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Preparations Advancing for Inauguration

**Ceremony celebrates service
to USM's communities**

Continuity, community and quality at USM are the sounding notes for the inauguration of Richard L. Pattenau as USM president at 2:30 p.m., Friday, November 1 in the Portland Gym.

The academic procession will be the most extensive in recent history at USM. In addition to current and emeriti faculty and professional staff, it will include former presidents, University of Maine System Trustees, academic delegates, student leaders and members of the Classified Staff Senate. All faculty, staff, students and their families are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception which will follow immediately after in the Campus Center, Portland.

The ceremony brings to campus delegates from 35 colleges and universities throughout New England. Welcoming Pattenau on the part of the higher education community in Maine are Robert Edwards, president of Bowdoin College, representing Maine's oldest institution of higher education, and J. Michael Orenduff, president of the University of Maine at Farmington, representing the state's oldest public institution of higher education, while George Wood III, vice chair of the UM System Board of Trustees, will speak for Trustees. Representatives from all USM senates will be present also, and Mae Glassford, an alumna of the Class of 1930 who holds four degrees from USM, will bring



greetings from the alumni.

Among community leaders who will add their welcomes are Joseph Brannigan, senator from Portland to the State of Maine Legislature; Thomas Allen, mayor of Portland; Lucien Gosselin, chair of the Lewiston-Auburn College Advisory Council; and John Emerson, chair of the Gorham Town Council.

John Shumaker, president of Central Connecticut State University, where Pattenau formerly served as vice president for academic affairs, will introduce the new president formally to the community. The investiture will be conducted by Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury and George Wood.

In his inaugural address, the president will speak on "Advancing the Modern University: You Can Get There from Here."

Robert J. Goettel, executive assistant to the president, who is chairing an inaugural committee comprised of faculty, staff, student and alumni representatives, pointed out that the inauguration is more than an opportunity to formally welcome President Pattenau to USM's internal and external communities. "It provides an opportunity to celebrate the historic traditions of the academy, USM's solid intellectual quality, and the extensive links between USM and our external community," he said. He noted that unrestricted and specially designated, privately donated monies will cover all costs.

All afternoon classes will be cancelled November 1, beginning at 1 p.m. in Gorham, 1:30 p.m. in Portland, and 12 noon at Lewiston-Auburn College. Regular bus schedules between Portland and Gorham will be followed. Academic regalia can be picked up the week before the inauguration from Mary Schools, Media and University Relations, 209 Deering Avenue, Portland. Regalia can also be picked up after 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Portland Gym, where robing will take place. The procession will begin at 2:30 p.m.; those marching

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Community College Roles Debated

Faculty from our School of Business Economics and Management earlier this month told an ad hoc Trustees' committee that it would be a mistake to link the state's largest associate degree program in business with the University of Maine System's community college programs.

Trustees formed the Committee on Community College Education last March to review the community college mission of each campus. Testimony at the USM hearing focused on a second charge which asks the committee to develop recommendations on each campus' role in delivering community college programs, bearing in mind the University of Maine at Augusta's current mission as the system's central community college.

The associate program not only delivers a quality education to 500 students, said Jean E. Gutmann, USM professor of associate business administration, but also raises the aspirations of students, many of whom decide to pursue baccalaureate and master's degrees. In a prepared statement, Gutmann and her colleagues noted "It is our belief that there is a tremendous mistake to be made in thinking of associate degree programs and community colleges as identical in substance and purpose. Although we are an associate degree program, our program has been shaped around the missions of a business school and university." John J. Houlihan, professor of business law, told committee members that SBEM faculty passed a unanimous resolution in support of the associate program's role within the school and USM.

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Child Welfare Training Through USM

With concerns about protection of children in Maine dominating the state news recently, a new initiative to provide better training for child case workers is especially timely. USM's Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs again proved itself to be a major resource to the state by joining forces with the Maine Department of Human Services to develop the Maine Child Welfare Training Institute. A ceremony announcing the institute, which offers pre-service and in-service courses, workshops and library resources to DHS child welfare staff and administrators, was held Monday, September 16, on the Portland campus.

"The idea of a collaborative, comprehensive child welfare training program has long been the goal of this department," said DHS Commissioner Rollin Ives. "I'm proud that caseworkers, supervisors, legislators, the university and the federal regional child welfare office could come together in a common goal to benefit the people of Maine."

