

# UMM Review

A Publication for Alumni and Friends of the University of Maine at Machias



## 99<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

SUSTAINABILITY THE FOCUS OF UMM'S FIRST WASTE-FREE CEREMONY



From the keynote address by environmental educator **Don Hudson** (left) to students wearing gowns made of 100% recycled material, the 99th commencement of the University of Maine at Machias was fitting for an Environmental Liberal Arts institution. The event was the University's first "waste-free" ceremony, meaning everything was recycled or composted.

President **Cynthia Huggins** presided over the May 15 ceremony at which 73 bachelor's degrees and two associate's degrees were conferred. Three students—**Nathaniel Jillette** (Lewiston, Maine), **Andrew Hayes** (New Castle, Delaware), and **Cody Jourdet** (Friendship, Maine)—were awarded both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree.

In her charge to the graduates, Huggins encouraged the class of 2010 to live for the moment and not lose sight of the simple things.

"Don't get so wrapped up in building your future that you miss the small joys found in the present," she said. "Find what makes you joyful and run with it."

Don Hudson, president of the Chewonki Foundation, delivered the commencement address and reflected on his life since his college graduation.



Hudson encouraged the graduates to live a sustainable life and acknowledged the work being done at UMM.

"Teaching and learning about sustainability is student-centered and hands-on," he said. "You are working on that revolution right here in Machias."

Hudson was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to environmental education and sustainability.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to **William Cassidy '75**, who retired in December 2009 as president of Washington County Community College.

State Representative **Howard McFadden '67** was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of his distinguished career in education and his tenure in the Maine State Legislature.

The ceremony included musical performances by several of the graduating seniors. **Crystal Czaja**, an English and book arts graduate, performed "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. **Michelle Amato**, a secondary education graduate, and **Clifton Moser**, a business and entrepreneurial studies graduate, performed Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi."

The Ukulele Club, under the direction of music professor **Gene Nichols**, closed the ceremony by performing Dale Evans' "Happy Trails," a tribute to former University President **John Joseph**.

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"As I look back on my path through life and upon the full spectrum of my work, from the summer of 1966 to now, the impulse to reduce my footprint—my impact—on the planet was unavoidable," he said.

In his recipe for living more gently on the planet, a list of six essential principles of sustainability,

## DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

**MAC SENNETT LOBSTER FEED  
ALUMNI REUNION & AUCTION  
Saturday, August 21**

The Mac Sennett Lobster Feed, an annual tradition for UMM alumni since 1977, returns to the UMM campus—on the same weekend the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival is in town. More details on pg. 11.

**HOMECOMING 2010  
September 24–26**

Homecoming and family weekend brings together alumni, students, family, and friends to celebrate their UMM pride. Athletic events, canoe jousting, bounce houses, and a picnic... You won't want to miss it!

### UMM SUMMER CAMPS



Check out our expanded summer camps for 2010. We're offering seven unique camps for kids grade school age through high school. More details on pg. 7.

# UMMStudents

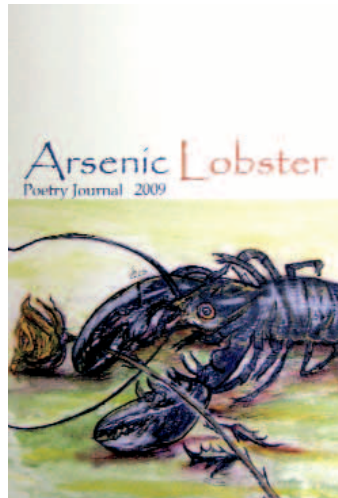
## NEWMAN CLUB COLLECTS \$200 FOR ANIMAL SHELTER



Students in the Newman Club collected more than \$200 and plenty of animal supplies for The Ark Animal Shelter in Cherryfield. The students, above, from left to right, are Mallory Ward, Susan Greenburg, William O’Neil, and Allie Boada. Missing from the photo is Angelica Roldan.

## POETRY JOURNAL PUBLISHES STUDENT AND PROFESSOR

UMM senior **Madonna Arsenault** (Machias, Maine) was quite surprised when she received a copy of the *Arsenic Lobster Poetry Journal* in the mail. Inside was one of her poems, “On My Walk,” a piece about growing up in Eastport. Arsenault had been encouraged by one of her professors, **Chris Crittenden**, to submit her poetry to several online journals, and she did just that. The print publication is an anthology of the year’s best online submissions, and Arsenault’s was one of them.



A second surprise came when she discovered that Crittenden’s poem “Halloween” was also published in the same anthology.

