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# CURRENTS

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More than 400 people attended the dedication of Robert and Nancy Masterton Hall, held Sunday, January 22. The building, named for the late civic leader and his widow, Nancy N. Masterton, houses general classrooms, a lecture hall, labs for nursing students and a computer center for students. It also is headquarters for the School of Nursing and the Social Work Department. Referring to the many activities in which she and her late husband played a role, Masterton, pictured here, said, "Don't thank us—I thank you for providing so many opportunities."

*Caswell photo*

## Nursing Educator of the Year

Kathleen I. MacPherson, associate dean, School of Nursing, received the 1988 Nursing Educator of the Year Award from the Maine State Nurse's Association at an awards ceremony held last fall at the Augusta Civic Center. The award honors a nursing educator who has contributed significantly to the field of nursing education.

MacPherson serves as chairperson of individual student research theses, as well as teaching required core courses. Several of her thesis students have presented their studies at both state and national research conferences. She has achieved national recognition through her publications and presentations as an advocate for nurses and women in issues relating to nursing, education and health care. In January, 1988 she was appointed associate dean of the School of Nursing.

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## Plante Hosts Legislators

Newly elected legislators and their senior colleagues in the House and Senate had the chance to become more familiar with USM and the university system at a special legislative breakfast held during the holidays in our Campus Center.

President Plante told members of the southern Maine legislative delegation that she has specific goals in mind whenever conducting the business of the university. Among those mentioned were: an enrollment management program with higher admissions standards and courses to help prepare students not equipped to do college-level work; a need to broaden students' horizons through an emphasis on international affairs and studies; and a more effective use of our physical plant that offers more

flexibility for faculty and students, perhaps through establishment of a third semester. She also said that the library, "the heart of an institution," needs to be adequate to our mission. "Thanks to you and the people of this state," she said in response to the successful bond effort, "we will have that."

Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury thanked legislators for the support the university system has received. "But we can't lose sight of the fact that creating a first-class university isn't accomplished over one year or one (legislative) session," he said. "The building of quality is a long, long process."

Woodbury and campus presidents are scheduled to meet with lawmakers in Augusta on Tuesday, February 14. Later that day, Woodbury will give the 1989 "State of the University" address to the 114th Legislature.

## Storm Warnings

The following radio stations air information, typically between 6 and 6:30 a.m., about the closing due to snow storms of USM classes, the School of Law and the off-campus centers: WMGX, Portland; WBLM, Lewiston-Portland; WWGT, Portland; WSME/WCDQ, Sanford; WHYR, Saco; WDSC, Portland; WYNZ, Portland; WMPG, Gorham; WPOR, Portland; WKXA/WCLZ, Brunswick; WJTO/WIGY, Bath; WOXO, Norway; WTVL, Waterville; WTSN, Dover, N.H.; WKZS/WLAM, Lewiston; WJBQ, Auburn-Gorham; WGAN, Portland; WRKD/WCMC, Rockland; WIDE, Biddeford; WMME, Augusta; WXGL, Lewiston; WHEB, Portsmouth; WABK, Augusta; and WCME, Wiscasset.

## Islam In-Depth

One of the most innovative Core courses to be offered this year is the Introduction to Islamic Civilization, taught by Mahmud Faksh, assistant professor of political science. A survey of the historical and epistemological underpinnings of current affairs in the Arab world, the course includes lectures by five guest experts, representing different scholarly interests within the field of Islamic studies.

The Arab world, Faksh says, is united by the doctrinal, cultural and political dimensions of Islam, a religion which embraces 45 nations and one billion people. The course will deal with Islam as a religious force with an elaborate theology; as a cultural force permeating the arts and literature; and as a sociopolitical force influencing the thought and behavior of the Muslim world. Weaving the different aspects of the course together is the Islamic belief in the unity of God and his creation, "tawhid," and the theme of the community of believers, the Muslim commonwealth, "umma."

Coming up are lectures by Wasma Chorbachi, artist and art historian at Harvard University, on "Scientific Manifestations in Islamic Art" on Tuesday, February 28; Wolfhart Heinrichs of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard on "Islamic Languages and Literature" on Thursday, March 2; John L. Esposito, of the Department of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, on "Law and Society in Islam" on Tuesday, March 14; and Hafeez Malik of the Department of Political Science at Villanova University on "Islamic Fundamentalism: Religious Assertiveness and Political Militancy" on Thursday, April 13. All the lectures will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 in Room 305, Masterton Hall on the Portland campus and are open to the university community.