The institute was formed in 1989 when the Maine Legislature voted to establish a comprehensive, competency-based training system for caseworkers. USM provided the academic and applied research expertise in social work and human resource management to the DHS

Bureau of Child and Family Services staff and committees as the institute was planned.

"It was acknowledged that training needs to be improved," said project director Freda Bernotavicz of USM's Muskie Institute, "particularly in a fast-changing, multidisciplinary field such as child welfare where one's skills needs to be constantly updated."

Institute programs include mandatory training and subsequent job shadowing for all new caseworkers as well as workshops for foster and adoptive parents. Staff of the Institute and other experts hired on a contract basis will provide a range of other training services to child welfare providers throughout the state.

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in the procession should be ready to line up by 2:15 p.m. For more information on robing, call Mary Schools at 780-4200.

Members of the Inauguration Committee are Orlando Delogu, professor of law; student Paul Doak; Bertha Higgins, alumna, Class of 1937; Brian Hodgkin, dean of the School of Applied Science; Wendy Sue Lamb, representing the Classified Staff Senate; Patricia O'Mahoney-Damon, associate professor of biology; Rosa Redonnet, director, Summer Session and chair of the Professional Staff Senate; Jack Smith, alumnus, Class of 1973; Richard Sturgeon, executive director of alumni and development; and Pamela Tracy, admissions counselor and academic advisor.

More Welcomes!

A list of new professional staff members was published in the last issue of Currents and continues below:

Matthew Jo Killen, staff associate, Microcomputer Operations, Academic Computing Services.

Nancy Litrocapes, staff associate/job coach, Division of Human Resources.

Amy Manville-Graham, academic counselor, Advising and Career Services.

Thomas G. Maurais, studio/lab technician, Art Department.

Thomas L. Maxfield, post-doctoral fellow, Communication Department.

Carol B. McGorrill, annual giving officer, Alumni and Development.

Greta M. Mesta, language laboratory associate, Foreign Languages Department.

Susan E. Morris, research assistant I, Applied Medical Sciences.

Kris Sahonchik, research associate II, Human Services Development Institute.

Debra R. Smith, research and assessment, Professional Education-Graduate, College of Education.

Mary J. Steckevicz, research assistant II, Applied Medical Sciences.

Kari Wagner, research assistant I, Applied Medical Sciences.

Kimberly E. White, area director, Residence Life.

Bonnie Stearns Wise, staff associate, Production Technology Center, Applied Sciences.

Carol A. Wooster, Lifeline nurse, Lifeline.

Editor's Note: In the last issue of Currents, the department listing for Michael Bisson and Heather Hersey was incorrect. Michael Bisson is an academic counselor assistant and Heather Hersey is a career counselor in the Department of Advising and Career Services.

Reminder

The Admissions Office is holding their annual Open House on Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m. in the Portland Gym. Tours of both campuses will be given. This is an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet with prospective students. Call Admissions at 780-4970.



The USM 1991 United Way Campaign kicked off with a run on September 17. Richard Sturgeon (center, back row), executive director of alumni and development, is campaign manager at USM. He urges everyone in the USM community to participate by pledging to the United Way campaign, which supports 40 community projects. For information, call 780-4708.

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the School of Nursing, as well as those in SBEM give, "...many bright, talented people the opportunity to develop skills they need for employment in this market," said Director of Admissions Daniel Palubniak. And for many older students, added Palubniak, the associate programs provide "a very important...and more manageable alternative" to baccalaureate programs. "It provides many of our students with an opportunity for academic success that they otherwise might not have had," concluded Palubniak. His comments were underscored by Stan Mincks, a 1959 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy who after 24 years of military service earned a USM associate's degree in business and now teaches accounting at the secondary level.

The committee will present its findings from three hearings to the full board in January. Committee members are Trustees Patricia M Collins and Bennett D. Katz; UMF President J. Michael Orenduff; UMA President George P. Connick; Charles R. MacRoy, dean of the University College, University of Maine; John W. Bay, acting dean, SBEM; UMFK Professor Bradley Ritz; and University of Maine at Machias student Peter Crockett.

Campus Notes

The Office of Environmental Research and Education in the College of Arts and Sciences and the New England Studies Graduate Program are hosting an Environmental Institute, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, October 18 at the Stone House, Wolfe's Neck Farm, Freeport. The institute is intended for environmental groups, preservationists, town planners and managers, historians and archaeologists and will look at the prehistoric and later environment of the Casco Bay region, the tradition of town organization in Maine, and environmental planning issues today. For more information, call 874-6506.

