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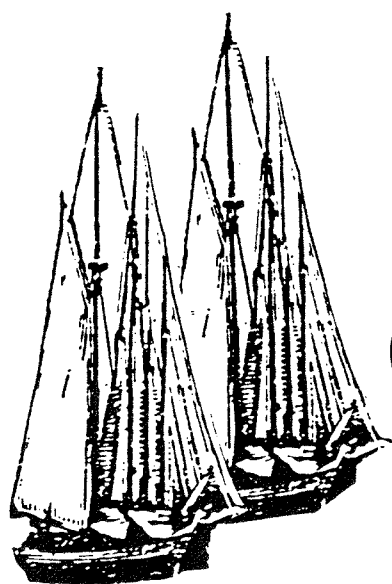
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## USM, Non-Profit May Form Cable Consortium

In-depth looks at town, county and state issues. Available health services. Art exhibits. Musical performances. This information and more could be accessed by some 40,000 Greater Portland homes now connected to cable TV if an idea proposed by USM is transformed into a working television studio.

There are now some 4,800 cable TV companies in the U.S., and each one provides opportunities for groups or individuals to produce shows on local activities and issues. But lack of money, equipment, expertise and manpower keep all except a very few groups from moving their programs off the drawing board and onto the airwaves.

A task force, chaired by George Connick, hopes to surmount the money, equipment, expertise and manpower problems through formation of the Southern Maine Cable Television Consortium.

According to the task force's report, the non-profit consortium would, "bring together the necessary resources to enable its members to produce a broad range of programming for local cable." Essentially, the consortium, under the guidance of a board of directors, an executive director and a small professional/volunteer staff, would offer member organizations and other non-profits a production studio and basic technical instruction. The consortium also would handle scheduling and fundraising.

Noting that there may be no other such consortium in the country, Connick reported, "We are now taking it to the community to see if the interest is there." Members of some 15 non-profit groups reacted favorably to the proposal at a recent informational meeting.

There was some discussion on funding sources for the proposed budget of \$80,500 in 1984-1985 and \$156,000 the following year. Connick, director of our Division of Basic Studies and the instructional television system, said grants, production fees and private fundraising are potential income sources. USM has applied for a \$150,000 grant to support the proposal. He also said that it is not uncommon for cable companies to under-

write some equipment costs. There's a possibility that such a provision could be written into the new Portland Public Cable franchise agreement, he said.

Plans now call for two and a half hours of programming each week beginning in January, 1985. It's proposed that airtime increase to 10 hours per week next spring. The consortium could use USM's channel 16 on public cable, a channel that USM has not programmed because of lack of equipment and staff. To keep down costs and to provide viewers interaction through "call-in" formats, the shows will be live rather than taped and edited.

Just before the Currents deadline, Connick reported that a final, successful informational meeting had been held. The task force will meet the week of June 25 to schedule an organizational meeting with non-profit representatives.

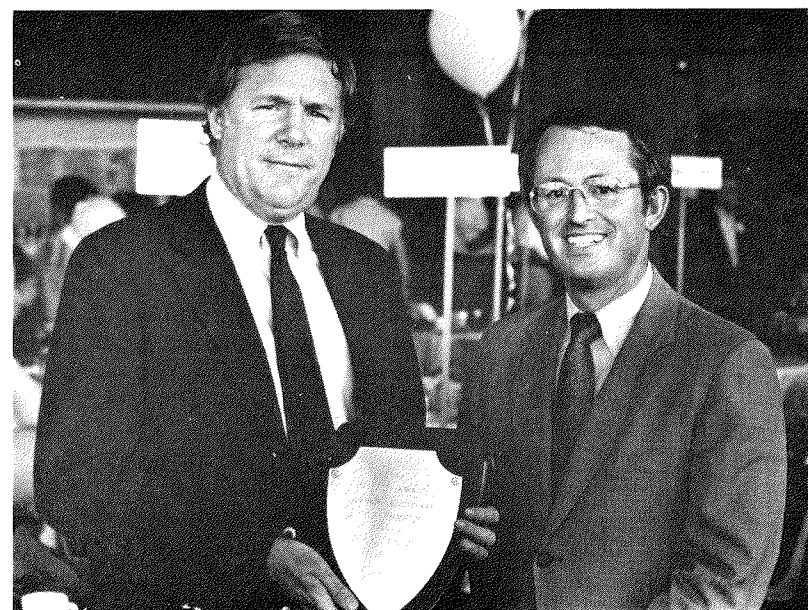
## Responding to a Graying America

America is getting older. By the year 2035 the number of older Americans will more than double. With this graying of America comes the need to adjust policies and programs for the elderly.