“Neither one of us knew that the other was in there,” said Arsenault. “It was pretty neat!”

## THANKS FOR KEEPIN’ ME WARM!

Several local homes were a little warmer this winter thanks to the Kappa Delta Phi fraternity and students in the Environmental Recreation and Tourism Management program. As part of the Keep ME Warm program, the two groups set out to help winterize the homes of elderly and limited-income individuals in Washington County.



Joined by **President Cynthia Huggins**, members of KDP helped the Centre Street Congregational Church tackle the winterization of several homes in the Machias area. The students put up banking, installed weatherization strips around windows and doors, and provided homeowners with compact fluorescent light bulbs, smoke detectors, and other useful items to get them through the winter.

Just weeks earlier, students in the recreation maintenance and operations class attended a training, where they learned how to install indoor window kits, caulk, and put up banking and outside plastic. Door draft stoppers, made by a group of local volunteers, were also assembled by the students. Once deployed throughout the area and performing the winterization work, the students took the time to share energy-saving tips with homeowners.

Keep ME Warm is sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Washington County: One Community.

## SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT RECYCLING

UMM students teamed up with the Bay Area Transfer Station this fall in an effort to raise recycling awareness. The joint effort was part of the statewide “Maine Recycles Week.”



The students used a variety of channels to help spread the word about the transfer station’s recently expanded services. Members of the social psychology class and the Green Council designed an insert for the *Machias Valley News Observer*, recorded public service announcements for the campus radio station, and spent time at the transfer station speaking with community members about recycling.

The collaboration between the two organizations was a perfect example of UMM’s Service Learning/Community Engagement initiative, aimed at providing students with out-of-the-classroom experiences in the local community.

## STUDENTS SPEND SPRING BREAK IN IRELAND



Six UMM students spent their spring break on a nine-day excursion to Ireland. Along with history professor **Kay Kimball**, staff member **Julie Millay**, and a community member, the students took in everything that the country has to offer. Highlights of the trip included sightseeing in Dublin, a trip to Trinity College to see the *Book of Kells*, a stop at the medieval town of Kilkenny, and a visit to the Blarney Castle where many kissed the famous Blarney Stone. The students, above from left to right, were **Paul Vinzani**, **Jennifer Parlin**, **Shelby Hopkins**, **Mirrissa Huntley**, **Stephen Diegleman**, and **Trenton Willey**.

## STUDENTS VISIT CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR

**Sandy Sparrow**, who teaches children's literature at UMM, took a group of students to Little Cranberry Isle to meet award-winning author **Ashley Bryan** this spring. Bryan invited the group to his Isleford home to learn about his work and to see where all of his inspiration comes from. The author, illustrator, and puppet maker gave the group a tour of the island, which boasts a year-round population of just 50 residents, and read aloud from his book *Beautiful Blackbird*.



The students also brought along several of their own children and siblings for the visit. It was an eye-opening experience that left everyone fascinated by island life and how coastal Maine can provide such inspiration to an author. The students, who made the trip via a mail boat, were **Dawn Wright**, **Sara Nehrings**, and **Maggie Mason**.

## BANKERS' SCHOLARSHIP FOR MARNIE LESBINES

The trustees of the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to **Marnie Lesbines** (Columbia Falls, Maine), a fourth-year business major at UMM.

Lesbines is a graduate of Narraguagus High School and attended the University of Southern Maine before transferring to UMM.

Previous recipients of the scholarship from UMM include **Beverly Weaver**, **Gayle Shepard**, **Everett Carroll**, **Steven Rodriguez**, **Sean Daye**, **Nancy Lund**, **Michael Littlefield**, **Sara Ippolito**, **Denise Hovey**, **Kelly Bohanon**, **Kurt Wood**, **Diane Birt Brown**, **Kelly Peaden**, **Donna Hawkins**, **Peter Beal**, and **Mark Bursley**.



Left to right: **Tom Potter**, **Mary Beth Gaddis**, **Marnie Lesbines**, **Kim Page**, and **Stuart Swain**.

## ARAMARK AND LOCAL STUDENTS TEAM UP WITH LOBSTER NIGHT

The annual Lobster Night at Kilburn Commons is an event that many students look forward to. For some, it's their first taste of Maine lobster and something to certainly call home and brag about. But, this year the event meant even more. While providing students with a coastal Maine meal, Aramark was hoping to give a small boost to the local fishing industry. That's where sophomore **Daniel Closson** (above, Bass Harbor, Maine) came in.



