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Greenleaf Resigns

Acting Dean SON Named

Nancy Greenleaf, who held the position of dean of the School of Nursing from 1985 to 1989, has announced her resignation as dean in order to pursue research interests.



Greenleaf

Kathleen I. MacPherson, who has served USM as associate dean since 1985, has been named acting dean.

Among Greenleaf's principal accomplishments was accreditation for USM's master's program in nursing, the only graduate nursing program in northern New England to be accredited by the National League for Nursing. During her tenure, the school also won continuing accreditation from the NLN for the undergraduate program. In addition, Greenleaf, who joined the USM faculty in January, 1982, was responsible for increasing the number of professors holding doctoral degrees, for development of new programs and new means of course delivery.

Recognized within the state and nationally as a leader in her profession, Greenleaf has been a member of the NLN's Accreditation Board of Visitors since 1986, and since 1987 has been the group convener for the NLN's Curriculum Revolution Planning Group. An active scholar, she has presented papers at national and international conferences and in the fall of 1987 testified on the nursing shortage crisis before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Health (representing the American Association of Colleges of Nursing) and before the Maine Legislative Commission on Nursing and Health Care Personnel. Locally,

she has served on the Maine Governor's Commission on Nurse Supply and Educational Accessibility, the Advisory Committee on Medical Education, Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services, and for the past year was chair of the University of Maine System Nursing Council.

Greenleaf will be on sabbatical for this academic year to further her research goals. She holds the rank of professor at USM.

MacPherson, who came to USM in 1974, has been appointed acting dean for the 1989-90 academic year. She holds a Ph.D. from Brandeis University. Before serving as associate dean, MacPherson was chair of the graduate nursing program. In 1988 she was named Nursing Educator of the Year by the Maine State Nurses Association.

Julia Tiffany has been appointed acting associate dean for the year. She has been on the School of Nursing faculty since 1981 and is now completing her doctoral degree in higher education administration at Vanderbilt University.

Understanding Latin America Convocation Opens

Our neighbors to the south will be the focus of Convocation 1989-1990, "Worlds in Flux: Latin America." It's an area of the world which has always posed difficulties for America, says Convocation Scholar Alfred L. Padula, associate professor of history.

"America's role in Central America, for example, was the major (domestic) political dilemma of the 1980s," he said.

Padula, a former foreign service analyst of Cuban affairs, also noted that two key public policy issues facing this country in the 1990s—drugs and the environment—have direct links to events in Latin America.

Central America writer Claribel Alegria will be the keynote speaker at this year's opening event. Her address, "A Poet's View of Latin America," is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 4 in the Portland Gymnasium. Additional information will be featured in the Monday, September 25 edition of Currents.

A daylong conference on the destruction of the rain forests will be held on Saturday, November 18. Officials from the World Wildlife Fund and the Brazilian Embassy will be among the guests.

More than 70 political posters are now on display at the Campus Center Area Gallery in "The Art of Revolution: Political Poster Art from Latin America."

Other upcoming events: the first of a 10-part documentary series, "The Incas Remembered" at 12 noon, Thursday, September 14, in the Campus Center, Portland; a slide/lecture "An Introduction to Costa Rica," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, in the Campus Center (see Campus Notes, p. 2); and the documentary, "Caracol: Lost Mayan City," at 12 noon, Thursday, September 21, in the Campus Center.





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USM Recycles

With the signing of a waste management law mandating university-wide recycling by 1991, USM already has instituted a plan to recycle tons of campus garbage each year.

A Department of Facilities Management study has estimated that the Portland campus alone generates 700 tons of waste annually. That figure does not include the garbage from ARA Dining Services. A full 60 to 70 percent of that 700 tons is paper which can be recycled, according to Gordon E. Nelson Jr., assistant director of DFM.

To keep that recyclable paper out of Maine's already crowded landfills and incinerators, USM has established "USM Recycles," a voluntary program run by the Department of Facilities Management in conjunction with the Office of Residence Life, Student Activities, Academic Computing Services and ARA Services with the assistance and cooperation of the university community.

