



## KAPPA ETA YARD SALE BENEFITS KOMEN FUND



Members of the Kappa Eta sorority hosted a yard sale this summer to raise money for breast cancer research. Goods were collected from students on campus and then placed for sale on the mall. The group raised \$228 to donate to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization, the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors dedicated to finding a cure.

## STUDENTS ATTEND CAMPUS PRIDE LEADERSHIP CAMP IN TENNESSEE

The Catawamteak Fund of the Maine Community Foundation awarded the 100% Society and Omicron Delta Pi fraternity \$6,250 to send six students to the fourth annual "Lead with Pride" leadership institute this summer at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Among the students who traveled to Nashville were: Antonio Giarratano, Kaila Bucklin, Elizabeth Busby, Cameron Creighton, and Erica McDaniel.

The five-day camp brought 60 students from more than 35 colleges and universities together to learn from and interact with premiere faculty and national leaders in social justice, human rights, and civil rights advocacy.

"Camp was the singular best experience I've had to date," said Erica McDaniel. "The information, the people, and the tools that I received from camp will no doubt help me succeed in helping me make my campus a better place for students like me." Last year, Erica was also awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Portland-based Rainbow Business and Professional Association.



## FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TOUR THE SIGHTS OF DOWNEAST MAINE



First-year students were treated to a tour of some of Downeast Maine's most beautiful viewpoints and recreational spots in late August. The excursion trips, part of fall orientation, were planned to show new students what the area has to offer and to help them get to know one another.

### The trips included:

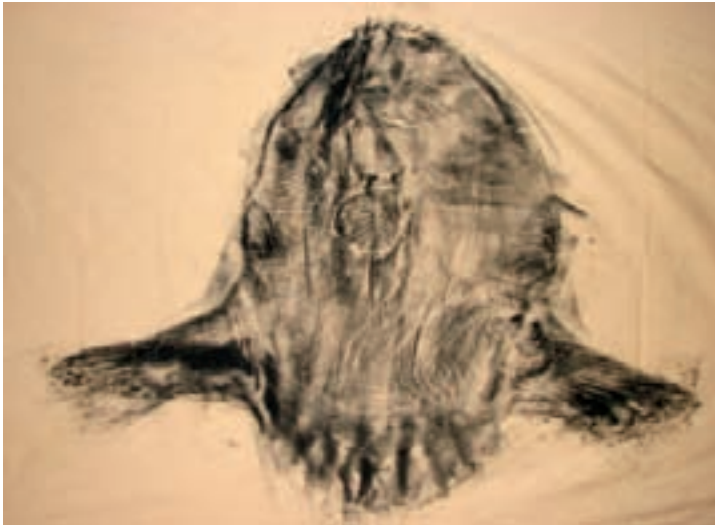
- Touring West Quoddy Head Light House in Lubec
- Exploring the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research on Beals Island
- Hiking the Great Wass Island Preserve on Beals Island
- Canoeing on Six Mile Lake in Marshfield

## UMM'S SUSTAINABILITY SURVIVAL PACK

When new students arrived at their residence halls in late August, they were welcomed with sustainability survival kits. Inside the kits were a reusable shopping bag, an energy-saving compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb, stainless steel water bottle, and a reusable to-go food container for use at the campus dining facilities.



## MOLA MOLA: THE ARTS AND SCIENCES TEAM UP



A "fish print" of the *Mola mola* by Patti Vinzani.



The arts and sciences had the opportunity to unite in a cross-discipline collaboration this fall when a 100-pound ocean sunfish (*Mola mola*) washed up on the shore of the Tide Mill Organic Farm in Edmunds. Farm owners Bob and Jane Bell brought the fish to UMM so that students in the marine ecology class could determine exactly what it was.

Before the dissection, UMM art professor and paper maker **Bernie Vinzani**, and his wife, Patti, were invited to make a rubbing of the unusual fish. On a large bed sheet they were able to make a "fish print," an impression of the fish's outline and projected features. The Vinzani's have made impressions of many objects, but never a fish of this size. A large crowd of curious students, staff, and community members gathered to catch a glimpse of the fish and the rubbing process.

Two students, **Jacob Berninger** and **Joshua Luman**, had the idea of creating T-shirts of the print to capture the spirit of exploration and Environmental Liberal Arts. Using multiple photos of the print, Luman extrapolated a baseline image from the best parts of

each photo and, after digitally editing the resulting image, placed the artwork on a black T-shirt. The shirts, which also featured a poem written by Luman on the back, were sold to students, faculty, and staff and have generated some great buzz around campus.

