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Rogoff to Aid Provost

Martin Rogoff, professor of law, has been named associate provost for academic programs. Working closely with the provost, Rogoff will plan, develop and review academic programs. In his new position, which was effective as of



July 1, Rogoff will implement all aspects of the Core Curriculum; administer the Office of Graduate Affairs and oversee the Honors and Women's Studies Programs.

His duties also include sitting on all committees charged with planning new or eliminating existing academic programs; working with deans and directors to counsel probationary faculty on promotion, reappointment and tenure requirements; and administering the National Faculty Exchange.

Rogoff, a graduate of Cornell University, the University of California at Berkeley and Yale Law School, joined the University of Maine School of Law faculty in 1972. Previously, he had been an attorney with the American Stock Exchange and with New York Life Insurance Company. He held the position of assistant professor of law at the University of Toledo College of Law from 1968 to 1970.

Rogoff has served on the U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs since 1988. He was co-director of the Canadian-American Marine Boundary Study, a research project for the U.S. Department of State; and a member of Governor McKernan's Tax Study Committee. He was appointed by President Carter in 1977 to the

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"Seize the Day," Urges Plante

President Patricia R. Plante sounded the central theme for the USM community for the coming year in her final address at the annual faculty/staff breakfast held recently in Gorham: We should "seize the day" she said, in working to create an institutional identity for USM that "would be recognized and acknowledged nationally."

The challenge of creating that identity can not be met alone, said Plante. Hence she will continue to dedicate time and energy to the "Metropolitan University Project." As part of that project, she has been working with presidents of other public comprehensive universities to establish a new category in higher education, "creating a strong identity and common culture for institutions that are neither research universities nor colleges of liberal arts...."

In describing the benefits of aligning USM with the project, Plante noted, "...if the mission is clear and the vision is shared with colleagues from coast to coast, our accomplishments are assessed fairly and all of us can be strengthened by being connected to the work of peers everywhere—peers with whom we share ideas for the advancement of our disciplines and for the improvement of our teaching."

The project already has published a journal and sponsored a conference that attracted representatives from 65 institutions in 29 states. More recently, the presidents of 50 peer institutions (George Mason University, Wright State University and Towson State, among others) signed a public, nationwide declaration which outlines the intent of the project.

Plante and her colleagues want to claim "boldly and baldly in every state of the nation that what is now needed at the end of this century is nothing less than the equivalent of a Morrill Act (that established the land grant institutions in 1862)."

The project has no intention of copying the missions of research universities and colleges of liberal arts, said Plante.

Instead, institutions active in the project want to "...forge a focused and distinctive mission of their own to meet the needs of this country's metropolitan areas for the last decade of this century and for at least the opening of the next."

She cautioned that the project members "are not interested in defining institutions that are in any way intellectually less rigorous than research universities or colleges of liberal arts."

The intent, she explained, "is simply to give students a choice as to the kind of institution they want to attend; it is not to provide students an option as to the level of scholarly discourse. When a student graduates from the University of Wisconsin and a second graduates from Swarthmore, everyone understands that the undergraduate experience has been different, but no one presumes that one has been inferior to the other. Our ambition is to add a third equally scholarly and valid, but different experience...."

"Opportunities for any institution to create a clear and distinctive national mission that converges with the most pressing needs of an age...come but infrequently," Plante told the breakfast audience.

"This is an occasion in time, that in my view will not soon be revisited, when USM can create a strong sense of self that will allow it to attract energetic, dedicated young scholars and equally energetic, alert students of all ages for decades to come."

Teaching Teachers

Miller's on cutting edge

Editor's note: This academic year, as space permits, Currents will highlight faculty accomplishments in a short faculty profile column.

It was a summer to gather laurels for Lynne Miller, associate professor of educational administration/instructional leadership.

Shortly after coming to USM in 1987, she assumed the role of executive director of the Southern Maine Partnership, a collaboration sponsored and established by USM between the College of Education and 14 school districts in the region. In July UNUM Life Insurance Company announced a donation of \$1.1 million to the College of Education and the Southern Maine Partnership. In August, on the basis of an application submitted by Miller, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges selected USM and the Southern Maine Partnership as a 1990-91 NEASC demonstration partnership for an "ongoing commitment to quality collaboration between a school(s) and college."

The Partnership was designed to give classroom teachers, administrators and college faculty the opportunity to rethink the way the education system is structured, and to test new forms of educational practice. Last year, more than 250 Maine public school educators and 14 USM faculty members participated in Partnership activities, such as seminars with local, state and national leaders, and classroom-based projects. The Partnership has access to emerging education practices in other parts of the country through an affiliation with a nation-

wide network established by best-selling author and educator John Goodlad. The UNUM grant will also be used in implementation of our new post-baccalaureate teacher education program, which Miller will be directing.

