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# CURRENTS

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## New Home for USM Library

### Plans to buy Johnson Supply Building

The University of Southern Maine Portland campus library will be housed in the Johnson Supply Building as a result of a vote taken by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees on Monday, January 29.

At their meeting in Orono last week, trustees authorized USM to purchase the seven-story building at the intersection of Bedford Street and Forest Avenue for \$4 million from the present owners, Bedford-Forest Associates of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

The purchase will be covered by \$2.75 million from funds approved by voters in the November, 1988 bond issue; \$250,000 from future gift receipts; and \$1 million in the form of a transfer to Bedford-Forest Associates of the USM-owned building at 68 High Street, Portland. In the most recent real estate appraisal Johnson Supply was valued at \$4.5 million

In 1988, voters approved \$9.15

million for USM library space and a required parking garage. One million of those funds has been dedicated for expansion of the law school library, \$1 million for construction of a parking garage on the Portland campus, and, now, \$2.75 for the purchase of Johnson Supply. The remaining funds will be used to renovate Johnson Supply.

Past negotiations for Johnson Supply were unsuccessful, and plans were made to add on to the present campus library instead. The resumption of negotiations and the final agreement for the building have several advantages, said university officials.

"Johnson Supply is of sturdy, loft construction," said George R. Parks, university librarian, "so it lends itself extremely well to library use." Parks, former librarian at Colgate University and the University of Rhode Island, has served as a consultant on numerous library construction projects. The building contains 100,000 square feet of space, which is ample for current library use and any future expansion.

The purchase also allows USM to follow a recommendation from the Portland architectural firm Sasaki Associates, whose long-range plans for  
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## USM Pursues Reaccreditation

Efforts to gain USM's reaccreditation have begun with a self-study which will identify our institutional strengths and weaknesses as we enter the 1990s. The value of that self-study, says Henry C. Amoroso Jr., chair of the Accreditation Committee, will depend largely upon the degree of input from faculty, staff, students and alumni. "My hope is that people will view this process as an opportunity to pull together as a community of scholars and share in decisions about our future," he said.

Following the self-study, a New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation team will visit USM in March of 1991. Our governance structure, institutional planning processes, faculty qualifications, student services and library resources are a few of the areas to be examined during reaccreditation.

NEASC awarded USM a 10-year accreditation in December of 1981, the longest accreditation available. Before that, USM had received a three-year accreditation in 1971 and in 1976, a five-year accreditation.

Members of the Accreditation Committee have been assigned to task forces, each one of which will explore a specific facet of the institution. Those task force reports will be edited and compiled in the final self-study report for submission to NEASC.

Members of the Accreditation Committee are: Henry C. Amoroso Jr., chair; John N. Farrar, president of the Professional Staff Senate; Robert J. Goettel, executive assistant to the president; Patrick Eye, undergraduate student; Richard Libby of the USM Alumni Association; Charles M. Lyons, associate professor of education; Linnea Olsen, graduate student; Sally Paterson, assistant to the dean, School of Business, Economics and Management; Betty D. Robinson, assistant professor of human services  
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The Johnson Supply Building, circa 1940. Signs on the building identify it as "The Down East Bakery" with National Biscuit Company and Uneeda Bakers. *Courtesy of Sullivan Photo.*



President Patricia R. Plante sat for a portrait by Sigmund Abeles (back to camera), Visiting Artist-in-Residence, who is working with independent study students from the Art Department through the beginning of March. President Plante's portrait is the first of six Abeles will render of members of the USM community. The portraits will be on display in the Art Gallery, along with work by Richard Lethem, from March 4 through March 29, and then will become part of USM's permanent collection. Abeles, a former professor of art at University of New Hampshire, has been widely exhibited. Abeles and Lethem will be doing simultaneous portraits of each other as part of the portrait series and will lecture on their work at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Art Gallery.

Bean photo

## Campus Notes

■ The University System/State Government Partnership Program is hosting a conference to showcase research, "Serving Maine Together," on Thursday, February 8. It is an opportunity for those working in state government to meet researchers in the University System. Governor John McKernan Jr. and Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury will open the conference. And the keynote speaker will be Philip M. Burgess, president of the Center for the New West, a public policy think tank in Denver. Registration is \$40; for information, call Diane Gilmour at the Chancellor's Office, 623-2531.

