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Good and Getting Better

It was an upbeat message that Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury delivered to the 114th Maine Legislature in his State of the University System address on February 14. And President Patricia R. Plante supported the positive mood in her mid-year update to the USM community. Both agreed that USM and the System are "good and getting better."

Calling UMS "an institution of substance and momentum," the chancellor cited especially the cooperative effort among the campuses which make "our System as a whole far greater than the sum of its seven parts."

He acknowledged that the Legislature has many heavy obligations to discharge, but stated that "higher education is not just another claimant on the public purse. It is a foundation—a basic underpinning—of everything else to which our state aspires." He reminded the members

of House and Senate that "the System remains underfunded when compared to other similarly sized institutions."

President Plante in her remarks to faculty and staff noted the number of new initiatives now underway at USM. One of the most important is the search for the critical position of vice president for academic affairs. She reported that the search committee had narrowed the field from 174 candidates to 12. "The final candidate will be very, very strong," she said. Plante hopes to go to the May Board of Trustees meeting with a name to be approved.

The President also made reference to updating the strategic plan, and observed that there was tremendous pressure from the outside community to expand programming at USM. But even with a very good idea, she said, "you can't say yes without funding."

One of the signs of progress to which she pointed with pride was the increase in external funding of research, passing the \$5 million mark this year. For a metropolitan university without doctoral programs that amount is "very good indeed," she said.

Provost Helen Greenwood, who will be stepping down at the end of this academic year to return to teaching in the Biology Department, said USM's Lewiston/Auburn College will be adding their next degree program, in social and behavioral sciences, next fall. She also said Richard Clarey, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management, will be chairing a committee to look into a B.A. in International Studies at USM.

Vice President for Student Affairs Larry Benedict said that this spring we had seen the highest enrollments ever at USM, but these would now stabilize as we focus on admitting better qualified students. Conditional admissions were reduced from 688 last year to 12. He also said a committee for the Gorham Student Center was now meeting with an architect, with commencement of work planned for this summer. He noted they would be adding weekend activities on both campuses and shuttle buses to malls and into Portland from Gorham on weekends.

Vice President for External Relations Tim Honey reported that negotiations on acquiring the Johnson Supply building for a new USM library were still up in the air. He announced that the UMS capital campaign should bring \$5 to \$8 million to USM, and that we would raise additional funds as part of that effort. In the meantime our annual fund project, led by Director Peg Brown, has already realized half of its goal of \$100,000.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Sam Andrews could not raise our hopes about immediate solutions to the parking problem, pointing out that the average cost of enclosed parking space would render only 120 new slots from the \$1.2 million from the state bond, but he did say that new rules allow us to borrow money to meet some of our building needs.

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In her speech, President Plante spoke with pride of the many faculty books, which she has featured in the reception area of the president's offices. *Erhun photo*



USM senior Chrissie Mellor of Yarmouth received the outstanding female scholar-athlete award of 1987-1988 in ceremonies held at halftime of the recent USM-St. Joseph's basketball game. She was one of 23 students honored for their academic and athletic accomplishments. Pictured from the left are: Keith Wegener of Massachusetts Mutual Life, cosponsor of the award program, President Patricia Plante, and Mellor. *Kramer Photo*

Husky Hall of Fame

A community leader and educators are among the alumni who will be inducted into the USM Husky Hall of Fame this month.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the 1989 induction ceremonies at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 25 in the Dining Center, Gorham. Tickets are \$15 per person. For reservations, please call Richard A. Costello, director of intercollegiate athletics, at 780-5430.

The 1989 inductees are: Al Bean of South Portland, class of 1977; Carl Labbe of South Portland, class of 1981; Fay T.O. Morrill of Berwick, class of 1974; Benedict Palubinskas of Westbrook, class of 1966; and Gertrude M. Prinn of Portland, class of 1923.

Bean, a familiar face to local sports enthusiasts, is USM's coordinator of athletic development and media relations. The former USM pitcher holds the record for fewest walks per nine innings (1.27) and is listed among the top ten for career records in several other categories.