Beginning this semester each department on campus will have two large containers in a designated area, a red bucket for recyclable paper and a gray container for rubbish. Recyclable paper includes white paper, colored paper, NCR paper, copy paper, index cards, envelopes, mail, newspapers, magazines and old books. Items that can not be recycled include food wrappers, aluminum foil, metal objects, plastic, styrofoam, paper towels, napkins, carbon paper and food waste.

Faculty and staff will be responsible

for separating recyclable paper and rubbish in their individual offices and for dumping the trash in the department's containers. DFM will provide offices with separation containers. Custodians will no longer empty trash cans in individual offices but will only handle the red and gray containers as well as trash cans that will be maintained in public areas such as classrooms and lobbies.

We have contracted with Grow Industries, an Augusta-based firm, to pick up the paper waste. Grow, in turn, separates the paper further and sells it to various manufacturers of paper goods.

Under USM's current waste disposal contract, the recycling plan will save from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year in Portland alone. That savings, which is based on a \$20 per ton disposal fee, could easily increase since future contracts are expected to carry a \$65 per ton fee.

A recycling committee is being formed to monitor the success of the program and help develop new recycling ideas. For more information, you can call Facilities Management at 780-4160 or 780-5226.

School Opening

There are reports of a nationwide drop in college enrollments but early figures indicate quite a different trend at USM.

As of Friday, August 25, we had 4,658 total applications, compared to 4,101 at this time in 1988. Freshmen applications also are up, from 2,643 in late August, 1988, to 2,945 this year.

Those freshmen also will be stronger academically. Some 72 percent of prospective applicants have been admitted this year. Last year, we admitted 83 percent of all those who applied.

Based on current figures, there will be a marked increase in the number of transfer students on campus this year. Prospective transfer students who have paid deposits on file increased from 646 in 1988 to 828 in late August of this year.

In addition, efforts to attract more foreign students to campus have been successful. This semester we have 85 students from more than a dozen countries on campus, compared to 42 in the 1988-1989 academic year.

More details on the opening of classes—including a report on President Plante's goals for the year—will appear in the Monday, September 25 issue of *Currents*.

Campus Notes

■ USM's 1989-90 Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: Latin America," will include a weeklong tour of Costa Rica beginning February 17 for alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends. The tour includes a guided tour of a rain forest, a meeting with government officials, theatre and two days at a Pacific resort. A slide show and information session will be presented at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20 in the Campus Center, Rooms B and C. A \$200 deposit is required by October 16. Contact Bill Park at the Alumni Office at 780-4447 for more information.

■ The Music Department's first 1989-90 Faculty Concert Series will feature oboist Neil Boyer in concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 15 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Boyer, principal oboist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the Vermont Symphony, is on the music faculty at USM and Dartmouth College. He will be joined by John Boden, horn, also a USM faculty member; Janet Atherton, bassoon; (these three are also members of the highly successful Block Ensemble) and PSO pianist, Martin Perry. Tickets are \$7 general public; \$4 students, seniors and USM faculty and staff. Call 780-5555 for reservations; 780-5256 for information.

■ The Admissions Office is now located in 110 Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus with a branch office still located in 103 Corthell Hall on the Gorham campus. The Portland office will process all new incoming freshmen and the Gorham office will process all transfer and readmit students.

■ Faculty, staff members, graduate assistants, employees of the University of Maine System, alumni of UMS and family members of all of the above are invited to join the University of Maine Credit Union (UMCU). The cost is \$5 to join and members must subscribe to a minimum deposit of \$25. Richard R. Figoli, the new director of member services, can be reached at the Portland Loan Center at 780-5626.

■ USM's Lifeline program is offering a Certificate in Fitness Instruction in response to the increasing demand for well-trained and knowledgeable instructors. The 19-unit curriculum can be completed in less than one year. Contact Lifeline for information and registration at 780-4170. Early registration is advised.

■ Negotiations on UMPSA contracts continue. "There are still a lot of issues on the table," says union negotiator Harris Kennedy, "we don't see it being resolved quickly." Kennedy made a presentation on negotiations recently to the Professional Staff Senate.

