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# CURRENTS

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## Convocation Opens A Soviet View of the Soviet Union

A distinguished commentator and analyst of life in the Soviet Union, Dimitri K. Simes, is the featured speaker at the opening event of the 1988-89 Convocation at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4 in the Portland Gym. Simes will talk on "Perestroika: Revolution or Reform?"



Convocation this year on the Soviet Union is part of a three-year series titled, "Worlds in Flux" which will focus on Latin America next year and the Far East in the third year.

A Soviet emigrant, Simes studied modern history at Moscow State University and earned his doctorate at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations at the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science in 1972. In 1973 he came to the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies as a senior research fellow and later became director of Soviet Studies there. From 1980 to 1983 he was director of the Soviet and East European Research Program and research professor of Soviet Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

He has also been a columnist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, a consultant for CBS News and NBC News and has appeared as a

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## Educating for International Competence

This past spring, President Plante identified as a top priority an emphasis on a global dimension to the educational process at USM in order to prepare students for success in a world market. "Competition in a global economy will require insightful understudy of foreign cultures," she said.

On the same theme, Tim Honey, vice president for development and external affairs, told a legislative committee this summer that "all of New England depends in large measure on our ability to provide students with appropriate international skills and knowledge to sustain the region's economy in the years ahead."

The academic programs which explore international politics, history, languages and business provide the underpinning of this thrust, and a key program is the new interdisciplinary major in International Studies. Created and directed by Karen Erickson,

assistant professor of political science, the new degree program blends fundamental humanities courses with courses to develop skills in language, problem-solving techniques and research design. It requires three years of foreign language, a senior seminar and thesis and offers concentrations in three areas: foreign policy analysis, international management, and regional affairs (focusing on Europe, the Soviet Union or Latin America). International Studies also sponsors the North American Student Seminar which brings together USM and Canadian students for a week of intensive discussions on international policies and meetings with diplomats in Washington, D.C.

In keeping with USM's policy on education for an international outlook, the School of Business, Economics and Management now requires of every bachelor's candidate at least one international

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President Plante with Han Xu, ambassador from China to the U.S., and his wife at a reception hosted by the president for Han, who visited Portland to discuss trade between Maine and China.

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## From the President's Desk

The bond issue approved by Maine voters in November, 1984 included a number of construction projects of benefit to our University: the new classroom/faculty office building on the Portland campus, the renovation of the second floor of Corthell Hall as a recital hall on the Gorham campus, improvements in the Science Building, etc. Also included in the bond issue were funds to complete the top floor of the Law School Building as a conference center. However, the Fire Department would not permit assemblies to take place on that 7th floor without the University's agreeing to purchase a \$100,000 sprinkler system. Since the E&G budget could not bear the weight of that demand, the space is now being renovated for offices and a seminar room. The President's staff are scheduled to occupy that space by Thanksgiving.

## Global Perspective

■ The following faculty members were among those who have been abroad recently for research, lecturing or exchanges:

**John Kinsella**, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese, visited the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte to discuss long-range plans for language exchanges.

**Craig Dietrich**, professor of history, visited China and promoted exchanges with universities there.

**Donald Dorsey**, assistant professor of biology, was invited by the China Association for Science and Technology to visit China in July.

**Haig Najarian**, professor of biology, participated in a People to People Tropical Medicine Delegation to the People's Republic of China.

**Robert Russell**, associate professor of music, was one of 21 American conductors selected to participate in the first German American Choral Directors Exchange in Germany.

**Richard Sturgeon**, director, Advising and Academic Information, and **Michael Moore**, associate professor of art, accompanied the Sister-City Cultural Delegation to Shinagawa to promote Japanese student interest in USM and faculty exchanges.

**Christine Holden**, assistant professor of history, accompanied students from USM and UM to Kharkov Univer-

sity for two weeks as part of the US/USSR Pairing Project.

**Remo Riciputi**, associate professor of biology, participated in a joint planning project on environmental education in Sweden as part of the Innovations in Teacher Education Program in which the University of Southern Maine is a charter member.

**Mark Swanson**, assistant professor of geology, undertook research on geological fault lines in Greenland.

■ This fall, the following faculty members are among those who will be abroad for research or study:

**Merle Loper**, professor of law, is in China to teach law at the Shanghai Maritime Institute.

**Dorothy Moore**, dean, College of Education, will be a member of an educational delegation from Portland visiting Japan in October. She will also visit universities in the People's Republic of China.

■ The following people were among the international visitors at USM this summer:

The People's Republic of China's Ambassador to the United States, **Han Xu**, visited Maine in August as a guest of the World Affairs Council and USM. He met with representatives of the University of Maine System, state government and business at USM to discuss trade between Maine and the People's Republic of China.

**Li Yun Wang**, visiting scholar from Hangzhou University to Radcliffe College, was a guest speaker for the Women's Studies Program in July.

■ The following people will be among the international visitors at USM this fall:

**Marcos Aurelio Sa**, assistant professor of communications at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), will lecture on "The Influence of Politics in the Brazilian Means of Communication" and "UFRN, 30 years of Social Commitment" in September.

