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Commencement 1991: May 11

Educator Robert Binswanger and student journalist Rebecca Donovan will address an anticipated record crowd in Commencement ceremonies May 11. Approximately 850 of the more than 1200 USM students eligible to graduate this year are expected to participate. The 111th Commencement is the second in recent years to be presided over by Harlan A. Philippi, interim president; Philippi also led the university in 1987.

The ceremony will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11. As in the past, it will be held in the Cumberland County Civic Center on Spring Street.

Among the graduates some 20 members of the Class of 1941 and their spouses will be marching under the green and white-striped alumni umbrellas. They will gather at Alumni House on the Portland campus at 8:30 a.m. and will be bussed to the Civic Center at 9 a.m.

Following the Commencement exercise, the University of Maine School of Law will hold a convocation for the 76 law students graduating this year at 2 p.m. in the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church in Portland. Senator George Mitchell will be the guest speaker, and Frederick

Lipp of Whitefield, Maine is the student speaker, chosen by his classmates. The Law School ceremony is open only to graduates and their guests. The school has invited its 20 year class, who will be welcomed by Dean Emeritus Edward S. Godfrey.

Anne Keith, an instructor in the School of Nursing who holds a doctorate from Harvard University, will speak to graduating nursing students and their guests at convocation ceremonies at 7 p.m., Friday, May 10 in Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland. The ceremony is by invitation only.

Retired General Nichols will address the graduating ROTC cadets in a commissioning ceremony at 2 p.m., Friday, May 10 in Hastings Formal Lounge on the Gorham campus.

This is the first year that students will graduate from USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. A ceremony recognizing

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State of the System

In his fifth address to the State Legislature on the State of the University of Maine System, Thursday, April 25, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury emphasized that "the future of our State requires a commitment to higher education."

Woodbury pointed out that the roots of Maine's public university lie in the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862,



signed by Lincoln. This act supported three fundamental ideas, still important today: that ordinary citizens, not just the elite, should have access to higher education; that applied subjects such as chemistry and engineering should supplement classical subjects; and that the university should have a commitment to supply education to the larger community and the state.

In 1979 when Woodbury became USM president, the Maine system was grossly underfunded, he said. He cited in his address that it then ranked 49th out of 50 states in per capita appropriations and last in faculty salaries, and that the state was close to the bottom in percentage of citizens with college degrees. But during the last ten years, he said, "the commitment of several Legislatures and two governors made Maine a national success story." He pointed to "the quality of programs, the scope of opportunity, the engagement of campuses with the state, the innovative programs in technology and curricular change...."

He underlined the important mission of public service and access that the smaller campuses have meant

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Commencement Notes

■ Robes for faculty and students can be picked up ahead at the bookstores (from store participant listed on order form) or can be picked up the morning of commencement at the Civic Center.

■ Faculty and staff who will be participating in the academic procession should be in the Gold Circle Club room at the Civic Center (to left as enter the center) for robing between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

■ Free parking is available for participating faculty and staff in the BAMICO lot on Spring Street, next to the Holiday Inn by the Bay.

■ Due to limited parking at the Civic Center, students and their guests are advised to park on campus and use the free shuttle bus service.

■ Free buses, courtesy of VIP Transportation, will shuttle between the Campus Center, Portland, and the Civic Center continuously between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Return trips will begin immediately after the ceremony ends and will run until 1 p.m.

■ Call Media and University Relations with your questions about commencement at 780-4200.



Barbara Willey, pictured here at her desk before taking the big step on May 31.
Caswell photo

Willey Prepares for Retirement

"Retiring is like getting married," says Barbara Willey. "So many thoughts run through your mind, the pros and the cons, and questions like 'Should I or shouldn't I?' But I've gone through that phase and now am thinking about missing my colleagues and wondering how to replace the challenges and satisfaction [of working at USM]."

Willey, an employment specialist in the Division of Human Resources, plans to replace 26 years of challenges and satisfactions by polishing her golf game and teaching her grandson to play. She also has set up a home office, complete with word processor and desk ("my security blanket"), where she plans to do some writing.