Once the rubbing was complete, **Gayle Kraus**, professor of marine ecology, and **Gerry Zegers**, assistant professor of biology, along with several students, proceeded with their dissection. Neither Kraus nor Zegers had had an opportunity to examine a *Mola mola* that closely before.

The collaboration was a perfect example of what Environmental Liberal Arts is all about. Two academic departments and an entire campus community came together for a once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity. Whether your passion lies in fine art, marine biology, or business and entrepreneurial studies, the UMM experience is interwoven with a common appreciation for the environment and unique hands-on learning experiences.

## A WHALE OF A MOVE



Students in professor Gayle Kraus's Marine Mammals course moved the 20-foot spine of a minke whale across campus earlier this fall. After completing the articulation of the vertebral column, the students began work on the whale's ribs. The completed skeleton will make its home in the Murdock Bookstore.

# UMM Faculty and Staff

## NAMES & NOTES

**Daniel Qualls**, assistant professor of education, will speak at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Denver, Colo., in November. His presentation is titled “Napoleon’s Facebook Page: Utilizing Social Networking Sites and Blogs in Social Studies,” and will demonstrate how to use Web sites and blogs to teach or review social studies content.

**Gerard NeCastro**, professor of English, has edited a new book, *Mankind*, available through the Western Michigan University Medieval Institute.

**Kay Kimball**, associate professor of history, has written a series of essays for Maine History Online, an interpretive online history of the state. Read Kimball’s essays at [www.mainememory.net](http://www.mainememory.net).

**Wendy Norden**, assistant research professor of marine conservation ecology, and **Doug McNaught**, assistant professor of marine ecology, gave a series of talks recently: “Larval Recruitment of Ascidians and Other Dock Fouling Organisms Reveal Generalized Regional Spatial Patterns Along the Coast of Maine” at the International Invasive Sea Squirt Conference; “Eelgrass (*Zoster marina* L.) Distribution and Ecosystem Service to the Schoodic Peninsula” at Acadia National Park; and, along with **Kevin Athearn**, associate professor of environmental and community economics, “Assessing the Impact of Marine Stewardship Certification (MSC) to Improve the Environmental Management of Marine Fisheries” at the Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting.

**Andrea Ednie** spent the summer doing research and fieldwork for the Maine Island Trail Association, collecting baseline data on islands that will soon be added to the trail. She also worked with an undergrad assistant on a research project performing a baseline assessment of recreation resources in the Baskahegan Stream watershed.

**Robert Hauhart**, adjunct professor of sociology, has published an article, “Bread and Warmth in *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*” in this summer’s issue of *The Explicator*.

## WELCOME ABOARD

**Janice Folk** is the new resident director for Dorward Hall. She is from Wilmington, Mass., and attended Westfield State College where she was a resident assistant and community development assistant for two years.

**Eric Peltier** is the new resident director for Sennett Hall. He is from Castleton, Vt., and was previously a resident advisor and graduate hall director at New England College.



**Tara LiBrizzi** is the new counselor on campus. She has worked for the past 14 years as a mental health counselor for Washington County Psychotherapy Associates. She also operates her own private practice.

## EMPLOYEES HONORED

At the Annual Employee Recognition Dinner in September, sixteen employees were recognized for their dedicated service.



Back row, left to right, Gene Nichols, Sherrie Sprangers, Naida Pennell, Bill Eckart, Suzanne Mace, Betty Merritt-West, Kim Page, and Shallee Page. Front row, left to right, Barbie Holmes, Gayle Kraus, Rick Scribner, and Bernice Murphy.

### 10 YEARS

**Jim Merrill**

*Building and Grounds Worker*

**Kim Page**

*Promoted to Dean of Students*

**Shallee Page**

*Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

**Linda Patryn**

*Administrative Assistant*

### 15 YEARS

**Betty Merritt-West**

*Administrative Assistant*

### 20 YEARS

**Barbie Holmes**

*Assistant Bursar*

**Sherrie Sprangers**

*Associate Professor of Biology*

**Suzanne Mace**

*Coordinator of Health Services*

### 25 YEARS

**Brian Beal**

*Professor of Marine Ecology*

**Rob Froese**

*Professor of English*

**Gene Nichols**

*Professor of Music*

**Naida Pennell**

*Coordinator of Community Education and Outreach*

### 30 YEARS

**Bill Eckart**

*Professor of Recreation Management*

**Gayle Kraus**

*Professor of Marine Ecology*

### 35 YEARS

**Rick Scribner**

*Associate Professor of Recreation Management*

### 40 YEARS

**Bernice Murphy**

*Associate Professor of Business Administration*



**Scott Mattice '10** joined the Admissions Office in the role of admissions counselor. Mattice, originally from Bath, Maine, earned his degree in leadership and management from UMM.

