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Supreme Court Justice to Give Coffin Lecture

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will present the University of Maine School of Law's eighth annual Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service. The free, public lecture, "In Pursuit of the Public Good: Lawyers Who Care," will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 1999 at Portland High School Auditorium.

Only the second woman to serve as a justice of the United States Supreme Court, Ginsburg was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton in June, 1993 and was easily confirmed by the Senate. She took the oath of office on August 10th, 1993.

Ginsburg served on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1980 to 1993. Prior to serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ginsburg was a professor at Columbia University School of Law for eight years. She had served on the law faculty of Rutgers

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President Upbeat as USM Enters 21st Century

"This could be a breakthrough year for USM," President Richard L. Pattenau said during his decidedly optimistic address at the traditional Faculty/Staff Breakfast, August 27, opening the 1999-2000 academic year. While the president sounded some cautions and presented the challenges ahead, he emphasized that USM is entering this year far stronger than in the past. The four major priorities he identified for USM this academic year are research and development, New College, a capital campaign, and the Ph.D. in Public Policy.

Pattenau, who is starting his ninth year as president, reviewed the progress made to date, in contrast to our status earlier in the decade. In 1996, he said, USM had gone five years without any increases in the state appropriation, had suffered more than \$3 million in budget cuts, and had been forced to undergo tuition hikes of 50 percent.

Now, after working hard many years on building new programs and support, we are positioned well, he said. Benchmarks he cited included growing enrollment and legislative and public support. "This is the third year in a row," he said, "that USM has been the largest university in Maine."

He pointed out that our residence halls are at capacity, with 1,400 students, compared to 1,325 students in '98; 1,250 students in '97 and 1,165 in '96, and our total enrollment is projected to be somewhat ahead of the '98-'99 enrollment of 10,462. Last year's total included 2,000 graduate students, 50 percent of the University System total. Enrollment of full-time students also has increased; 46 percent of all USM students last year attended full time, compared to 39-40 percent five years ago.

The Legislature this past spring

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Religion and Society, under Study at USM

Convocation headlined by Appleby and Kung

In returning to the observance of a yearlong convocation to explore an important subject, USM has selected the theme of "Religion and the Human Experience" as a topic worthy of broad interest and in-depth study. "The advent of the millennium, the rise of world fundamentalism, the religious dimensions of the American electoral process, the advance of science toward the creation and alteration of life, and numerous other issues suggest that now is a fertile time to undertake this study," said Provost Mark Lapping.

The role religion has in modern society will be first addressed in the keynote lecture by Scott Appleby, a historian of religion who has written extensively on the challenge of fundamentalism to modern societies. Appleby's free public lecture on "Committing the Study of Religion in Public: The Role of the University," will address issues concerning public institutions and religion in a country committed to the separation of church and state. Appleby will speak at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 16, in the Sullivan Gym on USM's Portland campus.

Appleby was the consultant for the

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Inside: Roe v. Wade attorney Sarah Weddington visits USM for lecture, Thursday, September 23.



Sarah Weddington, who argued and won the *Roe v. Wade* case before the Supreme Court, will discuss the landmark case and reproductive rights, at USM, September 23.

Roe v. Wade, Still to be Defended

Attorney visits USM

In 1973, a young female lawyer from Texas argued a landmark, culture-changing case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Sarah Weddington will visit USM to discuss *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision she argued and won that made abortion legal in the U.S., at 12 noon, Thursday, September 23, in Luther Bonney Auditorium on USM's Portland campus. She comes to USM and Maine at a time that the state faces a referendum in November banning a rare but controversial abortion procedure. Weddington's remarks will include discussion of the upcoming state referendum, current legal restrictions on third-term abortions and the proposed ban in terms of nationwide challenges to *Roe*.

The free, public lecture by Weddington is cohosted by USM's Women's Studies Program and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Weddington also will sign copies of her book on *Roe v. Wade* and the history of the reproductive rights movement, "A Question of Choice."

Weddington, in 1972, was the first woman from Austin elected to the Texas House of Representatives, where she served three terms and addressed a variety of issues on women's rights. As assistant to the President from 1978

to 1981, she served Jimmy Carter in selecting women for federal judiciary and other appointments, co-chaired the U.S. Delegation to the U.N. Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen in 1980, and implemented other programs to ensure the equal treatment of women.

