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# CURRENTS

## University of Southern Maine

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### Post-Cold War Commencement

Commencement speaker Jules Feiffer, cartoonist, novelist and an award-winning playwright, congratulated the class of 1989 as the "first post-Cold War graduating class in history" in his remarks at USM's 109th annual commencement on Saturday,



Ken Rosen, professor of English, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. *Erhun photo*

May 13 in the Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland. "As someone who's made a living from the Cold War, I'm cheered about your future while somewhat despondent about my own," he joked. Feiffer, who won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for his internationally syndicated weekly cartoon strip, attributed some of society's current woes to the fragmentation of America. "Exxon lives in bottom-line America. Its first and foremost loyalty is to the profit margin. Gun loving America feels under the gun from gun-control America," he said. At one time, he observed, Americans were encouraged

to seek commonality. Now, he finds, people feel loyalty to a small group of like-minded people and feel mutual fear, hostility and distrust toward others. "We all dehumanize those from other fragments of America," he said.

Although it seems that "as we run out of the '80s we've run out of answers," he rejected this negative stance. "When I was a boy at the dawn of the Cold War," he said, "nuclear world war was thought inevitable...now the Cold War seems to be vanishing, Kissinger's lucrative consulting fees may be at risk. There's a lesson to be drawn from this," he continued. "Failure is also temporary. It may not be the end but the means...it may turn out that this period of history is a period of rebirth as the nation transforms itself." He closed with these words of advice: "Extend your own fragment, check out other fragments...onwards and sideways."

President Plante, in her charge to the graduates, referred to the hunger for stories as one of the most fundamental human needs. "If all's gone well during your four years here," she said, "you'll understand the importance of telling your story well, not only to others but to yourself." She told graduates "...each of you will find with your diploma a USM library card so that you may from this day on return again and again to claim portions of your inheritance: page upon page of memorable language. I can think of no finer gift, and I offer it to you as I wish you a lifetime of memorable adventures."

Plante also announced that upon the unanimous recommendation of a faculty committee, English professor Kenneth Rosen had been named the 1989 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. Rosen, a USM professor since 1965, is the author of three volumes of poetry, one of which was nominated for the 1973 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

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### Provost Chosen

John Deegan Jr., currently dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa, has been selected as USM's vice president for academic affairs and provost, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees announced last Monday.



Deegan, who holds a

doctorate in political science, has been dean at Northern Iowa since 1986. Prior to that he held a one-year fellowship in academic administration at the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C. From 1982 to 1986 he was associate dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was coordinator of the Love Canal project from 1980 to 1982 for the Office of Research and Development in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Recent publications by Deegan include "Looking Back at Love Canal: Results and Conclusions of EPA's Investigation," published in Environmental Science and Technology, and "Office Automation in a University Setting," in AISP Education and Training Exchange.

He is pleased to be coming to USM, he says, because the university has "enjoyed a growing regional and national reputation for the high quality of the faculty, and for being a progressive, rapidly changing university enlivened by outstanding leadership." Deegan foresees that his primary responsibility will be to fine-tune services so the faculty can better do their part. "It's awkward to set goals before arriving," he commented, "but a tentative program I've identified for continued on p. 3



Abby Shahn, artist-in-residence this spring, stands in front of her mural "Damnation of the Bureaucrats" now placed in Corthell Hall. With her is Michael Moore, chair of the Art Department. Shahn says ideas for this work were drawn from Kafka's "The Castle" and murals of the 14th century and the 1920s and '30s.  
*Alessi photo*

## Maine and Global Changes

USM's Department of Community Programs presented a conference last week to assess the impact of world trends on the Maine economy and lifestyles. Recommendations reached by participants in the Global Maine Conference will be relayed to political and business leaders.

Besides offering issue-oriented workshops, the conference featured two keynote speakers with international reputations. Sir Brian Urquhart, scholar-in-residence at the Ford Foundation and former Under Secretary General for Special Affairs at the United Nations, spoke on "The Challenge of a Global Future." Clifford Lincoln, the former minister of the environment for the Province of Quebec, and an advocate of "economic sustainability," spoke on "The Economy and the Environment: A New Relationship for Tomorrow's World."

