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# CURRENTS

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## Pluralism at USM

"It is the university's responsibility to ask how we want to live and what kind of world we want to leave," President Patricia Plante said at last week's all-day working session on pluralism at USM. "All of us must be able to stop and say, 'This is not tolerance; this is not acceptance; this is not our university,'" Plante emphasized.

The daylong program on pluralism was held in response to the Board of Trustees' request that the University of Maine System move toward a more pluralistic environment on our campuses. USM's seven task forces, which met in the afternoon session, are charged with setting goals for a ten-year plan of action in the following aspects of campus life: campus climate, community linkage, curriculum, events, recruitment, research and student affairs.

Beth I. Warren, associate vice president for human resources, presided over the meeting, held Thursday, October 11, and leads the USM effort. She posed the question, "Are issues of pluralism just important to special groups on campus or are they vital to USM as a whole, all institutions and the nation?"

The morning led off with a panel discussion on the meaning and impact of pluralism at the university. Moderator Eileen Eagan, assistant professor of history and the chair of the Faculty Senate, asked participants to consider why we should personally care about pluralism. As a society, she said, we've gone from exclusion to inclusion, but now we must move to transformation. Jeremiah Conway, associate professor of philosophy, director of the Honors Program

and Russell Chair Scholar, pointed out that pluralism involves recognition of diversity and a willingness to allow diversity to make a difference. If pluralism is superficial, he said, it degenerates into tourism — engagement without depth. Another pitfall, he suggested, was rootlessness — pluralism should be rooted in the context of knowledge of one's own culture; and pluralism must be accompanied by a corresponding search for integration and coherence.

Following up on this theme, Willard Callender, professor of education, asked, "How does one count the many and have them add up to one?" Nancy Gish, professor of English, brought an opposing view: "This culture has a prejudice in favor of unity," she said. "Why not present differentiation as an ideal? It is important to recognize and celebrate difference." She also asked that we look beyond tolerance of minority groups to taking supportive action.

Kathleen Wininger, assistant professor of philosophy, used her own discipline to illustrate how course structure often reflects a narrow (white male) view of the subject matter. There are two models in teaching philosophy, she said, the chronological, historical approach, Aristotle to Wittgenstein, and the topical approach, teaching the philosophy of religion, of psychology and so forth. She feels it is important to include pluralistic viewpoints in each discipline, and she gave practical suggestions for acknowledging the variety of viewpoints in each course.

In summing up the discussion, Warren said that we have learned as a society that we need to get beyond the melting pot approach. "Assimilation is not pluralism," she said. "We've learned that it's

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## USM Virtuoso

### First joint appointment with PSO

After an eight-month search, USM and the Portland Symphony Orchestra announced in August that the first joint appointment between the two had been filled by Lawrence Golan. Golan will hold the position of concertmaster for the PSO and assistant professor of music, teaching violin and conducting the University Orchestra, at USM. The Music Department considers it a coup to have hired a performer with Golan's credentials. "Larry was our unanimous first choice from a very strong field of candidates," said Robert J. Russell, USM associate professor of music and chair of the search committee.

"We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, talented artist joining our orchestra," said Toshiyuki Shimada, music director

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President Patricia R. Plante received a "Special Award for Excellence in Higher Education Leadership" at the recent annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Portland Region. Pictured presenting the award is Richard B. Dalbeck of UNUM, chairman of the regional chamber. Plante also has been selected to receive a Meritorious Service Award from the national Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in recognition of special contributions to higher education.

Photo by Gail Osgood

## Serving Maine's Bilinguals

The USM College of Education is now prepared to improve literacy services to Maine's growing population of bilingual students.

Thanks to a \$160,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, USM will establish a center in English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bilingual Education (BE) to train teachers who work with students of limited English proficiency.

According to recent surveys, there are nearly 900 bilingual school children in Maine who are not receiving services to help them overcome serious reading and writing problems. Some educators also believe that the quality of instruction given to another 729 bilingual students suffers because teachers are not adequately trained in ESL and BE services.

