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Honors Program Receives National Recognition

USM's Honors Program has been cited for encouraging curricular reform in a new national report which urges colleges and universities to revise coursework so that students study essential areas of knowledge.

Earlier this month, the National Endowment for the Humanities released "50 Hours," a report which states that too many students are graduating from college without knowing "basic landmarks of history and thought."

The USM Honors Program was one of three exemplary programs profiled in a chapter titled "Honors Cores." NEH Chair Lynne Cheney, author of the report, wrote, "The foundation of the (USM) program is two-year, integrated study of the literature, philosophy, religion, science and art of Western civilization. In small classes—rarely more than twelve or thirteen students—works ranging from three dialogues concerning Socrates' trial and death to Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' are discussed."

Cheney continued, "Critics of honors programs often argue that they benefit the few rather than the many, but when they are properly conceived, their benefits are felt across the institution. By providing a model of rigorous and coherent learning, they encourage larger curricular reform."

Responding to this national accolade, the director of USM's Honors Program, Professor Jeremiah Conway, said, "It may sound arrogant, but I'm not wholly surprised by this national recognition. Already this year, various universities from around the country have asked to study this program's curriculum, citing it as a model of an integrated curriculum that they would like to emulate. What is surprising is the need to be re-

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Nursing Professor Honored

Kreamer one of 10 award recipients nationwide

Kristen M. Kreamer, assistant professor of nursing, was one of 10 recipients in the country of an award for contributions to the care of people with AIDS. Dr. James O. Mason, acting surgeon general and assistant secretary for health, presented the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Caswell photo*



Assistant Secretary for Health Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, October 4.

A four-person committee selected the 10 recipients after reviewing more than 150 nominations from around the

country.

In 1983 Kreamer began caring for people with AIDS and HIV infection and organized training programs as a nurse in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) Cancer Center. After moving to Maine in 1985, Kreamer soon became a founding member of what today is known as The Aids Project. The program offers support groups, counseling, testing, education and other services to AIDS patients and people with HIV infection. Kreamer also helped establish the AIDS Lodging House in Portland and co-chaired the 1988 AIDS Task Force of Greater Portland. The group submitted more than 100 recommendations on how to improve and maintain needed services.

In her role as a nurse educator, Kreamer has travelled throughout the state to train nurses in the care of AIDS patients. With two other USM professors, she also developed an interdisciplinary core course titled "AIDS in America," which examines

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Sixteen children from Maine are among the 75 children whose artwork will be displayed at the Art Gallery on the Gorham campus from October 29 to November 16, when USM hosts the Northeast Regional exhibition of the Crayola Dream-Makers National Art Education Program. Art Gallery hours are 12 noon to 4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.



Jerry Bowder, USM professor of music, composed "Fanfare for a New Season" for the September opening of the Portland Symphony Orchestra's 65th season with the aid of computer technology. Bowder wrote the piece, commissioned by PSO Music Director Toshiyuki Shimada, using a Macintosh computer and an electronic keyboard. He then used "sequencer" software to arrange and edit the work and synthesizers to play back the music.

photo courtesy of Portland Press Herald

Campus Notes

■ The USM Music Department will present the East-West Quartet, performing contemporary American and Japanese music, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Admission is \$5 general public; \$3 students and seniors. The USM Wind Ensemble, directed by Peter Martin, professor of music, will perform in concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 29 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Admission is \$3 general public; \$1 students and seniors. Call 780-5555 for tickets; 780-5256 for information.

■ "China After Beijing Spring," a lecture by David M. Lampton, president, National Committee for U.S.-China Relations, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30 in Rooms A, B and C, Campus Center, Portland. The lecture, moderated by Mahmud Faksh, USM assistant professor of political science, is part of the World Affairs Council of Maine's Fall Series '89, "The Changing Face of Communism." Admission is \$3 for WAC members and USM faculty and staff; \$1 students; \$5 general public. Contact the World Affairs Council of Maine for more information at 780-4551.

■ The Southworth Planetarium has reopened after summer renovations. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, astronomy shows are scheduled at 7 p.m.; laser light shows at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 adults; \$2 students, children and seniors. Children under 5 are not admitted. Please

arrive at least 15 minutes before show time. After School Wednesdays, a variety of shows offered for students of all ages at 3:30 p.m., begin October 25, for \$2. At 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, the planetarium will sponsor Dollar Night with a laser light show featuring Led Zeppelin's collection. Admission is \$1 for students, faculty and staff. Contact the planetarium office at 780-4249 for more information.

Open House

Saturday, October 28 is the date for USM's second open house for prospective students. This is an opportunity for students and their families to learn about USM from academic advisors, athletic coaches, financial aid officers, career development and admissions counselors and from our students.