The University of Southern Maine became a recognized leader in the field of assessing and addressing the needs of America's older citizens with the 1982 publication of a nationwide seven-part guide series "Improving Protective Services for the Elderly." More recently USM became one of only two institutions in the country to be awarded a grant for educational gerontology. The University of Southern California was the only other institution to receive such a grant.

Our College of Education and Human Services Development Institute received the \$69,784 grant to develop a master's degree concentration in educational gerontology. The program - designed to integrate issues concern-

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(Caswell photo)

## Alumni — — — Award Woodbury

For the first time in its 17-year history, a USM alumni award has been presented to someone who is not a USM graduate. President Robert L. Woodbury was named the 1984 recipient of the Alumni Association's 17-year-old Hilltop Award in ceremonies held Saturday in Gorham.

The award was established in 1967 to recognize "outstanding devotion, loyalty and support of the University and/or the Alumni Association."

In presenting the award, Alumni President Charles L. Cragin of Falmouth said, "He (Woodbury) lives this university, he talks the university, and he breathes this university. Through his tireless efforts, he has made this institution move."

Woodbury, a graduate of Amherst College and Yale University, was appointed president in July, 1979. Active in various educational organizations, he also is vice chair of the Maine Development Foundation and serves on numerous boards, including those of Amherst, Maine Savings Bank and Maine Medical Center.

## CBS News Visits

A phone call from CBS News, New York, surprised University librarian Stevens Hilyard recently. William Moran, a producer for Charles Kuralt's Sunday Morning, alerted Hilyard that his film crew would be in the Portland library to film two women

## Support Center

The more than 300 alumni who attended the 1984 "Kick Up Your Heels" Alumni Day were told that their \$150,000 pledge toward the campus center project is off and running with donations totaling \$36,000.

Saying that alumni are like "parents who must nurture a growing child," USM Alumni President Charles L. Cragin, III asked members to think about what their contributions are saying "to the University, to its students and to the students that come after them."

In addition, reunion classes dating back 55 years announced their contributions to the project. Representatives of the classes of 1929, 1934, 1949, 1964, and 1969 presented gifts to the campus center.

"The new campus center," said Cragin, "will... provide the University and the Alumni Association with a super opportunity to recognize pride in our past and faith for the future."

who are the prime movers behind Shoeworkers in Maine, Inc.

Sheila A. Johnson, head reference librarian, and Janet F. Brysh, CRAS librarian, assisted Jeanne Hebert and Diane Walker in use of library

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# Summertime and the Living is Learning

Summer is a popular time for visitors to our dual campus University. Some folks come to study, some to develop athletic proficiency, some just for enjoyment. In all, last summer nearly 12,000 people participated in activities at USM ranging from camps, conferences and classes to concerts, plays and exhibits.

This summer should be no exception as USM serves up vacation time experiences for vacationland visitors and residents alike.

## Cultural Diversions

The Russell Square Players, USM's highly regarded theatre troupe, will present Frank Loesser's musical comedy "The Most Happy Fella" beginning Tuesday, July 3, and continuing through Sunday, August 5. Nightly performances at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays will be complemented by Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be in Russell Hall Auditorium, Gorham. For ticket information, call the Box Office, 780-5483.

The Art Gallery, located in a 106-year-old building which formerly housed Gorham's town hall, will host a traveling exhibit of photography by Paul Strand, produced for the book "Time in New England." The exhibit is circulated by the New England Foundation for the Arts and will remain at USM from Monday, July 2, through Thursday, August 16.

A second exhibit, this one of original works by USM art students, will be on display in the Center Gallery, Gorham, from Monday, July 2, through Thursday, August 16. Both galleries are free and open to all from noon to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 780-5409.