For more information on any of these lectures, call Faksh at 780-4532.

## MacPherson

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"I consider it a great honor to have been selected by my colleagues to receive the Educator of the Year Award," MacPherson said. "USM's administration and my colleagues at the School of Nursing have strongly supported my pursuit of my doctoral degree and continued research, and this has greatly contributed to my teaching effectiveness."



Yvonne Shafer and Claude File of the USM Theatre Department prepare for an evening of one act plays by Russian master playwright Anton Chekhov to be performed at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 11 in USM's Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland campus. Admission is free. *USM photo*

## Convocation Features Chekhov

A free evening of one-act plays by the great Russian playwright Anton Chekhov will be presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 11 in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland campus.

Yvonne Shafer and Claude File of our Theatre Department will be joined by New York actor Peter Brouwer in staged performances of the one-act plays, "On the Harmfulness of Tobacco" and "The Boor" and scenes from "The Cherry Orchard," considered by many to be Chekhov's masterpiece. Chekhov, who was born in 1860 and graduated as a doctor from Moscow University, had little success in the theatre until the Moscow Art Theatre's production of "The Seagull," written in 1896 and closely followed by "Uncle Vanya," "Three Sisters" and "The Cherry Orchard," written in 1904. He died soon after, at the height of his powers.

Yvonne Shafer taught at Ohio State University, the University of California at Santa Barbara and the University of Georgia before coming to USM and was distinguished visiting professor at Nanjing University in China in 1987. She has published two books of critical analysis on Ibsen and another on American playwright Arthur Miller and has recently completed an introduction to theatre. An authority on Eugene O'Neill, she was English Language Coordinator for the O'Neill Conference in China in

June, 1988 and appeared in O'Neill festivals in New York City and here at USM in October. She has just returned from a lecture tour at universities in Germany and Belgium.

Claude David File has long credits as an actor, director, choreographer and playwright. His face may also be familiar from commercials for Pepsi Cola and Burger King. He was nominated "Best Supporting Actor" by the Los Angeles Drama Critics Association in 1981, and won recognition as best director in 1982 and 1983 from Michigan Public Theater. File also received a comedy award from Montana in 1984 and a Michigan Foundation for the Arts Award for outstanding quality and contributions to the arts in Michigan. He was combat choreographer for the Louisiana Shakespeare Festival this past November, and recently appeared in "Everybody's All American" with Dennis Quaid and Jessica Lange.

Peter Brouwer has been seen on the CBS "soaps," "The Guiding Light," "As the World Turns" and "Love of Life" and in theatre in New York City, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

This performance is sponsored by the Theatre Department and the 1988-89 Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: The Soviet Union."

Admission to the performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Theatre Department at 780-5480 or Convocation, 780-4440.

## Global Perspective

■ USM is offering alumni and friends the opportunity to broaden their horizons. For the first time, the Office of Alumni and University Advancement is offering a tour custom-designed for the University community and the USM Alumni Association. The 15-day trip, scheduled for May 22 through June 5, will take them through the U.S.S.R. with two faculty members from our History Department, Christine Holden and Diane Barnes, both of whom have made several trips to the Soviet Union. A special feature of the tour is dinner with Soviet families in their homes, a motorcoach-view of the countryside from Moscow to Kharkov and a meeting with students and faculty at Kharkov University, as well as sightseeing in five Russian cities. Reservations must be in by February 17. For more information and reservations, call the Alumni Office at 780-4110.

■ International Programs is looking for "Friendship Families" to ease the transition of new students from China and Quebec from their home country to our community. Call International Programs at 780-4959 for more information. Craig Dietrich is looking for household furnishings for two Chinese professors who will be studying at SBEM for a year. Call the History Department.

■ Faculty and staff supported by USM on long and short term exchanges abroad increased from six in 1986 to 18 in 1988.

■ A group of 20 Irish businessmen from northern and southern Ireland will be on campus studying international marketing through February.

## Campus Notes

■ "What's Happening in Afghanistan?" a lecture by J. Bruce Amstutz, former charge d'affairs for the United States in Kabul, will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, February 9 in the First Parish Church Hall, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Amstutz will discuss the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. The lecture is free to members of the World Affairs Council, \$3 for the general public and \$1 for students. Please bring your own lunch. For more information, call the World Affairs Council at 780-4551.

