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## Farewell!

Goodbye party for Plante set for December 5

At the May meeting of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, USM President Patricia R. Plante announced she would be resigning her position in January. At the time she said she "sensed time yapping at my heels" and wanted to pursue scholarly writing and a role in the Metropolitan University project, which she was instrumental in initiating.

On Wednesday, December 5 the university community has an opportunity to say goodbye to President Plante at a farewell reception, to be held at 12 noon in the Portland Campus Center. All members of the USM community are invited to attend.

Local civic and business leaders have been invited to speak at the reception, and Gloria S. Duclos, professor of classics, will address the president as a representative of the faculty.

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

## Muskie to be Honored at USM

PPM Program will be renamed at inaugural ceremony November 30

Former Governor, U.S. Senator and Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie will be honored next week when we officially inaugurate USM's Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs. University of Maine System Trustees earlier this year approved naming the graduate program in Public Policy and Management (PP&M) in honor of Muskie. At the time, President Plante said the action "is an appropriate and natural outgrowth of this institution's role in fostering the leadership skills and delivering the research capabilities required to successfully manage the issues facing state and local governments."

In addition to PP&M, the Muskie Institute includes the Human Services Development Institute (HSDI) and the Community Leadership Institute (CLI). HSDI conducts applied research in social and related policy areas while CLI offers training to community leaders.

A native of Rumford, Muskie graduated from Bates College and Cornell University Law School and began his political career in the Maine House of Representatives in 1948. In 1954 he was elected governor and served for two terms. He represented Maine in the U.S. Senate from 1959 to 1980 and chaired the Senate Budget Committee and Subcommittees on Intergovernmental Relations, Environment and Public Works, and Arms Control. He was the vice presidential nominee in 1968 and ran for the presidency in 1972. He resigned from the Senate in 1980 to become Secretary of State under Jimmy Carter. Muskie received the Presidential Medal of

Freedom and the Congressional Distinguished Service Award in recognition of the contributions he has made over the years to the nation.

The inauguration, scheduled for Friday, November 30, will include the first meeting of the institute's Board of Visitors as well as a luncheon and reception. Governor John R. McKernan, Jr., U.S. Senators William S. Cohen and George J. Mitchell, U.S. Representatives Joseph E. Brennan and Olympia J. Snowe and other state, local and university leaders will join Muskie at the inauguration. The event is being dedicated to the memory of Mark R. Shedd, the founding director of the Public Policy and Management Program.

For more information, call 780-4380.



Former Maine Governor and U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie.



Dorothy D. Moore, dean of the College of Education, is pictured with graduate student Marianne Marron of Boothbay, a recipient of The Lawrence and Pearl W. Fickett Educational Leadership Scholarship. Earlier this semester, the College of Education hosted the first Scholarship Reception to honor graduate students who have been awarded assistantships and scholarships. D'Lila Terracin of East Waterboro, the second recipient of the Fickett Scholarship, is missing from the photo. Monies from USM's Annual Fund as well as from the Fickett Scholarship and other endowed scholarships now make it possible to recognize the achievements of the college's graduate students, said Moore.

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## Campus Notes

■ Part of the Danforth Gallery's traveling exhibit "Route 1, 1990 Kittery to Brunswick—a Senior Perspective," by artists over 60 years old, will be displayed in the lobby of 68 High Street, Portland, through November 23.

■ A workshop on "Learning Styles and Teaching" by David E. Whiteside, associate professor of management and organizational studies, will present the Learning Style Inventory from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 4 in Room 105 at Lewiston-Auburn College. The workshop is open to faculty, staff, students and other interested parties. For more information, call Whiteside at 783-4860.

■ The Alumni Association Board of Directors will not meet in December or January. The next meeting will be in February and will be posted in Currents.

■ The last meeting of the Faculty Senate this semester will be from 3 to 5 p.m., Friday, December 7 in Room 510, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland. For more infor-

mation, contact Eileen Eagan, chairperson, at 780-5058.

■ The next meeting of the Professional Staff Senate will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 12 in Room C of the Portland Campus Center. Call Mary Ann Benson, chair of the senate, at 780-4695 for more information.

■ The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m., Thursdays. The November 29 meeting will be in Rooms A,B,C, Campus Center, Portland; December 6 in Hastings Lounge, Gorham; and December 13, the last meeting for the semester, in Rooms A,B,C, Campus Center, Portland. For more information, call Rob Smith, senate president, at 874-6594.



"A Little Night Music" by Stephen Sondheim will be performed in Russell Square Theatre on the Gorham campus by USM theatre and Opera Workshop students. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1 and Wednesday, December 5 through Saturday, December 8; matinee performances are at 5 p.m., Sundays, December 2 and December 9. Tickets are \$7 for the public, \$6 for USM staff, and \$4 for students; for reservations, call 780-5483.