In previous years, the lobsters were purchased from a local co-op on nearby Beals Island. This year, **Kim Page**, director of student life, and **Matt Cormier**, food service director, approached a number of UMM students, including Closson, about purchasing the lobsters from them instead. Closson was thankful for the order and more than willing to help, providing 140 lobsters for the evening. Around the time of the dinner, the market price for lobster was the lowest he'd ever sold for. If it hadn't been for UMM's order, he probably would have pulled his traps out of the water and called it a season.

When asked how the students responded to eating the lobsters provided by one of their classmates, Closson said that he received a warm reception. "They all came up to me and said, 'Thank you.' I even showed a few of them how to crack open a lobster."

# UMM Faculty and Staff

## LIBRIZZI AND ATHEARN ADDRESS GHOST LEGENDS ON LOCAL NEWS

A pair of UMM professors were interviewed this fall by WABI TV 5 News about a local ghost legend. The Legend of Catherine's Hill is set along the Black's Woods Road, between Cherryfield and Franklin. It involves a young woman named Catherine who was decapitated in an automobile accident many years ago. When the sun goes down and fog settles along the road-way, it's said motorists can see the specter of a young woman.



Lisa Athearn



Marcus Librizzi

English professor Marcus Librizzi wrote about the legend in his book *Dark Woods, Chill Waters: Ghost Tales from Down East Maine*. "It was far more original and horrifying than I thought and there were far more people that had seen it than I thought," said Librizzi in his interview with WABI.

Students in Lisa Athearn's documentary production class made a video about the ghost tale while camping at Catherine's Hill. When asked by the news station to return to the area for an interview, Athearn was a bit reluctant.

"I had no idea what this adventure would take us to," Athearn said about the video project. "I was a complete non-believer at the start of the semester. Looking back now I think I was crazy for letting these kids do this."

## BEAL RECEIVES \$600K GRANT FOR EDUCATION CENTER AT DEI



Brian Beal, professor of marine ecology, recently received a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to help create an education center at the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research, on Great Wass Island. The grant, titled "Developing Infrastructure for Innovation in

Downeast Maine: Using Place- and Inquiry-Based Marine Science Education to Build a K-12 STEM Pipeline," aims to create a coastal studies curriculum for Downeast students.

UMM is the lead institution with Washington County Community College, University of Maine Sea Grant Program, Maine School Union #103 and Moosabec Community School District, and the Downeast Institute as partners.

The NSF grant will allow the team to work together to create a place-based and inquiry-based curriculum focused on the marine environment in the region that will be designed to excite K-12 students and teachers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

Using the grant funds, DEI will build a 1,200-square-foot state-of-the-art marine education center and classroom at its Black Duck Cove location, where it will deliver teacher workshops and summer marine science institutes for youth, as well as increase the scope of marine education offerings to undergraduates of UMM. Part of the grant has also funded a full-time director of the marine education center to help coordinate much of the training and other hands-on activities.

## KIMBALL EXHIBITS TEXTILE COLLECTION

History professor Kay Kimball unveiled a textile collection in a November exhibit at the UMM Art Galleries. Her exhibit, "Appalachian Traces: Landscape Studies in Textiles," featured a series of quilted batik panels she created after a sabbatical in the spring of 2008. She spent the semester conducting a comparative study of southern Appalachian coal mining and northern Appalachian lumbering of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The quilted panels are based on what Kimball learned about those industries and their impact on the environment.



## NICHOLS DIRECTS, ACTS, AND PLAYS TO SAVE THE DAY

Music professor Gene Nichols has been known to fill in when needed, even if it's at the last minute. One week before opening night, because of a personnel resignation, the Downriver Theatre Company asked him to direct the music for *Strike Up the Band*, their fall musical. For Nichols, this meant playing instruments while conducting the band.

Then, just after opening night, the female romantic lead came down with the H1N1 flu, and Downriver Theatre was considering canceling performances. Nichols volunteered to read and sing her lines/songs in a readers' theatre fashion, with everyone else onstage acting as if the real actor were there.

"It was basically: learn the music in a week, then act and sing as well," said Nichols.

As the female lead recovered, another lead character fell ill, and the second week had Nichols reading that actor's lines and singing his songs. As it turned out, opening night was the only show featuring the whole cast intact. Despite the hiccups, the performances were well received by all. Bravo, Gene!



Back row, left to right: Kay Kimball, Penny Foss, Ellen Hostert, and Jon Reisman. Front row, left to right: Joan Getchell, Mary Stover, and Rose Mondville.

