Taha**, assistant professor of mathematics, worked on two research projects in the area of queuing systems through a Summer Faculty Fellowship. He also co-authored a paper presented at Cornell University and with John Heath of USM's Computer Science Department submitted an article for publication to *QUESTA*.

**Barbara Rich**, associate professor of social welfare, wrote a research proposal on sexual abuse of adolescent males.

**Diana Crader**, assistant professor of anthropology, worked on a paper for publication entitled: "Slave Quarter Faunal Remains from Building 'O' at Monticello."

**Joel Eastman**, professor of history, did research at the National Archives in Washington D.C. on "A History of the Harbor Defenses of Portland."

**Robert French**, associate professor of geography, continued work on "The Relic Trace Stereo Project."

**Gale Rhodes**, associate professor of chemistry, worked with a team of scientists at Washington University in St. Louis to determine the structure of enzyme molecules.

**Charlotte Rosenthal**, assistant professor of Russian, collected material for a book, "Russian Women Writers—'The Silver Age': 1890-1925" and did research at the University of Illinois, the New York Public Library and Harvard University.

**Diane Benedict**, associate professor of English, was one of six Maine artists to receive grants from the Maine Arts Council. This is the first time grants have been given to individual artists. Benedict received \$2,000.

**Betty Atterbury**, assistant professor of music education, is writing a textbook, "Mainstreaming Exceptional Learners in Music."

**Constantine Caffentzis**, assistant professor of philosophy, is working on a book, "Vision and Momentum: George Berkeley's Philosophy of Money."

**John Kinsella**, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese, is writing a book on Peruvian writer, Martin Adan.

**Patricia R. Plante**, president, is working on a book about demythologizing higher education.



## What We're Doing

JANET Z. BURSON, associate professor, School of Nursing, will be attending the 71st Annual Meeting of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) this month in San Francisco where she will assume the office of Chair of Nutritionists in Nursing Education, a national practice group of ADA, and participate in a panel presentation titled, "Presenting Nutrition in the Clinical Nursing Curriculum."

FRANK K. CARNER, associate professor of English, DONNA M. CASSIDY, assistant professor of art, IRVING D. FISHER, professor of political science, and JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, all have served on the Speakers Bureau: The Age of Romanticism which was designed to give local schools and organizations the opportunity to utilize scholars from across the state in creating their own programs on the Age of Romanticism. The Bureau was presented by the Maine Humanities Council in cooperation with USM and the Wordsworth Project.

JACQUIE GIASSON FULLER, instructor of English, has a short story titled "Lucy Cowgirl" appearing in the October 1988 issue of Yankee Magazine.

ROY A. GALLANT, director, Southworth Planetarium, attended a symposium titled "Crossroads of Continents," in Washington D.C., September 22-23. He also met with the editors of National Geographic to discuss future writing assignments.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, received a grant from the American Society of Public Administration's section on Natural Resources and Environmental Administration to prepare and edit a manuscript for book publication that will be appropriate for graduate courses in public administration or environmental management.

CAROL SUE HAYDEN, Administrative Assistant I, Human Services Development Institute, had her article "Elder Campers Helping Others—the ECHO Project: A

Unique Intergenerational Model," published in the journal *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*, Vol. 11, No. 1, 1988.

PAULA RAE HOLLIS, administrative assistant, Division of Human Resources, has resigned her position to begin graduate studies in the USM Public Policy and Management Program as a winner of a Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship, funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

MICHAEL C. KUCSMA, assistant professor, and JOEL I. GOLD, associate professor of associate business administration, attended the Business Education Association of Maine Fall Conference where they presented a workshop titled "Building High School/College Business Program Partnerships."

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director, Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, was the guest speaker on "Affordable Housing" at the Merrymeeting Board of Realtors annual meeting on June 16 in Woolwich. Lamont spoke on "Housing Market Research" at the Western Maine Board of Realtors meeting in South Paris on September 14.

WILLIAM T. McCULLOUGH, associate professor of therapeutic recreation, presented a paper in July titled "The Effect of Pet Ownership on the Psychological Well-Being of Physically Disabled Children" at the Leisure Studies Association International Conference, University of Sussex, Brighton, England.

FRANCIS C. McGRATH III, associate professor of English, delivered a paper titled "Style, Voice, Intentionality: Pater Speaking Bloom Speaking Joyce" at a conference on New Work on Walter Pater held at Queens College, Oxford University.

JEANNE G. NORMANDEAU, associate professor of nursing, presented her research on "Older Women in Maine and Breast Cancer Detection Practices" at the Blaine House Consensus Conference on "Overcoming the Barriers to Early Detection of Breast and Cervical Cancer in Maine," in Augusta on September 13. In May, Nor-

mandeau obtained her Ed.D. from Boston University.

PATRICIA R. PLANTE, president, delivered an address on September 17, to the 1988-89 class of the American Council on Education Fellows in Tampa, Fla.

NEAL S. ROTE, director, Applied Immunology Program, presented a lecture on "Transplacental Alteration of Fetal Coagulation: Antiphospholipid and Antiplatelet Antibodies" at the XIX Annual Birth Defects Symposium in Albany, N.Y. At the Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia he presented "Is Lupus Anticoagulant Activity Due Only to Antibody Against Phosphatidylserine?" Rote was keynote speaker at a dinner for Maine high school students who attended the Summer Science Program at USM.

WALTER R. STUMP, chairperson of Department of Theatre, was re-elected national chair of chairs of the American College Festival.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, was elected a member of the board of directors of the National Association of IOLTA Programs during the 1988 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association at Toronto during August. Also during the ABA's Annual Meeting he, as president of the Maine Bar Foundation, made presentations about the Foundation's IOLTA program; moderated a panel on the "History of Canadian Legal Education"; and organized and moderated a program titled "Constitutional Torts: United States and Canadian Perspectives." Wroth co-chaired and co-moderated the Maine State Bar Association's 1988 Legal Year in Review Continuing Legal Education program held at the Augusta Civic Center on September 23. At this program MICHAEL W. MULLANE, associate professor of law, made a presentation on developments in the law of evidence; MELVYN ZARR, professor of law, and DAVID P. CLUCHEY, associate dean, School of Law, discussed the current status of bail reform and the rights of the accused in child abuse and sexual abuse cases; and ORLANDO E. DELOGU, professor of law, participated in a panel on real estate and land use law.

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