Labbe nailed 23 goals and 30 assists on the soccer field. That tally placed the forward in the fourth spot on the all-time career list. He now is vice president of marketing for Greg Stump Productions of South Portland.

Morrill was only the second USM basketball player to compile 1000 points and 1000 rebounds. The former USM center is now a teacher and former coach at Noble High School in Berwick.

Palubinskas was named an MVP in both basketball and baseball and served as captain for both squads. The

longtime teacher and coach at Westbrook Junior High now heads the girls varsity basketball program for the Blue Blazes.

Prinn was a key member of basketball teams that went undefeated in 1922 and 1923. She began her career as a classroom teacher and went on to become director of reading for Portland Public Schools. The Portland native has received many honors over the years, including the Deborah Morton Award for Community Achievement and the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contributions to the state and university.

Russell Chair Lecture

"The Joy of Learning and the Generation of Education," a Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair Lecture by Willard D. Callender Jr., USM professor of education and current holder of the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair, will be held at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 16 in Luther Bonney Auditorium in Portland.

Callender will discuss why the joy of learning so often fails to be passed to the student and why schooling is frequently described as drudgery. His lecture will suggest some means by which the joy of learning can be restored and will explore how knowledge is transferred from one generation to the next. A reception in the Campus Center will immediately follow the lecture. Contact University Relations at 780-4440 for more information.

Faculty Recognized

State and national organizations recently have recognized two USM faculty members for outstanding contributions to the arts.

Kenneth Rosen, chair and professor of our English Department, has won the Maine Arts Comissions' fifth annual Chapbook Competition for his collection of 15 poems, "Hebrew Lion." The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) have awarded a Kennedy Center Medalion to Walter Stump, theatre professor and chair of that department, for his work in collegiate theatre.



Kenneth Rosen

Poet Amy Clampitt of New York City served as juror in the Chapbook Competition and selected Rosen's work from a total of 123 submissions. The competition, restricted to Maine authors, alternates each year between fiction and poetry.

Rosen has taught at USM since 1965 and is the founder/director of the Stonecoast Writers' Conference. His published collections include: "Whole Horse" and "Black Leaves." In Maine,

his work has been published in The Maine Times of Topsham, Greater Portland Magazine and Portland Monthly.

The competition awards \$250 and publication of 500 copies of the chapbook. It was estab-



Walter Stump

lished in 1983 to provide a public forum for Maine writers. The books are distributed by the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance of Brunswick.

The Kennedy award presented to Stump reads, "While continuing as a scholar and author, as a model adjudicator and as a director and administrator whose work has been cited regionally and nationally, Walter Stump has maintained a truly remark-

able energy level and a ready smile." He is one of only 12 professors nationwide to be selected for the medallion award.

As an undergraduate at San Diego State, Stump wrote award-winning plays and was selected as one of two directors in the country to receive a scholarship to the National Shakespearean Festival.

"GYNT," one of the many productions he has directed since joining USM in 1968, was selected as one of the top six collegiate productions in the country and won the 1986 ASCAP Award as the best original musical among U.S. colleges.

Stump, who has written extensively on the history of British theatre and censorship on the stage, was named Distinguished Scholar at USM's 1983 commencement. Earlier, he established a theatre exchange program between USM and King Alfred's College of Winchester, England. Active in ACTF as regional chair and vice chair, Stump now sits on ACTF's national executive committee and judges ACTF-sponsored award programs throughout the country.

ACTF is a national educational theatre program sponsored by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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.

Barbara Rich, associate professor of social welfare, was interviewed by WCSH-TV, Channel 6 on the Joel Steinberg case and social work case loads.

William Sturner, professor of management, was interviewed by Fortune Magazine on pros and cons of morale versus productivity.

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

Draper Hunt, professor of history, was interviewed by WGAN radio on Bush's inauguration compared to past ones.

Loren Coleman, research assistant, HSDI, was interviewed by the Associated Press on post-Super Bowl depression.

James Roberts, associate professor of political science, was interviewed by

WMME radio in Augusta on the proposed Congressional pay hike.

Robert Walkling, associate professor of physics, was interviewed by the Maine Times on the acoustics in Portland City Hall Auditorium.