## LONGTIME EMPLOYEES HONORED

The University of Maine at Machias held its annual Employee Recognition Dinner in September. The event was a time to welcome new faces and to recognize employees who have been with the University for many years. Among the employees honored were:

### 40 Years

**Joan Getchell**, *Human Resources and Assistant to the Vice President of Administration and Finance*

### 30 Years

**Penny Foss**, *Administrative Assistant, President's Office*

### 25 Years

**Rose Mondville**, *Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs Office*

**Jon Reisman**, *Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy*

**Bob Wood**, *Building and Grounds Mechanic/Trades Worker*

### 20 Years

**Mary Stover**, *Registrar*

**Wayne Tuell**, *Building & Grounds Maintenance Worker*

### 10 Years

**Ellen Hostert**, *Associate Professor of Biology*

**Kay Kimball**, *Associate Professor of History*

**Brian Ingalls**, *Security Guard*

## FACULTY NAMES AND NOTES



**Kevin Athearn**, assistant professor of natural resource economics, has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of environmental and community economics. His appointment was approved by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees at their meeting in March. His promotion is effective in September 2010.



**Meghan Duff**, assistant professor of psychology, presented at the 3rd Annual Schweitzer Fellows for Life conference held in Chicago. Her talk was titled "Reflections on Service: Meaning & Connection." She also spoke at the Washington County Drug Action Team's Fall Retreat with a talk, titled "Multiple Meanings: Addiction & Culture."



**Gene Nichols**, associate professor of music, performed percussion on the Washington County Children's Chorus' new CD, *Peace, Light and Joy Across the World*. Sales of the CD will help send the group to Luxembourg in June.



**Tora Johnson**, director of UMM's GIS Service Center, participated in a National Science Foundation workshop focusing on climate change education. The workshop, *Voices from the Community: A Workshop to Explore Key Issues in Climate Change Education*, took place in Arlington, Virginia. Thirty educators, researchers, and others were invited to help the agency devise their future strategy for climate change education.



**Robert Hauhart**, adjunct assistant professor of sociology, co-authored an article appearing in *Teaching Sociology*, in January 2010. The paper, titled "The Undergraduate Capstone Course in the Social Sciences," reports the results of a regional survey of capstone teaching practices in western U.S. sociology and psychology departments and compares the methods used to the "best practices" teaching literature.

## WELCOME ABOARD!



**Rafi Hopkins** is the new Webmaster on campus. He spends half of his time on campus and the other half telecommuting from his home in Eastport.

**Laura Bean** is the new assistant librarian at Merrill Library. Bean is responsible for carrying out all areas of library service, including public services, instruction, and reference assistance. Bean has served as UMM's temporary assistant librarian since October 2009.



**David Dollins** is UMM's new director of admissions. Dollins comes to UMM from Tempe, Arizona, where he was an academic advisor at Arizona State University. Before that he was an associate director of admissions at Northern Arizona University and an assistant director in the Office of Admissions at Colorado State University.



**Chad Everett** is UMM's new sustainability coordinator. He comes to UMM from St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, where he was a federal independent energy auditor. Everett is responsible for the planning, implementation, and general administration of UMM's campus sustainability program.

# UMMCampus

## MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EARLY COLLEGE

Since UMM established the Early College Program in 2004, students from regional high schools have taken nearly 700 college courses through the campus. UMM has offered these Early College opportunities both to encourage Washington County youth to consider college as an option after high school graduation and to help students get a head start on their college careers.

Encouraged by the success of this program, UMM has expanded scholarship opportunities for Early College students. Many Washington County students are already eligible to take one college course per semester at UMM through the Maine Department of Education's Aspirations Program. This program provides a scholarship covering 50 percent of tuition, and the University waives the remaining tuition and most fees. Beginning with the Spring 2010 semester, UMM will augment this state program so that area high school students may receive scholarships covering 50 percent of tuition for up to two courses each semester, including summer sessions. Under the new program, eligible students can finish a full year of college, at a substantially reduced cost, before they even graduate from high school.

## PAPER AND BOOK INTENSIVE TO TAKE PLACE AT UMM



Handmade paper and books will be the focus of an 11-day workshop this summer on the UMM campus. The 27th annual Paper and Book Intensive will bring book arts and papermaking enthusiasts from around the world to Machias. Described as a working sabbatical for practitioners and motivated beginners in the book arts, papermaking, and conservation, PBI consists of daily class sessions, lectures, and discussions to promote unusual levels of exchange and inspiration.



**Bernie Vinzani**, associate professor of art and director of UMM's Art Galleries, was instrumental in bringing PBI to the UMM campus.

## NEW SUSTAINABILITY LOGO UNVEILED

The Green Campus Steering Committee (GCSC) at UMM unveiled a new logo this spring that will serve as the symbol for sustainability efforts on campus.