**Claudio Emerenciano**, associate professor of political science, UFRN, will lecture on "Brazil: Today's Political Reality," and "The New Brazilian Constitution Versus People's Expectations."

**Ernani Rosado**, professor of medicine at UFRN, will visit USM in late September to become acquainted with teaching, research and clinical aspects of USM's Applied Immunology Program.

**Roger Richardson**, head of history and archaeology at King Alfred's College, will be teaching two courses for the

College of Arts and Sciences in September and October.

**Zhang Zeliang**, professor and vice president of Shanghai Institute of Technology, will visit the dean and faculty of the School of Law in September.

## Convocation

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commentator on the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour. Simes is currently senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and director of the Endowment's Project on U.S.-Soviet Relations.

Convocation Scholar James W. Roberts, associate professor of political science, said that Simes was selected to open Convocation because of his "close acquaintance with the intellectual establishment in the Soviet Union."

The first Convocation lecture this year will be by David Miller (see box below). Future convocation lectures include a talk on "Soviet Law and Constitutionalism" by Piers Beirne, professor of sociology and legal studies.

A reception will follow Simes' address. Convocation is free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-4440.

### First International Studies Scholar-in-Residence

Professor Karen Erickson, director of International Studies, recently announced that David Miller, NATO's director for research in political affairs, is on campus through Friday, September 30 as the first scholar-in-residence in the International Studies Program.

An expert on East-West issues, Miller is a member of the British Foreign Office and has served in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and on Britain's CSCE delegations. He has studied at London University and Leningrad University and has taught at Oxford University.

Miller will speak on "Changes in Soviet-East European Relations" on Wednesday, September 28 at 4:15 p.m. in the Portland Campus Center, Rooms A and B. The lecture is free and open to all.

## Actors from the London Stage

From the London stage to USM, actors from the famed Royal Shakespeare Company (the RSC), the BBC Shakespeare Series and the National Theatre of Britain will be on campus for a week of lectures and performances, September 26 to October 2. The five performers—Domini Blyth, Dudley Sutton, Richard Cordery, Allan Hendrick and Paul Moriarty—are veterans of British stage, screen and TV.

A highlight of the week will be full performances of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," to be played Friday, September 30 at 8 p.m. in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland Campus and Saturday, October 1 at 8 p.m. in Russell Hall on the Gorham Campus, both performances for \$8 for general public and \$3 for students. Dylan Thomas' lyrical satire of life in a small Welsh village, "Under Milk Wood," originally a BBC radio play, will be read on Wednesday, September 28 at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham for \$4 for the public and \$2 for students.

In addition there will be two free presentations open to the public. Dudley Sutton will deliver his comic biography, "A Bit on the Side," on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in room 113 of the New Classroom Building on the Portland Campus. Allan Hendrick, will give his lively lecture/reading on "Life in Shakespeare's England" at 1 p.m., Tuesday, September 27 in Luther Bonney Auditorium.

The troupe will give a free acting workshop on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Russell Hall Theatre, Gorham. Registration is open to the public and limited to 40 participants.

For more information and ticket reservations, call 780-5483 or 780-5480. Reservations for performances will be taken beginning September 26. "Actors from the London Stage" is sponsored by the Theatre Department.

## Homecoming Offers Diversity and Fun

Alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty and staff will gather at USM on Saturday, October 1 to help celebrate "Homecoming 1988." A wide variety of activities and events have been scheduled for the day, which is also part of Parents' Weekend.

The program begins with breakfast at 7:30 and concludes with a clambake dinner and dance featuring The Breakdown, recent winners of the National MTV Basement Tape Award.

Homecoming is packed with music, activities, demonstrations, and social events that should provide entertainment for everyone. Early in the day, guests are invited to attend receptions at the president's house and at the fraternities, sororities, and dorms.

Demonstrations, alumni activities, and the student fair will comprise the majority of the morning activities followed by the annual alumni luncheon and the Husky Buffet.

The afternoon will center on the arts and athletics featuring the alumni - faculty concert at 4 p.m., a student art exhibit, a costume display by the Theatre Department, and the All-Maine Biennial Exhibit at the Art Gallery.

The women's soccer team challenges Colby-Sawyer College at 1 p.m. on Towers Field. Experiential education takes the stage at 2 followed by a slide presentation and discussion by the Athletic Department at 4. The Husky Golf Classic, played at the Gorham Country Club, is open to all interested golfers, and is slated for a 3 p.m. start.

For more information on USM's Homecoming, please contact the Alumni Office at 780-4110. We hope to see you in Gorham on Saturday, October 1.

## International

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course. The College of Education is a member of an international forum on teacher education and supports the Maine Studies Project, a statewide program for public schools aimed at promoting understanding of Maine's place in the world. The School of Law has emphasized marine and international business law through the Marine Law Institute, through courses, and a relationship with Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University and University College Galway in Ireland.

