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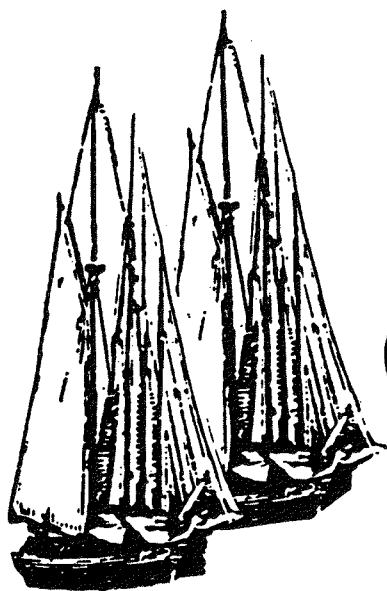
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# University of Southern Maine CURRENTS

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## Commencement 1988: "A Colorful and Vivid Beginning"

There were several firsts at USM's 108th commencement, which filled the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland on Saturday, May 7.

The speaker, Betty Williams, was the first Nobel Peace Prize winner to speak at a USM graduation ceremony. A new tradition was created when Trustee Harrison L. Richardson Jr. presented a bronze medal of office to President Plante. And Gloria S. Duclos, professor of classics, became the first recipient of the newly established Distinguished Faculty Award.

Commencement speaker Betty Williams along with Mairead Corrigan received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for founding the Community of Peace People. Williams was inspired to fight for peace when she saw three children killed during a confrontation between British soldiers and the IRA.

"Ireland was once a country of saints and scholars," she said in her commencement address. "But now it has become a gun culture. Songs are sung to men who have taken lives....We women of Ireland have a goal. That goal is the cessation of violence, to see the British leave our shores, to educate our children together, Catholic and Protestant."

Williams said the integrated school she and Corrigan began with 16 pupils now has 587 students and a waiting list of 10,000. In recent years, Williams has worked with other Nobel laureates to organize grass roots peace movements in other parts of the world, including Nicaragua. "If my speaking today has persuaded one of you to work for peace," Williams told the audience of some 700 people, "I'll have done a good day's work."

More than 800 of the 1150 eligible graduates marched in the procession, among them William Coogan, associate professor of political science, who received a law degree. Coogan plans to use the degree in his teaching and to try civil liberties cases.

Student commencement speaker Charlotte Henderson of Portland, a non-traditional student, reminded fellow classmates of their differences and commonalities. "Although we have been upperclasspeople together, I became a freshman nearly 20 years ago! Yet...we meet on a common path where age is irrelevant...where different

experience is a bond not a barrier...where diversity strengthens rather than threatens each of us."

The Distinguished Faculty Award was established to recognize outstanding faculty achievement. Gloria Duclos, the first to be so honored, has taught classics at USM since 1968. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Radcliffe College and received degrees also from Oxford University, Harvard and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. A former visiting professor of classics at Bowdoin and Fulbright professor at the University of Malawi, Africa, Duclos has also worked with the Maine Historical Society, the Portland Museum of Art, the Maine Council for the Humanities and local schools.

Joseph D. Kreisler, retiring from his position of associate professor of social work, was designated a professor emeritus for "significant contributions...to the academic and professional life of the institution." Kreisler, who joined the faculty in 1972, was instrumental in establishing the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland. In 1987 the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named him "Social Worker of the Year."

A bronze medal of office depicting the city of Portland and an ocean scene was presented to President Plante on the occasion of her first commencement at USM. The medal will be passed on to future presidents. Richardson, vice chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, said in presenting the medal, that the president "has set this university on a course that will enhance the quality of its academic programs...and contribute substantially to the intellectual, cultural and economic development of this community."

In the president's traditional charge to graduates, Plante said, "The happiest people I know are those who have cultivated a broad range of interests...who have never allowed everydayness to weather beat their days.... to be fully alive one must be passionately aware and passionately caring. I wish you on this day of a colorful and vivid beginning, a lifetime of absorbing errands."



Commencement speaker Betty Williams, winner of a Nobel Peace Prize, told the audience, "When we take the lives of children and call it an accident of war, we're telling the greatest lie. War is not an accident."



In presenting the new medal of office to President Plante, Trustee Harrison L. Richardson Jr. told Plante "the exciting and challenging goals you have set for the University of Southern Maine are not just dreams—they will become reality."