■ The Music Department is sponsoring the First Annual Jazz Week, Thursday, February 8, through Saturday, February 10 in Corthell Concert Hall on the Gorham campus. At 8 p.m. Thursday, February 8, the Gary Wittner Quartet will perform "A Tribute to Thelonious Monk." Admission is free. "Maine Bones" — trombonists Don Doane, Scott Reeves, Tim Sessions and Mark Manduca — will perform with guest jazz instrumentalists at 8 p.m. Friday, February 9. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$4 for students. Legendary Boston drummer and jazz educator Alan Dawson will present a jazz clinic for all instruments, with USM jazz faculty, from 3 to 5 p.m. for \$3, and a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 10. Concert tickets are \$5 for general public and \$3 for students and seniors. For further information call Scott Reeves, assistant professor of music, at 780-5126.

■ Internationally known baritone William Parker will present a series of concerts, master classes and workshops from February 11 through 16 as artist-in-residence in the Music Department. Concerts include a free Valentine's Day Concert featuring "The Music of Love" at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 14; and a concert with Music Department faculty at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, for \$7 for the general public, \$4 for students and seniors. All events take place in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. For more information, call 780-5256 or 780-5275.

■ Student Activities is hosting a lecture on the "China Crisis: The Struggle For Democracy" by Pei Min Xin, co-founder of the May 4th Foundation for Democracy and a chief spokesman in the U.S. for the Student Movement in China. The lecture, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, in Luther Bonney Auditorium, includes a slide presentation on the student uprising in China and its aftermath. A reception will follow at 9 p.m. in the Campus Center Amphitheatre. For more information contact Student Activities, 780-4090.

■ The Honors Program's "Texts That Matter" discussion series continues with a talk by Slawomir Grzelkowski, associate professor of sociology, on "Sociological Imagination" by C. Wright Mills and a discussion by Honors student Mishe Pietkiewicz of Colette's "The Pure and the Impure" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14. The talks, which are free and open to the public, will be held in 510 Luther Bonney on the Portland

campus. For more information, call 780-4330.

■ As part of the colloquium series offered by the Computer Science Department, Keith Devlin, Carter professor of mathematics at Colby College, will talk on "Towards a Mathematical Theory of Information" at 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 16 in Room 1, Payson Smith, Portland. Devlin will discuss the ramifications of situation semantics and situation theory to the fields of computer science, artificial intelligence, linguistics, philosophy and mathematics. Devlin was a visiting associate professor of mathematics and philosophy at Stanford University from 1987 to 1989. For more information, call 780-4499.

■ Catherine MacMillan, a USM College of Education senior, won honorable mention in the first USA Today's college all-academic team listings. No Maine student was named to the newspapers first three teams of 20 students each, and MacMillan was the only Maine student named to the honorable mentions, which included 61 students. She was nominated for the honor by Cherie Foster, associate professor of education. A total of 749 students were nominated.



Joe Clark, the principal who used tough techniques to transform violent Eastside High School in New Jersey into a model school, according to the governor of New Jersey, will speak on "From Disgrace to Amazing Grace" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, February 12 in the Portland Gym. Advance tickets are \$12, \$14 at the door, \$10 for seniors. A major film, "Lean on Me" was based on Clark's story. He won national acclaim for his achievements as an educator, appearing on the cover of Time magazine and as the subject of a "60 Minute" profile. Clark's talk is sponsored by Community Programs. For more information, call 874-6500.

## Teaching about El Salvador

Six Jesuit priests, scholars at the University of Central America in El Salvador, were recently assassinated for political reasons. To increase public awareness of this incident and other developments in the war-torn country, a three-day teach-in at the University of Southern Maine will examine the political situation in El Salvador and American involvement in the civil war there. The Teach-in will be held Wednesday through Friday, February 7 to 9 on the Portland and Gorham campuses and at Lewiston-Auburn College.

The "Teach-in on Central America: Focus El Salvador" is sponsored by USM's 1989-90 Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: Latin America." The program begins at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 7 in 1 Payson Smith on the Portland campus with a lecture by Convocation Scholar Alfred Padula, associate professor of history, on the history and background of the Salvadoran Civil War. He will be followed by Joseph Medley, associate professor of economics, discussing "Recent Economic History and U.S. Economic Intervention in El Salvador." Nancy Kelly, an immigration and asylum attorney in Boston, will then speak on the "Legal Aspects of the Salvadoran Civil War."

Also on Wednesday: at 1:30 p.m. in 1 Payson Smith, Rubi Sanchez, national representative of the Secretariat for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights for the FMLN, the Salvadoran liberation front, will speak on "Human Rights in El Salvador."

