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# CURRENTS

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## Focus on East Asia

Ezra Vogel, professor of international affairs at Harvard University and an eminent scholar of contemporary East Asian studies, will speak at the official opening of the 1990-91 Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: East Asia," which will focus on the culture, history and politics of China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

Vogel, the author of the widely acclaimed "Japan as Number One" and other important books on both the People's Republic of China and Japan, will speak on "East Asia's Next Generation: A New Challenge?" at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4 in the Portland Gym. The program will include a performance of traditional Chinese music and will be followed by a reception featuring Asian food.

In conjunction with the opening of Convocation, "Pars Orientalis: East Asia in Old Maps," an exhibit of 16th to 19th century maps from USM's Smith Collection which illustrates the evolution of Western cartography of East Asia, will be on view in the AREA Gallery in the Portland Campus

Center from Monday, October 1 through Friday, October 26.

"This region will continue to play an extremely important role in the future of the world economy and political balance, with profound implications for America," says Convocation Scholar Craig Dietrich, professor of history and an expert on China. "Japan remains the second largest economy in the world and our largest trading partner after Canada. The 'tigers' of East Asia—South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore—have recently become significant players in international trade, commerce and finance. China is the world's largest country, with one quarter of the total world population. Whether it continues the rapid development and openness that began in the 1980s is an issue which will have global impact. It is possible that important transitions may occur in China during our Convocation year.

"Convocation also gives us an opportunity to taste from the cultural riches of East Asian art, music, philosophy and religion."

For more information on any event, call Media and University Relations at 780-4200.

## First Libra Professor

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees approved at their September 17 meeting the appointment of Michael Lang, professor of law, as the first Libra Professor at USM.

A gift of \$5 million to the University of Maine System by philanthropist Elizabeth B. Noyes in 1989 made possible the establishment of the 20 endowed professorships, named Libra Professorships by Noyes. Five of these were allocated to USM, with the first award being made in the School of Law. In following years, Libra awards will be given in the Humanities (1991), rotating between English and Philosophy; in the College of Education and in a new program, to be awarded in 1993; and in the Immunology Program in 1994. Procedures for selection of Libra Professorships are developed by each campus in the System and approved by the Chancellor. The University of Maine will receive 10 professorships; the remaining campuses in the System will receive one each.

Lang's appointment is for two years, September 1, 1990 to August 31, 1992. He will receive a stipend of \$12,198 for the first year. The stipend for the second year will be based on interest earned on the endowment. During his term as Libra Professor, Lang will research and write a project titled "A Single Method of Accounting for All Taxpayers." His proposal was selected by the Libra Professorship Committee at the School of Law for originality and scope of scholarship. This award was limited to tenured law faculty.



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## Wise Honored

Bill Wise, who retired this summer after 24 years of service to USM, will be honored at a reception scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m., this Thursday, September 27, in the Presidential and Faculty Dining Rooms, Gorham.

"We were sorry to see Bill retire," said Larry G. Benedict, vice president for student affairs, "and we miss his genuine love and respect for the institution, its faculty, staff and students."

The University of Maine graduate joined USM in 1966 as assistant dean of academic affairs and director of evening college. In the ensuing years, he served USM as acting dean of the College of Education, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, executive assistant to the president, and, most recently, executive assistant to the vice president for student affairs. His most recent responsibilities in student affairs focused on athletics, student conduct and special projects.

Prior to joining USM, Wise, who holds an M.Ed. from Orono, was assistant director of admissions at the University of Maine, and assistant headmaster and director of athletics at Coburn Classical Institute in Waterville.

"We planned this farewell party for Bill in the fall when members of the university community and the Wise family can join us to celebrate Bill's significant contributions to USM," said Benedict. "I know you all join me in wishing Bill the best."



Wise in 1969

## Distinguished Professionals

### Two staffers recognized for contributions

Jack Farrar, assistant director of advising and academic information, cited as "an advocate for students," has been named the second recipient of the Distinguished Professional Staff Award. The award was presented at the annual Professional Staff Luncheon, held early this summer in Gorham.