Concerts on the green in front of venerable Corthell Hall on the Gorham campus will give a taste of summertime at the turn-of-the-century, but will include contemporary music as well. These concerts, presented by the Southern Maine Concert Band composed of USM applied music faculty, top students and other area professional musicians, will take place at 7:00 p.m., Mondays, July 9, 16 and 23. (Rain space: 10 Bailey Hall).

In addition, the sounds of music will be heard in three faculty concerts and a student recital as part of USM's Music Camp held the weeks of July 8-21. All these concerts are free and open to all. For more information, call 780-5269 or 780-5265.

This is the third year for the Stonecoast Writers' Conference. Poets and fiction writers, known to many Americans, teach courses in poetry, the novel and the short story.

George Garrett, Madison Smartt Bell, Elizabeth Spires, Denis Johnson, Alix Kates Shulman and Andre Dubus are among the faculty and visiting writers who will lecture on the aspects of and the problems in contemporary writing at 1:00 p.m. daily in the Faculty Dining Room, Gorham. At 7:00 each evening there will be readings and performances of written work by faculty, fellows, workshop members,



Deborah Hall and David Goulet are shown here rehearsing a scene from "The Most Happy Fella." Frank Loesser's musical comedy will be presented by the Russell Square Players as part of our 1984 Summer Session. The production opens July 3 and continues through August 4 at the Russell Square Theatre, Gorham. For ticket information, call the Box Office, 780-5483. (Trueworthy photo)

assistants and visiting writers in the Anderson Fireside Lounge, Gorham. All these lectures and readings are free and open to all. For more information, call 780-4291.

## Courses, Camps, Conferences

For the summer resident or year round Mainer, USM offers courses which may meet just once or for several weeks.

Elders with an adventurous spirit will enjoy the Elderhostel offerings at USM, one of some 400 universities and colleges nationwide to offer weeklong educational experiences for the over 60 age group. There will be three Elderhostel programs to choose from during July with courses ranging from non-verbal communication to famous American rhetoric.

## Schleh to Study Mid-East Issues

Recent events in the Persian Gulf will take on added significance for University of Southern Maine history professor Eugene P.A. Schleh this month when he attends an institute on "Islam, the Middle East and World Politics."

Schleh was one of only 30 state university and college faculty nationwide awarded a fellowship to attend the intensive four-week seminar at the University of Michigan. And given the escalation of the 44-month-old Iran-Iraq war, the institute couldn't have come at a better time.

"That part of the world is alive and volatile," he explains. "It is influenced in many areas by Islam and it is little understood."

Schleh expects to share what he learns not only with USM students, but also with members of the public. He will be prepared come 1985-86 to offer a Middle East history course and hopes to develop programs on the Middle East for the community. One purpose of the institute is to help increase the public's awareness of international affairs.

"There's so much I have to learn. It's going back to being a student again," adds the Gorham resident.

The institute is co-sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Youngsters who want to excel in school athletics can immerse themselves in sports such as soccer, basketball, field hockey.

Those with a propensity for computers can come to USM's Computer Camp. This year's Computer Camp will be offered for both beginners and those with intermediate computer skills from junior and senior high school.

USM camps are open to both commuter and residential students. For more information, call the Department of Conferences, 780-4074.

## Educators' Institutes

USM's Professional Development Center sponsors intensive programs for recertification and graduate credit for classroom teachers. This summer there will be institutes in health, the arts, writing, dance and computers. There's one called "Brain and Education," one for teachers in the middle school and perhaps the most famous institute, "In Celebration of Children's Literature." This three-day workshop attracts teachers from all parts of the country and features famous children's authors. For more information on any of these programs, call 780-5326.

Joseph P. Hearn, summer school director, says, "Our summer session is a vital, growing program. It shows that education doesn't take time off and the people of southern Maine know that."

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## Campus Beautification

It's summertime and both our campuses are blooming, thanks in great measure to the efforts of landscaper/groundskeeper Larry J. Homan. (See Currents, January 23, 1984.)

Some members of the University community have recently approached Homan expressing an interest to donate small amounts of money to purchase additional bulbs, flowers and shrubs.

Homan appreciates and welcomes these contributions. He hopes to purchase a lilac bush for the Portland campus. If you want to contribute to campus beautification, call Homan at 780-4160 or 780-5429.

