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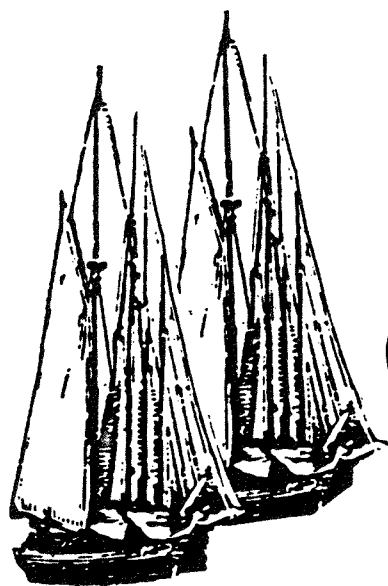
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Commencement '87

Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. will give the 1987 University of Southern Maine commencement address.

The 107th Annual Commencement is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, May 9, in the Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland.

David R. Tolstrup, a graduating senior, will give a student commencement address.

The first popularly elected Republican to win the governor's seat in two decades, McKernan has given the continued improvement of the state's education system a high priority. The governor has said that a quality education will be a catalyst for long-term economic development, and for raising the aspirations of Maine people.

The youngest governor in the U.S. (age 38) is a Bangor native who holds degrees from Dartmouth College and from the University of Maine School of Law. While in law school, he began his political career by winning the first of two terms in the Maine House of Representatives.

His two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives were marked by his work on the House Education and Labor Committee and on the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families.

At last year's commencement, David R. Tolstrup served as a student usher. This year, he will deliver the student commencement address before more than 5000 students, families and friends.

A biology major, Tolstrup will ask his fellow graduates to consider the opportunities and responsibilities facing those with a liberal university education at a time when technology opens both frightening and hopeful possibilities.

A native of Malden, Mass., Tolstrup has been active in the Beyond War Foundation and has done volunteer tutoring in the USM Department of Biological Sciences. Tolstrup, his wife Karen and their daughter Julia now live in Kennebunk where he has been a volunteer in local schools. The USM graduate will enter the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in the fall.

A committee of students, faculty and staff select the student commence-

Pre-Graduation Ceremonies

Two special events will be held the week prior to the Saturday, May 9 commencement in the Cumberland County Civic Center.

The School of Nursing has scheduled a convocation for Friday, May 8, and the ROTC program has a commissioning ceremony slated for earlier the same day.

Brigadier General Donald Marden, deputy adjutant general of the National Guard for the State of Maine, will be the keynote speaker at the 2 p.m. commissioning ceremony in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham, Friday, May 8. Four-

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ment speaker on the basis of speeches submitted to them.

The 107th commencement ceremony will be dedicated to the memory of Mark R. Shedd, the first director of USM's Public Policy and Management Program. Shedd focused the national spotlight on Philadelphia when, as that city's superintendent of schools, he introduced a broad range of curriculum reforms and alternative education programs. He also served as superintendent of schools in Englewood, N.J., where he instituted the first public school desegregation program in the Northeast. Prior to moving to USM in 1983, Shedd was commissioner of education for Connecticut.