All professional staff members are invited to attend an open meeting with President Pattenaupe from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday, October 21 in the Portland Campus Center, Rooms A, B and C.

The Professional Staff Senate is hosting a Leadership Forum on Total Quality

Management, 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 12 in Campus Center A, B and C, Portland. President Pattenaupe will discuss quality management in the university, and a panel will provide an overview of total quality management, efforts to introduce the concept to the university system and how it can work at a departmental level. For more information, call Ellen Corkery at 874-6515.

Global Perspectives

The School of Nursing hosted Elvira Glushchenko, an English instructor at the Archangel Pedagogical Institute in the Soviet Union from April 11 to May 1. She lectured in undergraduate and graduate nursing courses and in a Women's Studies course and sat in on English as a Second Language courses.

DONALD L. BOUCHARD, assistant professor of literacy education, has been awarded an academic specialist grant to conduct an ESL project in Bangkok, Thailand from October 18-November 4. He will participate in the 23rd annual Thai Secondary School Teachers of English Seminar, presenting a 10-hour mini-course for two groups of 80 secondary school teachers and teacher trainers.

MAHMUD A FAKSH, associate professor of political science, had an article, "The Shi'a Community of Lebanon: A New Assertive Political Force," published in the spring issue of the *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*. In June he presented a paper, "Syria's Role and Objectives in Lebanon," to a closed workshop, "Peace for Lebanon? Obstacles, Challenges, Prospects," at the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security in Ottawa.

IRWIN D. NOVAK, associate professor of geology, presented a paper titled "Landslide Studies in Maine—A Status Report" at the first conference on Geology and the Environment sponsored by the Geology Department of the University of Patras, Greece. While undertaking a research project at the University of the Aegean's Department of Environmental Studies on the island of Lesbos, Greece, Novak was invited to lecture on "Landslides and Airphoto Analysis" and "Soils and Sub-surface Sewage Disposal Methods in Maine." He initiated discussions regarding student and faculty exchanges between USM and the University of the Aegean.



President Richard L. Pattenaupe and Ronald F. Cole, professor of music and chair of the Music Department, cut the cake at a celebration of the Music Department's 35th anniversary, held in Corthell Hall lobby on Friday evening, October 4, following the faculty concert by Lawrence Golan. The next faculty concert will feature clarinetist Thomas Parchman and soprano Ellen Chickering, accompanied on piano by Judith Quimby. They will present songs and works by Schubert, Rorem, Puccini and Verdi, 8 p.m., Friday, October 25 in Corthell Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 and \$4 for faculty/staff, students and seniors. For reservations, call 780-5555. Caswell photo

WILLIAM STURNER, professor of management, recently gave presentations on "Creative Individuals and Innovative Systems" at the Helsinki University of Technology, and the University of Oulu, Finland, and "Transforming the Organizational Culture" at a conference of FAS, Ireland's Training and Employment Authority, Kilkenny, Ireland.

JURIS UBANS, professor of art and director of USM's Art Gallery, arranged for a USM exhibition of Ben Shahn photographs to be displayed at the Peter and Paul Fortress museum in Leningrad. Ubans is also building art exchanges with the university and museum in Riga, Latvia.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, had an article of his translated into Portuguese and adapted for a Brazilian audience. The Brazilian journal, *Servico Social & Sociedade* published the article titled "Movimentos radicais nos servicos sociais: uma base teorica" in its spring 1991 issue.

What We're Doing

CHARLES P. BERNACCHIO, adjunct professor, College of Education, and research assistant, Human Services Development Institute, presented a lecture titled "Transition Regulations Under IDEA: What is the Federal Intent?" to the Maine Association of Directors of Services to Exceptional Children on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at their spring conference last May. He recently spoke to the Maine Advisory Panel on the Education of Exceptional Children in Augusta on September 26, 1991 on the implications for transition of youth with disabilities aged 14 and older under the new federal mandate, IDEA.

KATHIE L. BLINICK, director, Office for Prior Learning Assessment, was the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Maine Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development on September 11. She spoke on "Developmental Issues in Adulthood and Assessing Adult Learning."