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resources such as computer search and grantsmanship. Hebert and Walker, concerned about worker displacement and the need for retraining of laid-off shoeworkers, were slated to testify June 22 before the U.S. House Finance Committee at the invitation of Senator George J. Mitchell.

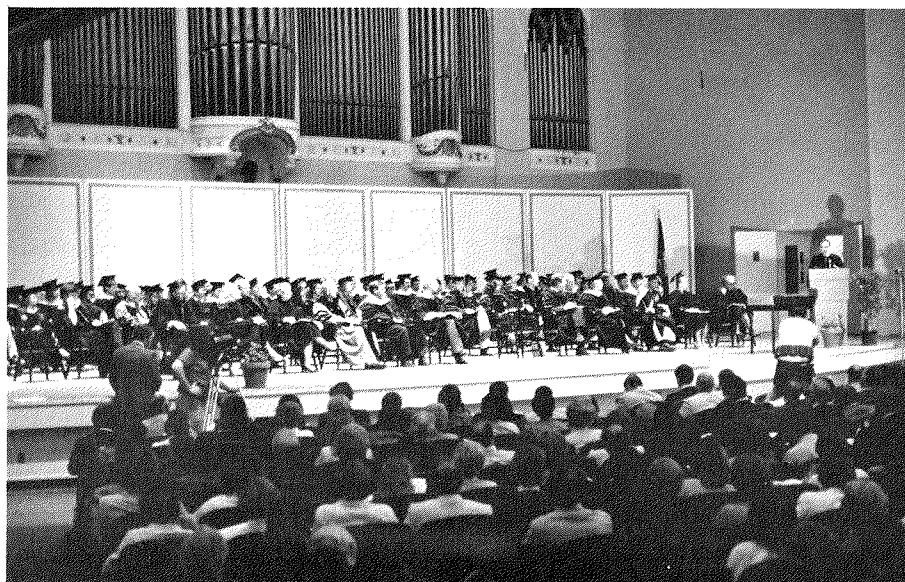
No air date has been set for the segment, although Moran expects it to be shown in late summer or early fall. The Office of Media Relations will remain in contact with CBS News in order to keep the University community informed.



(Trueworthy photo)



# Senator Mitchell Addresses Law School Graduates



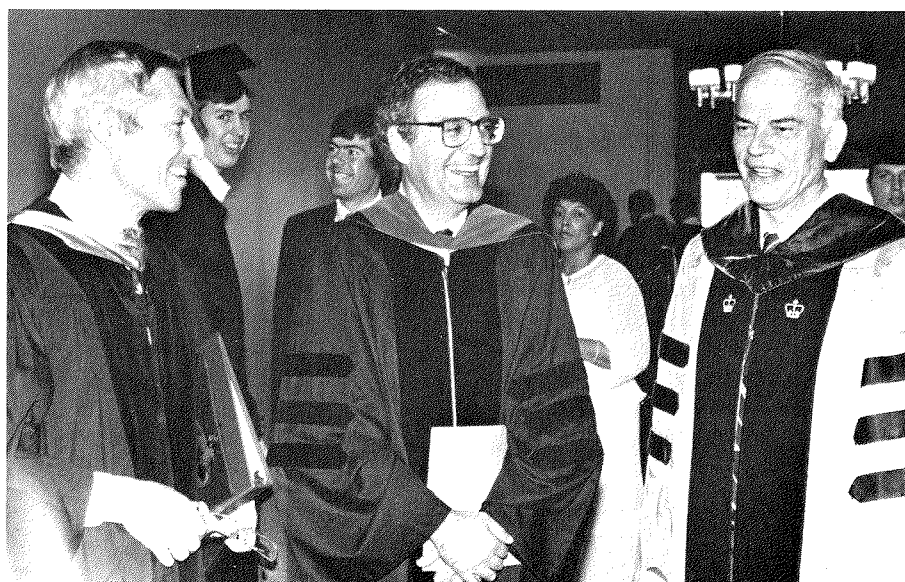
More than 800 people attended the 1984 Law School Commencement Sunday, May 27, in Portland City Hall Auditorium. Members of the class of 1964 were introduced and seven 1984 graduates were named recipients of special awards for outstanding achievements. Pictured in the

Though there is one lawyer in this country for every 250 citizens, Senator George J. Mitchell told University of Maine School of Law graduates last month that, "Those who disparage lawyers... forget that our nation is founded on law."