**Jordan Gilletti** (Middletown, Rhode Island) designed the winning concept, which was chosen by students, faculty, and staff. Her design is centered on the initialism UMM and features three arrows forming a continuous loop to symbolize recycling.



The GCSC, formed in the fall of 2009, is made up of students, faculty, and staff members working to "green" UMM and educating the community on living a more sustainable life. To learn more, visit [www.umm.maine.edu/sustainability](http://www.umm.maine.edu/sustainability).

## O'BRIEN HOUSE UNDERGOES ENERGY AUDIT

The O'Brien House received an energy audit this spring as part of the Greening the O'Brien House project. Following an initial audit by HeatKeepers, UMM students worked with the Green Campus Steering Committee (GCSC) to perform an audit of their own. The students conducted a blower door air test on the house to measure air leakage and infiltration and also used an infrared camera to view cold spots around the exterior walls.



Greening the O'Brien House is a three-year-initiative that will transform the historic president's house into a twenty-first-century showcase home for sustainability. The project will focus on updating the heating, electrical, and roofing systems of the building while teaching students and community members how to renovate an old home with practical, economical steps toward energy efficiency and sustainability.



The energy audit was performed as part of the pre-retrofit process to establish a baseline to measure post-retrofit improvement and to create a list of areas in the building that will require air sealing. The GCSC and students enjoyed discussing the project with many visitors from the campus and the community who attended the audit.

# UMMCommunity

## UMM SUMMER CAMPS 2010



UMaine-Machias has expanded its summer camp offerings for 2010. Whether your child is into sports, arts, or the environment, we've got an exciting and fun program.

**July 25–31 • 1 Week: \$500**

### MyGIS (Maine Youth Geographic Information Systems)

*Overnight Camp, Grades 9–12*

Use state-of-the-art computer and GPS equipment, as well as satellite imagery and professional software to collect, analyze, and map data about the changing earth.

**July 26–30 or August 2–6  
1 Week: \$130**

### Make Create Imagine

*Day Camp, Grades 1–7*

Experience the beauty of the Maine coast environment through art.

**August 1–7 • 1 Week: \$500**

### MESSY (Maine Environmental Summer Session for Youth)

*Overnight Camp, Grades 7–9*

Fun, creative activities exploring the natural world and sustainability.

**Girls: July 26–30**

**Boys: August 2–6**

**1 Week: \$150**

### Clipper Youth Basketball Camp

*Day Camp, Grades 1–12*

Separate sessions for boys and girls teach teamwork, hoops skills, and much more!

**July 25–August 8**

**2 Weeks: \$1,150**

### MYSTI (Maine Youth Summer Theatre Institute)

*Overnight Camp, Grades 7–12*

Develop the art and craft of acting through the works of Shakespeare.

**July 26–30, August 2–6**

**2 Weeks: \$250**

### Maine Theatre Camp for Kids

*Day Camp, Grades 3–6*

Myth, magic, fairy tales, and folklore galore will abound in this two-week summer drama day camp for kids.

### For more information or to register:

Visit [www.umm.maine.edu/summer](http://www.umm.maine.edu/summer), call Naida Pennell at (207) 255-1289, or e-mail [naida@maine.edu](mailto:naida@maine.edu).

## NEW SCULPTURE EMERGES ON CAMPUS

*The Islands of Maine*, a large-scale granite sculpture created during the 2009 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, received a formal dedication on the morning of commencement in May.

A large gathering of community members and sculpture enthusiasts attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony, at which the Washington County Children's Chorus performed. Remarks were given by UMM President **Cynthia Huggins**, Washington County Manager **Betsy Fitzgerald**, Co-Chair of UMM's Board of Visitors **Susan West**, and Symposium representative **Jesse Salisbury**. Salisbury also read a note from the sculptor, **Jhon Gogaberishvili**, in which he thanked the community for their support and inspiration.

Bringing the sculpture to Machias was a collaborative effort of the Town of Machias, Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and UMM.



## LOCAL VETS HONORED WITH RECEPTION



Several veterans on UMM's faculty and staff were honored in November. Left to right: Tom Potter, Richard Larson (Professor emeritus), Ron Mosley, Arthur Hill, and Jim Sawyer.

Community members gathered on campus for a Veterans Day reception in November. The Ukulele Club played theme songs from the different branches of the armed services while Aramark provided a wonderful array of refreshments. The reception was a time to reflect and honor those who have served our country.

# UMM Celebrations

## HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2009



September 25–27 marked UMM's annual Homecoming and Family Weekend. A strong showing of alumni, parents, students, faculty, and staff turned out for the full weekend of events.

### SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Homecoming will take place September 24–26.

### GET YOUR COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL ITEMS!

UMM is celebrating 100 years and we've got the hardware to commemorate it! Murdock Bookstore is carrying a full line of centennial items, including T-shirts, mugs, coasters, and copies of *The University of Maine at Machias, 1909–2009, A History*, by Randall Kindleberger. Call the bookstore at (207) 255-1257 or visit us on the Web to order your centennial items today!



### Educating Maine Students to Rebuild Maine's Economy

Our Environmental Liberal Arts curriculum prepares students to strengthen the Maine economy, enhance the state's quality of life, and sustain the natural resources that define the Maine environment.

#### Did you know...

- 95% of all full-time UMM students apply for financial aid.
- 97% of those students actually receive some kind of financial aid.
- \$8,700 is the average aid package for Maine students.
- \$5,438 is the average grant/scholarship package for Maine students.
- 89% of 2008 graduates found employment within a year of graduation.
- 63% of 2008 graduates found employment in their major field of study.

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# UMMAthletics

## NEW LOGO FOR CLIPPER ATHLETICS



Brac Brady, UMM's athletic director, has unveiled a new logo for the Clippers sports teams. Designed by Major League Logos, the logo provides a new look for the Clippers' mascot, Cappy, and a more aggressive typeface. As part of the new identity package, several secondary logos were also designed to provide greater flexibility in branding team uniforms and merchandise.

"We are very excited to have this new look," said Brady. "I believe the new look will go a long way in branding the University's athletic program."

## 2009-2010 ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

### Men's Soccer

The Clippers men's soccer team finished the season 10-6-2 after losing to the University of Maine at Fort Kent in the championship game of the Sunrise Conference Tournament.

Two members of the men's team earned all conference awards. Sophomore forward **Greg Dawson** (St. Andrew's, Scotland) and senior defender **Pat Corliss** (Foxboro, Massachusetts) were both named to the all conference team for the second year in a row.



### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team finished their season 7-11 after losing to the University of Maine at Fort Kent in the first round of the Sunrise Conference Tournament.

Three members of the women's team were named to the Sunrise Conference all conference team. Sophomores Erin



O'Connor (McPherson, Kansas), Sarah Schimdt (Rocky Hill, Connecticut), and Stephanie Wunderley (Seagertown, Pennsylvania) all won the award for the second year in a row.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team finished the season 8-23 after being defeated by the University of Maine at Fort Kent in the Sunrise Conference Tournament.

Freshman **Elisa Boyd** (Anniston, Alabama) was named the conference Rookie of the Year. Boyd passed out 260 assists and had 105 digs and 42 aces. The Clippers volleyball squad also received the Team Sportsmanship Award.



### Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team finished the season with a 15-14 record after losing their semifinal match-up with Fisher College in the Sunrise Conference Tournament.

Junior forward **Clifford McDonald** (Sarasota, Florida) was named first team all-conference. McDonald led the conference in rebounding (9.6) and field goal percentage (.577) and was seventh in scoring (18.0). McDonald was also recognized at the Sunrise Conference banquet for receiving the Conference Player of the Week award on two occasions.

Junior guard **Jeremy Tolbert** (Milton, Florida) was also recognized for earning the Player of the Week once during the season.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team finished their season with a 16-10 record after losing to the University of Maine at Fort Kent in a semifinal game at the Sunrise Conference Final Four.

Freshman **Sabree Rodriguez** (Brockton, Massachusetts) was named a first team all conference selection and was awarded the Sunrise Conference Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year. In February, Rodriguez was named the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Player of the Week.

Junior **Kaeisha Parks** (Washington, D.C.) was named a second team all conference selection.



## Class Notes



Attending the UMM Snowbird Barbecue in St. Pete Beach, Florida, were, back row, left to right, Don Chalmers '68, Peggy Wormwood Cole '68, Ivan Cole '67, John Buck '68, and Norna Chisnell '68. Front row, left to right: Genie Townsend '68, Harriet Watson Chalbeck '68, Terri Gaudreau Slattery '68, and Mike Donahue '72.

**Genie Townsend '68** wrote: "Several UMM grads got together in late January for a barbecue and lots of conversation in St. Pete Beach, Florida. After the Mac Sennett Lobster Feed, it was discovered that there were many UMM snowbirds and so the idea of a get together took shape. Next year's event will be announced at a later date and all snowbirds are invited."