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USM's play "Grannia" won recognition at the NETC annual convention.

## USM Theatre Wins Honors

At the annual convention of the New England Theatre Conference held earlier this month, several members of the Theatre Department were recognized.

"Grannia," the musical written by Thomas A. Power, associate professor of theatre, and composer and USM alumnus Larry Flash Allen, won a Moss Hart Award in the college theatre division. The annual award recognizes works which present "affirmative views of human courage and dignity, which have strong literary and artistic merit, and which in their productions exemplify fresh, imaginative, creative treatment within the intent of the playwright." The award was presented to Power by noted Boston theatre critic Elliot Norton. "Grannia," which was produced at USM last December, had previously won regional placement in the American College Theatre Festival.

Also at the NETC convention, Walter Stump, professor of theatre, who co-chaired the convention, was inducted into the NETC's College of Fellows in recognition of his service to theatre in the New England region.

A regional achievement award went to actor Thomas Derrah, an alumnus of USM and Yale University Drama Center, now with the American Repertory Theatre. The play "Nightshade," written by USM

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alumna Kate Larlee, was performed at the convention as part of a workshop on adjudication.

The convention's other co-chair Carol Manchester, a Windham High School English teacher, said USM theatre faculty Susan Picinich, Christenia Kinne, and Charles Kading and technical director Fred Fauver, and USM theatre students all "contributed enormously to the success of the convention."

## Research Update

■ Dennis Gale, professor of Public Policy and Management, Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, received a grant for \$5000, in collaboration with Kay Rand of Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development, from the Maine Research Fund to assess perceptions of how well the state's growth management program, which requires all towns in state to submit master plans for town development, is functioning after two years.

■ Mustafa G. Guvench, associate professor of electrical engineering, has been awarded \$63,000 by the National Science Foundation for the development of a computer integrated electronics laboratory.

■ Vincent E. Faherty, professor of social work, received a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for superior undergraduate students to work with department faculty and the Maine Department of Human Services. The goal of the two-year project is to attract more professionals into the child welfare system, particularly those who have the background to work with Franco-American and Southeast Asian communities, and to help increase the quality of child welfare services.

## Global Perspective

■ Bruce B. Clary, professor of public policy and management, is visiting the Soviet Union for two weeks this month as part of a team of environmental policy experts.

■ Deborah A. Deatrack, research associate II, Human Services Development In-



The School of Business, Economics and Management will be offering two \$2,000 scholarships in the 1990-1991 academic year, thanks to the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation. The foundation just announced the establishment of a total of eight \$2,000 scholarships for Maine high school graduates who are attending a Maine college or university. Representatives of the Maine Bankers Association, which administers the foundation, recently presented the funds for two scholarships to USM. Pictured from the left are: Mark L. Walker, assistant director of the Maine Bankers Association; State Representative Philip E. Curran of Westbrook; President Plante; L. Gary Knight, president of Livermore Falls Trust and a director of the Maine Bankers Association; and Richard J. Clarey, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management. Knight is a USM graduate, and Curran's three children are USM alumni. Cutcliffe photo

stitute, worked in Edinburgh last summer with the Scottish Health Education Group on an adolescent AIDS project.

■ The School of Nursing enjoyed a visit from their first exchange student, a nursing student from France. Marie Dominique Poirier, who is in her last year at Ecole D'Infirmieres du C.H.R.U. in Montpelier, France, spent three weeks at USM to discover differences in how the nursing profession is conducted in the two countries. During her three weeks in Maine, she had an opportunity to visit Maine Medical Center and also a community health center. She has a special interest in health delivery in rural areas. She observed many differences in the way nurses are trained here. "It is much more informal here, not so rigid as in France," she said. She noted that there is a nursing shortage in France because of low pay for hospital nurses and the difficulty of the schooling. SON is hoping to send nursing students to France in a return exchange.

■ Richard Steinman, professor emeritus of social work, completed seven months as a 1989-90 Fulbright scholar in Hungary. He assisted Hungarian colleagues in launching social work education and practice, banned for 40 years. He will return for three months this winter to resume training social work

educators, who are drawn from a variety of professions.

■ James V. Sullivan, chair and professor of health, physical education and recreation, conducted a two-week comprehensive school health program last spring in Natal, Brazil. He trained 41 physical education and biology teachers, lecturing on nutrition, stress management, smoking cessation, AIDS, substance abuse and fitness. He also demonstrated the latest physical fitness test to physical education teachers and their students.

