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# CURRENTS

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## President to Staff:

### It takes teamwork

"Everybody on a university campus is an educator," President Richard L. Pattenau told members of the professional staff who attended an open forum with the president on Monday, October 21. We share a common goal in serving students as well as we can, he said, whether we are administrators, faculty or support staff. "We all make a difference in people's lives. That gives me energy and satisfaction, and I hope it gives you satisfaction as well."

The president said his focus would be on the three goals of community, continuity and quality, building on Robert Woodbury's commitment as USM president to access to higher education and Patricia Plante's commitment to academic quality. Expanding on this theme, he said USM needs to develop more academic and non-academic bridges to the community. Quality is developed through attention to hiring and retaining the best possible faculty, to the learning styles which must be encompassed in the classroom and by evaluation of the the university as an organization. "You can provide very high quality courses, he said, but "if students feel they are beat up on by the university — by their teachers, the staff, or by administrative policies — they won't come back." In terms of new programs he said, "If we can't do something well, we won't do it."

Topping his list of capital improvement priorities are renovations to the fine arts facilities on the Gorham campus, rehabilitation of existing buildings, including 68 High Street, handicapped access and safety improvements, and revamping the space in Luther Bonney that will be emptied by the removal of the library to the Johnson Supply Building. He said that a new bond issue addressing renovation projects only — no new construction — will be considered this

winter by the Board of Trustees.

The president is meeting with many off-campus groups to publicize the quality of the university and its willingness to serve as a resource to the community. He also plans to lead the effort in fundraising for special projects.

## Salute the Huskies

Carl "Stump" Merrill, former manager of the New York Yankees, will be in town early next month as the keynote speaker at a dinner to present NCAA World Series rings to members of the USM baseball team.

The dinner, speech and presentation, titled "A Salute to the Huskies," will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, at the Ramada Inn, Congress St., Portland. Tickets are \$15 per person. Sponsors include the USM Alumni Association and the USM Athletic Association.

"I'm especially honored that Stump Merrill is expressing enough interest in our program to be the keynote speaker," said USM baseball coach Ed Flaherty. Merrill was an assistant coach at the University of Maine when Flaherty was an All American on the Black Bears' baseball team.

The Huskies swept the 1990 NCAA Division III World Series, becoming the first team in Maine collegiate history to win a national NCAA title.

For more information, call Al Bean, assistant director of athletics, at 780-5434.



## Inauguration Update

A few quick reminders on the inauguration of President Richard L. Pattenau, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., this Friday, November 1, in the USM Portland Gym. A reception will follow in the Campus Center, Portland.

**\*CLASS SCHEDULE:** All classes will be cancelled beginning at 12 noon in Lewiston-Auburn, 1 p.m. in Gorham and 1:30 p.m. in Portland.

**\*OFFICE SCHEDULE:** All staff members are invited and encouraged to attend the inauguration. Those staff members who do not wish to attend will be expected to provide coverage for offices.

**\*BUSES:** The regular bus schedule between Portland and Gorham will be followed throughout the afternoon.

**\*ACADEMIC REGALIA:** Regalia can be picked up any day this week from Mary Schools, Media and University Relations, 209 Deering Ave., Portland. Regalia also can be picked up after 1:30 p.m., Friday, November 1, in the lower level of the Portland Gym.

**\*ROBING AND PROCESSION:** Robing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Portland Gym. Members of the stage party should report to Room 216A in the Portland Gym. The procession will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Office of Media and University Relations at 780-4200, or Robert J. Goettel, executive assistant to the president, at 780-4482.

## Poet of Slave Voices at USM

Award-winning poet Dolores Kendrick will give a reading of her work at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 30 in the Moot Court Room of the School of Law, Deering Avenue.

Kendrick, who teaches at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, is the author of three books of poetry. Her most recent book "The Women of Plums: Poems in the Voices of Slave Women," written through the support of a National Endowment for the Arts Award, won the Anisfield-Wolf Award and the New York Public Library Best Book for Teenagers Award. The voices are those of 34 black slave women, whom Kendrick based on her extensive research into slave narratives. These eloquent, lyrical monologues underline the deprivation and degradation of the slave experience but allow the individual dignity of each woman to shine through.

Kendrick comes to USM through the sponsorship of the Women's Studies Program. The reading is free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-4289.