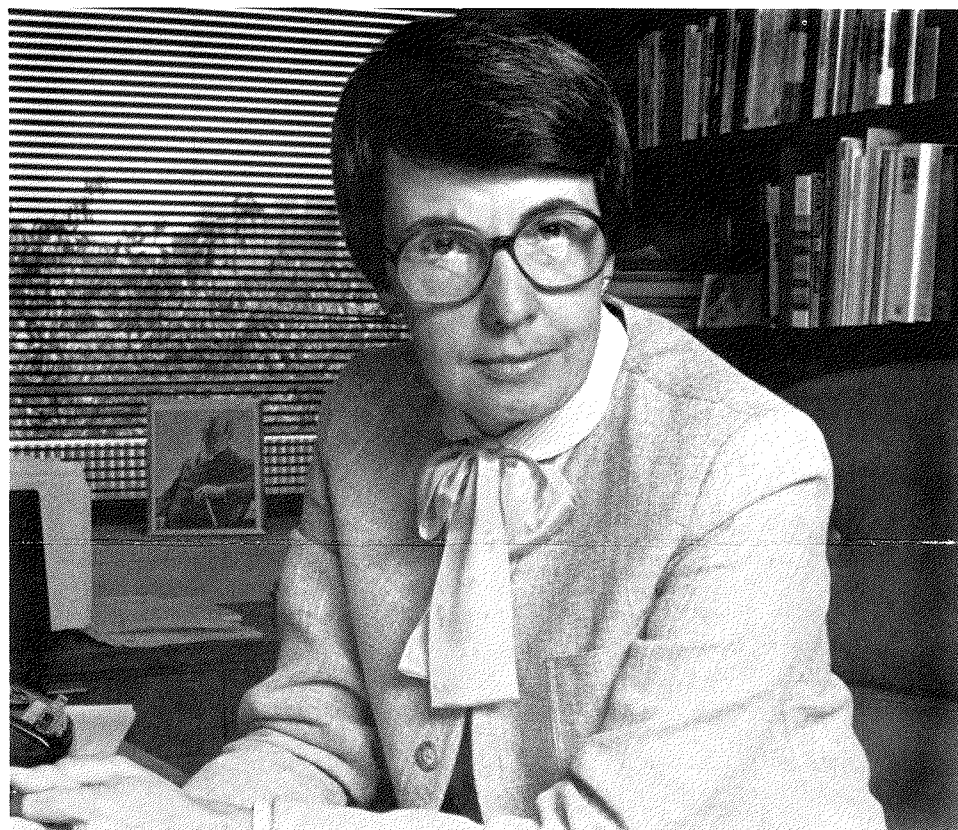
Other highlights of the 1987 ceremony include:

- Interim President Harlan A. Philippi's charge to the graduates.
- Processional led by members of the class of 1937.
- Trustees' greeting from Richard P. Marshall.
- Performances by the USM Concert Band under the direction of Bruce Fithian, assistant professor of music.

More than 800 graduates are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Information on other commencement week events is included in the accompanying story. Members of the campus community who have questions should call Alyce S. O'Brien, executive director for university relations, at 780-4440.

Plante to Lead USM



Given our faculty, staff, students and location, this university is positioned to become one of the top comprehensive institutions in the nation.

That's the belief of President-designate Patricia R. Plante, an educator and administrator credited with being one of the principal architects of Towson State University's rise to national prominence.

Plante, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Towson State, was appointed last Thursday to succeed Robert L. Woodbury as president of USM. It was announced at the special University of Maine System Board of Trustees meeting, held on Thursday, April 30, that the 54-year-old Maine native will take office on Wednesday, July 15.

"I'm delighted and honored to be invited to join USM," Plante told Currents from her Maryland office. "To begin with, as a native of Maine who has great affection for its people, I consider it a privilege to be given the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of an institution that plays an important role in the state.

"And secondly, a president is a president within context, and the context afforded by USM is nothing short

of exhilarating. We have the location, the faculty, the staff, the student growth potential and the programs to reach a level of quality that will position us among the very top comprehensive universities in the country."

Plante joined the Towson English faculty in 1969 and joined the institution's administration in 1981. Just last year, U.S. News and World Report named the Maryland school one of the top ten comprehensive universities in the East.

The new president also has taught at the University of New Hampshire, the University of Bridgeport and Fordham University, where she served as academic dean in the school's Thomas More College.

A graduate of St. Joseph's College, she earned her Ph.D. in English at Boston University and undertook a year of postdoctoral study at the University of Paris (Sorbonne). Her academic emphasis is on 19th and 20th century fiction.

Author of numerous books and articles, she has just written a major book, "The Art of Decision Making," published by Macmillan and the American Council of Education.

Dog's Day at USM

It may look like "Mary Has a Little Lamb," but the cute black puppy that's been following Leslie Anne Chatfield to school this semester is in special training. Sharon, a Labrador retriever from Guiding Eyes for the Blind, is being trained by the USM student as a guide dog and needs to be exposed to as many situations as possible. Guide dogs, in great demand because they are much more effective than canes to sight-handicapped people, cannot be mass-trained by kennels. Instead, the two-month old dogs are placed in foster homes for a year or more so they can receive the kind of personal attention which produces a "tuned-in" guide dog that won't be upset or confused by strange settings, loud noises or children.