Graduate Paul Erwin, a music major, conducted the "Chorale on Saint Anne," composed by freshman music major Christina Laberge.

## Education Takes Wing

**Editor's Note:** The following story on one of USM's more unusual outreach programs was written by Edwin Kulawiec, associate professor of professional graduate education, and one of the faculty members who participate in the program.

The first cycle of students in the University of Southern Maine Graduate School of Education's Instructional Leadership Program were graduated on May 14 in Presque Isle. Mostly classroom teachers, the candidates had been taking required courses evenings, weekends, and in summers for the last three years.

What makes this program unique is that while the physical plant of the Presque Isle campus serves as the locus for the program, it is the USM Graduate School of Education that supplies the faculty, the courses, and the direction. The faculty serving the program flies from Portland to Presque Isle, some 300 miles north of Gorham.

The new program was especially designed to meet the needs of classroom teachers. Centered around a core of courses that emphasizes a fusion of instructional and leadership skills, the program's central purpose is to develop teachers who will

serve as instructional leaders in their home schools.

The Instructional Leadership program at Presque Isle attracts students from a wide radius, representing every size of town and school district in that region of the state. Some travel as far as 50 miles each way to be able to take advantage of the program. Others come from neighboring Canada adding an international flair and perspective to discussions.

In spite of the all too real hazards involved in flying a single-engine Beechcraft over the rugged terrain of northern Maine, to a person the staff members enjoy the assignment of teaching at UMPI and are unreservedly enthusiastic about the finished products of the culminating seminar—the problem-solving practicum, related directly to the candidate's own school setting.

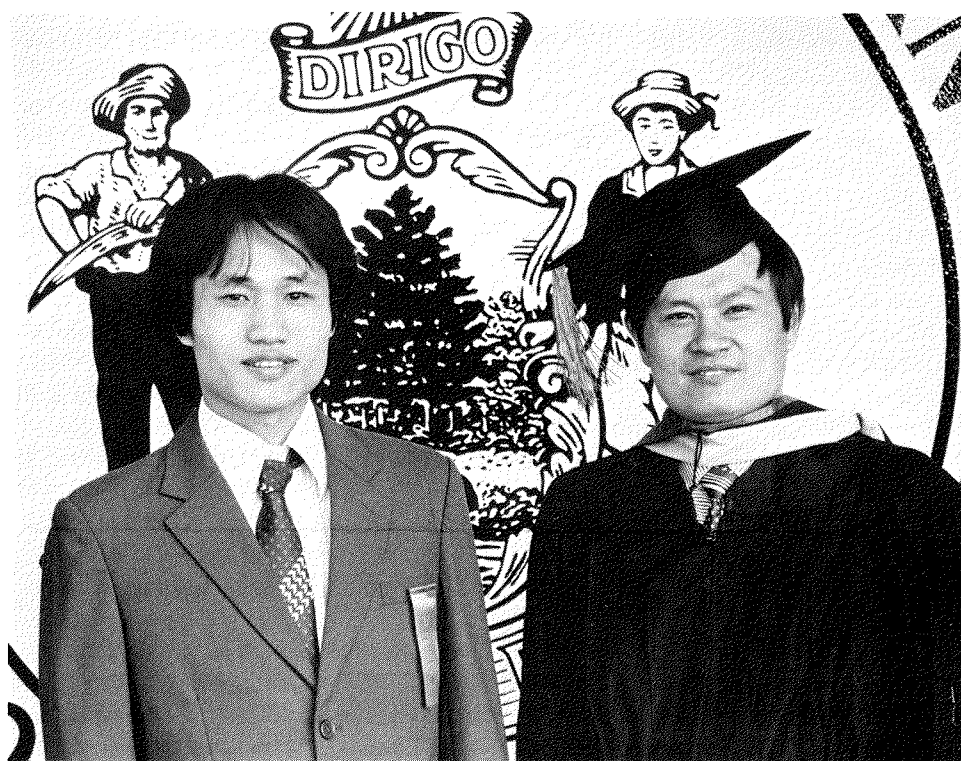
Outreach can be right next door. It can also stretch across the state. The Instructional Leadership program at Presque Isle proves that distance is not a barrier for USM in the furthering of the education of Maine teachers.