Some 250 students attended last year; 60 percent of these applied for admission and approximately one-third enrolled in classes. Our admissions staff under new director Daniel Palubniak is asking for faculty and staff support again to make this another successful year.

The schedule of events for the day follows:

Registration, refreshments and tours are scheduled from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. in the Portland Gym. Keynote speaker John Walker, executive director of the Greater Portland Council of Governments, will speak at 10 a.m. following an introduction by Daniel Palubniak, director of admis-

sions, and a welcome address by Tim Honey, vice president for development and external affairs. Pam Tracy will be the featured student speaker.

From 10:45-11:45, the USM Departments Fair will be held in the Portland Gym. Buses will depart for the Gorham campus at 12 noon. Lunch will be available in the Gorham Dining Center for \$3.20. Participants will then tour the Gorham campus. Buses will return to Portland at 2:15 p.m.

Joy of Learning

How to combat boredom in the classroom by promoting a love of learning is the subject of USM's Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair Symposium, "The Joy of Learning," to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 4 in Hastings Formal Lounge and Bailey Hall on USM's Gorham campus.

USM faculty, associates and students will explore such topics as "Talking Students, Listening Teachers: A User's Manual for Student-Led Discussions," with Gale Rhodes, professor of chemistry, and Robert Schaible, assistant professor of literature and writing; "The Bored of Education," with Jeremiah Conway, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Program, and William Gavin, professor of philosophy; and "Renewing Schools: Prospects for Recapturing the Joy of Learning," with Lynne Miller, associate professor of educational administration/instructional leadership; Cynthia O'Shea, principal, Narragansett School; Lee Ingram, teacher, York Elementary School; and Sue Walters, teacher, Wells Junior High School.

The symposium is under the leadership of education professor Willard D. Callender Jr., the 1988-90 holder of the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair. The Russell Chair is awarded every two years to a candidate nominated by peers and selected on the basis of achievement "in teaching and scholarly activity involving education and/or philosophy, service to the university, and public service."

Registration is limited and the fee is \$15. The fee includes a symposium monograph (to be distributed in Spring 1990), registration materials, continental breakfast, lunch and reception. Contact University Relations at 780-4440 for registration and information.

Convocation Continues

USM's Convocation, "Worlds In Flux: Latin America," will feature Convocation Scholar Ileana Rodriguez in residence from Monday, October 23 through Friday, October 27. Rodriguez is former head of The National Library of Nicaragua, a linguist and a sociologist. She has lived in both Cuba and Nicaragua and has written extensively about the Nicaraguan revolution. Rodriguez will meet with a Women's Studies class to discuss women in Latin America from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24 in Room 204, Payson Smith Hall, Portland. She will talk on the Nicaraguan Revolution from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25 in Room 113, Masterton Hall, Portland. On Thursday, October 26, Rodriguez will speak on Cuba's Casa de las Americas at 7 p.m. in Room 403, Luther Bonney Hall.

Convocation's Video Documentary Series will present "Child in the Wind," from Costa Rica, on Thursday, October 26 and "The Devil Gave Us Oil," from Mexico, on Thursday, November 2. Both videos will be shown at 12 noon in Room C, Campus Center, Portland. The above events are free and open to the public.

"Fortaleza," a Bolivian musical group, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3 in Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland. The group plays traditional and contemporary Bolivian folk music. Admission is \$5 general public and \$3 students.

For more information, contact Professor Fred Padula, History Department, at 780-4392.



Eighty-eight staff, alumni and friends participated in the first annual USM Husky Fall Classic, played at the Gorham Country Club, Sunday, October 8. All proceeds from the tournament went to benefit the USM Athletic Association. *Caswell photo*

Box Score

■ USM's women's cross country team, coached by George Towle, won their second consecutive Little East Conference title at the championship meet held recently at Southeastern Massachusetts University.

■ The field hockey team, coached by Paula Hodgdon, are now 9-0-2 and are ranked first in the Northeast and ninth nationally at the NCAA Division III level.

■ USM's men's basketball team received a preseason ranking of sixth in the nation from Basketball Digest, a national magazine.

Honors program recognized

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mindful that leadership bears no direct relation to size, to established reputation, to public relations. It comes from imaginative vision, dedication, and careful thinking. This is a tribute to our Honors faculty and students, and to the program's first director, Martin Rogoff, who by these means aimed simply at honoring education."

Kreamer

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the medical, ethical and cultural issues involved in the AIDS epidemic.

Although pleased with strides made in the last few years, Kreamer hopes that "more resources can be brought to bear" in the fight against the disease. "We need better coordination of services and information available to patients," she said. She would like to see services ranging from availability of meals in the home to alternative treatments.

"The award is a great honor," said Kreamer, "but I like to think of it as a way of recognizing and validating the contributions of thousands of nurses and other professionals who work in this field day after day."