Miller, who holds an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and an MAT from Harvard, came to USM from South Bend, Indiana, where she was an assistant superintendent for a school system of 22,000 students. From 1975 to 1978 she was an assistant professor of education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has served on the steering committee of the Kettering Foundation Youth Forums, and on the Indiana Council for Humanities, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Council on Staff Development and is a member of the American Educational Research Association. In addition to being awarded Phi Beta Kappa status as an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, she earned a post-doctoral fellowship in 1979 to Northwestern University from the National Institute of Education and a research fellowship at University of London in 1968. She has published two books and a number of journal articles on innovation in education and teacher training.

Two New Facilities Open

USM opened the 1990-1991 academic year with two expanded facilities on the Gorham campus designed to increase the research and instructional capabilities in an important applied science program and to enhance the quality of student life.

The electrical engineering program has been moved from the Science Building in Portland to renovated space in the Industrial Technology Center, Gorham. The move has effectively doubled the space available for the department, providing three instructional labs and two research labs, in addition to expanded classroom space.

"The move also allows us to share equipment among electrical engineering and other technology programs in that building," said Brian C. Hodgkin, dean of the School of Applied Science. The center houses a variety of industrial technology and vocational technology programs.

The renovations and new equipment were made possible by a Masterton Foundation grant of

\$102,000 and a \$65,000 National Science Foundation grant, supplementing university funds.

The Gorham bookstore and other student activities are now centralized in the newly renovated Gorham Student Center, located on the ground floor of the Dining Center. In addition to the bookstore, the area houses a snack bar, meeting space, student activities offices and related facilities. "This project will result in a major improvement to the quality of student life and provide a focal point for a variety of social, educational and cultural events," said Larry G. Benedict, vice president for student affairs.

The \$850,000 project was funded by a bond to be repaid with income from bookstore and dining center operations.

Rogoff

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United States Circuit Court Judge Nominating Commission, First Circuit Panel, to screen and nominate candidates for appointment to the Federal Court of Appeals.

At USM he was USM's first director of the Honors Program and founder and chair of the Council of Honors Directors of the University of Maine System; the founder and managing editor of *The Maine Scholar*, the journal of the System's Honors Programs; a consultant to Project New Enterprise, assisting small business development in Maine; and was formerly an associate faculty member of the Public Policy and Management Program, now the Edward S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs.

"I look forward to this new opportunity to serve the university in a critical area, that of academic planning," Rogoff said. "I am especially pleased to be able to build on the excellent work of Henry Amoroso, who directed the Core Council for the last three years, and David Silvernail, who served as director of graduate affairs. Henry's success in leading the effort to revitalize the Core Curriculum provides me with a solid basis on which to build, as does David's able administration of graduate programs."

Provost John Deegan said he looks forward to working closely with Rogoff. "He has an outstanding record of service to USM, and I am certain his assistance will make a difference to the future of the university."



Lynne Miller, right, with teachers participating in the Southern Maine Partnership.

Hodgdon and Bean Team Up for USM Athletics

Paula Hodgdon, head field hockey coach, and Al Bean, sports information director, have been selected to head USM's intercollegiate athletic program.

Hodgdon, a faculty member since 1967, has been named interim director of intercollegiate athletics. Bean, a former starting pitcher for the Huskies, will be joining her as assistant AD while continuing his duties as sports information director. The new team replaces Richard Costello who retired this summer as director of athletics after 37 years at USM.

Hodgdon came to USM as an instructor in physical education and as our first field hockey coach. Her teams have captured numerous regional titles, and in 1988 she led the Huskies to the NCAA National Championship Tournament, where they placed fourth in the country. She also worked with Costello as coordinator of women's athletics.

Bean, a member of the Husky Hall of Fame who is listed under several categories of pitching records, returned to his alma mater in 1983 with responsibility for publicizing the sports program. Later athletic fund raising and marketing were added to his duties. The new appointment will allow him to focus on sports information, promotion and assisting the administration of the athletics department.

"Our intercollegiate athletic program has made tremendous strides in recent years," said Vice President for Student Affairs Larry Benedict in announcing the appointments. "This institution and the many people who follow USM athletics are very fortunate that we have these talented staff members who can keep this momentum going."

Box Score

■ The second annual USM Husky Fall Classic, an 18-hole golf tournament sponsored by the USM Athletic Association, will be held Sunday, October 7 at the Gorham Country Club. Tee off time for the four player scramble is 1 p.m. The USMAA will award prizes and favors. A buffet dinner will follow in the dining room of USM's Gorham Student Center. Entry fee of \$40 includes greens fee, buffet and T-shirt. For more information, call

Al Bean at 780-5434 or Michael Gemme, annual giving officer, at 780-4804.