These children were identified in a poll of just over 1,600 bilingual students, or approximately 25 percent of Maine's 6,455 bilingual school

children. Figures also show that the number of bilingual students who need literacy services is increasing.

The problem of meeting the educational needs of Maine's bilingual students is compounded by a State Board of Education mandate which requires all ESL teachers and tutors to obtain state endorsements.

The USM program will be the first long-term, ongoing program of its type to offer credit toward a degree or certificate in ESL and BE services, said Michael P. O'Donnell, professor of education and author of the grant proposal. The grant was submitted with the support of the Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services' Federal Projects for Minority Languages. O'Donnell noted that the USM proposal was one of only three such projects in the country to be funded.

Donald L. Bouchard has been named assistant professor of literacy education and coordinator of the newly established ESL/BE Training and Development Center. O'Donnell, Bouchard and others are now working to develop USM's capability to deliver training programs to support educators who work with students in need of literacy services. Courses will be offered beginning in January.

Faculty and staff who want more information on the program can call 780-5073.

## Distinguished Classified Staff Award

An annual award has been established to recognize the service and contributions of a classified staff member to USM and to his or her community.

The Distinguished Classified Staff Award will be awarded each year at the annual Classified Staff Breakfast. The presentation will consist of a \$1,000 cash award and a plaque.

"The establishment of this award is very well deserved, and I'm delighted that we can now appropriately recognize the many contributions that members of the Classified Staff make to this institution," said President Patricia R. Plante.

Though the award was developed by the USM chapter of ACSUM, any classified staff member is eligible for the award, regardless of union mem-

bership.

Each fall, the president will appoint Classified Staff members to a nominating committee. Details of the criteria for the award have yet to be finalized, but consideration will be given to contributions to USM, one's profession and to the community. The committee will solicit nominations, select the finalist and submit the name to the president.

## Campus Notes

■ Harold Osher, M.D., who with his wife Peggy L. Osher donated his valuable antique map collection to USM, will give two lectures on the exhibit, which he curated, of ancient maps of East Asia now on display in the Campus Center AREA Gallery. Osher will talk on "Pars Orientalis: East Asia in Old Maps" at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 29 and at 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 30 in the gallery. These European maps, covering the period of earliest exploration through the 19th century, reveal the evolution of knowledge about China, Japan, Korea and other Asian countries.

Currents will now list regularly scheduled meetings of campus senates and other organizations that are of interest to members of the campus community.

■ The Alumni Association Board of Directors will meet Monday, October 22, and Monday, November 19. Both meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m. in Rooms B & C of the Campus Center, Portland. For more information, contact Richard H. Sturgeon, executive director of alumni and development, at 780-4110.

■ The Faculty Senate will meet from 3 to 5 p.m., Friday, November 2 in Room 510, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland, and from 3 to 5 p.m., Friday, November 16 in Room 102, Bailey Hall, Gorham. For more information, contact Eileen Eagan, chairperson, at 780-5058.

■ The Professional Staff Senate will hold a Leadership Forum from 9 to 11 a.m., Monday, November 19 in Hastings Lounge, Gorham. Mary I. Collins, staff development director, Division of Human Resources, and Marilyn Russell, research assistant, Human Services Development Institute, will lead a discussion on "The Professional Staff and the



A calligraphy exhibit, "Lifelines: Liu Tian Wei," jointly sponsored by the Art Department and the Chinese and American Friendship Association of Maine in conjunction with Convocation "Worlds in Flux: East Asia," will run at the Art Gallery in Gorham through Thursday, November 15.

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Learning Workplace." Call Mary Ann Benson, chair of the senate, at 780-4695 for more information.

■ The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m., Thursdays. The October 25 meeting will be in Rooms A,B,C, Campus Center, Portland; November 1 in Hastings Lounge, Gorham; November 8, the Masterton Amphitheatre, Portland; and November 15 in Hastings Lounge, Gorham. For more information, call Rob Smith, senate president, at 874-6594.