Robert B. Zajonc, director of the prestigious Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, was the keynote speaker at the recent 1991 annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association. The meeting, which was hosted by USM's Psychology Department on the Portland campus, marked the first time that the association has held the annual event in northern New England. More than 150 psychologists, faculty, mental health practitioners and other professionals attended. Caswell photo

## Muskie Open House

An open house has been scheduled from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 8 to celebrate the reorganization of USM's Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs. The event will be held at the institute's headquarters, on the 5th and 6th floors of the Law Building, Portland. Friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

The reorganization, which involves no new or expanded university funds, calls for the elimination of the Human Services Development Institute, a unit in the Muskie Institute. The HSDI research and support functions are now under renamed centers titled the Center for Aging and Rehabilitation, the Center for Child and Family Policy, the Center for Health Policy Research and the Survey Research Center.

The reorganization, said Muskie Institute Director Richard Barringer, will simplify the institute's organizational structure, foster closer integration of teaching, research and service functions, and facilitate future growth.

For more information, call the USM Muskie Institute at 780-4380.

## Campus Notes

The Women's Center Collective and the Student Senate are sponsoring a "Community Dialogue on a Women's Center for All of USM" on the Gorham campus at 4 p.m., Tuesday, November 5 with the participation of student leaders and Student Life staff; call 780-4289 for room location. The program will be offered at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 7 in the Portland Campus Center, Rooms A,B and C, with participants from USM's Women's Center Collective and Bowdoin's Women's Center responding to audience questions.

Upcoming events on the Pluralism Agenda include "The Human Resources Dilemma: Eliminating Intolerance and Allowing Free Speech" with Judith Ryan, special assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, and Joyce Wheeler, university counsel, produced by USM-TV for public cable Channel 37, to be broadcast at 9 p.m. on November 1, 2, 3 and 4, at 3 p.m. on November 2, 3 and 4, and at 11 a.m. on November 5, 6 and 7. A national conference "Diversity in Higher

Education: Can We Meet the Challenge?" sponsored by Black Issues in Higher Education will be beamed live to campus via satellite. It can be seen from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 20 in 303 Payson Smith, Portland.

The Southern Maine Cable Television Consortium, which includes USM, is hosting the "Dynamic Community Television Conference," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 6 at the Sonesta Hotel. Jack Perkins, essayist for the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour will give the keynote address at lunch on the future of TV. The conference will explore the question "Is the Bill of Rights Keeping Pace with the Technological Advances of Television?" with help from Merle Loper, professor of law, and other law faculty. Workshops on use of television by nonprofits will be held throughout the day. For more information, call 874-6470.

The Professional Staff Senate will not meet in November. Instead, the Senate is hosting a Leadership Forum, from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 12 on Total Quality Management, with President Pattenau, Vice President Sam Andrews and others. For more information call Ellen Corkery at 874-6515.

## Library Project Begins

The USM community is invited to a ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 12 to kick off the renovation of the Johnson Supply Building. The building, located at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Bedford St, will house the Portland campus library as well as the Osher Map Collection and the L.M.C. Smith Cartographic Collection. The ceremony, including remarks by President Pattenau and others, will take place on the side of the building facing I-295.

An editorial in a Portland newspaper noted, "Greater Portland residents have diverse reasons to applaud the University decision to buy and convert a major eyesore in Portland into a new University of Southern Maine library." The project is expected to be completed in 1993.

For more information, call 780-4200 or 780-4745.

## Multicultural Education

The dilemmas and challenges of providing our students with broader cultural perspectives were highlighted in a lively panel discussion, held earlier this month on the Portland campus.

Panelists included Monique Crochet, professor of French; Craig Dietrich, professor of history; Gary Lombardo, assistant professor of business administration; Domenica Cipollone, director of international student development; and Angela Todd, a senior majoring in English and Women's Studies. President Richard Pattenau gave the introductory remarks.

There was no shortage of opinions during the two-and-half hour program as to how studies of diversity should be implemented and conducted.

Todd cautioned that the university must ensure the integrity of curricular changes and constantly guard against "mere tokenism." Later in the program, Associate Professor of English Rick Swartz said the sole purpose of a multicultural education was not to give students a sense of comfort with other cultures but first to prompt them to confront and deal with "...the centrality of racism in American life."

The focus of the panel discussion, titled, "Minorities in Maine: Is USM's Curriculum Responsive?," shifted to explore cultural diversity on a national scale. But Eileen Eagan, assistant professor of history, brought the discussion back home by observing that many USM students need to acknowledge the contributions of Native Americans, Franco-Americans and other Maine subcultures. "Are we even recognizing the existence of people who are sitting in front of us in our classrooms?" she asked.

