

UMM Review

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Classrooms Get \$2.3 Million Face-lift

SUMMER RENOVATIONS IN SCIENCE AND TORREY RESULT OF LAST FALL'S BOND PACKAGE

Seen Torrey Hall lately? Visited the Science Building? There is plenty “new” about these two old buildings on the University of Maine at Machias campus. By late August when students, staff and faculty return, the interiors of the two buildings will be more inviting than ever.

That’s because the buildings are undergoing an estimated \$2.3 million in construction costs this summer. Torrey Hall is getting a complete renovation, as are several areas of the Science Building.

Financing for the improvements was generated by the bonds that Maine’s voters approved in last November’s referendum, which sought upgrades to all of Maine’s seven public university campuses.

“That \$2.3 million is all gone,” reported Robert Farris, UMM’s director of Physical Facilities, who oversees the project day-to-day. “You can bet that we are using absolutely all of it.”

Starting with asbestos removal, the work began in mid-May—in fact, the day after UMM’s May Term classes ended on May 16. “It’s been busy, and it’s going to be even busier right through the third week of August,” Farris said. “We’ll then be moving all the furniture back in during the last week of August.”

Torrey Hall is a 48-year-old building, two stories and 30,000 square feet of classrooms for the professional and liberal arts programs. The current work will modernize the classrooms to current technology and standards. It will also address energy efficiency,

deferred maintenance and critical safety and compliance issues.

The Science Building houses science laboratories and classrooms for the marine biology, biology and environmental science programs. Built 33 years ago,



Robert Farris, UMM’s Physical Facilities director, kept a daily eye on progress with the Torrey Hall and Science Building renovations since May. His photos show attention to detail as the building interiors were stripped away and rebuilt.

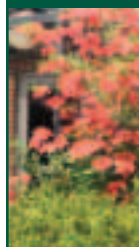
it’s a 25,000-square-foot, two-story brick building that needs modernized laboratories and critical safety and compliance upgrades.

UMM chose to work with Maine companies on the project. Oak Point Associates of Biddeford is the architect, and Pizzagalli Construction Company of Portland is the contractor.

The project was beyond the scope of any Washington County contractor, Farris noted. “Nobody here was big enough to turn around this type of job in three months,” he said.

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DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

MAC SENNETT LOBSTER FEED Saturday, August 16

Ahoy, alumni! The revitalized annual alumni event is back for another fabulous day. Save the date, and stay in touch with the President’s Office (255-1210) about the day full of lobsters and alums.

ORIENTATION August 30–September 2

Incoming students, get ready to go – many places. UMM’s Orientation is unparalleled, and the trips off campus are plentiful. From canoes on a nearby lake to a boat trip on the Passamaquoddy Bay, students see how the UMM experience is all about the environment.

HOMECOMING September 26, 27 and 28

It’s Great Being Green! That’s the theme of the best Homecoming in years. It’s also Parents’ Weekend, so it’s a time for all ages on campus. More than anything, don’t miss the outdoor picnic.

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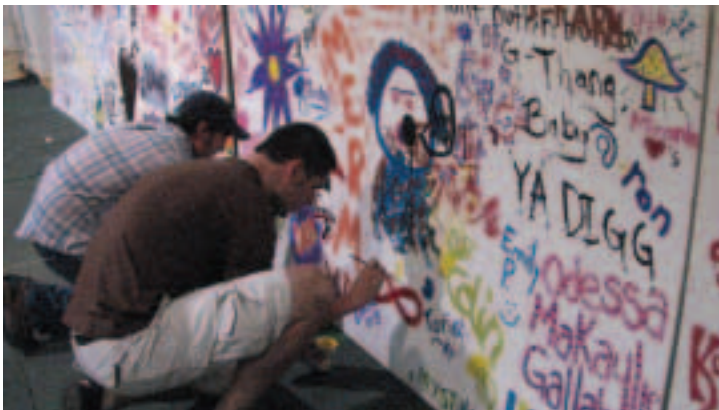
'THOU ART FAIR' ATTRACTS THE HIGH SCHOOLERS

Now, that's creativity. For one Thursday in April, the campus was filled with about 100 Washington County high school students attending the Thou Art Fair. The multi-dimensional fair in the university gymnasium feted all manner of fun, mostly around music, dance and art. The Reynolds Center became an anything-goes venue.