The conference was divided into six concurrent tracks, each focusing on an issue related to international change and impact on Maine: population changes; security and governance; education; ethics and values; environment; and technology. Each track held strategy sessions and formed recommendations to be presented to state leaders. A report will be published on conference findings.

The Commission on Maine's Future and the Maine Times were key sponsors of the conference.

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named emeriti professors. Arthur O. Berry, professor emeritus of industrial education, was recognized for leadership in the fields of vocational and technical education. Former Maine Supreme Court Justice Edward S. Godfrey, who joined the University of Maine School of Law in 1962 as its first dean, was named professor of law emeritus. Theodore W. Sottery, professor emeritus of chemistry, was cited for advising McGraw-Hill and other publishing houses on chemistry manuscripts. Richard Steinman, professor emeritus of social work, has been consulting on social work programs in Budapest.

Senior Kate Webb of Limestone, an English and women studies major, as student commencement speaker, urged her fellow graduates to use their listening skills and voices to "make a positive difference in our beautiful, yet oppressive world."

Commencement ceremonies began with the traditional pinning of nursing graduates on Friday evening, May 12. Marlene Kramer, professor of nursing at the Orvis School of Nursing at the University of Nevada, Reno and an expert on nursing shortages, addressed the nursing graduates on the need to place greater value on the nursing profession.

Graduates of the University of Maine School of Law were honored at a ceremony on Saturday afternoon, which featured as keynote speaker Guido Zemribo, chairman of the Supreme Court of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic and a member of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union. Zemribo spoke about constitutional changes in his country.

## First Professional Staff Award

Vi Palmacci, retired coordinator and family nurse practitioner at the Student Health Center in Portland, received USM's first Distinguished Professional Staff Award at the annual Professional Staff Luncheon. She was selected on the basis of nominations submitted by peers for her 26 years of distinguished service to the university and community. Palmacci received a \$1,000 cash award and a certificate of appreciation, presented by President Patricia R. Plante.

Her work with Heartline, USM's cardiac rehabilitation program for those with heart disease, which she helped to establish in 1978, and her dedication to students stand out among her many contributions to USM.



Brian C. Hodgkin, left, was named the first recipient of the Nelson and Small Prize, an award to be given annually to a USM staff member who has made special contributions to the USM electrical engineering program. Hodgkin, dean of the School of Applied Science, received the \$2000 award in ceremonies held earlier this month on the Portland campus. Kenneth M. Nelson, right, president of the sponsoring Nelson and Small Company of Portland, presented the award.  
*Caswell photo*

## New Provost

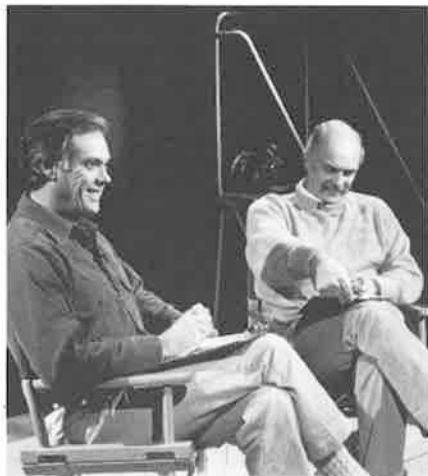
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myself would be to accelerate the rate at which the university pursues and attains its goal of academic excellence; to expand selectively academic programs to better meet the educational needs of the citizens of Maine in social, cultural, economic and technical spheres; and to increase integration of the university in the dynamics of the Greater Portland community."

President Plante said of his appointment: "John Deegan meets all of the qualifications that I sought in the person I would appoint as provost and vice president for academic affairs: He is a scholar who understands the academic culture; he is an administrator with proven skills; he is a student of metropolitan universities and understands their role both in their immediate community and in the nation. I am confident that USM's plans for academic excellence will gain momentum under his leadership."

Deegan, his wife and two sons will be moving East over the summer. His appointment is effective as of August 1.

Deegan was chosen from a field of 178 candidates, drawn from across the country. The search committee was chaired by Jill Tiffany, associate professor of nursing.