Judith LaFountain, director of Student Health Services, was named the first recipient of the Emerging Professional Staff Award.

Farrar, who also serves as coordinator of transfer credit counseling services in AAI, joined USM in 1966 as assistant director of continuing education and summer session. He coordinated all academic advising services throughout much of the 1970s. As coordinator of transfer credit counseling in AAI, the former high school guidance counselor directs the only centralized transfer evaluation service in the University of Maine System.

"Jack is very student-oriented. His door is always open to students," said Cynthia A. Young, a student counselor in the School of Business, Economics and Management, who with Farrar established the Office of Transfer Affairs.

Active in numerous professional organizations, Farrar has written and spoken extensively on academic advising issues. He also has been active in school and community activities in his hometown of Gorham.

As the recipient of the first Emerging Professional Staff Award, LaFountain was credited with promoting preventive health education among students. In particular, she collected data on students' health risks and established health promotion activities to address those risks. LaFountain, who coordinated USM efforts to comply with Maine's immunization law, also formed the Campus Student Health Advisory Board and co-chairs the USM AIDS Task Force. She is active in numerous professional and community organizations, among them the American Nurses' Association and the Boy Scouts.

The Professional Staff Awards were established to recognize outstanding contributions to the university, the individual's profession and community. The Distinguished Professional Award is presented to a staff member

with five or more years of experience at USM. The Emerging Staff Award is given to a newer member of the staff with fewer than five years of experience.



The Music Department presents the first of the Faculty Concert Series at 8 p.m., Friday, October 5 in Corthell Concert Hall. Tenor Bruce Fithian, accompanied by pianist Janet Reeves, will perform songs by Schubert, Purcell and Britten.

## Campus Notes

■ The Japan America Society of Maine is sponsoring in conjunction with USM's Convocation on East Asia a lecture by Jackson N. Huddleston Jr., author of "Gaijin Kaisha" ("Foreign Company") on doing business in Japan, at 12 noon, Tuesday, September 25 at the Seaman's Club, Portland. There is a charge for lunch. For more information, call 774-4014.

■ The Womens Studies Department is hosting an informal, brown bag lunch discussion with Maria Gracas Madeiros, a visiting professor from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte in Natal, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 26. Gracas will speak on "Crisis Shelters in Brazil."

■ The History Department is hosting a second lecture by Barbara Yorke, professor of medieval history at King Alfred's College, England. "A Woman Should Be Busy with her Needle," on Anglo Saxon attitudes towards women in the early middle ages, will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, Room B of the Portland Campus Center.

■ The first talks in the Honors Program's "Texts That Matter" series will be by Will Callender, chair and professor of Human Resource Development, on Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" and by Wanda Whitten, an Honors Program student, on "Philosophy: Who Needs It?" by Ayn Rand, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26 in the Honors House, 102 Bedford Street.

■ The Southworth Planetarium's new fall schedule includes laser light shows and astronomy shows at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings and "After School Thursdays," hour-long programs for children at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 780-4249.

## Global Perspective

■ USM welcomes to campus this fall 75 international exchange students, from Turkey, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India, Liberia, Morocco, Bangladesh, Japan, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Finland, Norway, Canada, Peru, Mexico, Brazil and eight Caribbean countries.

■ William Dill, director of the Office of Global Enterprise in the School of Business, Economics and Management, spent the first half of the summer in Sri Lanka on assignment with U.S.A.I.D. to help a group of Sri Lankan business leaders explore the feasibility of establishing a new, privately funded graduate school of management. He will return to Sri Lanka this fall to complete the study and a plan for development of the school.

■ Nancy P. Greenleaf, associate professor of nursing, went to El Salvador with a delegation of U.S. health professionals to observe health care provisions under the new ARENA government at the invitation of the University of El Salvador Medical School faculty and the Salvadoran Foundation for Promotion of Economic and Social Development. The trip was sponsored by the National Central American Health Rights Network, a non-governmental organization.