Old record albums became a tower on a table, held together with paper clips, for example. Decorations, costumes, exhibits, music and dance were everywhere. Options for fun ways to spend four hours included playing percussion in a darkened basement room, acting out Monty Python sketches, making jewelry, painting on a wall-long mural, and even leaving behind a crime scene outline on newsprint on the floor.

Back in the gym, students came from eight area high schools: Machias Memorial, Washington Academy, Jonesport-Beals, Lubec, Calais, Narraguagus of Harrington, Shead of Eastport and, for the first time, East Grand of Danforth.

Such an event, now an annual rite of April, took a UMM village to stage it. Interdisciplinary Fine Arts faculty Gene Nichols (music), Greg Henderson (art), Gerard NeCastro (English) and Bernie Vinzani (book arts) took all night to set up the gym, transforming it from basketball courts to a place where fun was whatever the students wanted it to be.



STUDENT STARTS EQUINOX PETROGLYPHS PROJECT

Stephanie Francis, shown above, one of UMM's Passamaquoddy students, was at the ceremony in October 2006 when the Machiasport land containing petroglyphs was transferred back to the Passamaquoddy people. In 2007, she had a vision—create an art exhibition that honors the rock art, some of it 3,000 years old.

One year later, the opening reception on June 20 for Francis' vision—*The Equinox Petroglyph Project: Interpretations by Women and Children*—drew 300 people to the UMM Art Gallery. The artwork is by female artists of the area, and as many as 30 students from the Pleasant Point and Indian Township schools.

After its one-month run at UMM, the show shifts to the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor through January 2009 followed by a September 2009 showing at the Tides Institute and Museum of Art in Eastport.

RAINBOW BALL IS A FIRST-TIME SUCCESS

More than 60 friends of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Allied Students of Maine gathered for UMM's first Rainbow Ball on a Saturday evening in April. The semiformal prom at Kilburn Commons drew a mix of students from UMM and other colleges, and high schoolers both local and traveling for the event. It was co-sponsored by Omicron Delta Pi, UMM's new Greek fraternal advocacy organization that emerged last spring.



The Rainbow Ball was supported by the nonprofit Bridge Alliance, which offered to sponsor up to 30 high school students from Aroostook, Washington, Piscataquis and Penobscot counties with transportation and a low-fee overnight in UMM's residence halls. The event's success means that it likely will repeat as an annual activity.



Crystal Czaja, left, Vandy Farren and Sean Plourde in *Criminal Genius*.

'CRIMINAL GENIUS' SHOWCASED UMM'S BEST

One of the year's theatrical highlights so far was the participation of two students, **Sean Plourde** (Fort Kent, Maine) and **Michelle Buckley** (Becker, Minnesota), in the Irene Ryan Scholarship competition in western Massachusetts.

Plourde was the nominee and Buckley was the scene partner for the competition. Their selection was based on their performance in UMM's spring 2007 production, when regional adjudicators from the theatre festival identified them as outstanding actors on the regional level.

Plourde, who graduated in May, returned to the stage in April to highlight a small cast for George Walker's *Criminal Genius*. Directed by Arthur Hill, the others on stage were **Crystal Czaja** (East Machias, Maine), **Steve Diegleman** (Batavia, New York), **Adam Brown** (Monticello, Maine) and **Vandy Farren** (Ellsworth, Maine). **Jackie Rushley** (Virginia Beach, Virginia) was the understudy.

'CELEBRATE UMM' OFFERS MANY WAYS TO CELEBRATE

Awards were announced for various outstanding service to campus and community by individuals and groups. These students and staffers included:

Kani Malsom and **Joseph McLaughlin**, who work to preserve and promote traditional Wabanaki culture and spirituality.

Loie Mellerup, who participated in all levels of the Soliya Connect Program, including being a facilitator for video-conference discussion groups between U.S. and Middle Eastern university students.

Daniel Swain, for his roles on campus in Student Senate, the UMM radio station, Residence Hall Council, and the President's Planning and Budget Advisory Council.

Breanna Pinkham, who used the skills she learned in her Book Arts classes to redesign the Schoodic Arts News, a newsletter for the Schoodic Arts for All program in her hometown of Winter Harbor.

Staffer **Wayne Tuell**, who has supported students in the Soliya Connect Program for the past two years by making the computer labs accessible in the early mornings.