**Michael May** is the new assistant to the president. May comes to UMM after five years in pharmaceutical sales and before that was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.



**Ashley Davis '09** joined the Admissions Office as an admissions counselor. Davis comes from Addison, Maine, and received her degree in behavioral science from UMM.

IN MEMORIAM  
**GREGORY R. HENDERSON**

February 16, 1946–July 9, 2010

**Greg Henderson**, professor of art at the University of Maine at Machias, died on July 9, 2010, at his home in Boise, Idaho, after fighting a battle with cancer. He was 64 years old.

During his 18 years at UMM, Henderson made enormous contributions to the visual arts and the University in general. Particularly notable was his work in the development of the Interdisciplinary Fine Arts degree program. When Henderson arrived on the Machias campus in 1992, visual arts courses were offered primarily to support other degree programs. The IFA program, launched in 1998, was UMM’s first four-year degree in the fine arts.

Henderson worked to break down traditional barriers between the art classroom and the local community. He was a liaison with local high schools and served as a guest teacher for a number of elementary school classes in the area. Henderson created the annual UMM Faculty Art Show, and helped coordinate the annual Thou Art Fair, a local high school arts festival. Along with his wife, Terry, he was an active member of the UMM Ukulele Club.



“The UMM campus will not be the same without Greg Henderson and his ever-present sketch pad and well-worn Converse sneakers,” said **University President Cynthia Huggins**. “But Greg’s most important legacy at UMM will be his lasting influence on the lives of hundreds of former students. His warmth and generosity of spirit uniquely infused his teaching, and his passion for art was contagious. UMM is a better place for having had Greg Henderson on board for almost 20 years.”

Henderson was hired as assistant professor of art at UMM in 1992. He was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of art in 1996, and was later promoted to professor of art in 2007.

Henderson is survived by his wife, Terry; children Nathan, Aaron, and Anne; seven grandchildren; and his father, Col. Ray Henderson.

**GREG R. HENDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The family has established the Greg R. Henderson Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made through the University of Maine at Machias, Development Office, 116 O’Brien Avenue, Machias, Maine 04654.



## ORGANIC GARDEN SUPPLIES CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY



Peas from UMM's organic garden are bagged and labeled for delivery to the Machias Food Pantry.



UMM's organic garden has provided a large amount of produce for the campus dining facilities and the local food pantry in recent months. More than 400 pounds of produce were harvested this fall for Aramark Dining Services and more than 300 pounds were sent to the Machias Food Pantry at the Centre Street Congregational Church, UCC. This year's total production was double the amount produced last year.

In addition to the outdoor garden, the Science Building greenhouse has been retrofitted for food production so that UMM can continue to supply fresh vegetables to the food pantry through the winter.

There are also plans under way to build a four-season greenhouse next to the O'Brien House as part of a project with the Washington County Food and Fuel Alliance.

## HAVE YOU VIEWED THE SCULPTURE UP CLOSE?

This visitor got an up-close look at *The Islands of Maine*. If you haven't checked it out, be sure to stop by and look at the magnificent granite sculpture created by Jhon Gogaberishvili as part of the 2009 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium.



## UMM MOVES PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE ONLINE

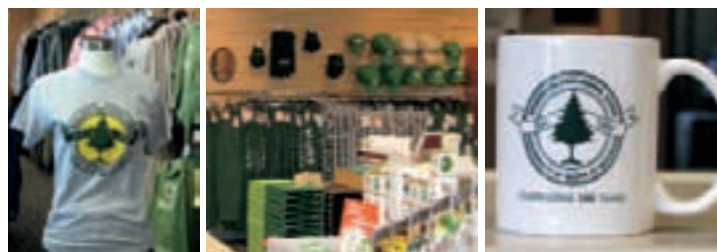
In an effort to provide working individuals in rural areas of Maine and other states with access to a four-year psychology degree, UMM created an online version of its popular psychology and community studies degree program. This fall, UMM welcomed its first cohort of students into the program, which mirrors the coursework and requirements of the traditional, on-campus version.