USM theatre professors Thomas A. Power, right, and William Steele on the set of "Power and Steele on Theater." The show airs once to twice a month on Channel 16, a service of the Southern Maine Cable TV Consortium. The production is the only television show to review and rate professional and community theater. Claude File, a USM assistant professor of theatre, assists Power and Steele with set design and lighting. "Power and Steele on Theater" can be seen in the Greater Portland area on Public Cable. *Caswell photo*



Vilma J. Herrick, administrative assistant, Management Information Systems, received her B.A. in communication at USM commencement ceremonies. Pictured with her are three of her sons, two of whom graduated this May from Cape Elizabeth High School and the other from MIT graduate school. *Erhun photo*

## What We're Doing

LARRY G. BENEDICT, vice president for student affairs, was invited to Washington D.C. by the Council on the International Exchange of Scholars to act as a referee for this year's US/UK Fulbright Program in February. He was invited to present a paper titled "Establishing Effective Campus/Admissions Relations" at the annual meeting of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. Benedict coauthored a chapter in the new Jossey-Bass publication, "Student Services: A Handbook for the Profession" titled "Using Information Systems for Decision Making and Planning." At the recent meeting of the Region I National Association of Student Personnel Administrators at Colby College he presented a paper titled "Dealing with Differences: An Ethics of Care."

KATHIE L. BLINICK, director of the Prior Learning Assessment Program and assistant director of the Advising and Academic Information Department, made a presentation on April 12 to deans and directors of the State Vocational Technical Institutes concerning the development of prior learning evaluation programs for technical degree students, using USM's program as a model. She has been invited by the VTIs to do further on-site consulting.

DOMENICA T. CIPOLLONE, director of International Student Programs and Exchanges, was selected to attend the "Orientation to Latin America" seminar at the University of Kansas, April 6-8.

DAVID DREW, instructor in physical education, spoke on athletic training career opportunities at the Career Connections—89 program for Greater Portland eighth graders on April 13.

EILEEN M. EAGAN, assistant professor of history, gave a talk at Thornton Academy in Saco on women in American history; presented a paper titled "Women, Parks and Historical Consciousness" at the South Central Women's Studies Conference in Houston, May 31-April 1; and at the Organi-

zation of American Historians Conference in St. Louis on April 6-8, she gave a paper titled "Whose History is this Anyway? Urban Parks and Historical Consciousness."

ROY A. GALLANT, director of the Southworth Planetarium and adjunct professor of English, will present a paper titled, "Public Education through Public Media" at the First World Summit Conference on the Peopling of the Americas, sponsored by The Center for the Study of the First Americans, at the University of Maine, Orono, during the last week in May. He has been invited to be the Armand N. Spitz Lecturer and to deliver the keynote address before the 25th annual meeting of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association in Urbana, Ill. next October.

NANCE GOLDSTEIN, assistant professor of economics, was invited to speak on changes in New England industrial structure at the Northeast Economic Diversification Conference held in Pittsfield, Mass. on April 22. She presented her paper, "Changes in the Gender of Jobs: A Look at the Microelectronics Industry," at the Murray Research Center, Harvard University on May 3.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, was invited to attend the Homer Hoyt Advanced Studies Institute at Singer Island, Fla., on March 16-18 to critique research papers in housing and land use.

GERALD J. LASALA JR., assistant professor of physics, presented a paper titled "A Program for Automatic Two-Dimensional Spectral Classification of Objective-Prism Spectra," at the meeting "Astronomy from Large Databases: Scientific Objectives and Methodological Approaches," sponsored by the European Space Agency in Munich, West Germany, last October. The paper appears in the proceedings of the meeting, published by ESA.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, presented a paper, "Through Thick and Thin: Moral Knowledge in Skeptical Times" at a conference on Reason and Moral Judgment held at Santa Clara Uni-

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versity on April 7-8. He also presented the paper at the Maine Philosophical Institute at the University of Maine, Farmington, on April 15, and the journal *Logos* will publish it next year. On April 27-28 Loudon served as an invited commentator at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting in Chicago.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, presented a paper titled "Dispute Resolution Under the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement," and was a discussant on a panel concerning new directions in law for business curricula, at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association at the University of Lowell in Lowell, Mass. on April 15. The North Atlantic Regional Business Law Review has published the paper in the Spring 1989 edition.