Marine biology professor **Gayle Kraus**, who has worked on many projects that benefited campus and community throughout the years. She

BINNACLE IS AN INTERNATIONAL SPECTACLE

Hundreds of writers worldwide responded to the call for entries for the *Binnacle*, UMM's literary publication, which draws its content from UMM's annual Ultra-Short Competition. The fifth contest, which ended in May, resulted in 722 entries coming from 21 countries and six continents.

The Internet spreads the buzz about the contest, which asks writers to submit prose of just 150 words, or poetry no longer than 16 lines. *Binnacle* staff members judge all the entries, and identified the following as winners of the contest:

GRAND PRIZE

Elizabeth Kerlikowske (Kalamazoo, Michigan).

TOP POETRY PRIZE

Ellen Birkett Morris (Louisville, Kentucky).

TOP PROSE PRIZE

Laurelyn Whitt (Spanish Fork, Utah).

TOP UMM STUDENT WORK

Mike Lachance (Uxbridge, Massachusetts).

Submissions for the sixth Ultra-Short Competition will be accepted from December 1, 2008, to February 15, 2009.



has hosted ornithology programs for local middle-school students; built the labyrinth gardens; monitored phytoplankton for red tide blooms; tagged salmon smolts every spring; rescued stranded seals; and has assisted Allied Whale with necropsies of marine mammals.

UMM's **100% Society**, which received the student organization service award. (See *Rainbow Ball* pg. 2)

UMM's **Green Council**, which shared the student organization service award. The group led UMM in finishing 28th among all universities and colleges in the national RecycleMania contest, as the top school in Maine and ninth among all public schools participating. Green Council also won a recycling bin grant from Coca-Cola and the National Recycling Coalition—as one of just 75 recipients out of 1,100 considered.

UMM Students

GREEK GAMES STAND OUT ON SPRING WEEKEND



The annual Greek Games, which coincides with Spring Weekend, was a week-long experience to the extreme. Monday they played pool, Tuesday, darts, and Wednesday, air hockey. Thursday was ping

pong, and Friday was dodgeball and a canoe joust.

Saturday was given over to basketball, volleyball, street hockey, tug-o-war and everybody's end-of-the-day favorite, chariot races. In the end, Sigma Chi Lambda finished first among the fraternities, and Kappa Eta won among the sororities.

The celebrating has only begun. This fall marks 80 years for both Kappa Alpha Kappa and Phi Tau Phi, the two oldest Greek organizations on campus.

IT'S ALL GREEK TO THEM

Four traditional fraternities and four traditional sororities have long brought an element of camaraderie to the campus. Now the Greek community has a new option, the ODP fraternity—for both men and women—that focuses on providing access to the opportunities and responsibilities of Greek life to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students on campus.

Pledging to one of the Greek organizations provides the basis for a family-like support system during the college years, followed by lifelong connections. It's one of the reasons that Greek involvement is so strong on campus. Greeks campuswide joined together for a group photo on one day in May.



SCOTT DORRITY IS NEW MAINE POLICY SCHOLAR

Scott Dorrity (Winterport, Maine) has been selected as UMM's next Maine Policy Scholar. The announcement was made at the Spring Honors Convocation. Like most previous Scholars, he is doing an independent study course, Introduction to Policy Analysis, this summer under the direction of Jon Reisman, chair of the Professional Studies division. Scott's project is documenting how as many as three Washington County elementary schools are implementing the federal No Child Left Behind Act.



JUST THE BOOST THIS ENTREPRENEUR NEEDED

The Student Business Plan Competition, sponsored by the University of Southern Maine School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship, was won by Kurtis Petersons (Portland, Maine). The competition is designed to promote the entrepreneurial spirit in Maine and allows students to create and develop an original business idea into a solid business plan.

Kurtis, who had much of the materials and research for a GPS-based golf scorecard and mobile caddie application already accomplished, signed up for the UMM Entrepreneurship course, which gave him enough knowledge to find the "vehicle and structure" necessary to make the plan recognizable to the panel of experts. Kurtis took home \$10,000 in cash and \$15,000 in consulting services to start his business venture.

SPRING CONVOCATION HONORS

The Spring Honors Convocation on April 23 produced plenty of reasons to be proud. Accolades and awards abound. Among them:

GREEK AWARDS

Spring 2007
Kappa Alpha Kappa sorority,
Kappa Delta Phi fraternity.