This is the first guide dog Leslie Anne Chatfield, a resident of Tops-ham, has adopted, but it won't be the last. "We really do have a good feeling about doing this," Chatfield, a sophomore, says. She and her family, husband Rick Karg and two children, Elizabeth, 10, and Hillary, 8, plan to take in a new puppy when Sharon leaves them to be placed with a handicapped person. "That means more newspaper training, again stopping the puppy from chewing on everything in sight, but then there's all the fun of a puppy too — the friskiness." But the real reason to do it, she says, is knowing what a difference the dog will make in the life of a blind person.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a national leader in guide dog training, places the dog with a volunteer foster family which agrees to take the dog through a paid obedience training course at a local obedience school and to quarterly training evaluation meetings at a regional center. After 12 to 16 months the dog is returned to the Guiding Eyes training center in Pater-son, N.Y., where most of the dogs are

bred, for an intensive three month training process. Approximately 75 percent of the puppies have the right qualities to undergo the rigorous final training.

During the last month of the pro-gram, the dog is trained in concert with the blind person who will subsequently own the dog. Though the dog provides a greater potential for independent living for the handicapped, it requires courage to trust one's safety to the animal. And the success of the guide dog/human team is built on the efforts of the foster family who raised the dog.

Recognizing that responsibility, Chatfield has conscientiously kept the dog at her side as she goes to class, shops or attends church. "I place her in as many situations and around as many kind of people as I can," Chat-field says. "I want her to be exposed to young children, old people, cars, stores, rush hour traffic, sidewalks, escalators, and elevators. It's a slow procedure," she says. "I have to plan ahead; sometimes I have to phone, but people are really cooperative once they understand. The next dog will be easier because people will be used to seeing me with one."

For many people the most difficult part of fostering a dog may be giving it up at the end of a year. "I know it will be hard on my children," Chatfield says. "I'd be crazy not to think there will be tears, but we always keep in mind the reason that Sharon will be leaving us. And, we'll be able to meet the person who will own her — that personal contact is a critical element in the program. Sharon will not be disap-pear-ing into a void but will go to a par-ticular person whom we're helping. I heard my daughter tell a friend that we're 'giving eyes to someone who needs them.' And that made me feel good."



There is a drastic shortage of guide dogs. To volunteer as a foster trainer, contact Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a nonprofit organization, at 772-4120 after 1 p.m. USM has three sight-handicapped students currently enrolled, according to Suzanne Cooper of Student Services. It is Cooper's hope that the guide dog Sharon, already familiarized with the USM campus, will be matched with one of these students.

Qualifying Undergraduate Education

by Martin A. Rogoff

EDITOR'S NOTE: In late March, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury called a statewide conference to review undergraduate education in the University of Maine System. Here, Martin A. Rogoff, director of the USM Honors Program and a conference participant, reviews the program and its implications for this campus and offers his opinion on next steps.

On Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, approximately 150 faculty, students, and administrators from the seven campuses of the University of Maine System gathered at the Samoset Resort in Rockport at the call of Chancellor Woodbury to consider ways of improving the quality of undergraduate education in the system. Chancellor Woodbury told the participants that his principal purpose in convening the conference was "to give credibility and reinforcement to the concern for undergraduate education."

The chancellor indicated that his office would be "helpful and supportive" in efforts to improve undergraduate education, but his clear message was that creative initiatives must come from the individual cam-

puses themselves. The chancellor's message was reinforced by Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and former United States commissioner of education, who stressed the need to give faculty leadership roles and called for the development of "community" and "networks of collegiality" on the campuses to formulate policies and undertake the tasks required for improving undergraduate education.

USM Response

How should USM respond to the Samoset Conference? What creative initiatives can we take on this campus to improve undergraduate education here? Or at least what processes can we set in motion to produce such creative initiatives? What will we have to report at the follow-up system-wide conference, projected by Chancellor Woodbury?