She is a past president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League and has received numerous honors for leadership in women's and reproductive rights.

Weddington is an adjunct associate professor at the University of Texas at Austin. She holds a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, as well as a number of honorary doctorates. She is currently writing a book on the impact of individual activism on public policy planning, "The Power of One."

For more information on the lecture, call Women's Studies at 780-4289.

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voted to provide \$3.5 million toward renovation of 46 Bedford St., Portland into headquarters of the Muskie School, and increased the University System's base budget by 3.4 percent in each of the next two years.

This time last year, Pattenaude observed, USM was looking ahead nervously to a November bond referendum to bring R&D money to the System. Thanks to legislative approval, USM now will receive \$2 million in R&D for new faculty and operating expenses and nearly \$8 million for R&D-related capital improvements, such as expanding the Science Building and Mitchell Center. These funds will allow USM to play an increasingly critical role in biotechnology and information technology, key foundations for the science community of southern Maine.

In addition, Pattenaude said, we will take to the September 12 Board of Trustees meeting an approval request for a new Biosciences Research Institute at USM. The emphasis on R&D, he said, will help us build our capacity in the sciences for improved teaching and research and will benefit the entire institution. He cautioned, however, that we can not lose sight of the university's "critical mission" of offering a liberal education. "We are not," he stressed, "simply a training ground for the new economy."

Because outside support for USM

has improved so dramatically, the time is ripe also, Pattenaude announced, to move forward with USM's first capital campaign, a \$21 million undertaking that will fund completion of the Glickman Family Library and provide funds for instructional technology, liberal education, renovation of the Muskie School, scholarships and other educational resources.

The third of Pattenaude's four priorities for '99-'00 is the First Year/community college effort at USM. Known as "New College" at this point, the project is now under design and will take final shape this year. The program will strengthen the transition to academic life for all undergraduate students, especially non-matriculated students, thereby increasing USM's retention rate and improving student chances for academic success. It should also improve the quality of USM's undergraduate preparation. A committee, chaired by Zark VanZandt in the College of Education and Human Resources, will take ideas to the campus this year through the Senates and open meetings to develop further dialogue on the project, Pattenaude said.

Finally, Pattenaude highlighted USM's first Ph.D., a Muskie School program in public policy and management scheduled to open in the fall of 2000. Successful implementation of the program must underlie any request for support for additional doctoral programs at USM. This Ph.D. is "symbolic of USM's progress and potential and it 'opens the door,'" he said. "It's important that we do it (implement the Ph.D.) and do it well," he said. This year will be a design and recruiting year for the Muskie Ph.D.

Pattenaude also cited other projects under way or being planned, among them implementation of the Diversity Plan and a marketing campaign, as well as efforts to gain national accreditation for the School of Business and 10-year reaccreditation for the university. Future projects include a new dorm on the Gorham campus and expansion of the Lewiston-Auburn College facility, which has seen phenomenal growth to an enrollment of approximately 1000 students and is now at maximum capacity.

While there has been a lot of progress, the President noted that progress has been uneven. This year it is the sciences that have benefited, he said, but we must move ahead on other fronts too. "It is imperative that we become the university that underpins the economic development of southern Maine."

Grading Faculty

Based on an analysis of more than 343,000 faculty evaluation forms collected from USM students over a 14-year period, students have found USM faculty to be enthusiastic, well-prepared teachers who show respect for students' questions and opinions.

Those are among the findings in a new study of the form, which asks students to evaluate their courses and faculty. The form is used in a majority of the courses offered in five USM colleges and schools. Lewiston-Auburn College uses a locally developed form, but results from the LAC survey show that LAC students also give high ratings to their courses and faculty.

The latest findings are part of an update of a report released in September of 1996 which covered faculty evaluations from the spring of 1984 up to and including the fall of 1995. The newly updated report covers that period, plus the spring of 1996 through the fall of 1998. The entire report was prepared by Judith Johnson, director of USM's Testing and Assessment Center.

A total of 343,601 evaluation forms, which include more than 30 questions on faculty performance and course content, were analyzed. The students' overall ratings of their courses and faculty have been consistently positive and, in fact, have improved over the periods studied.