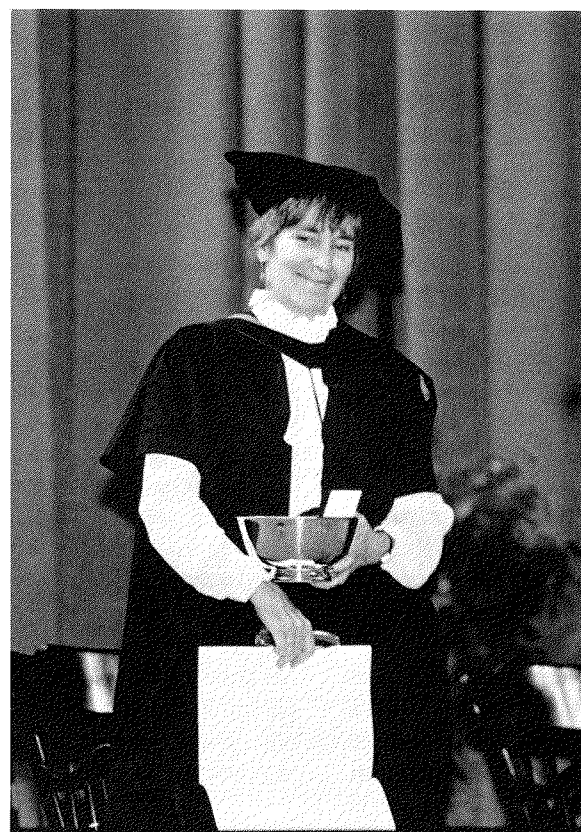
Ed Kulawiec, Lee Goldsberry and India Broyles, professors in our College of Education, boarding for the final trip of the semester to Presque Isle. Pictured with them is Charles Smith, chair of the Department of Professional Education-Graduate. Susan Cook and Sawin Millett, part-time members of the faculty, also have participated in the program this semester.



Student commencement speaker Charlotte P. Henderson (far right) joins her family in the stands.



Two of our foreign graduates, Ning Jiang (left) and Shao-Yi Zhang (right), of the People's Republic of China, who have earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in educational administration, respectively. Zhang is a professor at the University of Beijing.



Gloria S. Duclos, professor of Classics, received the first Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to USM as teacher and scholar.



It's been a long haul for Kim Ebbett, (left) office manager in Counseling and Career Development, who worked for her B.A. for 12 years. With her, right, Donna M. Borden, senior records technician. Both were communication majors.

## Joey Bouchard: Man of the Year



Joey Bouchard, former USM basketball coach, was recently named "Man of the Year" by the Maine Basketball Coaches and Writers Association.

Former USM basketball coach Joey Bouchard, who retired from active coaching at the conclusion of the 1986-87 season, was recently honored as "Man Of The Year" by the Maine Basketball Coaches and Writers Association, for his outstanding contributions to Maine basketball. Bouchard is the eighth recipient of the Ray Bicknell Award.

During his 14-year reign as men's basketball coach, Bouchard's teams compiled an overall mark of 222-146. His USM teams twice competed in national tournaments and qualified for post-season play 11 consecutive years.

Long an advocate of experiential learning, Bouchard now directs the experiential education program at USM and has been instrumental in developing programs in conjunction with Hurricane Island and other outdoor education sites. Bouchard also helped to create the Swish Basketball and Stix Field Hockey camps at USM.

During the summer months, Bouchard

has travelled extensively throughout Africa as a basketball consultant for the U.S. State Department, and more recently, as a member of the coaching/teaching faculty at the United States Sports Academy, located in Mobile, Alabama. During his stay in the Ivory Coast, Bouchard helped to prepare the men's and women's national teams for the African Games, a qualifying tourney for the Olympics. In 1984, Bouchard travelled to Colorado Springs to assist in the selection of the United States Olympic Team.

In addition to coaching basketball at USM, Bouchard guided the men's soccer team for six seasons and the baseball squad for five. While most have known the outgoing Bouchard for his hardwood prowess, he has maintained a love for the classroom and voluntarily departed coaching for an expanded role as associate professor of physical education in the USM College of Education.

## Philosophical Points

A faculty with diverse areas of expertise and "unconventional opportunities" are key factors that helped three graduates of our Department of Philosophy win fellowships for graduate study.