■ USM's Continuing Education for Nursing and Health Professions and other sponsors will feature New York Times photographer Dith Pran at a conference on "Cambodian Refugee Health Care." Pran's escape from the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia was the basis for the movie "The Killing Fields." Cambodian refugee issues, including medical problems, psychological adjustment and Cambodian women's issues will be covered. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at Maine Medical Center's Dana Center, Portland. The cost is \$40; registration deadline is Friday, September 15. Contact Mary Ann Rost at 874-6550.

■ Southworth Planetarium has reopened after installing new equipment, with star shows at 7 p.m. and laser shows at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. USM faculty and staff are admitted free to star shows. For more information, call 780-4249.

Autobiography, Subject for Research

Scholars from over 50 colleges and universities nationwide and abroad will come to Maine at the end of September as presenters at a conference on "The Subject of Autobiography," sponsored by USM and the Maine Humanities Council. The conference will be held in the Sonesta Hotel, Portland from Friday, September 29 through Sunday, October 1.

Andrei Codrescu, professor of English at Louisiana State University, poet and essayist, will be the after-dinner speaker on Saturday, September 30. Codrescu, whose commentary is frequently heard on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," has won numerous honors, including three grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Other distinguished plenary speakers are Michael Fischer, professor of anthropology at Rice University in Houston; Paul Jay, associate professor of English at Loyola University in Chicago; Nancy K. Miller, distinguished professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York. The welcoming address will be given Friday at noon by President Patricia Plante.

Presenters will discuss autobiography and the concept of self as it relates to gender, politics and ethnic group.

The process of translating life into letters, these researchers say, is not a simple act of recollection. It is often an act of self-discovery and validation for the author.

This multifaceted conference is designed to appeal to both scholars and general readers. Registration for the conference is \$50 for all events; \$15 for one day. For more information contact Kathleen Ashley, project director, at the Department of English, 780-4295.

Undergrad Communication Colloquium

Sixteen undergraduates took part in the Northern New England Undergraduate Communication Colloquium (NNEUCC), part of USM's Summer Session program, in July. In response to a call for papers earlier this year, students from colleges and universities throughout northern New England submitted research papers, unlimited as to discipline but with a communication theme. Students whose papers were selected for presentation were invited to register to participate in the colloquium, either for credit through Summer Session or for noncredit.

The colloquium was open only to undergraduate students in order to meet their special needs concerning the research process and to give them a rare opportunity to present papers.

"Often, undergraduates don't understand all that they can gain from participation in a colloquium. Not only does it add to one's resume, the experience of presenting your ideas to others, taking on the role of authority, builds confidence," said Leonard Shedletsky, associate professor and chair of USM's Department of Communication. "I was overwhelmed by the efforts of all involved. There was a dedication to quality."

Evaluation by student participants was equally positive. All felt that more students should be made aware of the colloquium as a peak educational experience.

The next call for papers will be this winter, and faculty are urged to encourage their best students to submit research papers for next summer's colloquium.



More than 270 educators attended the annual institute, In Celebration of Children's Literature, sponsored this summer by the College of Education's Professional Development Seminar. Among the featured speakers were English novelist Leon Garfield and author Robert McCloskey. Here, Kathryn Bennett (left), an elementary school librarian from Nashville, compares notes with Deborah Vose, librarian at the Anglo-American School in Moscow.

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What We're Doing

THOMAS R. CARPER, associate professor of English, has had his sonnet, "Versions of Corot," accepted by *The American Scholar*. Another Corot poem, "The Tranquil Life," appeared in the August issue of *Poetry*.

DAVID P. CLUCHEY, associate dean and professor of law, presented a paper on the Free Trade Agreement at the summer meeting of the Maine State Bar Association.

MAHMUD A. FAKSH, assistant professor of political science, had a paper, "The Palestinian Problem: Search for the Solution," published in *Journal of Third World Studies* this spring and completed a paper, "Concepts of Rule and Legitimacy in Islam," which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies in late September. He was recently elected as a member of the board of directors of the World Affairs Council of Maine.