■ Michael Hillard, assistant professor of economics, traveled to Berlin and Prague this summer and met with students and faculty there, including the director of the East Berlin Economics Institute, whom he interviewed for an academic journal. He witnessed at first-hand many of the changes going on in East Europe, including the economic

reunification of the two Germanies.

■ Gary A. Lombardo, assistant professor of business administration, at the invitation of Fudan University in Shanghai, China, taught nine seminars to students and faculty and to the local business community.

■ Bruce MacLeod, assistant professor of computer science, gave computer advice in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and met with Population Council members in Bangkok, Thailand to work on automating database program design.

■ Warren Purdy, associate professor of associate business administration, was in Turkey for a week last spring conducting an evaluation of enterprise development programs for a project funded by the World Bank.

■ James Roberts, associate professor of political science, visited Egypt this summer to pursue a research interest in Islamic culture.

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Lang came to USM in 1983 from the University of Utah. He was a research fellow at Yale in 1978 and also has taught at Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law and at Temple University. He holds a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and earned his bachelor's at Harvard.

Lang, who practiced tax law in Philadelphia and Chicago, has written on this subject in the *Tax Law Review*, the *Tax Lawyer* and *Taxes Magazine* and is a co-compiler of the *Index to Federal Tax articles*. He is active in the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

"The Law School is honored to have the first Libra Professor at USM," said Dean Kinvin Wroth, "and we are pleased to be able to support through this award an innovative and important project from one of our most respected faculty members."

## ATTENTION

### FACULTY, STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

The Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State Spending on the University of Maine System, as its name would indicate, has been charged by the Legislature with gathering and analyzing information concerning the effect of increased state spending since 1986 on several aspects of the University of Maine System. The aspects specifically identified by the legislation include:

- Impact on the quality, size, turnover and morale or the faculty, including changes in class sizes and student to faculty ratios;
- Investments to improve the quality of student life;
- Range of academic offerings;
- Acquisition of equipment, supplies and services;
- Comparison of increases in administrative costs relative to increases in program and operating costs;
- Distribution of funds among the campuses; and
- Construction of educational facilities.

Your written comments on any of the above items or any other related aspect of the University would be greatly appreciated. Please send your comments by Friday, October 5, 1990 to:

Rep. John O'Dea, Chair  
Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased  
State Spending on the University of Maine System  
State House Station #5  
Augusta, ME 04333

If you have any questions, please call 289-1635.



## What We're Doing

SUE ELLEN BORDWELL, director, Employment Services, was appointed by John L. Martin, speaker of the House of Representatives, to serve on Maine's Commission for Women.

JOHN P. BROIDA, associate professor of psychology, presented his work, "Familial Dysfunction, Parental Alcoholism, and Personality," at the annual meeting of the Maine Psychological Association in Lewiston last April.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, co-presented a paper, "Application of Signal Detection Methodology to the Measurement of Temporal Perception," at the annual meeting of the Maine Psychological Association in Lewiston last April. He presented an invited address titled "Attentional Factors in Temporal and Non-temporal Processing" at the third workshop on "Rhythm Perception and Production" on June 4-8, in The Netherlands.

C. GEORGE CAFFENTZIS, associate professor of philosophy and Honors Program, read a paper titled "Fundamental Implications of the Debt Crisis on Social Reproduction in Africa" at the 12th World Congress of Sociology in Madrid on July 11.

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, appeared on the the Lifetime Channel's "Jane Wallace Show" on June 12, to discuss adoption. His book "Suicide Clusters" was reviewed in the journal "Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior."

DIANA C. CRADER, assistant professor of anthropology, presented a paper co-authored with NATHAN D. HAMILTON, assistant professor of archaeology, "Modeling Coastal Adaptations in the Gulf of Maine," at the Sixth International Conference on Archaeozoology, held at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington D. C., May 21-25.