The ratings indicate that faculty present ideas in a clear manner and care about the quality of their teaching. With respect to the courses, students' ratings reflect that classes are worth attending and that the course materials are interesting.

"These latest findings are a tribute to our faculty," said President Richard Pattenau, "and are indicative of their longstanding commitment to quality teaching, scholarship and student success."

Russell Chair Ceremony

USM will honor outgoing Russell Chair Scholar, Kathleen MacPherson, and install the 10th Russell Chair Scholar, E. Michael Brady, professor of education, at 3:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 22 in the Woodbury Campus Center, Rooms A,B and C. The campus community is invited.

For more information, call Eve Elzenga, special assistant to the president for university events, at 780-4429.



Arborist John Waters with a favorite specimen, a yellowwood tree, that exemplifies his longterm vision for the Gorham campus. These trees, he says, take 15 or more years to reach the flowering stage, but are spectacular and eventually grow to about 50 feet in height.

Swain photo

New Beauty for Gorham Campus

The ice storm that to many Mainers was a disaster, for John Waters, USM's arborist, has been an opportunity to bring greater beauty and diversity to the Gorham campus.

Waters, a licensed arborist for 29 years, joined USM's Department of Facilities Management as our Gorham campus landscape supervisor three days before the ice storm hit Maine in January, 1998. He spent the next two months, he says, addressing the most pressing aspects of the damage. Since then, he's been looking ahead.

The extensive loss of trees caused by the ice storm was followed by a mini-tornado that struck in late August, 1998, and a smaller ice storm in January, 1999. By early last March, Waters' staff had removed 63 trees because of damage.

Waters was up to the challenge of nature. After completing comprehensive landscape surveys of the Gorham and Portland campuses and at the Stone House in Freeport last spring, Waters successfully applied for a Community Forestry Recovery Grant, and USM received \$147,000 for tree replacement and maintenance for Gorham.

Waters, who worked for 17 years as a foreman and municipal floriculturist

for the City of Portland, is taking a long view of the campus landscape. "We need to look down the road to what the campus will look like 20 years from now," he says. In his view, we need to start planting now to have the majestic trees in the future that will replace the historic oaks and maples now on the campus. "Some of these trees are as old as 150 years," Waters guesses. The ice storm snapped off 15-20 year old growth near the top of the trees, Waters explains, and left wounds that allow disease to enter the trees and shorten their lives.

The grant will enable him to replace damaged and lost trees and to do corrective and preventive pruning so that future storms won't render as much tree loss. In addition, Waters is adding flowering trees and exotics, like Turkish filbert, cork trees, and Kentucky coffee bean trees, to the native pines, maples and oaks. "The new plantings will give me the ability to diversify the campus landscape," he says. Waters and his team have planted purple beech for leaf color, frontier elm for stature, locust and ginkgo for their feathery leaf "texture," and hawthorns and tree lilacs for flower displays.

"I'm very pleased to have this opportunity," Waters says. "The grant recognizes the importance of green space."



Pianist Martin Perry (left) and violinist Lawrence Golan team up for the first of the Faculty Concert Series, Friday, October 1.
Snell photo

Arts Calendar Opens with Triple Celebration

Faculty concert, exhibit,
theatre premiere featured

The Departments of Music, Theatre, and Art on USM's Gorham Campus are collectively celebrating the exciting season of performances and exhibitions scheduled for this year by hosting a special opening weekend Friday, October 1, through Sunday, October 3. The weekend highlights the talent and creativity of the USM arts faculty through live performances and original works.

The weekend begins with the first performance of the 1999-2000 Faculty Concert Series at 8 p.m. Friday, October 1. Violinist Lawrence Golan, USM music faculty member and Portland Symphony Orchestra's concertmaster, will perform with pianist Martin Perry Brahms' Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 78, Dvorak's Romance, Prokofiev's fiery Sonata in D Major, Op. 94 and Wieniawski's virtuosic Polonaise Brillante, Op. 21.

Golan, who won a prestigious Leonard Bernstein Conducting Fellowship at the Tanglewood Music Center this past summer, celebrates his tenth year at USM with this virtuosic evening. Tickets are \$9 for the general public, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for students. For tickets call the Music Box Office early at 780-5555.