"We're dedicated to maintaining the same quality learning experiences for our distance students," said Lois-Ann Kuntz, associate professor of psychology and coordinator of the program.

In addition to traditional coursework, students immerse themselves in their major through fieldwork and internships rooted in the dynamic social and natural environments in their hometowns.

The program faculty worked intensely with their curriculum and community partners with the assistance of an Engaged Department Initiative through the New England Campus Compact grant to infuse service learning and community engagement at appropriate developmental stages into the program. Recent research indicates that students value service learning for its academic rigor and challenging, real-life application to the course material.

## SHOP AT MURDOCK BOOKSTORE ONLINE



Did you know that you can shop at the Murdock Bookstore online? Visit [www.bookstore.umm.maine.edu](http://www.bookstore.umm.maine.edu) to browse their virtual catalog!

## A WARM SCENE



New picnic tables, fire pits, and grills have been placed around the pond for student, staff, and public use. **Stephanie Mathias** captured this great photo during a fire with some of her friends.

## UMM LAUNCHES IMPROVED WWW.MACHIAS.EDU



If you've visited [www.machias.edu](http://www.machias.edu) recently, you may have noticed a larger, fresher look and improved navigation.

The Office of Marketing and Public Relations spent the summer giving the UMM Web site a much-needed face-lift. The new site retains all of the major functions of the previous version and adds several features, such as an audience-based navigation on the home page, an image-based container for feature stories, and RSS feeds for news and events. Most notably, the site expanded from 850 pixels wide to 970 pixels, which allows for larger photos and more content.

The site will soon feature student, faculty, and alumni testimonials throughout and short videos. If you haven't visited in a while, check out [www.machias.edu](http://www.machias.edu) today!

## IRENE HIBBS '32 CELEBRATES 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

Irene Hibbs celebrated her 100th birthday recently in Bangor. WABI TV5 News was on hand to interview Irene and many of her friends from Machias were in attendance. After graduating from the Washington State Normal School in 1932, Irene taught in local schools for 32 years. **Congratulations, Irene!**



Left to right: Penny Foss, Irene Hibbs, and Kim Page.



### BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK!

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# UMMCommunity

## SPRING 2012 TRIP TO AMSTERDAM AND PARIS

Are you interested in traveling to Amsterdam and Paris? UMM is coordinating an eight-day international trip for March 23–30, 2012.

Highlights of the visit to Amsterdam will include a boat tour of the canals, Anne Frank's house, Rijksmuseum, the Ten Boom House, and more. A train ride will take travelers to Paris, where they'll enjoy the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Garden of Versailles, and the Latin Quarter.

For more information, please contact Kay Kimball at (207) 255-1262 or kkimball@maine.edu.

## NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOARD OF VISITORS



UMM's Board of Visitors at their annual fall retreat at the Hubbard Cottage at Roosevelt Campobello Park in New Brunswick, Canada. Left to right: Kathleen Shannon, President Cynthia Huggins, Ruth Cash-Smith, Blaine Jones, Susan Corbett, Ernie Reisman, the Rev. Gini King, Doug Jones, Malcolm Holmes, Betsy Fitzgerald, James Thompson, WCCC President Joyce Hedlund, Doug Kell, and Tom Boutoureira.

Four new members were named to the University of Maine at Machias Board of Visitors over the summer:

- **Tom Boutoureira**, Executive Director of the Downeast Coastal Conservancy
- **Susan Corbett**, founder and CEO/CFO of Axiom Technologies
- **Doug Jones**, CEO of Down East Community Hospital
- **Kathleen Shannon**, Executive Director of the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

The Board of Visitors also elected James Thompson as chair and Gini King as vice chair for 2010–2011.

"It is great to see such leadership and involvement in our Board of Visitors," said UMM President Cynthia Huggins. "Their input is vital as we continue to meet the educational needs of Maine and Washington County. We have a group of hardworking individuals who truly care about our community and our University."

# UMMCelebrations

## HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2010



September 24–26 marked UMM's annual Homecoming and Family Weekend. Alumni, parents, students, faculty, and staff were on hand for a weekend full of events, including special festivities to celebrate the University's Centennial.

## ALUMNI RECONNECT AT MAC SENNETT LOBSTER FEED



The Annual Mac Sennett Lobster Feed & Alumni Reunion was held during Blueberry Festival Weekend in August. Nearly 50 alums joined family, friends, faculty, and staff for the reunion and auction.