The Office of International Programs is charged with expanding a world view at USM through visiting scholars and student and faculty exchanges in a variety of countries, including England, Ireland and Brazil. (See column on Global Perspectives for listings of faculty research trips abroad.) The OIP is hoping to develop further university links with institutions and organizations in East Asia, Latin America and the U.S.S.R. And OIP also promotes overseas sabbaticals, research scholarships and lecture or teaching opportunities abroad for faculty and brings foreign students to USM. At present, nearly 50 foreign students are visiting USM, and a similar number of USM students study abroad each year.

Finally, the World Affairs Council of Maine is housed at USM as part of the effort to increase exposure to distinguished international speakers and to provide forums on foreign policy.

In his own report to the Legislature, Stephen Simonds, director of the Office of International Programs at USM, underlined Honey's assertion: "the value of student, faculty and staff exposure to global perspective has been widely accepted in higher education. But in today's world, these same ingredients are more than optional educational enrichments. They are the principal means by which Maine students acquire the competencies needed to compete, exercise leadership and prosper in a global economy."



## What We're Doing

**CHARLES M. LYONS**, associate professor of education, has been notified that his article, "A Study of the Provision of Dental Care to Persons with Mental Retardation," will be published in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*.

**CARTER MANNY**, assistant professor of business law, presented a paper titled, "Contract Remedies Under the Vienna International Sales Convention," at the annual meeting of the American Business Law Association in New Orleans on August 11.

**FRANCIS C. MCGRATH III**, associate professor of English, participated in a panel discussion of "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" at the James Joyce Birthday Conference held at the University of Miami, Coral Gables in February. In March, he delivered a paper titled "The Issue of Language in the Plays of Brian Friel," at the Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Providence, R. I. McGrath organized and directed a colloquium on "Money and Words: Economics, Literature, and Interpretation" at USM in April. At the Eleventh International James Joyce Symposium held in Venice, Italy during June, he delivered a paper titled "Thomas Kuhn and Paradigmatic Method" as well as serving as respondent to a panel on the topic "Ulysses and the Parameters of Modernism."

**IVAN G. MOST**, director, Production Technology Center, addressed the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston/Auburn on the subject of the Production Technology Center last July. In August, he conducted a seminar on Flexible Manufacturing with the John Deere Co. at the School of Law.

**AH-KAUNG**, assistant professor, Applied Immunology Program, had his article, "In Vitro Effects of Monoclonal Antibody Targeted Abrin C on the Growth of Human Melanoma Cells," published in *Acta Biochimica et Biophysica Sinica*, 1988.

**ALFRED L. PADULA**, associate professor of history, and USM graduate student **LOIS SMITH**, presented a paper on Cuban women workers at the Fifth Latin American Labor History Conference at Princeton University in April. A revised version of the paper will be published in Sweden's *Nordic Journal of Latin American Studies*. In May, Padula and Smith gave a presentation on Cuba at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**ANDREW J. POTTS**, professor of accounting, attended a weeklong Faculty Summer Seminar in Savannah, Georgia last May that was sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Potts was a panel discussant on "Integrating Preparation for the CPA Examination into the Accounting Curriculum."

**NEAL S. ROTE**, director and professor, Applied Immunology Program, had his articles, "Autoimmunity to Phospholipids and the Effect on Reproduction" and "Lupus Anticoagulant and Antiphospholipid Antibodies; Identification of a Phospholipid Antigen in Partial Thromboplastin," published in the *American Journal of Reproductive Immunology and Microbiology*. He presented three papers on recurrent spontaneous pregnancy loss and thrombocytopenia at the Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium at Orono. Rote presented invited talks on recurrent pregnancy loss at the In Vitro Fertilization-Australia Program at United Hospital in Port Chester, N.Y. and at Kennebec Hospital in Augusta, Maine. He has been elected president of the American Society for the Immunology of Reproduction; is an elected member of the International Coordination Committee for the Immunology of Reproduction; and has been selected as a member of the National Program Committee for the 1989 Meeting of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation and the Human Embryology and Development Study Section at the National Institutes of Health.

**DOROTHY WOODS SMITH**, instructor of nursing, attended the 16th annual East Coast Invitational Workshop on Therapeutic

Touch in New York last August. This is the third year she has been invited to study with Dolores Krieger, Ph.D., R.N., and Dora Kunz, originators of the technique.

**RICHARD STEINMAN**, professor of social welfare (retired), was invited to conduct two seminars in May and July at Eötvös Lóránd Tudomány Egyetem (University), Budapest that would provide insights about American social work education to a group of Hungarian faculty and social workers who are engaged in developing a new social work curriculum whose first students will be experienced psychologists, teachers and public administrators. As a result of these seminars, Steinman was invited to return to Hungary for six months during 1989 to train the social workers who will supervise the students in their practice.



Flutist Susan Thomas will present a concert of works by Haydn, Carl Reinecke, Richard Karpen and Peter Schickele in the second performance of the Faculty Concert Series, 8 p.m., Friday, October 7 in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. Tickets are \$7; \$4 for students, seniors, faculty and staff. Call 780-5555.

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