This concert is sponsored by ARAMARK.

The USM theatre season begins at

7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 2 in Russell Hall, with the first performance of "Anasazi," a new drama by USM theater faculty member Walter Stump. The third play of Stump's "Mohave Trilogy," "Anasazi" is set in an isolated valley in the Mojave desert at the beginning of World War II. The play takes a humorous look at a group of residents of a small town in this majestic landscape who form the Shoshone Valley Advisory Board to arbitrate their disagreements and, along the way, discover love, loyalty, and friendship. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for students. For reservations call the Theatre Box Office at 780-5151.

For the first exhibition of the season, Art Faculty USM, the USM Art Gallery will hold a special reception from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 3, with an opportunity to meet the artists. The annual faculty exhibition this year features sculpture and other work in three dimensions by Carolyn Eyler, Patt Franklin, Rebecca Goodale, Duncan Hewitt, Lin Lisberger, David Schneider, and Michael Shaughnessy. The exhibition runs from September 15 - October 23. For more information call the Gallery at 780-5009.

Music schedule for fall

For Music Department concerts and events, including the rest of the Faculty Concert Series for this fall and the USM/Fleet Youth Ensembles concerts, check USM's monthly and weekly Events Calendar, the Events listings on USM's website at www.usm.maine.edu/~mcr/events/ or call USM's Music Department at 780-5555.

The season is topped off by the annual Holiday Gala, this year on December 3, featuring the music and culture of Tuscany. Call 780-5003.

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PBS film and National Public Radio series on fundamentalism. He also co-authored the series' companion book, "The Glory and the Power: The Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World."

Appleby is a professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, where he directs the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. He is former co-director of the Fundamentalism Project, an international public policy study conducted by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Appleby also has written extensively on American Catholicism and is directing a research project on American Catholicism in the 20th century.

In October, the USM Convocation will host Hans Küng, one of the world's best known theologians and author of more than 50 books, among them, "Global Responsibility: In Search of a New World Ethic." Küng will speak on "Creating a Global Ethic" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 21 in USM's Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland.

Convocation lectures and arts events have been scheduled throughout the 1999-2000 academic year, selected by a programming committee chaired by Gary Johnson, associate professor of history. USM, in conjunction with other area colleges, also will be offering courses on various aspects of religious studies.

Other programs this fall include a discussion of nature and the sacred by Professor of Biology Ursula Goodenough of Washington University; a presentation by Assunta Kent, USM assistant professor of theatre, on feminine roles in medieval Islam; a talk and exhibit on Hindu art; a lecture by sociologist Maria Meis of Fachhochschule Koln on global fundamentalism; a talk by UMaine sociologist Kyriacos Markides on mystical Christianity and healing, and a discussion of refugees and religion.

For complete listings, call Johnson at 780-5040, or check the Events calendar and website at www.usm.maine.edu/~mcr/events/

Knight First USM Trustee Scholar

Tom Knight, Professor of Biology, is working on engineering greater plant productivity through genetic manipulation of plants.

On the basis of this research, Knight was selected by a screening committee and Provost Mark Lapping as the first recipient of USM's Trustee Professorship. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees established the Trustee Professorships in July, 1998 to support "outstanding University of Maine System faculty already making noteworthy contributions to academic excellence." The awards "provide release time and support for faculty to undertake research and other scholarly/creative endeavors not feasible within their normal workload."

The honor enables Knight to take time off from teaching for a semester to focus on his research and to undertake the next round of experiments with his research collaborators at Los Alamos National Laboratory and at New Mexico State University.

Over the past five years, Knight, who holds a Ph.D. in plant physiology from Rutgers University, has studied the regulatory mechanisms of plant carbon-nitrogen interactions. Some of this work was supported by a \$125,000 National Science Foundation grant for a study on transferring nitrogen metabolism from the roots to the leaves of oat plants, thereby increasing plant productivity. Current intensive agriculture depends on heavy use of fertilizers to supply adequate nitrogen, but adding nitrogen only increases harvest yield up to a certain point. And heavy use of fertilizer has unwanted, often harmful, effects on the environment as well as being an expensive solution in the Third World.