She began her USM career in 1965 as a secretary in the Department of Industrial Education and Technology. In 1984 she transferred to the Division of Human Resources and for the last six years, as employment specialist, has overseen all classified staff searches, analysed jobs and often has been the first point of contact for people with job-related problems. Her willingness to help others, her positive attitude and her sense of humor will be missed.

A reception will be held in her honor from 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, May 9, in Hastings Lounge, Gorham. Please R.S.V.P. to Donna Sloan at 780-5278.

Honoring Students

The achievements of USM's top students were honored in Recognition Day ceremonies, Thursday, May 2 in Hill Gymnasium, Gorham. Among the 80 students who received awards from President Harlan A. Philippi, Provost John Deegan Jr., Vice President Larry Benedict and academic deans and directors, were Michele M. Reagan, who was named Outstanding Senior and received three scholarship awards, and Amy A. Thomas, who received a George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award and an International Programs scholarship. The Outstanding Senior award recognizes exceptional service and contribution to USM. The George Van Amburg award is presented to a student deserving merit for volunteer efforts aimed at making USM a better institution.

Presidential Scholarships, awarded on a competitive basis to students who maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average, went to Craig H. Langlois, Sarah L. Maxwell, Cynthia M. Roy, Roxanne P. Moller and Wanda P. Whitten.

The USM Awards Committee Special Recognition award went to Philip W. Calvert for enrichment of the academic life of the USM community. Calvert also received a scholarship

from the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System, along with Linford Doyle, Leah M. Doughty and Rachel R. Leo.

The Honors Convocation ended with the second annual honors lecture, attended by 135 students and guests.

Campus Notes

■ National Celebrate Nursing Week will be recognized at USM with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7 in the Campus Center, Portland. Guest speakers will be Agnes Flaherty, R.N., M.S., former executive director of the State Board of Nursing, who will speak on her experiences as a flight nurse during World War II, and Elaine McCardy, a Vietnam War nurse.

■ Richard Sturgeon, executive director of alumni and development, will speak to the USM Retirees Association at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 14 in the Faculty Dining Room in Gorham. The fee for the meeting, which will include lunch, is \$5. For reservations call 780-4173.

■ USM professional staff are invited to attend a potluck luncheon at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 22 in the new Student Center on the Gorham campus. Staff awards will be presented. Call 780-5666 for the meal item you should bring.



Larrey Homan, USM landscaper, groundskeeper and master composter, received the first Distinguished Classified Staff Award, to be given annually in recognition of outstanding knowledge, cooperation, dedication and initiative in service to USM. President Harlan A. Philippi presented a check for \$1000 to Homan at a ceremony on Thursday, April 25. Other nominees were Kerry Bertalan and Gracetta Harris of the College of Education, Vera Gerard of Student Billing, Christine Long of the Small Business Development Center, Arlene Michael of the Department of Foreign Languages and Classics, Terry Overlock in the Division of Human Resources, Margaret Tinker of the Department of Geography and Anthropology, and William Webber of Media Services.

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Preparations for New President

Renovations will soon be undertaken at the President's House in Gorham to prepare for Richard Pattenau's arrival in late June.

The 45'x5' porch, which was last extensively repaired 20 years ago, will be replaced since carpenter ants and 20-years of wear and tear have made it unsalvageable. Downspouts also will be installed and portions of the eaves need to be repaired. Finally, a short fence will be constructed along the campus roadway side of the yard to afford the Pattenau family some privacy.

"I fully realize given our budgetary concerns that it's a difficult time to be authorizing repairs to the president's house," said President Harlan A. Philippi. "But for safety reasons and to protect the university's investment in the property, we just can't defer this maintenance any longer. This house not only serves as a home for the president, but as a campus resource. It will be used extensively for meetings, receptions and the like."

Bids for the work have not yet been finalized.

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Robert Binswanger
guest speaker

ing those graduates was held Saturday, April 27 at the college.