Speaking before more than 70 graduates, their families and friends in Portland City Hall Auditorium, Mitchell said, "Without law, our rights as Americans cannot be preserved, nor our responsibilities fulfilled. That is a major difference between our nation and most others. Our reliance on the rule of law may contribute to a litigiousness that many other societies escape. But that reliance also protects the rights that few other people have."

As reported in the state's media, Mitchell also urged graduates to work for passage of the Maine and federal Equal Rights Amendment.

Noting that the debate on this issue has become "less civil and less enlightening," Mitchell said, "A 12-year public debate ought to have made the nature



second photo are, from the left, L. Kinvin Wroth, dean, Senator George J. Mitchell, and Edward S. Godfrey, former dean and retired justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. (Caswell photos)

of the Amendment clear. But it seems to have had the opposite effect."

The former U.S. district judge said the ERA will not require drafting of women for combat duty, require mandatory government payment for abortion, or legalize marriages between people of the same sex.

"It is prudent to be skeptical when someone tries to persuade you that you should renounce a legal right for your own good," he said. "American women ought to be skeptical of the claim that full legal equality will somehow work to their disadvantage."

He cited statistics showing that 52 percent of women worked in 1983. By 1995, 65 percent will be working. "Yet, on average, a woman with a college education," said Mitchell, "will earn less than a man who didn't finish the ninth grade."

The ERA, he concluded, "deserves your support for your nation's sake, and yours."

## The PDC: Helping Good Teachers Get Better

Helping good teachers get better has been a professional goal of George C. Lyons throughout his 28-year career as a secondary school teacher. Now that he is director of the College of Education's Professional Development Center, this goal will have far-reaching ramifications for the professional development of Maine teachers.

Lyons was appointed director last February replacing the late A. Nye Bemis. Before that he taught English and Latin at Cheverus High School and for the past 17 years was at Deering High School where he served as curriculum coordinator of English, foreign languages and reading.

Since 1980 the Portland native has also been a part-time instructor here, and in that role helped to establish several cooperative staff development ventures between the University and Portland public schools. He co-founded, along with Bemis, Phillip R. Rutherford, professor of English, and Peter Greer, Portland's superintendent of schools, the Southern Maine Writing Project. Now in its fifth year, this program trains teachers not only to improve their students' writing ability, but also equips them to conduct workshops on the subject for teachers in their own and other districts.

Lyons was also one of the instructors in COE's much publicized Teachers for Secondary Schools (TSS) program. This unique approach to teacher education was the subject of several

national news stories, one on National Public Radio, in the Chronicle of Higher Education and in U.S. News and World Report. TSS culled degree-holders from other careers and in an intensive six-week program last summer prepared them to enter the classroom as teaching interns. The first group was certified last February.

"I see my role as director of the PDC as an extension of the kinds of things I've been doing in my career since the beginning," says this 1983 winner of our Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award, given to outstanding high school teachers, is part of the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair in Philosophy and Education.

### Staff Development

The major aim of the PDC is to link the University's resources with those of individual communities to improve the quality of education in the state. It accomplishes this in three ways: with its Resource Laboratory, staff development activities and curriculum consultation.

The PDC stocks its Resource Lab with sample textbooks, juvenile books, teaching aids and testing materials which University students and local educators may borrow for classroom use. The Lab also houses production equipment for making audio-visual materials.

Traditionally, the PDC has been active in staff development by offering a variety of teacher workshops, institutes

and seminars - some tailored to specific districts' needs - designed to update and expand instructional skills. These have been conducted not only here in the summer and throughout the school year, but at locations throughout the state.

In addition, the PDC is expanding this partnership role with local boards because of the stricter certification requirements recently mandated by the state. To prepare for a leadership role, Lyons attended several national-level workshops dealing with issues such as defining not only good teaching, but also the elements found in a positive learning environment to aid school districts in establishing "teacher action plans." These plans call for establishment of teacher teams which will support, encourage and aid beginning-level (provisional) teachers through their first two years in the classroom. Members of six local school boards will attend a workshop on teacher support teams July 7-10 sponsored by the PDC. The workshop will be led by Paul Heckman, a chief researcher for educational authority John I. Goodlad.