**1965**  
**James Chiaravalloti** retired in 2004 after 35 years with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in West Palm Beach, Florida. James says that he still plays the guitar and sings, and would love to hear from his 1964 and 1965 classmates.  
[thechev@aol.com](mailto:thechev@aol.com)

**1978**  
**Karen Robinson** of Largo, Florida, married Richard A. Salisbury of Westbrook, Maine, on June 25, 2009, in Westbrook. Karen will be relocating to Maine's coastal area in the spring of 2010.  
[LivingLifeForce@aol.com](mailto:LivingLifeForce@aol.com)

**1979**  
**Julie Ganong** recently opened the Chococoa Café in Newburyport, Massachusetts. In addition to serving Fair Trade coffee and breakfast items, the bakery-café is home to the Chococoa Baking Company's original dessert creation, The Whoopie, an update on the classic New England whoopie pie.  
[www.chococoabaking.com](http://www.chococoabaking.com)

**1982**  
**Pauline (Frost) Stevens** lives in Bingham and is the regional director for the Early College for ME Program on the Kennebec Valley Community College campus.  
[pstevens@kvcc.me.edu](mailto:pstevens@kvcc.me.edu)


**1986**  
**Jerry Hunter** is president of the Eastern Business Education Association.

**1999**  
**Blynn "Buddy" Mooers** lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he works as a cash accountant for OSI Restaurant Partners, the parent company of the Outback Steakhouse chain.  
[bmooers@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bmooers@tampabay.rr.com)

**2004**  
**Matthew Frederickson** was recently appointed as one of three new City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, police officers. Matthew graduated cum laude with a degree in English and a minor in behavioral science.

**2005**  
**P.J. Singh** was promoted to an admissions counselor in the Office of Admissions at UMM. P.J. lives in Machias with his wife, **Beth '05**, who is a fourth-grade teacher.

**2006**  
**Jeremiah Johnson** is living near Washington, D.C., and works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration as a supervisor. During his time at UMM, Jeremiah was a star basketball player, earning Sunrise Conference Player of the Year honors in 2006 and surpassing the 1,000 career point mark.

**2009**  
  
**Zach Dozier** (left) and **Julie Miller** are married and working at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm in McLean, Virginia. Zach is an interpreter, explaining

what living on a small tobacco farm in the 1700s was like, while Julie works in the greenhouses. Learn more about the farm at [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org).  
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## MAC SENNETT LOBSTER FEED AND ALUMNI REUNION



**SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010**

The Mac Sennett Lobster Feed has been a UMM tradition since 1977. Be sure to join us the afternoon and evening of August 21 to enjoy good food, reunite with classmates, bid for great things at the Alumni Association Auction, and learn all that's new at UMM. It's the same weekend as the Machias Wild Blueberry Festival, so there will be lots to do. Overnight housing in the residence halls will be available on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Registration materials will be arriving in mailboxes in June. Contact the President's Office at (207) 255-1210 for more information. We hope to see you there!

## MAC SENNETT LOBSTER FEED '09 ALUMNI AUCTION



*Arnie Clough and Howard McFadden*

Organized by Alumni Association Executive Board member Mary McFadden '65, the auction made a comeback at the 2009 Mac Sennett Lobster Feed & Alumni Reunion this past August.

Auctioneer Howard McFadden '67, assisted by Arnie Clough '67 and Carol Webster '65, successfully

auctioned off a variety of donated goods and services and earned a total of \$660 for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The auction was great fun and provided an event where every participant was a winner—winning bidders took away wonderful goods, the scholarship fund was increased, and deserving students will be awarded much-needed scholarships to help them continue their educations.

It's not too early to be thinking of items you'd like to donate to the 2010 Alumni Auction, part of the Mac Sennett Lobster Feed & Alumni Reunion slated for August 21, 2010. Some suggested donation items include antiques, jewelry, trips, gift baskets, afghans, home-baked foods, etc. Contact Mary McFadden at [mmmcfadden@roadrunner.com](mailto:mmmcfadden@roadrunner.com) or call the President's Office at (207) 255-1210 for more information. All proceeds from the auction go to the Alumni Scholarship Fund for scholarships to be awarded to nontraditional students at Honors Convocation in the spring.

## REMEMBRANCES

**Virginia S. Cheney '60** of Machias passed away on October 15, 2009. Virginia's deep connection to UMM goes back more than 70 years. She was an elementary school student at the Model School of the Washington State Normal School. After graduating from Machias High School, she moved out of the area, returning to Machias in 1956. Virginia enrolled at what was then the Washington State Teachers College. A year after graduating, she began teaching at the Model School and later served as principal. In the early 1970s, when the school became the University of Maine at Machias, Virginia began a teaching career in the education department. She retired in 1993 from UMM as Vice President for Academic Affairs. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bernard Cheney of Machias.