E. MICHAEL BRADY, professor of human resource development; **MARGARET VISHNEAU**, USM graduate student; **RICHARD H. FORTINSKY**, associate director/research associate, Human Services Development Institute; **KARI L. KOSS**, research assistant, HSDI; and **MARY COLOMBO**, administrative assistant, HSDI, have completed a research report titled, "Employers' Views on the Value of Older Workers." The AARP Andrus Foundation in Washington D.C. funded this research project, which examined the views of directors of human resources and direct supervisors toward newly hired workers over the age of 50.

ROBERT S. CASWELL, director, Office of Media and University Relations, was re-elected to the Maine Press Association's board of directors at the association's annual meeting held last month.

BRUCE B. CLARY, professor of public policy and management, recently co-authored an article titled "Citizen Participation and the NIMBY Syndrome: Public Response to Radioactive Waste Disposal," that was published in *Western Political Quarterly*. He was an invited participant on two panels at the American Political Science Association meeting held in Washington D.C. The panel titles were: "The Future of Environmental Policy Research" and "Problems of Nuclear Waste Disposal." He also served as facilitator for a state-wide workshop on repository design, sponsored by the Maine Low-Level Radioactive Authority. He has been ap-

pointed to the editorial board of the *Maine Policy Review*, published by the Margaret Chase Smith Center, University of Maine.

SUSAN F. CLARK, assistant professor of theatre, chaired a panel and gave a paper at the national ATHE Conference in Seattle titled "Scripting Their Lives: Autobiography in Plays by Women."

LIBBY G. COHEN, professor of special education, had her book titled "Before Their Time: Fetuses and Infants at Risk," published by the American Association on Mental Retardation.

JOSEPH A. CONFORTI, director and professor of New England Studies, has authored an essay titled, "The Invention of the Great Awakening, 1795-1842," which is published in the current issue of *Early American Literature*. Last summer he spoke at Clark University to participants in the New England Foundation for the Humanities program on the New England town. During the summer Conforti also led reading and discussion sessions in the New England town series in Yarmouth and Ellsworth. He spoke on "The Evolution of the New England Village," at the annual meeting of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association in September.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, will present a lecture titled "Military History of the Maine Coast," on December 4, at the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath.

LEIGH GILMORE, assistant professor of English, is presenting a paper, "A Map for Getting Lost: 'Home' and Lesbian Representation in Moraga & Pratt," at the Midwest MLA, Chicago. Gilmore is also presenting an invited paper at Michigan State University on obscenity law, Djuna Barnes' "Nightwood," and modern authorship in November.

MAHMUD A FAKSH, associate professor of political science, was visiting professor of political science during the summer at Duke University, where he taught Middle East Politics and comparative government and politics and did research. Faksh has been invited to chair a panel on the Dynamics of Change in Turkish Society at the ninth annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies which will be held in Philadelphia, October 10-12. He will also present a paper, "Egypt and the Gulf War," at the same meeting.

LARRY L. GLANTZ, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, recently presented a workshop titled

"Decentralized MIS Management Using Microcomputers" at the Association of Persons in Supported Employment Conference in San Diego. Also, a major federal proposal he wrote last spring to develop statewide services for youth with disabilities exiting Maine's schools has been approved for funding. The grant provides \$2.3 million in federal funds matched with \$2.6 million at the state and local levels over the next five years, with project staff working out of HSDI.

KATHLEEN I. MacPHERSON, professor of nursing, had her proposal selected for the 1991 Maine Research Fund.

GORDON E. NELSON JR., assistant director of facilities management, had his article "Waste Stream Reduction = Saving Money" published in the September 1991 issue of *Executive Housekeeping Today*.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, attended the Maine Teachers Association Delegates Assembly, which was held June 22-23 at the Augusta Civic Center.

GALE W. RHODES, professor of chemistry, and **ROBERT M. SCHABLE**, associate professor of literature and writing, Lewiston-Auburn College, had an article published in the April 1991 issue of *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines* titled, "Content, Process, and the Art of Teaching." They also directed a one-day workshop on "Metaphor in Literature and Science" as part of New Hampshire's The Scientist as Humanist Project's Focus on Physics, A Summer Seminar for Teachers.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, has contributed a memoir to John Meaney's "O'Malley of Notre Dame" published this month. He also presented a paper on O'Malley's influence on his students at a University of Notre Dame sesquicentennial conference, "A Tribute to Frank O'Malley," on October 5.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, received a research grant from Maine Science and Technology Commission for his project "Investigation of Optimal and Near Optimal Designs." He also presented a paper on the "Construction of Balanced Incomplete Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns" at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, August 18-22. This paper has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*.



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