ALFRED L. PADULA, associate professor of history, presented papers on the "Cuban Family Under Socialism" at a seminar at the United States Information Agency in Washington D. C. and at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. in April. He will chair a panel on Cuban Historiography at a joint meeting of the Instituto de Estudios Cubanos and the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University this June.

NEAL S. ROTE, professor and director, Applied Immunology Program, presented a three-hour workshop on "Abortion, Stillbirth, and the Sick Newborn: Anatomic and Clinical Immunopathology" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists in Chicago, Ill. on March 13. He presented a paper, "Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome: Diagnosis and Treatment," to the New England Chapter of the Clinical Ligand Assay Society, in Waltham, Mass. At the Genetics Conference at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, he presented a paper titled "Immunologic Causes of Recurrent Pregnancy Loss: Diagnosis and Treatment." In Albany, N.Y., at

the annual Birth Defects Symposium, he presented a paper titled "Transplacental Alteration of Fetal Coagulation: Antiphospholipid and Antiplatelet Antibodies." Rote has served on the International Coordination Committee for the Immunology of Reproduction, 1988-present; the program committee for the 1989 meeting of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation; and the international advisory committee of the International Meeting on Pregnancy Loss, Tel Aviv, Israel, 1988-89. He was a special reviewer during the spring of 1989 for the Human Embryology and Development Study Section of the National Institutes of Health and was an invited participant in the Child Health and Human Disease Institute sponsored workshop on "Pregnancy-Induced Hypertension." His article, "The Association of Antiphospholipid Antibodies with Severe Preeclampsia," appeared in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of philosophy, has been nominated by the governing board of editors of the *American Biographical Institute* for biographical inclusion in Edition Two of the reference work, "Five Thousand Personalities of the World," to be published in late 1989. Schwanauer has been invited to participate in the Sixteenth International Congress on Arts and Communications, organized by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England and the American Biographical Institute, and held in Washington D.C.

MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY, assistant professor of art, has a large sculpture titled "The Boat Show, Fantastic Vessels, Fictional Voyages" included in a current exhibition at the Renwick Gallery, a part of the National Museum of American Art in Washington D.C.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, presented a lecture, "The Three Summertime of Porgy—and Bess," at the Carolina on My Mind Program at Clemson University on April 15. He addressed Portland Veterans for Peace on "Religion and Abolishing War" on April 20 and has been

nominated to the national board of the Catholic peace organization, Pax Christi U.S.A.

JAMES W. SMITH, associate professor of applied science, presented his paper, "VCR Capture of PTC Switching Transient" at the annual meeting of the American Ceramic Society in Indianapolis, April 25-26.

RICHARD STEINMAN, professor emeritus of social welfare, has been granted a Fulbright Award in Hungary enabling him to continue his work helping to recreate the profession of social work in that country. He has been assisting in the preparation of social work faculty; the formation of self-help organizations for youth; and finding alternatives to the institutionalization of children from troubled families.

C.E. VANZANDT, assistant professor of education, co-facilitated training workshops in Portland, Augusta, Bangor, and Presque Isle for the New Counselor Mentoring Project, as part of a grant for which he is project coordinator, funded by the American School Counselor Association. Vanzandt and LINDA C. PAINTER, assistant professor of rehabilitation education, presented a workshop, "Transformation Through Professionalism" at the American Association for Counseling and Development Convention in Boston. They also represented Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont at the delegate assembly of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision at the AACD Convention.

SUSAN M. VESS, assistant professor of school psychology, has been elected as Northeastern regional director of the National Association of School Psychologists and will assume office on July 1.

DAVID WALKER, instructor of English, had a number of poems published recently in the magazines *North* and *Kennebec*. His new collection of poems, "Voiceprints," will appear this summer from Romulus Editions. Several of his poems are also to be anthologized in "The Maine Reader" to be published by Godine in early 1990. Walker recently received a commission to write the poem celebrating the Portland Public Library's centennial.



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