Knight's research indicates that by genetically manipulating the root and leaf tissue, plants can be enabled to grow larger and with more nutrients while using less nitrogen. This research suggests future applications to address food shortages in the Third World as population increases.

Knight and his colleagues at Los Alamos, where he worked before coming to USM, and at the Plant Genetics Engineering Laboratory at New Mexico State University, are part of a network of scientists involved in projects to increase food productivity through genetic engineering, called Food for the 21st Century. Knight has two patents pending on aspects of his research.

In addition, his research suggests possible ways to offset the greenhouse



The Department of Applied Medical Sciences have received a donation from The Baker Company that will allow professors and students to work with biological materials under safe, sterile conditions. The Sanford-based manufacturer of laboratory equipment gave two large biological safety cabinets, valued at some \$10,000 each. Here, Baker Company President Dennis Eagleson, right, examines one of the safety cabinets with USM Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Lapping. The Baker Company also donated staff time to install the equipment in USM's new Portland immunology & molecular biology labs, used for graduate-level classes and research projects in immunology, molecular biology, microbiology and genetics. The Baker Company, which is recognized as a world leader in the manufacture of biological safety cabinets, benches and fume hoods, also has donated equipment to USM's new environmental safety and health lab on the Gorham campus. *Caswell photo*

effect and global warming. His work on nitrogen- carbon metabolism indicates that it may be possible to prompt plants to store excess atmospheric carbon dioxide in their leaves. The U.S. Department of Energy is closely following Knight's research on this front since it may offer a way to lower build up of atmospheric carbon dioxide, which is believed to cause global warming. By fixing carbon dioxide in plants, the amount of this gas that is held in the atmosphere, blocking heat radiation, may be reduced.

Knight was selected as USM's first Trustees scholar by a committee of peers, chaired by Richard West, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Also serving on the committee were Michael Brady, Philip Jagolinzer, Jan Hitchcock, and Mustafa Guvench.

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University from 1963-1972.

Ginsburg was admitted to the New York Bar in 1959 after obtaining her J.D. from Columbia Law School. For the next two years, she served as a clerk to the Honorable Edmund L.

Palmieri, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

In 1971, Ginsburg was instrumental in launching the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. She served as General Counsel of the ACLU from 1973 until 1980 and litigated a series of cases which solidified a constitutional principle against gender-based discrimination. She has written extensively on civil procedure, conflict of laws, constitutional law, and comparative law.

Ginsburg has also served on the Board of Editors of the American Bar Association Journal, and as Secretary, Board Member, and Executive Committee member of the American Bar Foundation. She has served on the Council of the American Law Institute, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Coffin Lecture Series honors Judge Frank M. Coffin, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and a longtime supporter of the University of Maine School of Law. The lecture series has brought such noted speakers to the university community as U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Robert Reich and historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

What We're Doing

INDIA L. BROYLES, associate professor of education, and KENNETH P. NYE, assistant professor of educational leadership, presented their paper, "Making the Transition from School Administration to Academia" at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Montreal, Canada, last April.

ARDIS CAMERON, director and associate professor of American and New England Studies, was invited to give the Moses Greeley Parker Lecture for Women's History Month at the Lowell National Park in February.

ROSEMARY J. CLEARY, assistant professor of social and behavioral sciences, Lewiston-Auburn College, presented a paper, "Tradition, Soul and Culture in the Work of Thomas Moore," at the American Psychological Association for the Division of Humanistic Psychology in Boston in August.

SUSAN F. FEINER, associate professor of economics and women's studies, has been appointed by the executive committee of the Greater Portland Council of Governments to the Board of Directors of the Southern Maine Economic Development District.

TERRY B. FOSTER, director of Center for Extended Academic Programs, represented Senior College at the Elderhostel Institute Network conference last June in Washington, D.C.

ROY A. GALLANT, director of the Southworth Planetarium, delivered a paper, "The Tsarev Meteorite Shower of 1922," before the Mid Atlantic Planetarium Society in Lancaster, Penn., last May. Gallant spent two weeks in July north of the Arctic Circle investigating the Popigai impact site in northern Siberia.

TARA HEALY, assistant professor of social work, authored the chapter, "A Struggle for Language: Patterns of Self-Disclosure in Lesbian Couples," in "Lesbians & Lesbian Families" (Joan Laird, ed., March 1999). She also presented a paper titled "Factors Influencing Social Workers' Support of Autonomy for Elders Experiencing Cognitive Impairment" at the 45th annual meeting of the American Society on Aging last March.