**William Robinson** passed away on September 5, 2009, at the age of 77. Bill graduated from Monson Academy in 1949 and Farmington State Teacher's College in 1953. He earned his master's degree in education at the University of Maine, Orono. After his graduation he served in the Army for two years, during the Korean War. Bill went on to a career in teaching that lasted 37 years. He served on the faculty board at the University of Maine at Machias and retired from Rose M. Gaffney School in Machias in 1993.

**William Sternberg '56** passed away on October 30, 2009, at the age of 73. Bill graduated from Machias Memorial High School and the Washington State Teachers College. He later received a master's degree in administration from the University of Maine in Orono. Bill served as teaching-principal at Deer Isle Elementary School and at the McLain School, before serving as principal of South School until 1976. At that time he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 5, retiring in 1988 from the position of Superintendent of SAD 5. Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jane, and their seven children.

**June (Smith) Griffin '80** of Jonesport passed away on February 5, 2010, at the age of 54. June was a graduate of Jonesport-Beals High School and graduated summa cum laude from UMM with a degree in elementary education. She is survived by her husband, Lowell, and four children.

**Dana Mountain '91** of Southwest Harbor and Mars Hill passed away on November 20, 2009, at the age of 42. Dana graduated from UMM with a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation management. He was a lifelong member of the Kappa Delta Phi Eta fraternity.

# UMM *President's Corner*



Last night at dinner with friends, we got to talking about how much things have changed at UMM over the past decade or so. Faculty members who have come and gone, the students who remain—for good reasons or not—firmly stuck in our memories, and the gradual evolution of things in general. Being involved in the life of this campus on a daily basis, nose to the

grindstone, it's easy not to notice that UMM is a very different place than it was a decade ago.

Even in the five short years that I've been privileged to serve as president, UMM has undergone significant change. The most critical shift has been the adoption of an Environmental Liberal Arts focus, which gives the campus and curriculum the perfect 21st-century focus for our setting and academic programs. Just this week, the UMM faculty approved a marvelous revision of our core curriculum, moving to a sequence of interdisciplinary ELA seminars—Humans and Nature, Natural Environments, Human Communities, and Recreation and Wellness. The course titles may change as this curriculum is more fully developed over the next few months, but the significance of this initiative to the future of UMM and our students is gigantic. I am so proud of our faculty—their vision, hard work, and commitment to the promise of Environmental Liberal Arts as the touchstone of UMM's future.

Changes outside the academic enterprise have also been dramatic. We have wonderful new staff in Admissions, Marketing and Public Relations, Student Support Services, Merrill Library, Athletics, and Student Life—to name but a few. Name recognition for UMM is growing, our Web site is dynamic and appealing to students, our Early College Program for high school students is a huge success, and we are learning every semester how to best serve the evolving needs of students both inside and outside the classroom.

We have an organic garden on campus, we're adding golf and cross country teams to the Clipper Athletics program, and we're gradually, systematically upgrading our facilities for energy efficiency.

Change can be exhilarating and exhausting, promising and frightening. This summer UMM is losing two longtime employees to well-deserved retirements. And while we celebrate for Bobby Wood and Penny Foss, we also wonder how on earth we'll get along without them. I've become accustomed to seeing Bobby as I walk across campus on a sunny afternoon, and he never fails to smile and throw his hand up in a friendly wave. If you ask Bobby what he's going to do with his time now that he's retired, he'll tell you that he's going fishing. Happy fishing, my friend.

Penny has worked right here in Powers Hall for 32 years, since being hired as a clerk-typist in 1978. Presidents Arthur Buswell, Fred Reynolds, Paul Nordstrom, and John Joseph were lucky—they never had to do without her. I'm about to find out what it's like to NOT have Penny Foss sitting at that desk, calmly and efficiently managing the day-to-day operations of the President's Office. That's one change that I'm not exactly looking forward to, although nobody deserves the warm, relaxing embrace of retirement more than Penny.

On my birthday last year, Penny gave me an unusual gift—an old apothecary jar half filled with beautiful, well-used marbles. Large and small, some with chips or cracks, in every color of the rainbow. Her explanation? The gift was a reminder to me, in the fast-moving changes to which my job is so often subject, not to lose my marbles. Change is important and necessary, but we also need to hold fast to our core mission and shared values. That jar will never leave my office. Here's hoping that we both can firmly hold on to our marbles, my friend. Happy trails, Penny.

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