From 2:30 to 4 p.m., poet Martin Steingesser and Los Hermanos Minsk will entertain with a program of Central American poetry and music in Luther Bonney auditorium.

Doris Burford, a registered nurse in Boston and board member of the National Central America Health Rights Network, will give a slide lecture on "Community Health Assessment of a Salvadoran Village" at 4 p.m. in 1 Payson Smith.

A Speak Out will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, in 303 Payson Smith with remarks on "Liberation Theology" by Joseph Grange, USM professor of philosophy, and Cheverus instructor Father John Michaelowski, S. J.; by William Slavick, professor of English, on the "War Against the Poor"; and by visitors to Central America, including Veterans for Peace national director Jerry Genesio and members of Portlanders Against U.S.



Oliver Woshinsky, professor of political science, will be teaching a semester at Archangel Pedagogical Institute in the Soviet Union on an exchange which brought Victoria Kamennaya to USM. Woshinsky will be teaching American culture, literature and language in the English Department at Archangel through June 1, while Kamennaya, a professor of English, will be teaching Russian language, literature and culture through our Department of Foreign Languages and Classics until mid-May. Woshinsky hopes to teach a course on Russian culture at USM in the spring of 1991.  
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### Intervention in Central America.

On the Gorham campus Wednesday, a film series on El Salvador will be shown beginning at 11 a.m. in Hastings Formal Lounge.

Activities to be held at Lewiston-Auburn College (51-55 Westminster St.) on Wednesday, February 7 will begin with a Speak Out from 3 to 4 p.m., followed by remarks by Convocation Scholar Alfred Padula at 4, Rubi Sanchez at 5 on human rights, Maryknoll missionary Al Ryan's discussion of Liberation Theology at 6, Doris Burford at 7 and Nancy Kelly at 8 p.m. All discussions are in Room 116 and are free and open to the public.

Thursday's program will feature videos and films in the USM Portland Campus Center Rooms A, B, and C beginning with the PBS video "Battle for El Salvador" at noon; among others to be screened, "Roses in December," a PBS documentary on a nun killed in El Salvador in 1980, will be shown.

The Teach-in will continue Friday at noon with a discussion by Hector Lindo-Fuentes, a professor at the University of Central America and a colleague of the recently slain Jesuit academics. Fuentes will speak in the USM Portland Campus Center, Rooms A, B, and C. A series of readings will begin at 3 p.m. in Rooms A, B and C of the Portland Campus Center.

For more information concerning the Teach-in, contact Professors George Cafftentzis at 780-4330 or Nancy Greenleaf at 780-4130.

### Johnson Supply

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the university noted that future campus expansion should be in the commercial area of Forest Avenue

rather than in residential neighborhoods.

"The fact that our library, the heart of a university, will be the gateway to USM is appealing," said USM President Patricia R. Plante. "It will be a visible reminder of USM's importance to this region."

University officials will now finalize a sale agreement by February 15 and begin architectural studies shortly after. Renovations on the 70-year-old building will begin in the fall.

### Reaccreditation

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management, Lewiston-Auburn College; Martin A. Rogoff, professor of law; Geraldine M. Tukey, associate professor of nursing; and Charles Welty, professor of computer science, School of Applied Science. There are two nominees from the College of Arts and Sciences to the committee. Roy Lenardson, a student in the Public Policy and Management program, is staff associate to the committee.

Committee meetings this month are scheduled for 2-4 p.m., Monday, February 12 in the 7th floor conference room of the Law School building, Portland and again from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, February 26 in the 7th floor conference room.

"We are hoping for serious input and involvement from as many people as possible so that we can accurately and concisely define where we have been, where we are and where we want to go," said Amoroso.

Members of the campus community who want more information on the process should call Amoroso at 780-4585.



## What We're Doing

**ROBERT ATKINSON**, director of the Center for the Study of Lives, and assistant professor of education, published an article, "Today's Teenagers—Not So Mixed-up after All," in the 1990 Encyclopedia Britannica Medical and Health Annual.

**DIANE BENEDICT**, associate professor of English, read from her fiction as part of the University of Maine at Farmington's Visiting Writers Series last December.

**JOEL W. EASTMAN**, professor of history, led the Maine Historical Society's four-part seminar on Maine history last fall.