Congratulations go to John Sprague '60, who was honored as a member of the 50-year class. Jennifer Frach '08 got the award for traveling the farthest distance, driving from St. Paul, Minn., to attend the reunion. The oldest class represented was the Class of 1937, with Elizabeth (DeShon) Tibbetts and Philmore Wass present.

Prior to the lobster feast, a variety of items donated by alumni and local organizations were auctioned off and raised \$785 for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The auction was great fun and will provide deserving students with much-needed scholarships to help them continue their educations.

## NEW SPORTS AND COACHES JOIN CLIPPER ATHLETICS



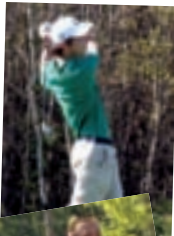
Left to right, David Dollins, Amy Fritz, Buddy Mills, and Skip Alley.

Clipper Athletics has added two new sports to its slate of offerings. This fall, the cross country program returned after a brief hiatus and is under the guidance of head coach David Dollins. Dollins also serves as the director of admissions for UMM.

Golf has also been added to the fall schedule and Jonesport resident Howard “Buddy” Mills is serving as the team’s head coach. Mills previously coached the Jonesport-Beals High School golf team for 15 years.

Also joining the Clipper coaching ranks are Amy Fritz and Skip Alley ’91. Fritz is the new head coach for volleyball after serving as assistant coach for the past two years. Previously Amy refereed throughout Washington County and coached the Washington Academy volleyball team.

Alley will serve as the new women’s basketball coach this season. He comes to UMM from Jonesport-Beals High School where he served as head coach of the varsity girls basketball team.



## VOLLEYBALL TEAM RAISES AWARENESS FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

The Clippers women’s volleyball team sported new pink warm-up shirts during the month of October to promote breast cancer awareness. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Clippers ordered the shirts to show their support.



During an October 2 home match, the Clippers held a bake sale and sold the pink Cure T-shirts, raising more than \$100 for breast cancer research.



### WINTER ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

Clippers fans! Come cheer on UMM’s student-athletes during the winter sports season. Here is when you can find them at the Reynolds Center Gymnasium.

#### BASKETBALL Men’s (M), Women’s (W) Home Games

Date	Opponent	Times
November 2	vs. University of New Brunswick-St. John	5 p.m. (W) 7 p.m. (M)
November 5	vs. University of Maine-Augusta	5:30 p.m. (W) 7:30 p.m. (M)
December 1	vs. St. Thomas	5:30 p.m. (W) 7:30 p.m. (M)
December 10	vs. Lee Academy Prep	7:30 p.m. (M)
January 21	vs. SUNY-Canton	5:30 p.m. (W) 7:30 p.m. (M)
January 22	vs. Vermont Tech	1 p.m. (W) 3 p.m. (M)
January 26	vs. University of Maine at Presque Isle	5:30 p.m. (W) 7:30 p.m. (M)
January 30	vs. College of Saint Joseph in Vermont	12 p.m. (W) 2 p.m. (M)
February 5	vs. Fisher College	1 p.m. (W) 3 p.m. (M)
February 17	vs. University of Maine at Fort Kent	5:30 p.m. (W) 7:30 p.m. (M)

Check the athletics Web site [www.ummlippers.com](http://www.ummlippers.com) for complete schedules, results and scores.

# Class Notes

## 1965

**David Michaud** has retired from teaching after 45 years at MSAD #25 (Patten/Sherman). David would love to hear from any of his old classmates. mich25@fairpoint.net

## 1975

**Daniel Hotham** has been named the new golf coach at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Daniel recently retired from Northern Maine Community College, where he served as a faculty member and golf coach.

**Michael Mugits** has been named the new superintendent for Green Island Union Free School District in Green Island, New York.

## 1976

**Glenn Billington** has been named to the Board of Directors for the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce. Glenn is the senior advertising representative for *The Free Press* in Rockland.

**Carroll LaHaye** has been inducted into the Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame. Since 1982, Carroll has served as head coach at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, and is among the most successful Division III women's basketball coaches of all time.

## 1989

**Stacy Brown** is now the director of fiscal services at Mount Desert Island Hospital in Bar Harbor. Sbrown7402@roadrunner.com

## 1994

**Tim Heavrin** lives in Winslow, Arizona, and has been working for the Arizona Department of Corrections for 13 years. He recently turned 50 years old and sends his best wishes to all the UMM family.