"Meaningful staff development is based on a clear understanding of needs and then meeting those needs with the most efficient resources available from the University, communities and the schools. The PDC is making a sincere effort to determine and help meet the needs of the local school board," says Lyons.

### Curriculum Consultation

A new service, but one that also stresses University support of local educators, is curriculum review. When a school system revises its curriculum, teachers can turn to University faculty with expertise in the various fields for consultation. "Each department of the College of Education has an outreach capacity," explains Lyons.

In addition, Joyce Martin, assistant director of the PDC, and director of the Resource Lab, will contact publishers for sample copies of textbooks and other materials which could be used to implement the new or revised curriculum. Martin also sees this as a means of increasing communication between teachers in different school districts. For instance, she points out, if Naples has been using a particular science series, and Cumberland is considering purchasing it, the Cumberland teachers could discuss the series' pros and cons with their counterparts in Naples. "The potential for networking among teachers is tremendous," she says.

Educational insularity is fast becoming a thing of the past. There is a need for teachers, administrators and college faculty to work together to achieve the mission of educational excellence which has been entrusted to them. Our PDC is working to see that that happens.

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## "Time in New England"

Scenes of New England's rocky coastline and forests, its ships, villages, house interiors and inhabitants comprise a first-time exhibit of black and white photographs by Paul Strand at the University of Southern Maine.

These 75 photographs, originally produced for "Time in New England," a book published in 1950, express the spirit of New England. The works are accompanied by excerpts from New England writers such as Melville, Dickinson and Frost. This exhibit is circulated by the New England Foundation for the Arts, and will remain at USM July 2 through August 16 at the Art Gallery, Gorham.

A concurrent exhibit of works by USM art students is featured in the Center Gallery located in the Dining Center, also on the Gorham campus. Both galleries are free and open to all, noon to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call 780-5409.



## Marquee

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**

MUSIC, oboe recital, Geoff Holland, State Street Church, 7:30 p.m.

**JULY 2 THROUGH AUGUST 16**

ART, traveling exhibit of photography by Paul Strand, produced for the book "Time in New England," Art Gallery, Gorham campus, noon to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

**JULY 2 THROUGH AUGUST 16**

ART, Exhibit of original works by USM art students, Center Gallery, Gorham campus, noon to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

**JULY 3 THROUGH AUGUST 5**

THEATER, "The Most Happy Fella," by Frank Loesser, musical romance set in California wine country, Russell Square Players, Russell Hall, Gorham campus, Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8:00, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00. Call 780-5483 for ticket information.

**WEEKDAY EVENINGS, JULY 8 TO JULY 20**

READINGS and performances of written work by faculty, workshop members and visiting writers, Stonecoast Writers' Conference, 7 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Anderson Hall, Gorham campus, free.

**JULY 8 TO JULY 20**

LECTURES, faculty and visiting writers offer a series of public lectures on aspects of craft and problems in contemporary writing, Stonecoast Writers' Conference, 1:00 p.m., Faculty Dining Room, Dining Center, Gorham campus.

**MONDAYS, JULY 9, 16, 23**

MUSIC, concerts by musicians from USM's music department faculty and students, on the green in front of Corthell Hall (10 Bailey Hall in case of rain), Gorham campus, 7:00 p.m., free.

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ing the elderly into the field of adult education - will be the only one of its kind in northern New England. The five-course concentration will be offered as part of USM's master of science degree in adult education beginning in fall 1984.

But this summer an outgrowth of that program will be available to anyone involved with programs for the elderly. This six-week Summer Institute on Educational Gerontology, which begins June 25, will offer the latest information on issues affecting the elderly. Experts throughout the country, including Patricia Ryan, director of the Maine Human Rights Commission, are scheduled to speak. Participants will develop skills in designing and implementing education programs for older adults. The institute can be taken for graduate credit or continuing education units (CEUs).

"We hope to provide better in-service training for people who work closely with older Americans," says Willard D. Callender, Jr., project director for the institute and principal investigator on the nationally acclaimed guide series. The Professional Development Center is sponsoring the institute.