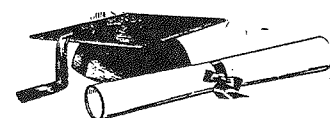
A look around USM reveals a number of potentially significant endeavors already in progress. For example, the Task Force on Writing ap-

pointed by Dean Stephen J. Reno and chaired by Professor L. Morrill Burke has recently made a rather far-reaching set of recommendations which, if implemented, would result in "quite new ways of conducting our educational enterprise." The Core Council has just proposed a comprehensive review "to reexamine the organizing principles, the curriculum, the structure, and the effectiveness of the Core for the purpose of implementing appropriate changes." President Philippi has charged the Faculty Senate with assisting him to develop a plan to reduce the workload from 12 hours to nine hours per semester for faculty teaching undergraduate courses. The director of development has prepared a proposal for private fund-raising to strengthen various parts of the undergraduate program. And an undergraduate Honors Program commenced operation this year.

What's Missing

These undertakings, and others that are presently underway at the college, school, departmental, and program

levels, are certainly steps in the right direction. What is missing, however, is a systematic approach. Overall goals must be articulated; the various efforts in progress must be coordinated and integrated; other matters important to the quality of undergraduate education that we are not now considering must be addressed; priorities must be established; and programmatic and curricular innovation must be coordinated with development. To do these things, USM should establish a Task Force on Undergraduate Education, composed of its ablest faculty members and academic administrators. The Task Force should be given a broad charge and strong administrative support. We need bold steps to keep alive the spirit of the Samoset and to highlight the urgency and importance we attach to improving the undergraduate experience at USM.



Director Appointed to Immunology Program

A national search for a director of the new graduate program in applied immunology has resulted in the appointment of Dr. Neal S. Rote Jr. Rote was formerly an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Department of Pathology at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He also served there as director of a laboratory research program investigating recurrent spontaneous pregnancy loss.

Rote holds a Ph.D. from Temple University School of Medicine and did post doctoral work at Heidelberg University's School of Medicine in West Germany and at UCLA School of Medicine. He is the author of more than 75 published papers, abstracts, chapters and reviews. His chief area of research interest is the immunologic relationship between mother and fetus, including the effect on pregnancy of autoimmune diseases and related reproductive problems.

The graduate program in applied immunology is designed to prepare students for careers in basic research, clinical diagnosis, industrial research and teaching of immunology. Training

will be applicable in areas as diverse as cancer research, research on autoimmune diseases such as AIDS and rheumatoid arthritis, molecular genetics, marine biology, developmental biology, human reproduction and organ transplantation. In addition to providing highly qualified researchers, the program will also offer continuing education courses for health care professionals and will support programs for graduate students in nursing, education and computer science.

"This is the first such program offered outside of a medical center," Rote said, "and it is unusual, possibly unique, in that it brings together three separate institutions in a collaborative effort." The University of Southern Maine provides the educational arm of the program; the research arm will be provided mainly through the Foundation for Blood Research, a nonprofit research institute in Scarborough; and the clinical side will be provided through an affiliation with Maine Medical Center where Rote holds a clinical position in the department of obstetrics and gynecology. The faculty, laboratory and library resources will be

shared by the three institutions, allowing them to further "interact to improve educational and health care services in southern Maine," according to James E. Haddow, M.D., associate director of the Foundation for Blood Research.

Michael Derby, associate professor of biological sciences, who served as a consultant in designing the program, will be laboratory coordinator. The applied immunology program was created as a result of a survey of need among medical professionals in the area. Marcia Goldfarb, laboratory director of Anatek-Ep, a Portland-based contract research laboratory, predicted that the program would increase the pool of trained workers in the industry, the number of bio-tech businesses in the area and would create "an intellectual atmosphere which is essential for this type of business to operate optimally."

The first class in the program will begin in September, 1987. Applicants are encouraged to apply early through the Applied Immunology Program, 106 Science Building, Portland campus.



Philosopher Critiques Education

Mortimer Adler, a philosopher best known as editor of the "Great Books of the Western World," and the televised series, "Six Great Ideas," spoke at the annual dinner of the Honors Program on April 14. Introduced by Professor Jeremiah Conway as a "thinker who over a lifetime of scholarship has never allowed scholarship to become a sufficient end," Adler discussed the need for a thorough, general education. "Specialization is the besetting malaise of the 20th Century," he said. "...An expert or specialist is not an educated person unless he is also a generalist." His vision of education calls for 12 years of a "general, liberal humanistic course of education" followed by some specialization in college of a pre-professional nature. "It is an obligation through the rest of life to become a broader and deeper generalist," he said. "No one ever becomes educated in school. Youth, that is immaturity, is an insuperable obstacle to education. One doesn't begin to become educated until the age of 50 or 60," he observed. Adler has been an educator since 1923 when he began teaching at Columbia University.

