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In Challenging Times, A Day of Community and Commitment

"To be the president of...this dynamic and energetic institution is an honor and a privilege. It is also a sacred trust," Richard Pattenau told some 650 faculty, staff, alumni and guests gathered to witness his inauguration as USM's president. Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury led a series of speakers in welcoming the new president and observed that "because of its constant commitment to a worthy dream, USM has been able to overcome financial hardship, and has repeatedly remade and remolded itself."

Pattenau later pursued this thought in his address, saying, "The times challenge us. But I believe it is challenge that gives shape and meaning to life."

The president was also greeted by Bowdoin College's new president, Robert Edwards; J. Michael Orenduff, president of UM at Farmington; past USM president Kenneth Brooks; State Legislator Joseph Brannigan; Portland

Mayor Tom Allen; Faculty Senate Chair Professor Monique Crochet; alumna Mae Glassford and others. Of special interest were the remarks of John Shumaker, president of Central Connecticut State University, which Pattenau served as vice president for academic affairs through last June.

Faculty, staff, students and delegates from other academies marched 200 strong in the processional led by Provost John Deegan, who carried USM's official mace. Music for processional, recessional and interludes was superbly performed by the USM Concert Band under the direction of Peter Martin, professor of music. The high point of the ceremony was the moment of investiture, when Woodbury and George Wood, vice chair of the Board of Trustees, placed a medallion representing, in the chancellor's words, "the dignity and spirit...and high and special place [USM] has earned in the hearts of the people." Woodbury charged the new president to "defend and advance the interests of the women and men of the faculty...to so nurture and instruct that those who study here will never question their choice of where to plan their destinies. He reminded the president that the University "depends on the confidence and support of the people of southern Maine...it is the people's business you do here, and your success will be their success."

Woodbury described Pattenau as being "tailor-made to lead this institution," combining, "first-rate academic and administrative credentials with a sympathetic understanding of the hopes and dreams of Maine people."

In his address, the new president promised to build on USM's past achievements. "The dreams and aspirations of the university today are made possible by the energy and wisdom of those faculty and staff who have cared so much in the past," he said. Though recognizing the serious nature of Maine's financial crisis, he said there is danger in being cowed

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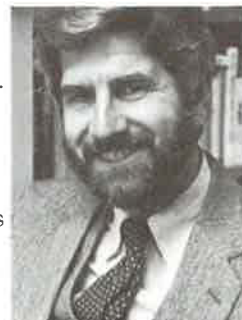
Looking at Law and Lawyers

After 20 years of teaching constitutional law, Richard Maiman, professor of political science, has written a book on it. This fall McGraw-Hill

published "American Constitutional Law: Introduction and Case Studies," a textbook which addresses a long-standing need to provide coverage of major Supreme Court decisions in a format suitable for one or two-semester courses. "The average Con-law text runs around 1000 pages," Maiman said. "This one covers the same ground in less than 600, which made it possible to also cut the purchasing price in half."

The book, co-authored by Robert Steamer, former dean and provost at University of Massachusetts-Boston, presents Supreme Court cases to illustrate development of doctrine and approaches to decision-making by the Supreme Court. A unique feature of the book is the aftermath section accompanying each case description which explains the decision's immediate and long-term political impact.

A second book is also in the works, which Maiman describes as the most comprehensive study of divorce law in 30 years. "This book explores changes in the social and legal status of divorce and important demographic changes in the legal profession. Most important among the latter is the dramatic rise in the number of female attorneys, many of whom are divorce/family law specialists." The divorce law study, coauthored by Craig McEwen of Bowdoin College and Lynn Mather of Dartmouth College, grows out of 10



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The Mission Statement of the University of Southern Maine

The University of Southern Maine, with a rich history reaching back to 1878, is a comprehensive metropolitan university offering baccalaureate, professional, graduate, and associate degrees within the University of Maine System. The University of Southern Maine's fundamental mission is teaching, research, and public service for the benefit of the citizens of Maine and society in general. In achieving its mission and fulfilling its responsibilities as a university, the University of Southern Maine addresses the aspirations and needs of southern Maine, and serves as a vehicle for linking southern Maine and the State to the nation and the world. The University actively encourages faculty, staff, and students to contribute to and participate in state, national, and international academic and professional communities.