Donald Anspach, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed by WGAN radio on McKernan's \$45 million bond for prison improvements.

Raymond Neveu, professor of finance, was interviewed by WCSH-TV, Channel 6, WMTW, Channel 8 and WGAN radio on the savings and loan crisis.

Thomas Sanders, assistant professor of business administration, **Richard Maiman**, professor of political science, **James Roberts** and **Raymond Neveu** appeared on several TV and radio interviews on Bush's February 9 address to Congress.

Michael Mullane, associate professor of law, was interviewed on WGME-TV, Channel 13 on the argument between District Attorney Aronson and local police chiefs.

Robert Goettel, director of sponsored research, was interviewed by the Press Herald on the \$5 million of external funding for research at USM this year.

Haig Najarian, professor of biology, was interviewed by WCSH-TV and **Kenneth Rosen**, professor of English, was interviewed by WGME-TV on Rushdie's "Satanic Verses." **Mahmud Faksh**, assistant professor of political science, had an opinion piece on Rushdie's book and the threat to his life published in the Maine Sunday Telegram.

Reviews of work by **Michael Shaugnessy**, assistant professor of art, appeared in The Washington Post, Sculpture, the Kutztown Reading Eagle, the Allentown Morning Call and the Maine Times.

Jeana Dale Bearce, professor of art, was featured on MPBN's Focus on Art program about her experience as a woman artist and her paintings.

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In conclusion the president stressed how important it was to USM's progress to have the courage and vision her staff has shown. "I believe," she said, "that as you raise academic standards, enrollment goes up." But she was grateful, she said, for the full support of her staff in pursuing the goal of a quality university.

Campus Notes

■ **Adult Learner Recognition Day** will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 in Campus Center Rooms A, B and C, Portland. After an opening address at 9 a.m., three workshops will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: a Faculty Workshop on alternative teaching strategies; a Staff Workshop on how to better serve the adult learner; and a Student Workshop for adult learners. A reception will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All professional and classified staff are invited to attend the faculty or staff workshop. RSVP to Peer Advising at 780-4927 or Phyllis Benay at 780-4711.

■ **"Soviet Foreign Policy in the Middle East Under Gorbachev,"** a lecture by Mark Habeeb, a research fellow at the Middle East Institute, will be held at 8 p.m., Monday March 20, in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. The lecture is part of USM's 1988-89 Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: The Soviet Union." Call 780-4440 for more information.

■ **Upcoming USM Department of Music events** include the Southern Maine Winds, part of the USM Faculty Concert Series, conducted by Peter Martin, at 8 p.m., on Friday, March 24, \$7 general public; \$4 students/seniors; and USM Jazz Studies Director Scott Reeves in concert with vocalist Randy Bean and friends at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, \$7 general public; \$4 students/seniors. Call 780-5555 for tickets, 780-5256 for information.

■ **USM's History Department** will present a lecture, "Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Shakespearization of America," by Michael Bristol, professor of English at McGill University in Montreal, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, in Campus Center Rooms A and B, Portland. Bristol is directing an advanced seminar on Shakespeare at Folger Institute in Washington, D.C. this spring. Contact Eileen Eagan, assistant professor of history, at 780-5058.

■ **Peg Brown**, director of Annual Funds, asks faculty to encourage students to participate in USM's Student Phonathons, calling USM alumni nationwide for Annual Fund pledges. Phonathons will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Campus Center B on the following dates: March 13, 14, 20, 22, 23, 27, and 29; May 15, 16, and 18. Dinner and a short training session will be provided. Prizes and a free long distance call at the end of the night. Contact Peg Brown at 780-4448 for more information.

What We're Doing

E. MICHAEL BRADY, associate professor, Department of Human Resource Development, had his article, "Perceptions Among Adult Educators of Elders' Learning Needs," accepted in *Educational Gerontology*.

JODY CAPELLUTI, assistant professor, professional education, graduate division, was an invited presenter on middle level education at the recent Junior High and Middle School Conference, "Meeting the Changing Needs of Middle Level Students," held in Augusta on January 23.