Brainy Science Fair

Students from "The Brain and Learning" course, team-taught by John Broida and Cherie Foster, competed in an old-fashioned science fair on Thursday, April 23. Forty projects on subjects such as the effect of overcrowding on learning, Alzheimer's disease, the brain and reflexes and fetal alcohol syndrome, were displayed in the Campus Center. The biology of the brain was demonstrated in such diverse ways as an identification game, an educational videotape, a Monopoly-like game and a beautifully illustrated children's book explaining the workings of the brain.

Judging was on the basis of quality of research and visual display. First place winners in the four categories

were:

Electronic/Media — Philip Wells for a memory study conducted on computer. Wells found that short term memory was better in a constant environment.

Experimental — Julie Veregge conducted research on fetal alcohol syndrome in rat embryos.

Artistic/Games — Michael Simon's study of phrenology was illustrated by a stained glass floor lamp of a head with phrenological bumps in colored glass keyed to a poster.

Research/Review of Literature — Wendy Joy for a summary of the effects on pain of THIQ, a heroin-like chemical produced in the brain through alcohol consumption.



Senior Steve Burgess, an industrial technology major, demonstrates his project on reflexes and the brain to judges Craig Dietrich, director of the Core Council, and Barbara McGough, field coordinator for the College of Education.

• Graduation

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teen ROTC cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

The 1987 Senior Nursing Students Convocation will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, May 8, in the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Phyllis Healy, president of the Maine State Nurses' Association, and USM associate professor of nursing, will be the guest speaker.

Members of the campus community are invited to attend both events. For more information on the ROTC commissioning, call 780-5255. Please call the School of Nursing at 780-4130 for more information on convocation.



Nancy Greenleaf, dean of the School of Nursing, told reporters at a ceremony on Wednesday, April 22 that she was pleased with the prospect of a new building which will house the nursing program. "Consolidating the program in one building will bring faculty and students closer together, give us increased visibility on campus and bring the program closer to the Portland community," she said. The new facility in Portland will include a large auditorium, laboratories, classrooms and faculty offices and, on the ground level, a 24 hour computer center.

Looking Ahead to 2000 A.D.

Journalist Rushworth M. Kidder, author of the acclaimed Christian Science Monitor series, "Agenda for the 21st Century," will be in Portland on Tuesday, May 12 to speak on the critical issues facing civilization in the year 2000.

Kidder will speak at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12 at the First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Sponsors are the University of Southern Maine Department of Community Programs, the World Affairs Council of Maine and the southern Maine chapter of the World Future Society. For more information, contact the USM Department of Community Programs at 780-4045.

Kidder's speech will be based on his interviews of leading contemporary thinkers, among them philosopher Mortimer Adler, physicist Freeman Dyson and former President Jimmy Carter. He interviewed those and other people for his "Agenda for the 21st Century" series. The arms race, environment, and morality are some of the issues Kidder explored in the series and will talk about at his Portland appearance.

A resident of Camden, Me., Kidder joined the Monitor in 1979, first as its London correspondent and later as a features editor. He has written on a variety of issues such as the social impact of television, the U.S. Postal Service, and marriage in America.

Prior to becoming a journalist, Kidder was a professor of English at Wichita State University. He is the author of two books, including a work on poet E.E. Cummings.

Rehab Consultant

A Portland woman has been named to a new position that will help the disabled find regular employment in the community.

Carolyn "Koko" Keller is our new rehabilitation consultant, and as such will coordinate the university's Workplace Lab Project. The project — modeled after a program at Maine Medical Center called Hospital Industries — provides training in campus jobs to people with mental and physical handicaps to help them learn working behaviors and vocational skills. Their involvement in the project prepares them for employment in the community.