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## What We're Doing

HENRY C. AMOROSO, JR., associate professor of education, presented a paper, "Adult Conceptions About Literacy," at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans. In addition, he presented a paper with DAVID S. FEARON, associate professor, Human Resource Development, entitled "Literacy as a Transformational Process: Principles and Practices" at the 29th Annual Convention of the International Reading Association, in Atlanta, Ga.

CAMILLE BUCH (Camille Cole), staff associate, Publications, had some of her recent works featured in "The Maine Invitational Show" at the Hobe Sound Galleries North in Portland.

JOANNE H. CLAREY, director of Women's Studies, has been appointed to the Maine Commission for Women by John L. Martin, speaker of the House of Representatives. The 14 member commission is responsible for taking the lead role in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policy at the state level in all areas of importance to the social, economic, legal, educational and personal well-being of Maine women and girls. Clarey also published an article "Lifestyles: Active, Disengaged and Blended" in Elder Magazine, March 1984.

LUCIA A. diBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, was recently interviewed by Ed Morin of MPBN on his program "Conversations" about the state of foreign language instruction in the schools.

JOEL W. EASTMAN, associate professor of history, led a Peaks Island tour focusing on "Fortifications of Casco Bay" for Greater Portland Landmarks Inc. He also was interviewed on MPBN Radio and WKXA Radio discussing his book, "Styling vs. Safety: The American Automobile Industry and the Development of Automotive Safety, 1900-1966."

ROBERT E. FOLSOM, director, Lifeline Adult Fitness Program, finished second and won the silver medal in the 50-years-and-over division of

the American Amateur Racquetball Association's national championships in Houston, Texas.

ROY A. GALLANT, director, Southworth Planetarium, was interviewed by several local TV and radio stations in connection with the recent eclipse of the sun.

MADELEINE D. GIGUERE, professor of sociology, spoke recently to a group of senior citizens at St. Augustine's Church in Augusta on the "Immigration of the French to Augusta." The talk was one of "Three Portraits of Augusta" sponsored by Forum-A, a group affiliated with the University of Maine at Augusta.

ELAINE F. HOWE, placement specialist, Educational Placement, attended the annual spring conference of the New England Association of School, College and University Staffing at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.

H. DRAPER HUNT, III, professor of history, was the invited speaker at the Academic Recognition Night ceremonies at Westbrook High School.

P. LEN JORDAN, coordinator of Lifeline, discussed Lifeline programs and their benefits at a meeting of the Pulmonary Support and Social Group at the State Street Church. He also served as a panelist discussing "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease" for a group of pulmonary patients at Mercy Hospital. Jordan is a new member of the board of directors of the American Heart Association, Maine Affiliate, Inc.

ROBERT LEMELIN, director of learning assistance and developmental studies, has been elected president of the new Learning Assistance Association of New England. The association has applied for chapter status in the National Association for Developmental Educators. Its purpose is to promote learning assistance research, publications and other related activities. Lemelin was instrumental in forming the New England association.

KENNETH ROSEN, professor of English, read selections from his work at the Portland Public Library.

ELLEN SCHIFERL, assistant professor of art, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections grant in support of her research project entitled "The Artistic Patronage of Lay Confraternities and Italian Art of c. 1350-1500." She recently gave a slide lecture on the 19th Century French artist Millet for the Payson Gallery of Westbrook College, and her review of the Portland Pier Gallery exhibition was published in Art New England.

EUGENE P. A. SCHLEH, professor of history, has been awarded a fellowship to attend a Humanities Institute on "Islam, The Middle East, and World Politics" at the University of Michigan from July 9 to August 3. The program is designed to have an impact on curriculum and community resources. It is jointly sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

LEONARD SHEDLETSKY, associate professor of communication, presented a talk entitled "Sex and Brain Organization" at the Graduate/Faculty Research Seminar in Cognitive Studies at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England. He also presented a paper "Sex Differences in Lateral Eye Movement and Scanning" at the International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Groningen, The Netherlands. Shedletsky is on sabbatical in England.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, read and commented on a group of Elizabeth Madox Roberts' letters at St. Catherine College, Springfield, Ky.

ROBERT L. WOODBURY, president, USM was the keynote speaker for graduation ceremonies of the Adult High School Diplomaprogram run by Portland Adult Community Education (PACE).