George Ayers and James Sullivan, both recently retired from the faculty, will be named professors

emeriti during Saturday's Commencement ceremony, and the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award will be named. This award honors a faculty member with more than five years of post-tenure teaching at USM chosen by a committee of newer faculty.

As Commencement marshal, Richard "Duke" McKeil, professor of



PBS affiliate WCBB-TV, Channel 10 has announced plans to air "Power and Steele on Theater," a show that not only critiques productions but also educates viewers about the theater and various stage techniques. USM theatre professors Tom Power, left, and Bill Steele, right, have hosted the three-year-old show as a public service on the Southern Maine Cable Consortium's Community Cable Network (CCN), Channel 37, in Greater Portland. The show, which is going to a year-round schedule on both Channels 10 and 37, will continue to be produced by the consortium using USM studios and student crews. Corporate sponsors are being sought to underwrite additional production costs. For air times, call 874-6540.

associate business and economics, will be the first person to carry the newly commissioned ceremonial mace, created for USM partly through donated services. R.G. Eaton, a principal contributor in creating the walnut and brass mace, has a daughter now attending USM.

Student speaker Rebecca Donovan has served the Free Press as a columnist, editor and a reporter covering the Student Senate throughout her two years at USM. A political science major with a strong interest in journalism, Donovan transferred to USM in 1989 from Boston University's College of Communications. While a USM student she has volunteered for Maine Legal Needs Commission, surveying the legal needs of Maine's rural poor, and as a teamleader in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. She will speak to her classmates about preserving their idealism in the face of global challenges.

Robert Binswanger, now headmaster of Latin High School in Boston, was formerly a vice chancellor in the University of Maine System. He has taught at Harvard and Wake Forest universities, as well as in public and private elementary and secondary schools. He worked as a Peace Corps official in its early days and for Japan's Ministry of Education. A graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard, he received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Bowdoin College.

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to the citizens of the more remote regions of the state and the innovations expected from research now underway at USM and UM.

Promising that we in the University System would temper enthusiasm with realism in establishing priorities and restructuring, he ventured that there is "little slack to take up." He said that to offset cuts, tuition has been raised 23 percent over the past two years and private fundraising efforts in the private sector have been increased. The capital campaign raised over \$35 million.

"We in Maine are at a crossroads," he said and argued that it would be shortsighted to undercut the state's investment in public higher education. He listed four reasons to maintain university support: education returns more than the costs of the original investment; Maine is more dependent on public higher education than the rest of New England; a university is fragile in that it takes a long time to build but can be damaged quickly; and last, that the university is an investment in the future.

In conclusion he reminded the 115th Legislature that "to nurture [the University System] is to nurture a vision of what Maine can be."

What We're Doing

GREGORY P. BAZINET, assistant professor of technology and coordinator of vocational education, presented a talk on "Alternative Energy, Back to the Future," to the Gray, Maine Kiwanis Club on April 15.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper co-authored by former USM student, Karlee S. Hoecker and USM student, Debra L. Knight-Axelsen, titled "Effects of Stimulus Motion on Psychophysical Measures of Temporal Perception," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, April 11-14 in New York City.

ANDREW F. COBURN, director, Human Services Development Institute, Muskie Institute for Public Affairs, had his article, "The Impact of the Maine Medicaid Waiver for the Mentally Retarded" published in the spring 1990 issue of the Health Care Financing Review. He conducted a seminar on health planning and regulation for newly appointed state health policy officials as part of the State Health Policy Institute held by the National Academy for State Health Policy in March in Washington D. C.

CHARLES S. COLGAN, associate professor of public policy, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, was part of a panel on "Will a Wider Turnpike Accelerate Maine's Economy Or, Will It Take Its Toll on the Way Life Should Be?" aired by WGME-TV on April 19.

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, professor of French, presented a paper, "Berthe Simard parle de Gabrielle Roy: Entretien du 20 juillet 1990," at the conference of the Conseil International d'Etudes Franco-phones, April 15-21 in Tucson, Az.

DAVID DREW, instructor in physical education, JENNIFER DERASPE, athletic trainer/assistant equipment manager, were presenters at the March 27 Career Connections which took place at the Portland Exposition Building.