**MAHMUD A. FAKSH**, assistant professor of political science, was invited to chair and participate in a panel on the Middle East at the eighth annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, which will be held in October 1990 at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He has accepted an appointment as visiting associate professor in political science at Duke University's Summer Session II, 1990, during which he will teach two courses in Middle East and Comparative Politics and do research on an ongoing project, "The Military and Politics in Syria."

**DAVID FRIED**, visiting associate professor of law, gave a presentation on the civil use of RICO in a program sponsored by the Federal Practice Section at the Maine State Bar Association's 1990 annual meeting held in Bangor, January 19-20.

**SATN. GUPTA**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Estimation in Long Memory Time Series Models," at the recent meetings of the American Mathematics Society held at Louisville, Ky. on January 17-20.

**MICHAEL B. LANG**, professor of law, was an invited participant at the Invitational Conference on Reduction of Income Tax Complexity jointly held by the AICPA Tax Division and the ABA Section of Taxation in Washington on January 11-12. He also participated in the meetings of the sections on Taxation and Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries and Estate Planning at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Francisco, also in January. Lang has been appointed to the board of contributing editors and advisers of the Review of Taxation of Individuals and has initiated a column, the first of which appeared in the Winter 1990 issue, for this journal on tax elections.

**SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE**, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, presented a paper, "Addressing Emotional Health in Primary Health Care," at the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs biannual meeting in Washington D. C. last December. She also was asked to be a member of the DMHMR Commissioner's Task Force on Early Intervention. Her paper, "Project AIMS and the State of Maine," was accepted for publication in *Infants and Young Children*.

**SCOTT D. REEVES**, assistant professor of music, delivered a paper titled, "Improvisation: New Teaching Strategies" at the convention of the International Association of Jazz Educators, January 12 in New Orleans. Scott was also seen in an interview and performance during the noon news on Channel 13, January 23, in Portland.

**REMO H. RICIPUTI**, associate professor of biology and faculty athletics representative to the NCAA, attended the NCAA National Convention on January 6-10 where he participated in the Faculty Athletics Representative Association Forum on "The Role of the Faculty Athletics Representative at a Division III Institution." He was also an alternate delegate for USM at the general business sessions of the NCAA, held in Dallas, Texas.

**MARK W. STEEGE**, assistant professor of psychology, was recently appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal for Persons With Severe Handicaps*. Last fall, he was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*.

**JULIA (JILL) TIFFANY**, associate professor and interim associate dean, School of Nursing, successfully defended her dissertation, "Transition: The Lived Experience of Moving from Student to Practicing Registered Nurse," at Vanderbilt University on December 8, 1989. She presented the results of her dissertation at the Society for Research in Nursing Education Conference in San Francisco on January 11, 1990.

**DAVID WAGNER**, assistant professor of social work, had a book review of Lily Hoffman's "The Politics of Knowledge" in the January 19 issue of *Science*.

**L. KINVIN WROTH**, dean, School of Law, made a presentation to the Judicial Administration Section at the Maine State Bar Association's 1990 annual meeting, held in Bangor on January 19-20 on the discussion draft of the judicial financial disclosure rule which he has prepared for the Supreme Judicial Court's Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct. Wroth also served

as moderator of a panel consisting of Maine and Canadian lawyers titled, "Doing Business with Canada," at the Maine State Bar Association meeting. Wroth was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Maine Bar Foundation Board of Directors reflecting his service as founder, director, secretary, and president of the Foundation and his efforts in developing the Foundation's Volunteer Lawyers Project, IOLTA Program, and Legal Needs Study.

**MELVYN ZARR**, professor of law and director of the Law School's Continuing Judicial Education Program, organized and moderated two programs for judges of all the state's courts at the Maine State Bar Association's 1990 annual meeting held in Bangor on January 19-20. Zarr and L. KINVIN WROTH, dean of the School of Law, led a panel discussion on judicial disqualification and recusal. Zarr and **DAVID D. GREGORY**, professor of law, among others, gave a presentation on the current state of equity jurisdiction.

## Retired Professor Remembered

Parnell Hare, former associate professor of physical science, died January 12 in San Diego, California, where he lived for the past few years. Professor Hare taught physical science, meteorology and oceanography at USM from 1963 until his retirement in 1986. "His reputation was one of being a highly competent professor, well versed in his areas of expertise. His concern for and willingness to help his students was well known," said F. Donald Dorsey, assistant professor of biology, and James W. Pendleton, associate professor of geosciences, both former colleagues. Hare served as chair of the Earth Science, Physics and Engineering Department from 1978 to 1982. During his tenure, geology was developed and approved as a major.



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