Kreamer earned her undergraduate degree at Colby College and holds a master's degree in nursing from Yale University. She began her nursing career in 1974 at Northern Cumberland Hospital in Bridgton.



The president of Kharkov State University, a professor and 13 students visited USM recently for the final exchange of the University Pairing Project. Here, Kenneth Rosen, professor of English, speaks to some Soviet students at a reception for them hosted by USM's international student body. *Caswell photo*

What We're Doing

SAMUEL G. ANDREWS, vice president for administration, edited the eighth edition of "Personal Financial Planning" by Harold A. Wolf and published by Allyn and Bacon, a division of Simon and Schuster.

E. MICHAEL BRADY, associate professor, Department of Human Resource Development, College of Education, was invited to share the findings of his research on predictors of success among older workers in new jobs with the board of directors of the AARP Andrus Foundation in Washington D. C. His article, "Learning Needs of the Elderly: Perceptions Among Educators," appeared in the recent edition of "Educational Gerontology."

DIANA C. CRADER, assistant professor of anthropology, and **NATHAN D. HAMILTON**, assistant professor of archeology, gave lectures last August in connection with the University of Minnesota's Interdisciplinary Field Research Program on The Transformation of New England. Crader spoke on "The Analysis of Animal Bones from Archaeological Sites with Special Reference to Early Urban Centers," and Hamilton spoke on "Prehistoric Populations of Southern Maine."

JUDITH C. DREW, associate professor of nursing, presented a paper titled, "Health Beliefs, Explanatory Models, and Health Care Seeking Behaviors of Franco-Americans in New England" at the fall 1989 conference of the Bingham Consortium for Health Research. Drew's article, "Health Maintenance Organizations: History, Evolution, and Survival" has been accepted for publication by Nursing and Health Care. Drew recently completed work on a Biomedical Research Support Grant titled, "Thinking Aloud Protocol: A Pilot Study" at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. The report of that research has been submitted and publication is expected in 1990.

MAHMUD A. FAKSH, assistant professor of political science, had an article, "Syrians in Lebanon to Stay," published in September in the Portland Press Herald. He also chaired a panel on "The Middle East: Religious and Political Issues," and gave a paper, "Concepts of Rule and Legitimacy in Islam," at the annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies at the University of Florida. Faksh has been invited to

participate in a seminar on "South Asia: Dilemmas of National Security and Cooperation," at Villanova University in November.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, recently published a series of essays on the relation of technology, language and the philosophy of culture. "As Technology Advances, Language Decays" appeared in *The International Philosophical Quarterly*. "Lacan's Other and the Faction of Plato's Soul" appeared in *The Question of the Other: Essays in Contemporary Continental Philosophy*, SUNY Press. "Deconstruction and the Philosophy of Culture" appeared in *Process Studies*, and "Place, Body and Situation" was selected for an anthology to be published by Columbia University Press.

BHISHAM C. GUPTA, professor and director of the graduate program in statistics, presented a paper, "A Necessary and Sufficient Condition for 2m Plan to be a Main Effect Plus k Plan" at the Joint Statistical Meeting held in Washington D. C.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, is principal author of a book titled "Nuclear Weapons in the University Classroom: A Multidisciplinary Teaching Reference," which has been accepted for publication in 1990 by University Press of America.

MICHAEL B. LANG, professor of law, had his article, "Gift-Splitting by Husband and

Wife," published in the September 1989 issue of *Taxes—The Tax Magazine*. He continues as a co-compiler of the "Index to Federal Tax Articles," supplemented on a quarterly basis.

KATHLEEN I. MacPHERSON, acting dean, School of Nursing, presented a paper, "Hormone Replacement Therapy for Menopause: A Comparison of Medical and Women's Health Movement Perspectives," at the eighth conference of the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research, in Salt Lake City on June 2. She also presented two invited papers in September: "Medicalization of Menopause From a Nursing Perspective" was presented at the conference on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Menopause cosponsored by the New York Academy of Science and the North American Menopause Society, New York, and "The False Promises of Hormone Replacement Therapy and Other Dilemmas," was presented at the Menopause Conference cosponsored by the School of Nursing and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

JEANNE G. NORMANDEAU, associate professor of nursing, presented her research on "Attitudes Toward Breast Cancer Screening among Rural Maine Elderly," on June 7 at a workshop on "The Benefits of Breast Cancer Screening: Getting The Message to Older Women in Maine," sponsored by the Maine Breast Cancer Control Project.



Camille Cole Buch, assistant director of publications, will have her paintings exhibited in a two-person show at Hobe Sound Galleries North, Brunswick, Wednesday, October 25-Sunday, November 26. Shown above is "Fire-Mist, oil on paper, 4'x4.5'.

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