■ The USM Athletic Association also is sponsoring the first Great Husky Bike and Boat Adventure, Saturday, September 29. The 45 mile cycling tour begins at 7:30 a.m. on USM's Gorham campus. Participants will ride to Land's End, Bailey Island where they will leave on a Casco Bay Line charter at 1 p.m. for a two hour cruise of Casco Bay. Arriving in Portland at approximately 3 p.m., they will bike back to the Gorham campus for a lobster bake. Participants in the bikathon must raise a minimum of \$200; registration is \$25. For more information, call Al Bean at 780-5434 or Michael Gemme, annual giving officer, at 780-4804.

Campus Notes

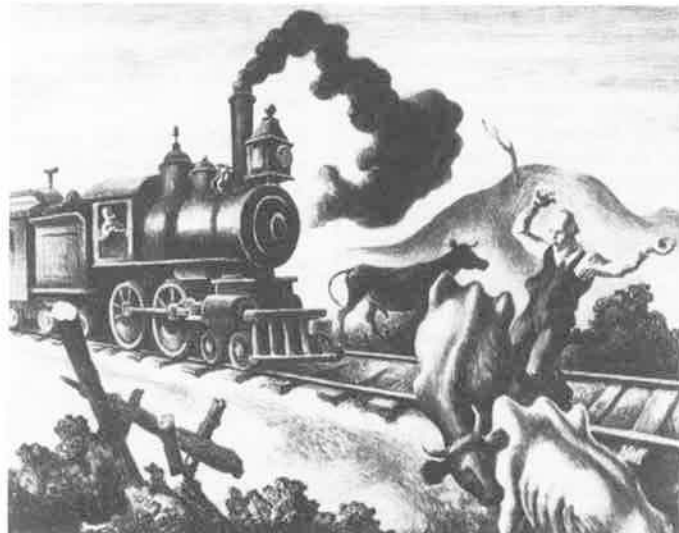
■ Jonathan Goldstein, associate professor of history at West Georgia College, will give two free lectures sponsored by Convocation. "A Mainer in the Chrysanthemum Empire: Edward Sylvester Morse (1838-1925) as Expert and Western Observer in Meiji, Japan" will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 12 in Rooms B and C of the Portland Campus Center. "Cantonese Artifacts: Chinoiserie and the Early American Idealization of China" will be at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 13 in Room 1 of Payson Smith Hall, Portland. For more information, call 780-4440.

■ The History Department will host a lecture by Barbara Yorke, a visiting professor of medieval history from King Alfred's College in Winchester, U.K., on "The Bayeux Tapestry and the Norman Conquest," at 3 p.m., Thursday, September 13 in Campus Center B and C, Portland, to be followed by a reception.

■ Bruce Fithian, Ellen Chickering and Thomas Parchman of USM's music faculty will be participating in the American Art Song Festival, held by the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Concerts will be held in Corthell Concert Hall on the Gorham campus at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 16. Tickets at \$4 for each concert or \$10 for all three will be sold at the door. For more information, call 780-5275.

■ The Women's Studies Department is hosting an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19 at 94 Bedford Street, Portland.

■ Beta Beta Beta, a national honorary biology society for undergraduates, has approved a USM chapter named Chi Tau, sponsored by the Department of Biological Sciences. Michael Mazurkiewicz, professor of biology, will serve as faculty advisor. The society, which publishes the journal BIOS and hosts meetings, promotes undergraduate research and scholastic excellence. There are 350 chapters nationwide.



"Slow Train through Arkansas" by Thomas Hart Benton, part of an exhibit "Modern Images" from the Rothschild and Farnsworth Museum collections, will be on display in the Art Gallery, Gorham campus, Monday, September 17 through Thursday, October 4. Gallery hours are 12 to 4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Donna Cassidy, assistant professor of art and New England Studies, will give a lecture on these prints from the early 20th century at 11 a.m., Monday, September 17; and Maurine and Robert Rothschild will give a gallery talk in the afternoon at 3 p.m., to be followed by a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. The collection includes works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Juan Miro, Henry Moore, Grant Wood, Stuart Davis and Edward Hopper. For more information, call 780-5009.

What We're Doing

E. MICHAEL BRADY, professor, Department of Human Resource Development, presented a research paper titled "Predictors of Success Among Older Workers in New Jobs" at the National Council on the Aging conference in Washington D.C.

