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## Art Gallery Renovation Project to Continue

Following objections by state and local preservationists to the materials chosen for USM's Art Gallery project, a compromise has been reached.

Last week, at a meeting attended by all concerned parties, it was announced that white pine clapboards would be used instead of vinyl. Ten of the 14 windows would be placed in storage until funds could be found to replicate or restore them.

Happily, the project will be completed at the end of November and will not disrupt the fall exhibition schedule.

Throughout, CFO Dick Campbell and our Facilities staff carefully balanced USM's stewardship of this beloved Gorham landmark with current financial constraints and the needs of our students.

**Faculty Urged to Call Students** Student Success is contacting over 1,000 active degree students who took classes in the past year but have not enrolled this fall. The names of these students were passed on to the Deans last Friday, and President Flanagan is asking that faculty members personally, directly call and contact these students urging them to sign up for classes. Some USM faculty already do this as a matter of course, and their work is greatly appreciated.

**Learn More About USM's Behavioral Intervention Team** Most colleges and universities created behavioral intervention teams in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy in 2007. These teams assist faculty and staff concerned about the behavior of a student. ACT, or the [Student Assistance and Care Team](#), is USM's multidisciplinary response group that meets weekly to share information, coordinate services, and develop action plans for students of concern.

You are invited to attend an [informational session](#) about ACT from 12:15-1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 27 in the Presidential Dining Room, Brooks Student Center, Gorham.

If you are concerned about a student, please ACT at 780-4035, or e-mail [deanofstudents@usm.maine.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@usm.maine.edu).

**UMaine System Requires Students to Have Health Insurance** UMaine System's seven campuses now require proof of health insurance as a condition of enrollment for all students fitting the criteria outlined below.

- Undergraduates taking 9 credits or more
- Graduate or Law students taking 6 credits or more
- USM students enrolled in the School of Nursing or the Athletic Training Program and taking clinical courses

- USM students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Program

Students meeting these criteria have been automatically enrolled in the [UMS Student Health Insurance Policy](#) unless they take steps to opt out of this insurance showing proof of alternative coverage via an on-line waiver process by October 1, 2014.

Health & Counseling Services asks that we help students understand this new policy. FMI, call 780-5411.

**Suicide Prevention Training Available** As we gear up for another academic year, remember that University Health and Counseling Services will continue to offer suicide prevention training to interested groups. Staff and students have been trained to offer this service and USM will be partnering with a state program for more extended training sessions. To schedule a session, contact Director of Counseling Services Bob Small at 780-4050 or Heather Monroe in USM Cares at 780-4035.

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