More specific challenges to offering a multicultural education also were raised. Nancy Gish, professor of English, said that increasingly stringent copyright laws are barriers to expanding diversity in the classroom, particularly when faculty members attempt to create their own compilations of lesser known authors. Dietrich, former director of the Core Curriculum, pointed out that while it's possible for a student to take 12 hours of core courses with a multicultural content, "it's also possible to go through and take none at all." The practical solution, he said, is to increase the selection of core courses even though that approach carries



USM students (left to right) Jessica Anton, Carol Wilson and Jennifer Boislard portray different aspects of Medea in "The Medea Myth," an adaptation of Euripides' play, to be performed in Russell Hall Theatre, Friday, November 8 through Sunday, November 17. Curtain is 7:30 p.m., November 8, 9, 10 14, 15, 16 and 17 and at 5 p.m., Sundays, November 10 and 17. Tickets are \$6 for faculty, staff, senior citizens; \$4 for students. Two-for-one ticket prices for faculty/staff, Thursday, November 14. Director Susan Clark, assistant professor of theatre, has brought this story of the retaliation of a spurned wife up to date by including true-life stories of battered women, recited by the chorus. A panel of professors and lawyers will lead audience discussion after performances. Clark won a grant from the Maine Humanities Council in support of the production. For information and ticket reservations, call 780-5483. Dratch photo

obvious economic considerations. Honors Program Director Jerry Conway said the "dilemma of confronting multiculturalism in a university that does not require a foreign language needs to be addressed." Lombardo added that there's also a need for language training for faculty. Earlier in the evening, Cipollone said the university must "seriously consider the value (to our students) of study abroad."

A transfer student observed, "Addressing these (multicultural) issues on a daily basis doesn't require massive restructuring but relatively simple changes, such as departmental colloquia with required attendance for students."

Pattenau, who underlined his commitment to multicultural education, reminded the audience that ultimately the curriculum "is a powerful tool" for reshaping society and imparting values. Faculty, he added, "need to think and rethink the values that are brought to a curriculum."

The panel was the first in a four-part series on diversity and the curriculum sponsored by the Pluralism Task Force on Curriculum. The next discussion will be held Wednesday, December 4. For more information, call Associate Provost Marty Rogoff at 780-4586.

## Slight Drop in UMS Enrollments

Growth seen at UMFK and UMPI

Final enrollment figures for the University of Maine System show a total student body of 33,399, a drop of 614 from the 1990 enrollment of 34,013. USM's final enrollment is 10,423, a slight decrease of 64 students from the fall, 1990 figure. USM offset a decrease in part-time students with an increase of 110 full-time students.

Of the 33,399 students in the statewide system, 19,038 are full time. Some 29,507, or 88.3 percent, are Maine residents. Out-of-state enrollments stand at 3,109, while 783 students come from other nations.

Enrollments at other campuses are: 12,804 at the University of Maine, compared to 13,278 in 1990; 2,405 at Farmington, compared to 2,438 in 1990; 603 at Fort Kent, compared to 571 in 1990; 966 at Machias, compared to 1,008 in 1990; 1,511 at Presque Isle, compared to 1,458 in 1990; and 4,687 at Augusta, compared to 4,773 last year.



## What We're Doing

**JOSEPH GRANGE**, professor of philosophy, has been elected to the Board of Officers of the Conference of Philosophical Societies. This organization represents philosophical societies throughout North America, Asia and Europe.

**BONITA M. GRUVER**, assistant professor of recreation and leisure studies, delivered a paper titled, "The Application of the Grounded Theory Methodology in Leisure Research," at the annual meeting of the National Recreation and Park Association in Baltimore, Maryland on October 20. The paper was published in the meeting's Research Symposium Proceedings.

**BHISHAM C. GUPTA**, professor of applied mathematics, recently presented a paper, "A Lower Bound for Number of Treatments in a Main Effect Plus One Plan for 27 Factorials," at the Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, the Biometric Society, and the Institute of Mathematical Society. This paper is due to appear in *Utilitas Mathematica*, a Canadian journal of discrete and applied mathematics and information and statistical sciences. Recently Gupta had another paper, "Some Results on Main Effect Plus One Plans for 2m Factorials," published in *Communication in Statistics*.