SARAH A. BROWN, research associate I, Human Services Development Institute, was invited to speak on "The Importance of Providing Supportive Services to Young Fathers of Children Born to Teenage Mothers," at the D.H.H.S. Family Support Administration's conference on, "Strengthening the American Family."

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Application of Signal Detection Methodology to the Measurement of Temporal Perception" at the scientific meeting of The Maine Psychological Association at Bates College. Damon C. Newcomb, a psychology major at USM, co-authored the paper.

CAMILLE COLEBUCH, assistant director of publications, had her show, "Works on Paper," exhibited at the Frick Gallery in Belfast during April and May.

DEBORAH A. DEATRICK, research associate II, Human Services Development Institute, presented an invited talk titled "Research of High School Student Expectations of Primary Physicians in Teaching Issues of Sexuality," at the 13th annual Robert M. True, M.D., Symposium for primary care physicians and school nurses, held in Portland.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, organized and chaired a session on the topic of recent Hegel studies at the American Philosophical Association's central division meeting. He has also been appointed to the program committee of the Metaphysical Society of America.

MUSTAFA G. GUVENCH, associate professor of electrical engineering, was a session chair at the recent Pittsburgh conference on "Modeling and Simulation" where he also presented the papers, "Numerical Model for High-Sensitivity Varicaps," and "An Analytical Model for Monolithic Photodiodes Including Effects of Isolation Junction."

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, co-authored a book titled "Nuclear Weapons in the University Classroom: An Interdisciplinary Teaching Reference" for faculty who want to design or improve courses on nuclear weapons and

arms control. Hamilton was appointed to the executive committee and chair, Membership Development Committee of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). He served as discussant for a panel on "Administering the Environmental Future: Scientific Management and Democratic Accountability" at the ASPA National Conference in Los Angeles.

JOHN G. HANNA, professor emeritus of English, presented a talk titled "Straight and Crooked Thinking" to the Gray-New Gloucester Kiwanis Club.

JUDITH L. JOHNSON, associate director, Testing and Assessment, and **SUSAN A. KING**, testing and assessment specialist, presented a paper titled "Freshmen Expectations and Experiences: How Well Do They Match in a Metropolitan Comprehensive University?" at the annual conference of the New England Educational Research Organization, in Rockland.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, presented a paper at the eighth annual meeting of the International Society for Educational Biography of the Council of Learned Societies of Education in Chicago titled, "Stephen Leacock: The Humorist as Educator."

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director, Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, spoke on "The Maine Economy and Housing as an Integral Component of the Economy" to the Society of Real Estate Appraisers in Portland.

KATHRYN LASKY, assistant professor of communication, presented a paper titled "Chaplin's Centenary Celebration: Reflections on His Later Films," at the Popular Culture Association conference in Toronto.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, presented a paper titled, "The Section 301 Provisions of the Omnibus Trade Act," at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association at Suffolk University in Boston. The paper was accepted for publication in the Spring 1990 edition of the Business Law Review.

RICHARD L. McKEIL, professor of associate business and economics, and **FRANK A. DURGIN JR.**, professor of economics, recently made presentations at the Marriott Hotel in South Portland on the American economy to visiting Soviet citizens from the Kobi region of the Soviet Union who were members of the Bridges for Peace group.

JULIEN S. MURPHY, associate professor of philosophy, presented a commentary, "Is the Privacy Right the Most We Can Hope For: A Response to Richard Mohr's 'Chief Justice Douglas at Sodom,'" and also chaired a session of the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy on the topic, "Deciphering Social Constructionism of Homosexuality."

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, has been elected statewide president of the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System at the AFUM Delegate Assembly held in Bangor. He has also been elected delegate to the Maine Teachers Association Representative Assembly for a two-year period ending May 1993.

BETTY D. ROBINSON, assistant professor of human services management, presented her paper, "Considering Grievance Mediation" at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in Boston.

ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, assistant professor of literature and writing, delivered an invited lecture on Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" as part of the Maine Humanities Council series on "Making a Living, Making a Life: Work and Its Rewards in a Changing America" at Kennebunkport's Graves Memorial Library.

DAVID L. SILVERNAIL, director, Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, College of Education, presented a paper titled "Teachers' Sense of Responsibility for Student Academic Successes and Failures: A Concept Revisited" at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Boston. At the New England Educational Research Organization conference in Rockland, he presented a paper titled "Teachers Working with At Risk Students: How do Teachers Who Perceive Themselves as Productive Differ from Those who Perceive Themselves as Less Productive?"

JAMES W. SMITH, associate professor of applied science, presented a paper "Advanced Silicon Processing for the 1990s," at the Electro '90 conference in Boston.

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