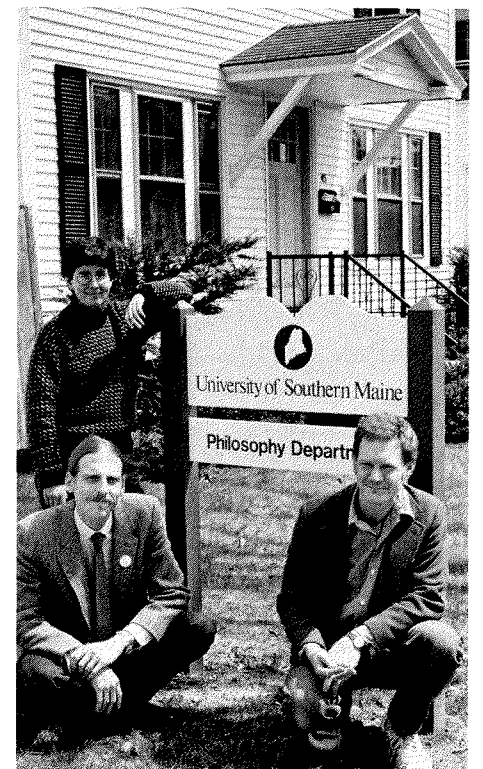
Tom Downey has been named a 1988 recipient of the Russell Conwell Fellowship at Temple University. Mark Hineline has won a Regents Fellowship to the University of California at San Diego. And philosophy graduate Barbara Leclerc will be doing graduate work at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

William J. Gavin, professor of philosophy, and Jeremiah P. Conway, associate professor of philosophy, said notice of the fellowships this spring marked the first time that three graduates in one class have received fellowships from schools noted for excellence in this discipline.

All three students cited "unconventional opportunities," including "rather high-level research" and key work on a summer humanities program, that give our graduates advantages that scholars from other institutions don't always have.

They also pointed to the diversity of expertise among our philosophy faculty, a diversity that helps students build confidence in their positions.

"It's possible here to sort out all of your preconceptions," said Hineline, "and boil



Three graduates of the Philosophy Department received fellowships for graduate study: Barbara Leclerc, Tom Downey (left front) and Mark Hineline (kneeling right).

yourself down, if you will, to a certain perspective. You can find faculty members who share that perspective and faculty members who do not.

"If you get into an argument here," continued Hineline, "it can be a whopper. But nothing helps prepare you better, helps you validate your position."

## In Praise of Students

More than 75 students were presented with special scholarships and awards for exemplary service to USM and surrounding communities at the annual Recognition Day ceremonies held last month in Gorham.

"There are 78 of you being honored today," said Vice President for Student Affairs Larry G. Benedict. "That is less than one percent of our undergraduate student body. You represent the earnest pursuit of academic excellence and leadership at the University of Southern Maine. And in that you should take real pride."

Carrie J. Walls was named Outstanding Senior Woman for 1988 while John E. Hayes III was named Outstanding Senior Man. David L. Cowie, the outgoing president of the Student Senate, received The George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award. All three seniors were education majors.

Chair and key founding member of the Friends Care Substance Abuse Program, Walls was active in student government and was a professional volunteer for the Gorham School Department. The dean's list student also was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, the academic honor society.

Hayes, a Vietnam veteran, has taught in a variety of nontraditional settings since 1963. A dean's list student at USM, he has served on the Maine Refugee Advisory Board and is currently working to establish exchange projects between local public

school classes and students in foreign countries.

This spring marked the second time that Cowie was named recipient of the George Van Amburg Award and the first time anyone has received the award more than once. Named in honor of the late USM administrator and alumnus, the award is presented to those students whose volunteer efforts have made USM a better institution.

Cowie, in addition to service as Senate chair, has served as chair of the Portland Events Board, the Student Legal Services, and the Student Events Board. He has worked on a variety of community projects, including New Year's Portland, the High Level Nuclear Waste Project and The Hunger Project.

Among the other recipients were: Barbara A. Ellis, recipient of the Arthur and Judith Benoit Memorial Scholarship Fund; Janeen L. Greenlaw, recipient of the Dena A. Brooks International Student Scholarship; Kevin E. King, recipient of the Mary Purkis Gilman Scholarship Award; Isabelle S. Rice, recipient of the Dexter Hutton Memorial Scholarship; Laurie A. Hall, recipient of the Gertrude M. Prinn Scholarship; Douglas J. Ouellette, recipient of the Roland Wirths Memorial Award; and Eddita Joan Felt-Ross, recipient of the USM Awards Committee Special Recognition Award.