Fall 2007
Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority,
Kappa Delta Phi fraternity.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Science Club

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Krystal Baker (Dedham, Maine), Betsy Barber (Blair, Nebraska), Lynda Barnes (Machias), Megan Begley (Easton, Pennsylvania), Amber Damon (Sabattus, Maine), Molly Kurz (Marshfield, Maine), Jennifer Law (Gilbert, Iowa), Anthony Martiniano (Troy, New York), Ryan Martin (Ellsworth, Maine), Chris McGuire (Woolwich, Maine), Sarah Minard, Rachelle Pinault (Parsonsfield, Maine), Shawn Sabourin (Lewiston, Maine), Gayle Shepard (Stonington, Maine), Jessica Turk (Canberra, Australia), Gabriel Turner (Holden, Maine).

(Martiniano also received a gift certificate to the UMM bookstore for giving the most tours, 17, for the 2007–2008 school year.)



DEAD POETS SOCIETY AWARD

Rachel Rier (Machias)

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE VISUAL ARTS

Josey Cary (Machias), Michelle Amato and Sean Amato (Addison, Maine), Gwendolyn Carter (Veazie, Maine), Melissa Dilorenzo, Randi Smith (Pleasant Point, Maine), Lauren Koss (Whitneyville, Maine), Tim Mace (Machias).

SENIOR HONORS AWARDS IN THE VISUAL ARTS

Kelly Kilton (Marshfield, Maine), Steve McGinley (Alexander, Maine), Elise Randles (Eugene, Oregon), Sandy Scovil (Columbia, Maine).

INTERDISCIPLINARY FINE ARTS AWARD

Gwendolyn Carter

JACK ARMSTRONG BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AWARD

Michelle Buckley (Becker, Minnesota)

OUTSTANDING SENIOR APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

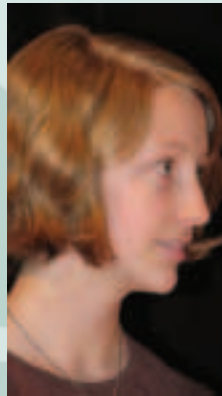
Amanda Woodruff (Princeton, Maine)

EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE AWARD

Nathaniel Jillette (Lisbon Falls, Maine)

GENERAL CHEMISTRY AWARD

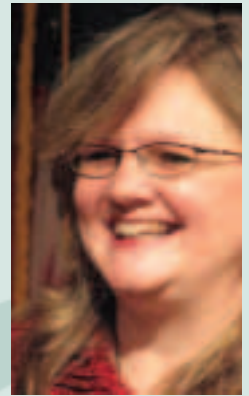
Stephanie Mathias (Huntington, Indiana)



Rachelle Pinault



Bill Weaver



Lois-Ann Kuntz

PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION AWARD

Anna Adams (Mariaville, Maine), Annaliese Behrman (Bellingham, Massachusetts), Zachary Dozier (Portland, Oregon).

RECREATION FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Kelsey Kurz (Marshfield, Maine), Allen Lennox

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT AWARD

Gayle Shepard (Stonington, Maine)

OUTSTANDING SECONDARY EDUCATION AWARD

Bethany Searles (Lubec, Maine)

SENIOR CLASS HONORS

Tradition holds that the senior class announces a range of awards at the Spring Convocation. With Shelbie Ross (Machias) and Rachel Sawyer (Harrington, Maine) representing the Senior Class, they announced the following, as selected by the seniors:

Frederic A. Reynolds Faculty Award
Professor Bill Prescott (mathematics)

Unsung Hero Staff Award
Bill Weaver (registrar)

Senior Class Marshal for Commencement
Associate professor
Lois-Ann Kuntz (psychology)

Additionally, President Huggins presented the Senior Watch Awards, selected for leadership by the faculty, to graduating seniors Innocent Ndzana (Cameroon) and Rachelle Pinault. (Parsonsfield, Maine).

The Class of 2007's gift to UMM is a plaque for the student lounge, which is being renamed in honor of Douglas Strout, a UMM student from Machiasport who died in November.

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\$742,000 GRANT FOR GIS IS CONFIRMED

The three-year National Science Foundation grant for \$742,000 that was written about in the Spring UMM Review, from the NSF's Advanced Technological Education program and intended for UMM's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) laboratory has been confirmed.

The award, announced in late May, is among a select group of projects identified nationwide by the ATE's Division of Undergraduate Education. Just 70 of the 192 projects submitted were funded, according to the NSF's Web site.

"We are pleased that UMM has been recognized nationwide for its GIS program to date," UMM President **Cynthia Huggins** said. "This federal funding will further establish UMM as a leader in this growing field."