■ The first meeting of the USM Gay and Lesbian Employees Association is scheduled for Sunday, November 4. This will be the first time that faculty and staff interested in gay issues have had an opportunity to meet as a regular group, according to organizers Larry Bliss, director of advising, and Julien Murphy, chair of the Philosophy Department, both faculty advisors to the student group Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Contact Bliss at 780-4704 or Murphy at 780-4229 for location and time.

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not enough to add and stir."

For the next three hours the task forces met and began to hammer out their own perspectives on pluralism.

Gayle Pemberton, associate director of Afro-American Studies at Princeton University, gave the keynote address, pointing out that USM functions as a microcosm of our fragmented society. "We have a world view as we have a language [which includes pluralism]," she said. "It's just finding the will to make changes." President Plante agreed with Pemberton on this point but added that words are linked to leadership and that we as a society need new words to inspire us. "We've had the most inarticulate leadership at the highest level for at least the last 10 years in the United States," Plante said.

Pemberton referred to the great impact on her life of a year she spent in the United Kingdom when she was 17: "I would send everybody away for a year," she said. "I never felt happier, freer or more at home....I longed to feel that way in my own country. Let's do it," she said in conclusion.

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and conductor for the PSO.

"Larry is very dedicated to both performing and teaching. He will bring a great deal to both the PSO and the Portland community." Golan made his debut with the orchestra on October 9 and dazzled audiences with his virtuoso performance of Mozart's Violin Concerto.

At USM he teaches courses on string method for music education majors and will develop the string program. He hopes to establish USM as a center for string studies, with the help of other faculty members.

Golan received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Indiana University School of Music and studied violin with such masters as Josef Gingold, George Perlman and his father, Joseph Golan, principal second violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Golan, who began his professional career at age 16, has performed across the U.S. and in Europe, including work under Leonard Bernstein at the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival in West Germany.

These USM staff members were among the more than 6,000 Greater Portland employees who participated in the recent 1990 United Way Kick Off Run. USM has mounted a campus campaign to help United Way of Greater Portland reach its goal of \$5.7 million. Those monies will be distributed to nearly 40, local social service organizations. Beth I. Warren is managing the campus campaign. Vice chairs of the campus effort are John Bay, Judy Ryan, Eleanor Law, Walter Stump, Deborah Krichels, Robert Goettel, George Higgins and Tim Honey. For more information on how to participate in the campaign, call the Division of Human Resources at 780-5486.

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## What We're Doing

BETTY W. ATTERBURY, associate professor of music education, is chair of the editorial committee of the *Music Educators Journal* published by the Music Educators National Conference.

ALBERT D. BEAN JR., assistant director of athletics and director of sports information, has been selected to serve as a member of the ECAC Division III Baseball Policy Setting and Selection Committees.

PIERS BEIRNE, professor of sociology and legal studies, recently published his edited book, "Revolution in Law: Contributions to the Development of Soviet Legal Theory, 1917-1938" (1990, M.E. Sharpe). Beirne and JAMES MESSERSCHMIDT, associate professor of sociology, produced an undergraduate textbook titled "Criminology: An Introduction" (1990, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich).

ARDIS CAMERON, assistant professor of New England Studies, has been invited to speak on "Ye Olde New England: The Politics of Community in a Post-modern America," at the University of Miami, Ohio, as part of their fall lecture series at the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. Cameron chaired a session on "Eco-Feminism" during the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women at Rutgers University, N.J., last June.

DAVID P. CLUCHEY, associate dean and professor of law, spoke to the New England Association of Law Librarians at their annual meeting in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on the subject of the dispute resolution provisions of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement on September 15. On October 20, Cluchey spoke to the New England Bar Association in Ogunquit on the initial panel decisions in formal disputes under the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement.

GLORIA S. DUCLOS, professor of classics, lectured on "The Voyage of Odysseus" as part of "The Boat Show: Fantastic Ships, Fictional Voyages," at the Portland Museum of Art on September 27.