## MEDIA LOG

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One indication of the respect and credibility of faculty and staff is the degree to which their expertise is called upon by the news media. With that in mind, the Office of Media Relations wants to recognize faculty and staff who have taken the time to share their expertise. If you have an idea of how you or other members of your department might comment on a current news issue, please call the Office of Media Relations at 780-4200.

**Michael Hillard**, assistant professor of economics, was interviewed by The Atlanta Constitution and The Atlanta Journal about the economics of the paper industry, specifically in regards to the ongoing strike at International Paper. Hillard talked on the same subject for reporters at WGAN Radio, WCSH-TV, Channel 6 and WGME-TV, Channel 13. He also was interviewed on MPBN Radio about the labor shortage in child care.

**Roy A. Gallant**, director of the Southworth Planetarium, was interviewed by UPI on astrology. His comments were carried in the wake of stories about the Reagans' use of an astrologer.

**Valarie Lamont**, acting director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, was interviewed by The Times-Record about affordable housing.

**David C. Fullam**, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed on WGAN Radio about spontaneous violence.

**Stephen J. Reno**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was interviewed about the Wicca religion on WGME-TV, Channel 13 and WCSH-TV, Channel 6.

**George R. Parks**, university librarian, was interviewed about the needs of the library addressed in the bond issue on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 and WGME-TV, Channel 13.

**James V. Sullivan**, director of employee health and recreation, was interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 about the USM no smoking policy.

**Harlan A. Philippi**, chief executive of our new Lewiston-Auburn College, was interviewed by WCSH-TV, Channel 6, WMTW-TV, Channel 8 and the Lewiston Daily Sun about the opening of the college offices. **Susan Silvernail**, acting assistant to the chief executive, was interviewed about the opening on WLAM Radio.

**Mahmud A. Faksh**, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed on WJBQ Radio and on WGME-TV, Channel 13 about the recent hijacking in the Middle East.

**Eugene P.A. Schleh**, professor of history, and **Mary Lou Quinn**, teaching assistant, were interviewed by the Maine Sunday Telegram about contemporary society's fascination with the 1960s.

**Robert B. Loudon**, associate professor of philosophy, was interviewed on WGAN Radio about ethics in government.

## What We're Doing

**JOHN P. BROIDA**, assistant professor of psychology, recently presented a colloquium at Northeastern Oklahoma State University's Kaleidoscope program entitled, "What Alcoholic Rats May Be Doing to Their Male Offspring." He also presented a paper, "Locus of Control and Self Esteem in Adult Children of Alcoholics," at the recent Southwestern Psychological Association convention in Tulsa. Broida served as a judge for the undergraduate paper competition at a recent meeting of the Maine state Psychological Association.

**ROBERT BROWN**, men's basketball coach, will conduct a one-man basketball clinic on May 14 and 15 at Nauset Regional High School in North Eastham, Mass. Brown will address the Cape Cod Bay High School Coaches Association.

**DONALD J. CLARK**, director of the Department of Continuing Education for Business, was elected to the executive committee of the Pine Tree Section of the American Society of Quality Control as co-chairperson of the education committee on April 14. The Japan America Society of Maine will elect Clark as secretary of the board of directors and will also elect **STEPHEN T. HONEY**, vice president for development and external affairs, president of the board. On June 9, Clark will present a seminar on Organic Management as part of the Executive Seminar series at The Management Center at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

**MONIQUE Y. CROCHET**, associate professor of French, presented a paper, "Rapports entre narratrice et héroïne dans Rue Deschambault de Gabrielle Roy," at the 41st annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Ky., April 22-24, 1988.

**RICHARD H. FORTINSKY**, associate director for research on aging, Human Services Development Institute, and **TANIA JO HATHAWAY**, research assistant, HSDI, had their article, "The Appropriateness of Boarding Home Care for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease," published in the March/April 1988 issue of The American Journal of Alzheimer's Care and Research.