The University's principal responsibility is to provide a wide range of programs responsive to students diverse in age, background, and experience, many of whom are part-time, employed, and/or commuter students. Undergraduate education at the University of Southern Maine aims



Junior Rocha, USM theatre major, will present a spectacular array of fun through mime, puppetry and sound effects at the Russell Hall Theatre, 7:30 p.m. on November 22 and 23 and at 5 p.m. on November 24. Rocha has performed in Aruba, Brazil, Paris, London, Boston and Maine. Tickets are \$4; call 780-5483 for more information.

to provide every student a solid foundation in the liberal arts and the sciences. Master's, professional, and selected doctoral degree, and research programs emphasize the integration of theory and practice. The University of Southern Maine seeks to assure broad access at various geographic locations to educational opportunities including life-long learning, and is committed to providing academic and support services essential to the needs of a diverse student body. This commitment extends to creating a sense of university community and a vibrant, diverse cultural environment for the University of Southern Maine's students, faculty, staff, and the entire community of southern Maine. In all activities the University continually strives for excellence in teaching and learning.

As an essential Maine resource, the University sets program priorities that are driven by the needs of the people and institutions of southern Maine in particular and the state in general. The University of Southern Maine responds to the special needs of, and provides leadership for, southern Maine's many cultural, health, human service, business, and technological institutions and activities. The University fulfills a historical and special commitment to elementary and secondary education through the preparation of teachers and educational leaders. The University of Southern Maine links the teaching, research, and public service capabilities of faculty and staff, through both traditional and interdisciplinary programs and units, with the people, organizations, and institutions of the state and the region. As one of seven campuses in the University of Maine System, the University of Southern Maine compliments and collaborates with the other six institutions in the System to fulfill the needs of public higher education in the State of Maine.

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into too cautious an outlook. "Growth and improvement occur only if one is willing to make decisions, take risks and challenge the prevailing opinion. The challenge for a modern university is to balance the many demands placed upon it. The university cannot solve all the issues facing society, although it is often asked to try."

The answer, he said, was to aspire to quality in everything we do and to work in partnership with the community in southern Maine.



Pictured left to right, President Richard L. Pattenaude, School of Law Dean Donald Zillman and Law Librarian William Wells, at a groundbreaking ceremony for an addition to the School of Law's Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library. Monies from the 1988 bond issue and donations from law firms are funding the addition, which will be open for the fall, 1992 semester.

Global Perspective

SCOTT BROWN, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented a paper titled "Attention, Multiple Timing, and Psychophysical Scaling of Temporal Judgments," at the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Time, Action, and Cognition, St-Malo, France, October 21-25, 1991.

SAT GUPTA, associate professor of mathematics, presented a paper "Modeling Persistence in Time Series Data" at an international conference on "Applications of Statistics in Business Actuarial Sciences," held in Mexico City, Mexico from September 24-27, 1991.

KATHLEEN J. WININGER, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, gave two papers at the World Philosophy Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. "African Views of Western Discourse and Representation" was given as part of a panel Wininger organized on Feminist and African Critiques of Western Philosophy. The panel had participants from Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Italy and the United States. The paper "Woman and 'Native' as Object in Aesthetic Creation" was part of a panel on Women and Creativity.

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years of research in the uses of mediation in settling legal disputes, and examines mediation in divorce law in Maine and New Hampshire. Maine is the only state in the nation that mandates mediation in all contested divorce cases involving children.

This project is supported by a research grant from the National Science Foundation, the third such NSF award Maiman has received for this work. He collaborated with McEwen on a number of papers on alternative dispute resolution (ADR), two of which are anthologized in the standard law school ADR textbooks.