Tora Johnson, UMM's director of the GIS lab and Service Center, prepared the grant proposal in 2007. She believes it is the first funded project in the nation that specifically addresses the GIS needs of small schools and rural institutions.

The plan behind Johnson's proposal is for GIS technical education "to become more accessible, and more practically applicable for the needs of Maine's workforce," Johnson said. "It also expands our capacity to provide GIS across a rural state."

Johnson's project involves a statewide, three-year initiative that brings together three of Maine's public universities, three of Maine's community colleges, "and an extended family of other partners statewide and nationally," she said.

Johnson will serve as the project's principal investigator. Co-principal investigators will come from five other schools: University of Maine at Augusta, University of Southern Maine, Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, and Washington County Community College in Calais. At UMM, **Lois-Ann Kuntz**, associate professor of psychology, will work as the project's internal evaluator.



APPRECIATION DAY ACKNOWLEDGES ASSISTANTS

How many ways can one say thank-you? At UMM, at least 21 ways—because that is how many administrative assistants were thanked one afternoon in May by President **Cynthia Huggins**. Surrounded by the rest of UMM's faculty and staff, Huggins had individual words and roses for each of the administrative assistants who keep this campus moving forward. They are, with their offices:

Margaret Dyer (business), **Penny Foss** (President), **Mary Beth Gaddis** (financial aid), **Jo Ellen Harvey** (business), **Barbie Holmes** (business), **Betty Kelley** (development), **Loni Levesque** (Internet technology), **Betty Merritt-West** (student life), **Julie Millay** (student center), **Angela Mills** (registrar), **Rose Mondville** (academic affairs), **Linda Patryn** (physical plant), **Rona Pelletier** (Aramark), **Kim Sermersheim** (Calais Center), **P.J. Singh** (admissions), **Kelly Stevens** (Center for Lifelong Learning), **Carlene Harmon** (personnel), **Susan Tinker** (admissions), **Jeannie Vose** (library), **Bill Weaver** (registrar), and **Linda Willey** (faculty).

Also, **Naida Pennell**, since 2007 the coordinator for the office for community education and outreach, was thanked for her many years as an administrative assistant in different offices.

FIVE MAKE IMPACT AT CAMPUS COMPACT

Five UMM faculty attended the Northern New England Campus Compact Engaged Department Institute in June in Keene, New Hampshire. **Lisa Athearn** (documentary film), **Meghan Duff** (psychology), **Tora Johnson** (Geographic Information Systems), **Lois-Ann Kuntz** (psychology) and **Jamie Moriera** (sociology) were selected to participate based on their grant proposal. This Behavioral Sciences and Community Studies team met with other teams from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to share information on how to become an engaged program.

"We began our action planning for the first year's \$2,000 award," Kuntz reported. "For the first year, we plan to include some curriculum revision to better prepare our students, community partners and ourselves for service learning courses."

MIKE KIMBALL MOVES ON TO NORTHERN COLORADO

Familiar to the UMM community for his years here as an associate professor of anthropology and sociology, Michael Kimball spent 2007–2008 at the University of Northern Colorado as the Schultz chair. He recently resigned from his UMM position.

Kimball wrote in mid-June:

“I have accepted a tenured faculty position as director of the University of Northern Colorado’s Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership and joint appointment as associate professor of anthropology. Currently I am leading a strategic planning process that will integrate two of the Center’s programs—Honors and President’s Leadership—under a shared mission and vision that emphasize civic engagement, internationalization, diversity and community capacity-building.

“On the research end of the spectrum, I am leading a multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural team of investigators, advisors, and indigenous community members in developing a community-based software application for gathering, managing, and mapping indigenous knowledge about cultural landscapes. We revised and resubmitted a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities in April and are optimistic that we will receive funding in the fall.



Mike Kimball, center, enjoyed working with students at the petroglyphs in Machiasport.

“In early July I will be in Ireland at the World Archaeological Congress to present our concept and co-lead a session on the impact of climate change-induced sea-level rise on cultural heritage resources.

“Although leaving UMM has allowed new opportunities to arise for my family and me, the cost—my Maine community, colleagues, close friends, students and connections to the land and water—has been dear. I am so grateful to have had the chance to share six wonderful years with UMM’s community of people. You inspired me, partnered with me, taught me, tolerated me, supported me, nourished me, challenged me, amazed me, and, through it all, have become an integral part of my life.