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, professor of French, chaired a session on "Contemporary Women Writers of Quebec" and gave a paper, "Perspectives Sur l'horizon dans l'oeuvre de Gabrielle Roy," at the National Convention of the American Association of Teachers of French, held in New Orleans last July.

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, was honored in May by Westbrook College with the Deborah Morton Award for distinguished professional service to the community. She also taught in four summer institutes for high school teachers in Maine

and New Hampshire.

JOHN R. HEATH, professor of computer science, and USM graduate student Peter Yakutis, had their paper, "Performance Measurement of an ESDI Cached Disk Controller," published in CMG Transactions' spring issue.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, has an article/review titled "Janusz Korczak: The King of Children" published in *Childhood Education*, Annual Theme Issue, 1990.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, spoke on new educational and research initiatives in real estate at the annual Real Estate Center Directors and Chairholders Meeting held at Texas A & M University, Texas earlier this month.

GARY A. LOMBARDO, assistant professor of business administration, has been invited to write a bimonthly column on issues concerning management information systems for the European trade magazines, *It Europa Management* and *It Europa Systems*, published by VNU Business Press Group BV.

DIANA E. LONG, director of Women's Studies and associate professor of history, is serving on the board of advisors for the Smithsonian Institution exhibit, "Science in American Life," scheduled to open during 1993 in The National Museum of American History.

KATHLEEN I. MacPHERSON, interim dean and professor, School of Nursing, had a paper titled "Nurse-Researchers Respond to the Medicalization of Menopause" published in the "Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences," Volume 592.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, presented a paper titled "Efforts to Open Foreign Markets to U.S. Trade: An Assessment of Section 301" at the annual meeting of the American Business Law Association in Toronto on August 17.

SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, co-presented a talk, "Developmental Screening: Pro and Con," at the Maine Medical Center's Pediatric Grand Rounds, on May 17. She also gave a seminar on "The Relevance of Infancy Research for Adult Clinical Work" at the annual conference of the Maine Association for Infant Mental Health on May 18. Her article, "Project AIMS and the State of Maine: Addressing Issues of Emotional Health in Early Intervention," was published in the April, 1990 issue of *Infants and*

*Young Children*.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, was elected as a delegate for a two-year term to represent District 30 as a member of the National Education Association Representative Assembly.

WARREN G. PURDY, associate professor of associate business administration, has been named to the editorial board of *The Small Business Forum*, published by the University of Wisconsin.

LEONARD J. SHEDLETSKY, associate professor of communication, had his paper, "Accounting for Inconsistent Sex Differences in Cognition: The Case of Reflective Thought," read at the International Communication Association conference in Dublin last June.

PEG SHORE, adjunct faculty, Lewiston-Auburn College, had two papers accepted for presentation by the American Public Health Association at their annual meeting in New York City in September. She will be the sole presenter of "The Changing Demand for Health Personnel in Rural States in 2000 A.D." and co-author of a second paper that predicts the need for children's psychiatric services in Maine.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, presented a paper, "Huckleberry Finn and Yoknapatawpha," at the international symposium, "Classical-Renaissance: Model for Contemporary Literature," at Gesamthochschule Kassel University on June 8. Slavick also participated in an international conference, "Ireland: The Way Forward," in Belfast, August 8-10.

W. DOUGLAS THOMPSON, professor of epidemiology and director of the Bingham Consortium, presented a paper, "Assessing Etiologic Heterogeneity," at the annual meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research in Snowbird, Utah on June 14. He was co-author of three other papers presented at the meeting. His paper, "Age of Onset as an Indicator of Familial Risk of Breast Cancer," was the lead article in the June issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*. The May issue of the *Annals of Human Genetics* published his paper, "Using Age of Onset to Distinguish Between Subforms of Breast Cancer." His invited editorial, "Nonrandom Yet Unbiased," was published in the July issue of *Epidemiology*. On August 8, Thompson presented Grand Rounds at the Maine Medical Center; his topic was "The Epidemiology of Breast Cancer: Implications for Mammographic Screening."

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