■ A series of Soviet films will be presented in connection with USM's Convocation, "Worlds in Flux—the Soviet

Union." All films are free and open to the public. Upcoming films on videotape to be shown at 7 p.m. in 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham include: "Scarecrow," on Thursday, February 9; and "Is It Easy to be Young?" on Sunday, February 12. Upcoming feature films include: "Siberiade," at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, February 28 in the Moot Court Room, Law School, Portland; "Commissar," at 7 p.m., on Sunday, March 12, in 10 Bailey Hall, Gorham; and a repeat showing of "Commissar" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13, in the Moot Court Room, Law School, Portland. Contact Charlotte Rosenthal, assistant professor of Russian, at 780-4325.

■ The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is starting a chapter in the Portland area and will hold an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 9 in the Faculty/Staff Lounge, Portland Campus Center. The organization promotes equity for women, education and self-development, and positive societal change. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution is needed to join the organization. Call Nancy Zolids at 780-5154 for information.

■ The World Affairs Council of Maine will host Polish Ambassador, Jan Kinast, at a reception from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14 at the Portland Marriott. The reception will include a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The fee is \$10 per person, RSVP to WAC at 780-4551 by February 10.

■ Applications are available at the Student Activities Offices in the Portland Campus Center and Upton Hall in Gorham for Recognition Day scholarships and awards. Deadline is Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 780-4090 or 780-5470.

■ The following people have been elected as senators to the Professional Staff Senate: Mary Collins, Staff Development; Irene Honey, College of Education; Dick Sturgeon, Alumni and University Advancement; Bill Wise, Student Affairs; Mary Ann Benson, Counseling & Career Services; Curt Sweet, Telecommunications; Judy Bean, Employee Benefits; George Higgins, Business Office; Jack Farrar, Advising & Academic Information; Judy Ryan, Student Activities. Their first meeting will be Monday, February 6; call members with agenda items.

## Media Log

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One indication of the respect and credibility that faculty and staff command is the degree to which their expertise is called upon by the news media. In this column, the Office of Media Relations recognizes some of the faculty and staff who have shared their expertise with the public.

Janet Z. Burson, associate professor of nutrition, School of Nursing, was interviewed by Suzanne Goucher of WKCZ, Augusta, regarding tips for eating wisely during the holiday season.

Josephine M. LaPlante, assistant professor of public policy and management, was interviewed by MPBN's Scott Hood for "Maine Things Considered" about the causes and consequences of tax revolts in Maine. She was also a guest commentator for MPBN's election evening coverage on the tax and spending caps, and was interviewed by the Portland Press Herald and radio stations about the tax issues facing Maine citizens and legislators.

William Sturner, professor of management, was interviewed by Executive Strategies in a two-part series on "Corporate Athletics."

Mahmud A. Faksh, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by WGAN Radio on the Palestinian problem. He was also interviewed twice by WMTW-TV, Channel 8, on Arafat's address before the special UN session in Geneva and on the U.S. decision to start talks with the P.L.O. Faksh's article, "Homeland Dreams," appeared in the op-ed page of The Boston Globe, and the Bangor Daily News published "The Palestinian Problem: Quest for the Elusive Solution."

Mary Ann Benson, coordinator of placement and academic internships, and Kathryn M. Hutchinson, coordinator of career development services, participated in two programs on careers on WGME-TV, Channel 13.

Oliver H. Woshinsky, professor of political science and Richard J. Maiman, professor of political science, appeared on WGME-TV, Channel 13's "At Issue" to discuss Senator Mitchell's selection as Senate Majority Leader. James Roberts, professor of political science, joined his two colleagues on WMTW-TV for a review of Campaign '88.

Joseph E. Medley, assistant professor of economics, was interviewed by the Portland Press Herald in January on economic development in Kittery.

Alfred Padula, associate professor of history, was interviewed by the Voice of America network on Cuban/Soviet relations.



## What We're Doing

**RICHARD J. CLAREY**, dean, School of Business, Economics and Management, participated as a panelist on "Applied Technology/Flexible Manufacturing" at the Economic Development Administration Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce and held November 20-22 in Philadelphia.

**JOSEPH A. CONFORTI**, director of New England Studies and professor of history, lectured on "Early European Images of New England," as part of "The Land of Norumbega: Maine in the Age of Exploration and Settlement" program which took place at the Portland Public Library in January 1989.