■ The Women's Studies Department hosted visits from two guest professors: Maria Gracias Madeiros, a visiting professor from the Federal University of Rio Grand do Norte in Natal, and Barbara Yorke, a professor of medieval history at King Alfred's College in England, who was also sponsored by the History Department.



## What We're Doing

GREGORY P. BAZINET, assistant professor of technology and coordinator of vocational education, presented a paper titled "Giving Students the Responsibility for Learning—A Learning Environment that Works!" at the 53rd annual meeting New England Association for Technology Teachers in Manchester, N.H.

INDIA L. BROYLES, assistant professor of education, presented a project report on the use of documentation in conducting evaluative research during the recent Clinical Schools Conference hosted by the Ford Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in Miami, Fla. on November 1-2.

JANET Z. BURSON, associate professor of nursing, presented a paper on "Cessation of Feeding: Ethical and Nutritional Dilemma," at the annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association in Denver, Colo. on October 16.

ROBERT S. CASWELL, director of Media and University Relations, won the 1990 Bernays Award, the highest honor awarded by the Maine Public Relations Council. The award is presented annually to a Maine individual "distinguished in the field of public relations" for professional accomplishments and service to the community. Caswell was also profiled in the Portland Press Herald's Business Tuesday section, November 15.

KATHY DEMERS, enrollment services coordinator, Lewiston-Auburn College, conducted three information nights on applying for college admission designed for high school seniors and their parents, at Telstar High School in Bethel, Lisbon High School, and Lewiston High School.

MICHAEL MAZURKIEWICZ JR., professor of biology, officiated at the November 3 ceremonial events establishing a new chapter of the national honorary undergraduate society in biology, Beta Beta Beta, at USM. Mazurkiewicz is the faculty advisor for this new chapter.

ALFRED L. PADULA, associate professor of history, delivered a paper titled, "Sisters and Enemies: Miami and Havana in the 1990s" at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies. In May he was an exchange professor at King Alfred's College, Winchester, England.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of account-

ing, attended the Maine Teachers Association Fall Leadership Conference held at the Bangor Holiday Inn Civic Center on October 26-28.

CATHY SIEBOLD, assistant professor of social work, presented a paper, "An Historical Analysis of the Hospice Movement," at the annual conference for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups. A second paper, "Termination: When the Therapist Leaves," was presented at the Committee on Psychoanalysis' annual conference titled, "The Continuing Evolution of Psychoanalytic Thought: Infancy to Adulthood." The latter paper has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Clinical Social Work.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, assistant professor of nursing, was a winner of the Nurses' Educational Fund's top scholarship award, the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Scholarship, for 1990-91.

BILL THORNTON, assistant professor of psychology, was notified that the paper he co-authored, "Influence of a Photograph on a Charitable Appeal: A Picture May be Worth a Thousand Words When It Has to Speak for Itself," has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology.

GABRIEL P. WILLIAMSON, manager of continuing education and leisure services, presented a workshop titled "Interactive Play, Leadership Principles and Sheer Enjoyment" to the staff of USM's Child Care Services.

KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, with Nancy Chandler, executive director of the Maine Bar Foundation, presented the current status of the implementation of the Maine Legal Needs Study to bar foundation leaders from New England states, and led a discussion of the possibilities for regional cooperation to meet the legal needs of the poor, at the annual meeting of the New England Bar Association in Ogunquit on October 19 and 20. On October 27, Wroth presented a paper titled, "The Maine Connection: Massachusetts Justice on the Eastern Circuit, 1692-1830," at a colloquium held in Boston to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. A volume containing the colloquium papers is to be published in 1992.

## Thanks!

The Office of Media and University Relations wishes to thank all USM faculty and staff who have participated in media interviews and in submitting opinion articles to the newspapers through this office. Our success in increasing USM's visibility through media utilization of university expertise has been recognized by two awards in the statewide competition run by the Maine Public Relations Council. At the MPRC's annual meeting, held Friday, November 2, USM's Office of Media and University Relations received a first prize and a merit award in the category of Media Relations.

Judges reviewed some 45 entries for winners in the categories of media relations, internal communications, external communications, crisis management, citizenship, special events and audiovisual. The three judges were Stacey Smith from the public relations firm Jackson Jackson & Wagner in New Hampshire; Hallie Baron, associate director of public affairs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston; and John K. Murphy, assistant to the general manager for the Guy Gannett newspapers in Portland. One judge termed the USM entries—the op-ed program and expert comments by faculty scattered through news stories—"good proactive strategy." Another said, "15 editorials in one year is very impressive."

So, again, thanks to all of you whose cooperation has contributed directly to the success of this office. We invite you to continue to send material for opinion articles to us and to call us when world and local events touch your area of expertise.



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