The Maine Departments of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Mental Health and Mental Retardation are

OMISSION

Credit was accidentally omitted for several photos in the April 20 issue of Currents. The editors would like to thank Rick Kuntz for the wonderful group of pictures of the artists in residence and John Kramer for his photos of Wendy Reid Crisp at the Women in Management Conference and Elizabeth FitzGerald and William Webber at the classified staff breakfast.

Kudos

With its charter recognized and its first initiation completed, a new honor society on campus is promoting seminars and student presentations at regional conferences.

The international honor society Phi Alpha Theta chartered a USM chapter — Alpha Gamma Pi — this past September. The chapter's first initiation ceremony was held recently on our Gorham campus. The charter group included all the history faculty and 12 students. Another 19 members were initiated in recent ceremonies.

Two USM seniors gave papers at the society's regional conference held last month at Framingham (Mass.) State College. Mary Lou Quinn presented "Pulling the Trigger on the Jameson Raid: Joseph Chamberlain and Cecil Rhodes," while student Anthony M. Limanni gave "The Crucial Contest: Massachusetts and the Struggle for Ratification of the Federal Constitution."

The new initiates to Phi Alpha Theta are: Emeritus Professors Horton W. Emerson, Jr. and Robert M. York; and students John P. Mosher, Nuala M. McGeough, Anne T. Scala-Nordstrom, Brent P. Woodhouse, Jon C. Stanley, Michael F. Hughes, Richard F. Leach, Thomas J. Greco, Clara H. Schroder, Marjorie G. Hartman, Tyla E. Garrett, Roberta L. Gallant, Elizabeth A. O'Connell, Karen L. Ward, Julie L. Johnston, Peter M. Karajin, Jr., and John A. Profenno.

Professor H. Draper Hunt III conducted the initiation, assisted by Professors Eugene P.A. Schleh, Diane Barnes, Fiorello Ventresco, and by students Mary L. Bridge, John F. Berube, Lisa Schnake-Wylie and Anthony M. Limanni.

funding the project. These agencies also will refer clients to the USM project. Keller recently met with the agencies to review the available campus jobs in food services, maintenance, and other areas so that the agencies can begin making referrals.

"Not only is it important that the handicapped be mainstreamed into the workplace," said Beth I. Warren, USM executive director for human resources, "but the labor shortage in our region dictates that as many people as possible be employable." The USM Division of Human Resources is responsible for campus administration of the project.

Keller, who holds a master's degree in sociology from Illinois State University, formerly directed a Goodwill of Maine program to help people improve living and working skills.

For more information, call the USM Workplace Lab Project at 780-5458.

Campus Note

- The Employee Health and Recreation Program invites all staff, their friends and family to participate in the Volksmarsch and Triathlon Extravaganza sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Maine, taking place on Sunday, May 17. Contact James V. Sullivan, 780-4172.

What We're Doing

MONIQUE Y. CROCHET, professor of French, gave a slide presentation on India entitled "Visite touristique de New Delhi et Agra" to the Portland Chapter of l'Alliance française in March.


ORLANDO E. DELOGU, professor of law, and L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, recently served on joint American Bar Association-Association of American Law Schools Reaccreditation teams. Delogu was a member of the team which conducted a site inspection of Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA; Wroth was on the team visiting Hamline University School of Law, Minneapolis, MN. These visits are part of a regular reaccreditation process in which member law schools are reviewed every seven years by the two organizations.

LUCIA A. DIBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, had her review of Georges Begou's novel, "Le ciel luisait d'étoiles," in the February issue of The French Review. She also gave a paper on political consciousness and literary convention in Diderot's "Jacques the Fatalist" and Gogol's "Dead Souls" at the DeBartolo Conference on Eighteenth-Century Studies held at the University of South Florida, Tampa in March.

GLORIA S. DUCLOS, professor of classics, was named Chair of the College Board Latin Achievement Test Committee, which develops the Latin examination offered nationwide in the Admissions Testing Program of the College Board and was the recipient of the Barlow-Beach Distinguished Service Award of the Classical Association of New England in recognition of her dedication to the cause of the classics in New England. At the annual meeting of the Classical Association of New England she presented a paper on "Paired and Joint Similes of Aeneas and Turnus in the 'Aeneid'" held at Deerfield Academy on April 2-3. Recently she spoke to the Women's Guild of the State Street Church and to the Portland Rotary Club about her experiences last year in Malawi.