A regular presenter at conferences of the American Political Science Association and the Law and Society Association, Maiman has made several presentations of his work on mediation at Harvard Law School. He is currently a member of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union and past president of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. For the 1984 elections, Maiman served as state coordinator of George McGovern's presidential campaign. He has served the state as advisor to the Maine Department of Mental Health and Corrections in 1978 and the Governor's Task Force on Corrections in 1974, and also by testifying before state legislative committees.

A member of many USM committees over the years, including presidential and dean search committees and liaison to the Board of Trustees, he is now on the executive committee of the Faculty Senate. He was an early Convocation Scholar, presiding over the 1983-84 Convocation on "The Age of the Computer."

Maiman received his B.A. with Honors from Lake Forest College and his Ph.D. from Brown University. Bob Steamer, his coauthor on the constitutional law textbook, was one of Maiman's professors at Lake Forest. "He not only inspired me to pursue a career in political science," Maiman said, "he made it possible by nominating me for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship I received. So I'm especially pleased that our relationship has come to fruition in a professional collaboration."



Charles DeGrandpre, center, was honored recently for his 25 years of service as superintendent of Wolfe's Neck Farm. Samuel G. Andrews, USM vice president for administration and Donna M. Somma, USM liaison to Wolfe's Neck Farm, are pictured presenting a plaque, honoring his outstanding dedication to the farm and to USM. DeGrandpre, who retired earlier this year, plans to complete home remodeling projects, travel and spend more time with his grandchildren. The late Eleanor Houston Smith donated the nearly 600-acre Wolfe's Neck Farm in South Freeport to USM in the spring of 1984. Dratch Photo

Campus Notes

The Honors Program is having an Open House for the campus community, Monday, November 18, at 11:00 a.m.

The Office of International Programs is looking for faculty and staff interested in hosting an international student or two for Thanksgiving. Call 780-4959 for details.

The Department of Facilities Management asks that employees in out-buildings on campus not park in driveways during snowfalls. The grounds crew need driveways clear so they can plow, salt and sand the area. They also remind employees that overnight parking in driveways is not permitted.

Students and community members who want to practice speaking a foreign language may participate in a free series of "Language Tables", informal sessions scheduled weekdays through the fall and spring semesters. French Table, 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays, Language House; German Table, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Language House; Russian Table, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Mondays, Boiler Room, Campus Center; Spanish Table, 12-1 p.m., Wednesdays, Language House.

Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood visited classes in college writing taught by Associate Professor of English Rich-

ard Coffin. Students interviewed Chitwood as part of a writing project on public officials.

Faculty Senate Meetings are held alternate Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. They will meet November 22 in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham, and December 6 in 410 Luther Bonney. For more information, call Monique Crochet, chair, at 780-4324.

Professional Staff Senate Meetings are held once a month, the second Wednesday of the month, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The Senate is hosting a Leadership Forum, from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 12 on Total Quality Management. The next scheduled meeting is December 11 in the Presidential Dining Room. For more information call Chair Rosa Redonnet at 780-4059.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening. The schedule through December: November 14 in Campus Center A,B,C, Portland; November 21 in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham; December 5 in 305 Masterton Hall, Portland; and December 12 in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham. For more information, call 874-6594.

The Department of Facilities Management announced that Doane B. Corson has been promoted to assistant director of the department.

What We're Doing

NANCY AUSTIN, assistant professor of education, had two articles accepted for publication. "Combining Assessment, Learning, and Reflection in the Methodology Classroom" will appear in the spring 1992 issue of the *New England Mathematics Journal*, and "Rich Mathematical Explorations—Avenues for the Unexpected" will appear in the *New York State Mathematics Teachers' Journal* in February, 1992.

DIANNE BENEDICT, associate professor of English, was a judge for Casco Bay Weekly's Relevant Fiction Competition last summer.

MARY ANN BENSON, assistant director for Career Services, had her short story, "The Vacation," win first place in Casco Bay Weekly's Relevant Fiction Competition. Casco Bay Weekly published the story in their July 3, 1991 edition.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper co-authored with USM graduate Karlee S. Hoecker and titled "Time Judgments of Stationary and Moving Visual Targets: Temporal Lengthening and Vierordt's Law" at the meeting of the New England Psychological Association, October 18-19, in Portland. Also at the October meeting, Brown presented a paper titled "Similarities and Differences Between Retrospective and Prospective Judgments of Time" in a symposium on "Recent Developments in Perception and Cognition."