JOHN N. FARRAR, assistant director/coordinator, Transfer Credit Counseling Services, Advising and Academic Information, was honored at the annual conference of the Maine Association for Counseling and Development, April 8-9 at the Samoset Resort, for his 15 years as historian of the association. By vote of the executive board and the membership, the scholarships awarded by MEACD to graduate counseling students at USM and UM will be presented in his name, starting in 1992.

HELAINE HORNBY, associate director, Human Services Development Institute, Muskie Institute of Public Affairs, made a presentation to the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect State Liaison Officers meeting titled "Risk Assessment in Child Protective Services: Policy and Practice Implications of Recent Research," on April 5 in Washington D. C. Hornby also made a presentation to the United States Children's Bureau Child Welfare Grantees titled "Retaining Staff in Public Child Welfare Agencies," on April 11 in Washington D. C.

LOIS V. HINCKLEY, assistant professor of classics, gave a talk on "The Hero Within" by C. Pearson and "Please Understand Me" by D. Keirsey, for the USM Honors Program "Texts that Matter" series on February 27. She gave a workshop on "Innovative Methods in Teaching Latin" at the Flame conference in Portland on March 22 and presented a paper, "From Trilogies to Single Play," an evolutionary look at Sophocles' "Ajax" at the annual CAMWS meeting in Hamilton, Ontario on April 5.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, presented a colloquium paper on "Aristotle's Moral Ought" at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting in San Francisco on March 28. He also chaired an "Author Meets Critics" symposium at the American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting in Chicago on April 26.

CARTER MANNY, assistant professor of business law, was elected president-elect of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association at its annual meeting at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., on April 20. He was also recently named to the editorial board of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Review. At the meeting, Manny delivered a paper titled "Binational Panel Review of U.S. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases Under the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement."

ROSE MARASCO, assistant professor of art, received an Individual Artist Fellowship from the Maine Arts Commission.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, attended a conference sponsored by the Instruction and Professional Development Committee of the National Education Association in Washington D.C., April 3-5, where he was a panel discussant on the topic of "Faculty Accountability in the 1990s." Potts has been re-elected state-wide president of the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System at the association's Delegate

Assembly held on April 20 in Bangor.

BARBARA RICH, associate professor of social work, presented a workshop on "Reaching the Unreachable: Group Treatment of Sexually Abused Adolescent Males" at the annual conference of the National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter, on April 5.

FRANCIS SCHWANAUER, professor of philosophy, has been included in "The International Who's Who of Intellectuals," International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. The International Biographical Roll of Honor included him in the "Philosopher's Index," "Men of Achievement," "Five Thousand Personalities of the World," and the "International Book of Honor." Schwanauer received a \$7,000 grant from the John Anson Kittridge Educational Fund to publish a book of original illustrated fables.

BILL THORNTON, assistant professor of psychology, recently presented a paper co-authored with USM student Rachel Leo, titled "Sex-typed Superwomen and Increased Potential for Disordered Eating," at the Eastern Psychological Association's annual meeting in New York City, April 11-14.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, had the following papers published: "Some Series Constructions for Minimal Size Equineighbourhood Balanced Incomplete Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns," in the December 1990 issue of *Biometrika*; "Two Constructions for Balanced Incomplete Block Designs With Nested Rows and Columns," in the January 1991 issue of *Statistica Sinica*; and "Some Constructions for Rectangular, Latin Square and Pseudocyclic Nested Row-Column Designs," in the March 1991 issue of *Utilitas Mathematica*.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, had his article, "Social Work and the Hidden Victims of Deindustrialization," based on the Maine Health-Tex closings, published in the spring 1991 edition of *The Journal of Progressive Human Services*.

KATHLEEN J. WININGER, assistant professor of philosophy, gave a paper, "In a Really Different Voice: Stylistic Variation and Issues of Philosophical Legitimacy" at the Eastern Division meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy on April 13. She participated in the April 22 conference on pluralism, "Reflections on the Horizon."



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