## 1996

**Scott Fernald** has been hired as assistant vice president and commercial lending officer of the Midcoast region for Camden National Bank. Scott graduated cum laude from UMM with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

## 2000

**Jeff Shaw** is the executive director of the Maine Academy of Modern Music, based in Portland. Jeff has been running a successful rock-and-roll summer camp for kids ages 11–17 in Portland, Bar Harbor, and Machias each summer. www.maineacademyofmodern-music.org

## 2002

**Jason Appleby** is the branch manager for Machias Savings Bank's branch in Columbia.

**Bryan and Lydia (Bellantoni) Murphy '03** are happy to announce the birth of their son Jack Roland Donald on April 17, 2010.

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

### Alumni Road Trip to Portland March 5–6, 2011

Enjoy shopping in Freeport, a Portland Pirates hockey game, and an overnight stay in Portland. For more information, please contact Michael May at (207) 255-1210 or michael.j.may@maine.edu.

## 2005

**Mike Kennedy** is pursuing a master's degree in E-Business and Information Systems at Newcastle University in the United Kingdom. After graduating this fall, he plans to return to the United States and eventually start his own business focused on e-business strategies for small businesses.

**Ashley (Choiniere) Franklin** received her master's degree and is working toward a PhD in Animal Science from the University of Maryland College Park. She got married in June 2009. ashley.franklin09@gmail.com

## 2006

**Kenneth Miller** has been hired by Healthy Peninsula in Ellsworth as a community health coordinator. Kenney will focus on reducing tobacco use among youth and adults, supporting management and

prevention of chronic diseases, and assisting local businesses and organizations in adopting worksite wellness practices. Kenney and **Stephanie (Curcione) '05** were married in 2009 and have an 8-month-old son. scurcione@gmail.com

## 2008

**Justin Proctor** is living in Ithaca, New York, and working for Cornell University's "Golondrinas de Las Americas" program, a project focused on exploring the breeding habits of several swallow species throughout the Western Hemisphere. He writes this to his classmates: "May the road rise to meet you, and may the wind always be at your back. Best wishes, Justin."

**Anthony McCoy** is working for the city of Dallas, Texas, as a program coordinator. mrmccoy21@yahoo.com

## What's your news?

We want to hear from you! Have you recently moved, married, had a child, changed jobs, changed your life? Is a younger relative now attending UMM? We want to hear about it, and so do your classmates. Keep us informed by e-mail. Send your latest details to michael.j.may@maine.edu.

Alumni wishing just to update their records may do so by calling (207) 255-1210 or via [www.machias.edu](http://www.machias.edu).

## REMEMBRANCES

**Lilith Bangs '33** passed away on May 22, 2010, at a York hospital in southern Maine.

**Anita Kelly Guptill '36 & '56** of Berwick passed away on June 2, 2010, after a long illness. Anita graduated from the Washington State Normal School in 1936, Washington State Teachers College in 1956, and the University of Maine with a Master of Education degree in 1965. She taught school for many years at the Rose M. Gaffney School in Machias.

**Philip Eaton '39** of Ellsworth passed away on February 16, 2010, at the age of 92. He served as a former member of the Ellsworth Jury Commission, city councilman, and served on the Ellsworth school board. He was also a member of the Ellsworth Rotary Club and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

**Arthur "Tart" Gardner '48** of East Machias passed away on March 19, 2010, at the age of 90. He began his lengthy teaching career at Machias High School from 1948 to 1957, before transferring to Washington Academy, where he served as a teacher and then headmaster until his retirement in 1977.

**Velma Walker '68** of St. Albans passed away on March 18, 2010, at the age of 65. For 33 years Velma shared her love of teaching with students in kindergarten and later first and second grade at St. Albans Consolidated School. For 17 of those years, she served as the assistant principal.

**Clayton C. Spencer '92** passed away on September 9, 2010, at a Bangor hospital. Clayton's career in law enforcement spanned more than 30 years, working for the Machias Police Department, Washington County Dispatch, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, and the Maine Department of Corrections.

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## UMM GRAD MAPS GULF OIL SPILL

Teri Dane '06 put the skills she learned in her geographic information systems courses at UMM to good use this summer—she was mapping the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.



Dane is a GIS analyst/technician for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in its Center for Spatial Analysis. She is part of a team that prepares maps for the center's Oil/Hazardous Spill Response and Planning section.