ARDIS CAMERON, assistant professor of New England Studies, is presenting a paper, "Remembrance and Respectability: Struggles Over the Memory and Meaning of Bread and Roses," at the American Studies Association, Baltimore. She also presented an invited paper at the Old South Meeting House Fall Lecture series in Boston in October.

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Department of Continuing Education for Business, participated in a panel presentation on Total Quality Management to Governor McKernan and his cabinet at a retreat on October 2, and at the October 10 meeting of the Administrative Management Society.

MUHAMMAD A. EL-TAHA, assistant professor of mathematics, gave an invited lecture on "Sample-Path Analysis of Stochastic Discrete-Event Systems" at University of Maryland, October 18. The lecture was sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, Harvard University and industry.

BONITA M. GRUVER, assistant professor of recreation and leisure studies, is co-author of an article, "The Perceived Importance of Topics for Instructional Resource Development in Therapeutic Recreation Curricula," that was accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*.

WILLIAM KILROY, assistant professor of theatre, will perform as a guest artist with the State Ballet of Rhode Island portraying Dr. Coppelius in the ballet "Coppelia," December 13 and 14 in Providence.

JAYNE D. B. MARSH, research assistant, and **JOHN HORNSTEIN**, research associate II, Muskie Institute Center for Child and Family Policy, will present at the Seventh Biennial National Training Institute of the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs in Washington D.C., December 6-8. The title of their presentation is "Project AIMS: Training of Pediatric Residents in Assessment Methods of Emotional Development of Very Young Children and Their Families."

RICHARD L. McKEIL, professor of Associate Business and Economics, made a recent presentation at UNUM to a group of Counterpart Visitors from Archangel, Russia on "The American Economy as Viewed Through a Family Budget." The visit was sponsored in Portland by the Archangel Sister City Committee.

ELI C. MINKOFF, professor, part-time faculty, Lewiston-Auburn College, had his text "Biology" published by Barron's. He has previously authored "Evolutionary Biology" and the "Case for Evolution."

IVAN G. MOST, director, Production Technology Center, made a presentation as part of a panel on technology transfer at the September 10, 1991 National Association of Management and Technical Application Centers in Asheville, North Carolina. The presentation featured work underway with Maine firms on manufacturing technology.

PEG MULLER-SHORE, associate professor, part-time faculty, Lewiston-Auburn College, had two papers accepted for presentation at the American Health Association's annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., "Effect of Rural Hospital Closures on Maine's Poor and Elderly" and "Maine Looks to Canada to Adopt Single Pager System."

SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE, consultant/Infant Telecourse Project Coordinator, and **DEBORAH DEVINE**, research associate, Child and Family Unit of the Muskie Institute, will present at the Seventh Biennial Na-

tional Training Institute of the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs, Washington D.C., December 6-8. The title of their presentation is "Maximizing Opportunities to Promote Infant Mental Health: Guidelines for Professionals in Non-Mental Health Work Capacities."

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, attended the 1991 Collective Bargaining Summer Institute sponsored by the Western Connecticut State University and the Collective Bargaining Congress of the American Association of University Professors, July 18-21 in Danbury, Conn. He attended a Fraud Symposium sponsored by the National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners which was held September 30-October 4 in Dallas, Tx. Potts also attended the National Education Association Representative Assembly as a Maine State delegate to the annual convention held in Miami Beach, Fla., June 28-July 7.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, spoke at Holy Cross College on October 20 on the challenges of regional peace-making organization.



Internationally known pianist Laura Kargul, assistant professor of music, will perform her highly acclaimed 1991 European tour program at 8 p.m., Friday, November 15, in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Tickets are \$8 for general public and \$4 students, seniors, faculty and staff. Call 780-5555 for more information.



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