**ORLANDO E. DELOGU**, professor of law, was elected chairperson-elect of the Association of American Law Schools' Environmental Law Section at the association's 1989 annual meeting in New Orleans, last January.

**MAHMUD A. FAKSH**, assistant professor of political science, had a paper, "Saudi Arabia and Iran: The Challenge of an Insurgent Islam," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Arab Affairs*. He presented a lecture on "The Palestinian Intifadah" at Cape Elizabeth High School in December. This spring, Faksh will again be a visiting associate professor at Duke University where he will teach a seminar, "Special Topics in Middle East Politics."

**DAVID J. FRIED**, visiting associate professor of law, is the author of "Rationalizing Criminal Forfeiture," recently published in the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

**SAT N. GUPTA**, assistant professor of mathematics, had his paper, "Parameter Estimation in Fractionally Differenced Noise Processes," accepted for publication in *Metron*.

**MICHAEL S. HAMILTON**, assistant professor of political science, had his article, "Environmental Mediation: Requirements for Successful Institutionalization," accepted for publication in "Alternative Dis-

pute Resolution," which will be published by Greenwood Press in 1989. Hamilton was the recipient of a Special Recognition Award from the National Council of the American Society for Public Administration at its meeting in December for his assistance in restarting the New Hampshire chapter of the Society.

**WALTER H. KIMBALL**, assistant professor, professional education, undergraduate division, had the article he coauthored, "Gaining Perspective with the Educational Consultation Research Base: Ecological Considerations and Further Recommendations," published in *Remedial and Special Education*. The *Journal of Learning Disabilities* published Kimball's and T. E. Heron's behavioral commentary on Poplin's reductionistic fallacy and discussion of holistic/constructivist principles. At the 10th International Conference on Learning Disabilities in Louisville, Ky., last October, Kimball co-presented "The Collaborative Consultant as Jack of All Trades (and Master)."

**BONNIE A. LAZAR**, associate professor of social work, co-presented a workshop, "Growing Up in the Nuclear Age: Some Considerations for Children, Families and Counselors," at the Maine Mental Health Counselors Association annual meeting on November 11.

**ROBERT B. LOUDEN**, associate professor of philosophy, has been named series editor for a new book publication series which the State University of New York (SUNY) Press will be publishing.

**POLINA C. McDONNELL**, project director, Human Services Development Institute, participated as a resource person in the discussion on alternatives to jail for convicted drunk drivers at the second annual Blaine House Conference for Substance Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Law Enforcement held in Portland on November 29 and 30.

**ALFRED L. PADULA**, associate professor of history, chaired a panel on "Women in Contemporary Latin America" at the annual meeting of the New England Council

of Latin American Studies at Wellesley College in October. Padula's essay, "Twenty Questions About Cuban Women," written with LOIS SMITH, a USM graduate, appeared in *Cuban Studies*, Volume 20, 1988.

**MARTHA SKONER**, assistant professor of nursing, authored a chapter titled "Culture and the Meaning of Illness" in the book, "Acute Care Nursing in the Home," J.B. Lippincott Company, 1989.

**KIMBERLY J. STROM**, assistant professor of social work, gave the opening address and a workshop titled "Utilizing Community Resources" at a conference on "Exemplary Practices in School Social Work" in Orono on December 2.

**WILLIAM STURNER**, professor of management, has been notified that his article, "Maximizing Success: Diagnosing the Work Setting," has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Creative Behavior*. Sturner gave presentations recently on "Calculated Risk: Strategies for Managing Change," at the annual conference of the Association of Transpersonal Psychology in Monterey, Calif., and "Risk-Taking and the Systemic Effects of Giftedness," for the National Association for Gifted Children in Orlando, Fla.

**GEORGE R. VIOLETTE**, assistant professor of accounting, addressed the Augusta Rotary Club on the new "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" last December 27.

**DAVID WAGNER**, assistant professor of social work, will have an article, "Radical Social Movements in the Social Services: A Theoretical Framework," published in *The Social Service Review*.

**JAMES L. WRIGHT**, director of professional development, Department of Technology, was recently honored by the Association of Teacher Education in Maine for his many years as treasurer of that group.

**L. KINVIN WROTH**, dean, School of Law, was elected to the executive committee of the Canadian-American Cooperation Section of the Association of American Law Schools at their annual meeting in New Orleans, January 5-8.



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