“I look forward to staying in touch—my new email address is michael.kimball@unco.edu. We have kept our Machiasport house and plan to visit during the summers. I’ll look for you at Hannaford!”

KIMBALL ASSISTS IN MAINE HISTORY PROJECT

Kay Kimball, professor of history, used part of her sabbatical last spring to launch into a complex involvement with the Maine Historical Society—the contribution of seven thematic essays for the new Maine History Online project.

Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project calls on as many as 20 academics from Maine colleges and universities statewide. Maine History Online will explore Maine history through three richly illustrated, interconnected historical approaches—chronological, thematic and critical. Each of Kimball’s essays will be 2,500 words.

Kimball took part in a regional planning meeting hosted at UMM last November, which drew about 20 community members representing area historical societies, and various UMM faculty.

“We are very glad to have this opportunity to partner with UMM at this level,” Maine Historical Society’s Stephen Bromage, assistant director, wrote to UMM Provost Stuart Swain. “We are confident that Maine History Online will be an important resource for communities, organizations and individuals across Maine, and that Kay Kimball’s participation will reflect well and visibly on the University.”

Each essay will be illustrated by online exhibits that draw on collections around the state to explore related topics, stories, and events in depth. The Maine Historical Society will continue to solicit ideas about interesting and important stories to tell about Maine history,

ideally relying on primary source materials (documents, letters, images, artifacts, and objects) that will help tell those stories. The Web site will be launched in fall 2009.

RON MOSLEY GOES TO WASHINGTON

Ron Mosley traveled to Washington, D.C., in March for the National Council for Higher Education’s (NCHE’s) annual Higher Education Conference. The theme was “Building Alliances for Higher Education and the Public Good,” and Mosley was the moderator of a session on “Public Access to Scholarly Research.”

He stayed an extra night in Washington to attend a meeting of the North American higher education delegates to the Education International conference held in Malaga, Spain, November 12–14, 2007. Follow-up discussions related to issues that are similar to those faced in the American contingent—faculty, quality assurance and accreditation, institutional rankings and assessments, public-private partnerships, General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), etc.

Additionally, Mosley went to Bozeman, Montana, in February for several days to assist with NEA efforts to organize the faculty at Montana State University. He was set to be in Washington, D.C. again in early July, attending the NEA Representative Assembly and meetings of the NCHE.

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COLLABORATION BRINGS PHOTO WORKSHOP TO UMM

Collaboration between a University of Maine faculty member, Bill Kuykendall, and UMM resulted in an intensive, 11-day digital photography workshop offered as a summer course at UMM in May.

A dozen students photographed people and places in Machias and exploring coastal landscapes and communities through field trips. "It is an inter-campus cooperative involving many members of the Downeast community," said Kuykendall, UM senior lecturer in new media and cooperating professor of communication and journalism. "This is the first time that anything like this ever has been done in Maine, as far as I know."

Kuykendall and students from beyond the Machias area stayed in the UMM residence halls during the class. They ended with a public exhibition of their prints at Portside.

FULL PROFESSOR STATUS FOR GERARD NECASTRO



As of September, Gerard NeCastro of the English department will become a full professor at UMM. He starts his 12th year at UMM in September, following two years at University of Maine in Orono. He will continue in his role as chair of the Arts and Letters Division, and hopes to find time to "focus more on creative writing, and finish those collections that I've started."

NeCastro's first love is Medieval Studies. For the last 16 years, he has been active every May with the country's biggest conference on medieval studies: He travels to Western Michigan University to be among 3,000 scholars for more than 600 sessions of papers, discussions, workshops and performances.



ELLEN HOSTERT: FIRST NEW MEXICO, THEN MDI

Ellen Hostert, associate professor of biology, heads west this fall on sabbatical: She will be at the Dexter National Fish Hatchery in New Mexico, working for six months on the genetics of endangered species of desert fish.

Currently Hostert is working on part of a grant that is being submitted to the National Institutes of Health by the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory (MDIBL). She has been selected as a participating researcher for the grant, a partnership of MDIBL, Jackson Laboratory, University of Maine, Bates, Colby, Bowdoin, College of the Atlantic, University of Maine at Farmington, and Southern Maine Community College.