**MICHAEL S. HAMILTON**, assistant professor of political science, chaired a panel on "The Movement to Create Parks and Wilderness: Why Conserve Public Lands?" at the annual meeting of the Western Social Sciences Association in Denver last April. He also presented a paper on "Intergovernmental Relations, Citizen Participation, and the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982" at the 49th National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration in Portland, Ore. in April. At the same conference, he convened a roundtable discussion on "Negotiated Rule Making: A New Approach to Environmental Dispute Resolution," and began a one-year term as chair of the ASPA Section on Natural Resources and Environmental Administration, to which he was elected in 1987. Having been elected to a three-year term on the National Council of the Society in April, 1988, he was also appointed to its finance committee.

**H. DRAPER HUNT III**, professor of history, recently spoke to 150 sixth graders on "The Blaine House: Home of Maine's Governors" at the Margaret Chase Smith School in Skowhegan.

**ELLEN A. KANDOIAN**, professor, School of Law, was profiled in the April 1988 issue of The Maine Lawyers Review.

**Karen Erickson**, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by WCSH-TV, Channel 6 and WPOR Radio about terrorism in the Middle East. She also was the featured guest on the WGME-TV, Channel 13 "At Issue" show that examined terrorism.

**Oliver H. Woshinsky**, professor of political science, was interviewed on MPBN Radio about U.S. Senator George Mitchell's re-election bid and chances for the majority post.

**William F. Gayton**, professor of psychology, did interviews on KYBG Radio in Denver and on WMCA Radio in New York City about issues in sports psychology.

**Linda L. Richardson**, assistant professor of finance, did an opinion piece for the Portland Press Herald on the effects of the stock market crash.

**Ynestra King**, visiting assistant professor for women's studies, did an interview on MPBN Radio about eco-feminism and Earth Day.

**E. Michael Brady**, associate professor of education, was interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 about his new book, "Retirement: The Challenge of Change."

**David P. Cluchey**, associate dean and professor of law, was interviewed about Maine's Freedom of Access Law by the Journal Tribune.

**Stephen T. Honey**, vice president for development and external affairs, was interviewed by WCSH-TV, Channel 6, WMTW-TV, Channel 8, WMGE-TV, Channel 13 and numerous radio stations about USM's proposal to lease the Best Western Executive Inn for dormitory space.

**Christine Holden**, assistant professor of history, was interviewed by the Associated Press for a story on the Soviet exchange program.

**Michael G. Moore**, associate professor of art, and **Juris K. Ubans**, professor of art and director of the Art Gallery, were interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 about the donation of prints to the Tokyo School of the Arts. The delegation to Portland's city sister, Shinagawa (a suburb of Tokyo), presented the prints during its recent visit.

**Mary Ann Benson**, coordinator of placement and academic internships, was interviewed on WMTW-TV, Channel 8 about employment trends for graduates.

**Brian C. Hodgkin**, dean, School of Applied Science, and **James W. Smith**, associate professor of applied science, were interviewed on WCSH-TV, Channel 6 for a story on the role of our engineering program in the area's growth and development.

**Marvin Druker**, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by the Portland Press Herald for a story on local city council elections.

**Nicholas D. Colucci Jr.**, associate professor of education, was interviewed by the Journal Tribune on how elementary education majors are advised to handle situations that might include physical contact with students.

**Dorothy D. Moore**, dean of the College of Education, was interviewed by the Bangor Daily News on USM's Mobile Graduate Program which is delivered to teachers and administrators in Aroostook County.

**Joel W. Eastman**, professor of history, was interviewed by the Maine Sunday Telegram on the history of the credit union movement in Maine.

**Albert S. Kirk**, associate professor of technology, was interviewed by Greater Portland magazine on trends in the construction industry.

**Stephen F. Lehane**, director of child care services, and **Beth I. Warren**, executive director for human resources, talked with WGME-TV, Channel 13 and WMTW-TV, Channel 8 about our center's recent award from the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

Correction: An entry in last issue's What We're Doing Column was inadvertently attributed to the wrong person. The following item appeared in the entry for Bhisham Gupta instead of under S. N. Gupta. It should have read:

**SAT N. GUPTA**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper "Simulations with Fractionally Differenced Arma Processes," co-authored with Dr. A. Kumar of the University of Scranton, at the Second New England Statistics Symposium, held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in April.

The editors of Currents apologize.



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## Notice

Attention Professional Staff: a meeting will be held on Monday, May 23 to discuss re-establishing the Professional Staff Senate. Professional Staff need a voice at USM and a forum for viewpoints. See you at the Campus Center, Room B on Monday, May 23 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Phyllis Benay at x4711 or x 4040.