DAVID D. GREGORY, professor of law, presented a Continuing Judicial Education program to the judges of all of Maine's courts titled, "Judicial Ethics: The Meaning of Being a Judge," at the summer meeting of the Maine State Bar Association.

LEN JORDAN, rehabilitation manager of Lifeline Adult Fitness Program, is now serving as vice president of the board of directors of the new Portland Chapter of the American Diabetes Association Maine Affiliate, Inc.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, was an invited speaker on "Kant on Moral Exemplars" at Amelie Rorty's NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, held at Radcliffe College from June 26-August 18.

KATHLEEN I. MACPHERSON, acting dean and professor of nursing, served as a discussant for the May 25 presentation of the Research Seminar Series sponsored by the Bingham Consortium for Health Research

held at Maine Medical Center. MacPherson presented her paper, "Hormone Replacement Therapy for Menopause: A Comparison of Medical and The Women's Health Movement Perspectives," at the Eighth Conference of the Society of Menstrual Cycle Research, in Salt Lake City, June 1-3. Her article, "A New Perspective on Nursing and Caring in a Corporate Context," appeared in *Advances in Nursing Science*.

SCOTT D. REEVES, assistant professor of music, was guest conductor of the Vermont All-State Jazz Ensemble, the Maine All-State Jazz Ensemble II, and the Southern Maine Music Festival. He served as an adjudicator at the Massachusetts Jazz Ensemble Festival and presented improvisation clinics at the MENC state convention. His book, "Creative Jazz Improvisation," was recently published by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

GALE W. RHODES, professor of chemistry, is coauthor of two research papers: "Comparison of the Molecular Structures of Cytoplasmic and Mitochondrial Malate Dehydrogenase," in *Biochemical Society Transactions*; and "Cytoplasmic Malate Dehydrogenase: The Structure of a Model Refined at 2.5 Angstroms Resolution," in *Biochemistry*. He was an invited speaker at the May meeting of the Maine Section, American Chemical Society, where he presented "A 3-D Guided Tour of a Giant Molecule: Latest Views of Malate Dehydrogenase." Rhodes attended a workshop at the Minnesota Supercomputer Center on the use of the Cray-2 computer. ROBERT M. SCHAIBLE, assistant professor of literature and writing, and Rhodes will present their paper, "Quantum Physics and 'Song of Myself': Getting a Grip on Reality," in October at the 1989 Convention of the Society for Literature and Science, in Ann Arbor.

MINOR R. ROOTES, professor of theatre, presented a paper and workshop on the subject of "The Mask: The Link Between Nature and Man" at the Festival Internacional Idriant in Belem, Brazil in July.

MARY ANN ROST, director of Continuing Education for Nursing and Health Professions, has been elected secretary of the Maine Consortium for Health Professions Education.

DAVID L. SILVERNAIL, director of Testing and Assessment, and JUDITH L. JOHNSON, associate director of Testing and Assessment, had their article titled, "The Impact of Interactive Televised Instruction on College Achievement and Attitudes: A Controlled Experiment," published in the *International Journal of Instructional Media*.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, instructor of nursing, gave a presentation at the International Polio and Independent Living Conference in St. Louis titled, "Participating in Your Own Health Care." She later gave a report at the Maine Post Polio Support Group Statewide Conference, held in Bath, on the conference. She has given three workshops on therapeutic touch during the summer to the Portland Area Post Polio Support Group, the Maine State Nurses' Association, District 4 annual meeting, and to Southern Maine Media Women. Smith was a participant at the East Coast International Nurse Healers' Conference on Therapeutic Touch in July.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, delivered two papers on the politics of professionalism at the annual conferences of the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems, both held in San Francisco in August.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean of the University of Maine School of Law, was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Planners held in Bar Harbor on June 22. The title of his lecture was "Lawyers and Planners: We're All in this Together, Boys and Girls." Wroth moderated a program titled "How Free is Free Trade?" at the summer meeting of the Maine State Bar Association.



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