JAN L. HITCHCOCK, associate professor of social and behavioral sciences, Lewiston-Auburn College, presented a paper, "Risk Perception and Gender," at the second biennial international meeting of the Risk Assessment and Policy Association last March.

WILLEM KLOOSTER, assistant professor of history, is the 1999 co-winner in its division of the Leab Exhibition Catalogue Awards for his "The Dutch in the Americas, 1600-1800."

ELAINE MAKAS, adjunct associate professor of social and behavioral sciences, Lewiston-Auburn College, presented two papers: "Major Minority Research Issues" and "An Update on the MIDS as It Approaches Sweet Sixteen," at the annual meeting of the Society for Disability Studies in Washington D.C. last May.

CARTER MANNY, associate professor of business law, presented a paper titled, "European Privacy v. American Liberty: The Controversy Surrounding the Data Protection Directive of the European Union" at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association in Boston last April. In August, Manny presented a paper, "Improved Privacy for Transatlantic Information Transfers: American Efforts to Comply with the European Union's Data Protection Directive" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business in St. Louis. The paper has been accepted for publication in the conference proceedings.

WILLIAM T. McCULLOUGH, associate professor of therapeutic recreation, gave a presentation titled, "Animal Assisted Therapy in Long Term Care Environments" at the April meeting of the Southern Maine Activity Coordinators Association.

SALLIE NEALAND, assistant professor of nursing, Lewiston-Auburn College, presented a paper, "How Nursing Students Reflect & Learn From Service Learning," last June at the Rural Service Learning Conference at St. Joseph's College.

RICHARD L. PATTENAUDE, president, was a panelist at a recent leadership development conference in Biloxi, Miss. hosted by the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The conference title was "The Role of University Research in Innovation and Economic Development: Partnerships among Industry, Academia & State Government."

STEPHEN J. ROMANOFF, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies and director of Russell Scholars, co-presented a paper, "Reaching Across America: Building a Virtual Learning Community," at the annual conference of the Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education: Transforming Campuses Through Learning Communities," in Seattle last May.

ROBERT M. SANFORD, assistant professor of environmental science and policy, received the United States Environmental Protection Agency 1999 Environmental Educator Award for his environmental education outreach program to promote Project WET (Water Education for Teachers).

ROBERT SCHAIBLE, associate professor of arts and humanities, Lewiston-Auburn College, served as a consultant on integrating science and arts/humanities into the education curriculum at Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, during a two-week workshop (May 24- June 4) funded by the National Science Foundation. On June 17-21, he attended the national conference "In Praise of Education," held in Seattle, and gave a paper titled, "Teacher as Authority: An Obstacle to Democratic Education." In July he attended, as vice-president for conferences, the annual council meeting of the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, in Portsmouth, N.H. From July 31-August 7, he attended the Institute's 46th annual Star Island Conference on "Sexuality and Human Nature: A Scientific, Religious, and Moral Exploration," at which he led a seminar on "The Poetry of Human Sexuality."

JURIS UBANS, professor of art, presented a lecture at a University of New England exhibit of his father's paintings last April. Ubans' artwork was part of the May exhibit, "Six Artists Fishing at Spencer Pond," at the Robert Clements Gallery, Portland, which moved on to the Schmidt-Bingham Gallery in New York City in June and July. Ubans opened a solo exhibition of his work at the Ivonna Veiherde Gallery in Riga, Latvia in June.

BUMPER WHITE, assistant professor of clinical education, TEAMS Program, Lewiston-Auburn College, attended the conference "In Praise of Education: A National Conference Celebrating Educational Renewal" at the Institute for Educational Inquiry in Seattle in June, where he presented a paper titled "Designing a New Professional Development School Program." He also attended the fifth annual Professional Development Schools Conference, "Diversity in Professional Development Schools - Challenges and Opportunities" at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., last March, where he presented "Designing a Professional Development Program for the Non-Traditional Student."

JIE ZHAO, assistant professor of history, presented her paper, "Scholars in the Marketplace: Temptations and Misgivings," at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) last March.

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