When the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, located in the Mississippi Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico, exploded and sank on April 20, Dane and her team were called in to map the environmental impact of the hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil that were leaking into the water.

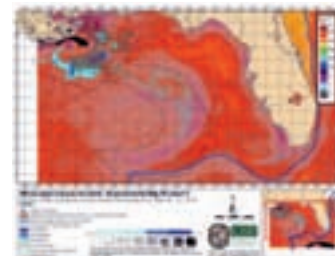
After the incident occurred, the team was updating maps of the oil spill daily to provide the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Department of Environmental Protection with a clear image of the gulf from the MODIS satellite. The maps assisted officials in developing response and cleanup strategies, in prioritizing response efforts, and in assessing damage after the spill.

Dane credits her education at UMM with preparing her for her role in monitoring the disaster in the gulf.

"The tools and skills that I learned [at UMM] are the same tools and skills that I use today at my job," said Dane, who received her bachelor's degree in marine biology. "Through the classes that I have taken [in GIS], I have gained valuable skills to apply to real-world situations and applications, especially in my current position."

After graduating from UMM, the Tilton, N.H., native spent time working for Project S.H.A.R.E., an organization that maps salmon habitat in Downeast Maine, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

"Receiving my B.S. in marine biology from UMM has opened many doors. From the first day of classes in fall 2001, I had hands-on experience in the field. I would not trade my education from UMM for another school."



**CORRECTION:** In the Summer 2010 issue, in the obituary for **Dana Mountain '91**, it was incorrectly stated that Dana was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi Eta fraternity. It should have read the "Eta chapter of the Kappa Delta Phi fraternity."



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## UMM President's Corner



The O'Brien House is one of the more distinctive features of the UMM campus, perched at the top of the hill with a beautiful view of the Machias River and quintessential New England town below. Nobody seems to know exactly when the house was built. I suppose we could find out if we took the time to dig deep into the town records, but I find it more appealing just to think of it as early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The house was part of the 12-acre O'Brien estate, purchased for the grand sum of \$4,000 dollars, that constituted the original Washington State Normal School campus way back in 1909. For the next 95 years, the various principals and presidents of the college lived in the O'Brien House, which was remodeled and renovated in fits and starts. Originally situated on the current site of UMM's lovely labyrinth garden (*Thank you, Dr. Kraus!*), the O'Brien House was moved farther up the hill at some point.

I'm the first president not to live in the O'Brien House. Personal reasons. My retired mother lives with Laurel and me, and she didn't relish the thought of climbing steep stairs to a second-floor bedroom. Also, we were building our own house just a mile or so from campus when I became president. So the O'Brien House—for the first time in almost 100 years—has been vacant recently.

I often get asked what we're going to do with the house. Of course, everyone has their own ideas. For example, we could turn it into the O'Brien Student Center /Admissions/Financial Aid/Development/Alumni/Multicultural Center/Environmental Liberal Arts/you fill in the blank/House. The problem is that it really and

truly is an early-19<sup>th</sup>-century house, which means small rooms, no elevator, an unfinished cellar and attic, and an awkward floor plan. It's not especially well suited for "institutional" purposes.

So if you have a house that doesn't lend itself to other purposes, perhaps the best thing is just to use it as a...house. But not just any old house. An Environmental Liberal Arts house, faithful to its 19<sup>th</sup>-century farming heritage. A model farmhouse that is energy efficient, with apple and maple trees in the front yard, and a four-season greenhouse and heirloom chickens in the backyard. Maybe a goat or two to keep the grass under control, and a quiet, efficient vertical-axis wind turbine and an array of solar panels tucked behind the driveway. And what if three or four students, and perhaps a staff or faculty member, lived upstairs and managed the house—eating food grown right there on-site, composting and recycling, monitoring energy usage, and naming the animals after characters in Victorian novels? (Heathcliff, the rooster? Just trying to work in my own bias here...)

The first floor could serve as an ELA learning space for small classes, workshops, meetings, and students just relaxing and enjoying themselves. Imagine the unique experiential learning opportunities for our students as they work with faculty to draft the concept, plan the details, and implement the vision for an ELA O'Brien House. They could be engaged in every step along the way, from crafting the business plan to bottling the apple cider. We could honor UMM's 100-year-old history as our students learn about sustainable living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

If you listen carefully, you can almost hear Heathcliff crowing.

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