RICHARD H. FORTINSKY, associate director and research associate, Human Services Development Institute, has been named the 1991 program planning chair for the Gerontological Health Section of the American Public Health Association. He presented a paper, "Intergenerational Family Relations in Long Term Care" at the 1990 annual meeting of the New England Public Health Association, and participated in a symposium on "Neglected Voices in Home Care Quality:

The Consumer and Homemaker" at the 1990 annual meeting of the American Society on Aging. An article which he co-authored with TANIA J. HATHAWAY, research assistant at the Human Services Development Institute, titled, "Information and Service Needs Among Active and Former Family Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease," has been published in the October 1990 issue of *The Gerontologist*.

LOUIS F. GAINNEY JR., professor of biology, and JAMES KENYON, assistant professor of statistics, have a paper, "The Effects of Reserpine on Copper-Induced Cardiac Inhibition in *Mytilus edulis*," in the current issue of *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, has published an essay titled "Heidegger as Nazi: A Postmodern Scandal," in *Philosophy East and West*, The Journal of Comparative and Eastern Philosophy published by the University of Hawaii. He also published a similar analysis of Heidegger's Nazi activities in *Cross Currents*, the journal of the Association of Religion and Intellectual Life.

NANCY P. GREENLEAF, associate professor of nursing, has been elected to the National League for Nursing Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs Board of Review beginning January 1, 1991.

JOHN M. KINSELLA, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese, had his review of the book, "The Tragic and Its Consolation: A Study of Martín Adán," appear in *INTI* (Review of Hispanic Literatures, Providence, R.I.). His paper on Peruvian writer Martín Adán was given at the University of Mexico and published in the same issue of *INTI*.

DIANA E. LONG, associate professor of history and director of Women's Studies, published an article, "Moving Reprints: A Historian Looks at Sex Research Publications of the 1930s," in the *Journal of the History of Medicine*, summer, 1990 issue. Her article was based on her research last fall as a visiting senior historian at the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, was notified that his paper, "Evolution of the Specificity Test for Countervailable Domestic Subsidies Under United State Law," has been accepted for publication by the *International Business Law Association Journal*.

MICHAEL MAZURKIEWICZ JR., profes-

sor of biology, gave a seminar, "Intertidal Overwintering Habits of the Mud Snail, *Ilyanassa obsoleta*," at the University of Rhode Island on October 2, as part of the Zoology Colloquium Series at Kingston. While there, Mazurkiewicz consulted with Robert Bullock, professor of Zoology at U.R.I., on collaborative research they are doing on the ecology of tidal marsh snails.

IVAN G. MOST, director of Production Technology Center, spoke on "Educational Approaches to Ergonomics" at the October 10 meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Boston Chapter.

ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, assistant professor of literature and writing, Lewiston-Auburn College, and GALE W. RHODES, professor of chemistry, had the syllabi of their two interdisciplinary courses, *Metaphor and Myth in Literature and Modern Science*, COR 113, and *Life and Literature After Darwin*, COR 123, published in *Literature & Science: Course Syllabi*, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1990.

W. DOUGLAS THOMPSON, professor of epidemiology, had his paper, "Lung Cancer and Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Household," published in the September 6 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A methodologic paper, "Kappa and Attenuation of the Odds Ratio," was published in the September issue of *Epidemiology*. Thompson's paper, "Familial Clustering of Neural Tube Defects and Gastric Cancer," appeared in the September issue of the *International Journal of Epidemiology*.

WILLIAM W. WELLS, library director, Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library, and associate professor of law, spoke on "What Are They Talking About, and How Do I Find It, Use It, and Understand It?" at the Maine Shorthand Reporters Association's Fall CE Seminars, October 6 at Wells Beach.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, moderated the final two programs of "The Courts and the Constitution," sponsored by the School of Law and the Edmund S. Muskie Archives of Bates College. JAMES M. FRIEDMAN, professor of law, and MELVYN ZARR, professor of law, discussed the role of the court in the abortion controversy for "The Courts and the Constitution" program. Wroth made a presentation on the implementation of the Maine Legal Needs Study to members of the Maine Association of Paralegals at the association's annual meeting on September 28 at Sugarloaf.



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