**MICHAEL S. HAMILTON**, associate professor of political science, had his article which appeared in the June 1991 issue of *Natural Resources and Environmental Administration*, reprinted in July 1991 as: "States Enact Bills Banning Toxic Materials in Packaging," in the 2nd annual *Environmental Management Supplement of Public Administration Times*, the national newspaper of the American Society for Public Administration.

**TERRENCE P. O'CONNOR**, assistant professor of technology, attended Nova University's Summer Institute in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. from July 28 through August 3, 1991, as a student in Nova's Programs for Higher Education.

**LORRAINE D. MASURE**, director, Sanford Center, and **KATHARINE K. KANE**, academic counselor/coordinator of student services, presented a paper, "ITV: Not Just Sesame Street for Adults," at the Technology Conference in Augusta on September 26.

**BETTY D. ROBINSON**, assistant professor of Human Services Management, Lewiston-Auburn College, had her article, "Considering Grievance Mediation," published in

*employee Rights & Responsibilities*, June 1992. She will present a lecture, "Teaching Social Policy: An Applied Course," at the Applied Sociology Association 1991 annual meetings, being held in Annapolis, Md. Also at the Annapolis meetings, Robinson and **MARVIN J. DRUKER**, assistant professor of public affairs, Lewiston-Auburn College, will present "Public Sector Organizational Innovation in Context."

**LEONARD J. SHEDLETSKY**, professor of communication, is a reviewer for the *Journal of Business Communication*.

**WILLIAM P. STEELE**, associate professor of theatre, had his book, "Stay Home and Star: A Step by Step Guide to Starting Your Regional Acting Career," published by Heinemann Educational Books. He recently gave a workshop on the subject matter of his book to graduating MFA acting students at Brandeis University.

**SUSAN E. SWAIN**, assistant director of Media and University Relations, was elected to the Board of Directors of the statewide agency Family Planning Association of Maine as chair of the public relations committee. She also was appointed to the board of the Southern Maine Cable Television Consortium and serves on the programming committee.

**KAREN R. TILBOR**, research associate, Muskie Institute, and **FAITH McMULLEN**, Parenting Center coordinator/consultant, presented a workshop, "A Multi-Faceted Parent Education Program," at the Family and Corrections Network's bi-annual conference in Topeka, Kansas on September 23. Tilbor also presented "Parenting Teens from the Inside: Strategies for Strengthening the Parenting Role" at Topeka Correctional Facility, September 24. Both presentations were an outgrowth of Project H.I.P., a parenting program at Maine Correctional Center developed collaboratively by the Muskie Institute and MCC with a federal grant from the Administration of Children, Youth and Families.

**SUSAN M. VESS**, associate professor of school psychology, attended the Delegate Assembly of the National Association of School Psychologists, which was held in Chicago from September 13-16. She continues as chair of the Operations Handbook and Constitution Review Committee for the organization of over 17,000 members. Vess was appointed to the National Task Force on Human Resources in School Psychology, formed to recruit and retain persons in the profession of school psychology.

**DAVID WAGNER**, assistant professor of

social work, delivered a paper, "Moving Out of Homelessness: Resource Mobilization among a 'Tent City' Community," at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Cincinnati in August. He also was a keynote speaker at the annual Bertha Capen Reynolds Society conference held last June in Northampton, Mass.

**BETH I. WARREN**, associate vice president for human resources, is chair-elect, CUPA Eastern Region Board, and will moderate four phone network seminars for CUPA Eastern Region Academy for Human Resource Excellence on September 24, 1991, December 10, 1991, February 25, 1992, and June 90, 1992.

**MARGO WOOD**, associate professor of education, is the author of two articles which appeared in professional journals this summer: "Directions of Change in the Teaching of Reading," in *Reading Improvement* and "Effecting School-wide Change in Reading Instruction" in *New England Reading Association Journal*. Wood and **MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**, professor of education, are co-authors of a textbook, "Becoming a Reader," which was recently published by Allyn and Bacon.



Associate professors of theatre Thomas Power (left) and William Steele won two awards at the annual Community Cable Network awards festival, held by Southern Maine Cable Television Consortium on October 16. "Power and Steele on Theatre," produced by USM TV's Caroline Hendry, won in the Best Series and Most Entertaining categories. USM TV also won the award for Exemplary Public Service Programming for the video of the teach-in on the Persian Gulf war held last spring.



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