CHERIE M. FOSTER, assistant professor of education, recently presented papers on "Brain Research: A Survey of Critical Studies" and "Madeline Hunter's Mastery Teaching Model" at the annual conference of the New England League of Middle Schools, Hyannis, MA., held last March. At the annual conference of the New England Educational Research Organization in Stratton, VT, last April she co-presented research papers entitled "Hemisphere Activation, Learning Modalities and Achievement" and "First Year Teaching Problems: Are They Different for Those Trained in an Internship or Student Teaching Program?" At the same conference Foster, CAROL LYNN DAVIS, assistant professor of education, and KATHLEEN E. TURLO, instructor of education, presented a research paper entitled "Role Transitions of Interns and Student Teachers."

LOUIS F. GAINEY JR., associate professor of biology, coauthored a paper with Annette Grace, a student who performed the research, entitled "Effects of Copper on the Heart and Filtration Rules of Mytilus edulis," which is in the latest issue of Marine Pollution Bulletin.



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WILLIAM F. GAYTON, professor of psychology, recently authored a chapter on "Childhood Firesetting" which appeared in Primary Pediatric Care, published by C.V. Mosby Co. in 1987.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, is chair-elect of the National Section on Natural Resources and Environmental Administration of the American Society for Public Administration and will assume duties in April, 1988. He also served on the society's panel discussing "Interjurisdictional Management Problems: Cases from the Marine Environment" at its National Conference in April.

H. DRAPER HUNT, professor of history and member of the South Portland Public Library Advisory Board, participated in a conference at the New England Center, University of New Hampshire, entitled "Programming in the Humanities for Young Adults," jointly sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities in April.

MICHAEL B. LANG, professor of law, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Tax Lawyer, the scholarly publication of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association, and has contributed to the Tax Lawyer's annual New Developments report, to be published in the Summer 1987 issue. He has also been appointed to the Planning Subcommittee of the Section's new Committee on Teaching Taxation.

KATHLEEN I. MACPHERSON, associate dean for graduate affairs, School of Nursing, co-presented with JANICE CHAREK, research assistant, a paper entitled "Osteoporosis: Women Tell Their Stories" at the second National Nursing Conference on Violence Against Women, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in March. She also presented a paper "Osteoporosis: Medical and Feminist Self-Help Perspectives" at the Fifth International Congress World Federation of Public Health Associations, Mexico City, in March. Her article, "Health Care Policy Values and Nursing," was published in the April issue of Advances in Nursing Science.

ROSE MARASCO, assistant professor of art, recently had a photograph selected for the Polaroid Collection, housed in Offenbach, Germany. She also had her article entitled "The Silhouette Art of Kaye Housell" with accompanying photographs published in the January issue of The World & I.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, presented a paper at the 1987 Tri-Regional Annual Meeting of the Small Business Institute Directors Association at their April conference.

JO ANNE PRESTON, assistant professor of sociology, was invited to present her lecture, "From Poetry to Protest: The Writings of the Lowell Mill Girls," by the Smithsonian Institution in conjunction with an exhibition on the American Industrial Revolution last March.

MARTIN A. ROGOFF, director, Honors Program and professor of law, has been named to serve on the Governor's Tax Policy Study Committee which has been charged with studying the existing state tax structure and recommending changes to improve the equity of the tax system and the competitiveness of Maine's businesses.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, presented a paper, "Milton Simon's 'The Court of the Air': Local Radio Comedy 1932-36," at the American Popular Culture Conference in Montreal last March.

ROGER SCHROFF, associate professor of computer science, presented a paper, "Statistical Analysis with the Smart Spreadsheet," at the symposium of Computer Science and Statistics at Temple University in March; "The Natural Language Interface to the Computer," at the Association for Systems Management Conference in Portland on April 8 and a paper entitled "Equivalent Networks" at the Modeling and Simulation Conference at the University of Pittsburgh on April 24.

JAMES L. WRIGHT, director, professional development, Department of Technology, organized a three-day workshop on quality control in March for the Department of Technology, School of Applied Science attended by quality control professionals from industry and USM faculty.