WILLIAM H. COOGAN III, associate professor of political science, has been admitted to the state and federal bars of Maine and Massachusetts.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, professor of history, recently completed a major study for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission titled, "The Modern Defenses of the Coast of Maine, 1891-1945," which will be used to determine sites and structures eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

BRUCE FITHIAN, assistant professor of music, sang the New England premiere of Boismortier's cantata, "Diane et Acteon," with USM's artist-in-residence, Igor Kipnis, during a faculty concert February 1. Fithian performed Schubert's song cycle, "Die Schöne Müllerin," at Bates College on February 10, and at Georgia Southern College on February 22, and will perform the cycle at Christ and St. Steven's Church, New York City, on April 2. On March 21, he sang Britten's "War Requiem" with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. On April 30, he will perform the evangelist in Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" at Pennsylvania State University.

PETER N. GABROVSKY, associate professor of computer science, gave a presentation to the Summer Logic Colloquium of ASL, University of Padua, Italy, titled "On the Notion of Finiteness in Generalized Recursion Theory." At the annual meeting of ASL

at the University of California, Los Angeles, he presented "On the Connection Between Logic Programming and Generalized Recursion Theory." His paper, "SIMULOG: A Knowledge-Based System for Production Management," has been accepted for publication at the third international conference on Expert Systems and the Leading Edge in Production, May 1989, in South Carolina. Gabrovsky was invited to lecture at Syracuse University on "An Axiomatic Theory of Logic Programming" and he will present "A Recursion-Theoretic Semantics for Logic Programming of Higher Order," at the Fifth Southeastern Logic Symposium, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, this month. Also in March, he has been invited to present results at MIT of his recent research.

H. DRAPER HUNT III, professor of history, had his article, "The Plumed Knight at Home: An Intimate Sketch of James G. Blaine," published in the Summer, 1988 issue of the *Maine Historical Society Quarterly*. On February 3 he spoke at Waynflete School on "Lincoln, Washington and other American Presidents."

KATHRYN LASKY, assistant professor of communication, gave a seminar on "Conducting a Mail Survey" and "Designing the Survey Questionnaire" at a colloquium conducted by the Smith Research Institute at Indiana University, December 15-18.

CHARLES M. LYONS, associate professor of education, and chair of the Governor's Commission on Nursing Supply, addressed the Maine State Board of Nursing on February 9 regarding the nursing shortage in Maine.

GEORGE R. PARKS, university librarian, spoke on the Smith Cartographic Collection at the January meeting of the Baxter Society.

SUSAN E. PICINICH, assistant professor of theatre, recently worked with the Portland Stage Company in constructing Mrs. Alving's gown and other costume items for the production of Ibsen's "Ghosts."

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, had his article, "Understanding Debits and Credits: The First Hurdle," published in the February 1989 issue of the *Balance Sheet*. Management Accounting published Potts article, "CMA and CPA Examinations—The Difference," in their February 1989 issue.

MARY E. SNELL, concert manager, recently conducted a three-day Critics' Workshop with playwright and critic David Cohen at the American College Theater Festival New England regionals held in Providence, R.I.

JAMES V. SULLIVAN, professor of health, physical education and recreation, will speak on "The Hows and Whys of Adapting Activities" at the annual conference of the Task Force for Adapted Physical Education at the University of Maine on March 18.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, has been awarded a research grant by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union of America, titled "Forced Transitions: A Study of Dislocated Textile Workers and the 'Service Economy'" which supports research on the social and economic consequences of the Health-Tex Corp. plant closings.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, recently had his paper, "Pluralism and Uniformity in the Common Law Legal Tradition," published in the *University of New Brunswick Law Journal*. At the Maine State Bar Association's mid-winter meeting in Portland, he was a panelist in programs on proposed amendments to the Maine Code of Professional Responsibility and the discovery provisions of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. On January 21, Wroth presided at the annual meeting of the Bar Foundation's board of directors. Wroth will continue to serve on the board's executive and planning committees after his one-year position as president ends.

JANE COOLIDGE YOUNG, assistant professor of nursing, had her article, "Rationale for Clinician Self-Disclosure and Research Agenda," published in *Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

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