The program that they are asking to support is called INBRE, an acronym for IDEa Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence. The grant would last five years, and this new application would be a renewal of the grant that has been in place. Under the past grant UMM was an outreach campus that provided our students with access to a one week short course on molecular techniques for up to eight students and summer research fellowships for two more. This time, UMM will be an integral part of the grant because of Hostert's proposed project, examining the genetic structure of a cluster of genes in Atlantic salmon that are involved in immunity.

The grant will provide Hostert with half-time release from teaching to do the research, and a total of \$158,000 to UMM for the first year, with a 3 percent increase for each of the next four years.



THE 2008 UMM FACULTY PHOTO.
Members of UMM's faculty look grand in their robes as they prepared for Commencement ceremonies on May 10.

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26 YEARS AND COUNTING FOR NOW-RETIRED RICHARD PAUL

It takes a mathematician to know exactly how many years he has been in one place. For **Richard Paul**, it's been 26 years as math and math education professor at UMM—plus another 14 years doing the same thing at UMaine-Fort Kent, before coming to UMM. Now it's an appropriate time for retirement.

In words of thanks at Leaving Day, Paul could not help but comment on the growth of the maple outside his classroom. It was just a small tree when he started, he said. As he retires to his home in Addison, he leaves with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, which President **Cynthia Huggins** bestowed on him during Commencement.

TRAVEL AWARD FOR SCIENCES' SHERRIE SPRANGERS



Sherrie Sprangers, chair of the Environmental and Biological Sciences Division, attended the American Society for Microbiology Council on Undergraduate Education in Beverly, Massachusetts, last spring. She was selected to receive a Faculty Enhancement Travel Award sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology (ASM).

The award included \$700 travel subsidy and a one-year complimentary membership to both ASM and MicrobeLibrary. The award was based on Sprangers' application that described her commitment to undergraduate teaching in biology and microbiology and on the characteristics of UMM (primarily undergraduate with a large population of underserved students).



NEWS OF UMM FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS

Noah Dean comes on board this fall as one of two new math faculty (along with **Carlos Roldan**). Dean has been selected as a Project NEXT Fellow (New Experiences in Teaching), a program of the Mathematical Association of America for math faculty early in their careers.

Craig Maker's retirement in April, after 35 years at UMM, allowed for several changes within the Physical Facilities staff. **Jim Merrill** moved from the Center for Lifelong Learning to Kimball Hall. **Pam Wood** moved from Dorward Hall to the CLL. **Nichole Wood** moved from weekend work at Dorward to Pam's Dorward Hall position.

Angelynn King, UMM's new library director, comes from Redlands, California, to begin her work at Merrill on July 14. **Bert Phipps** of Machias, who had worked as UMM's librarian for 30 years until 2007, was bestowed the title Librarian Emeritus at UMM's May 10 Commencement. **Marianne Thibodeau** has served as UMM's interim head librarian since Phipps' retirement.

Angela Mills, who has been an assistant in the registrar's office since 2006, has become a program aide in UMM's new Geospatial Technology Education program. The National Science Foundation-funded project will be developing new educational models based on workforce assessment and in collaboration with colleges across the state. Angela will assist in research, event planning, and administering UMM's GIS laboratory and service center.

UMM was represented in early June at a Scannell & Kurz enrollment conference by three who traveled to Fairport, New York, for three days—**Stewart Bennett**, director of admissions; **Kim Page**, director of residential life; and President **Cynthia Huggins**. The conference was "Reinventing Enrollment Leadership: Creative Thinking for Challenging Times."

Robert Hauhart, an adjunct assistant professor of sociology and a summer resident of Steuben, Maine, spends the rest of the year as an associate professor and chair of criminal justice at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. He recently received the Monks of Saint Martin's Abbey/Saint Martin's University Outstanding Faculty Award for 2007–08. The award is for a combination of teaching, university service, and professional contributions.

FROM ONE ARAMARK DIRECTOR TO ANOTHER

Leaving Day, which noted the departures of professors **Richard Paul**, **Chuck Kim** and **Bill Prescott**, plus physical facilities staffer **Craig Maker** and Aramark food director **Mark Delcourt**, was also an opportunity to welcome **Matthew Cormier**, left, shown with Delcourt. While Delcourt has retired to his home in Wesley, Cormier takes over the Kilburn Commons kitchen as the new Aramark director.

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SUNRISE SENIOR COLLEGE'S \$1,000 GIFT TO PAC

Sunrise Senior College, which is affiliated with UMM, has made a gift of \$1,000 toward renovations of UMM's Performing Arts Center. Tom Finlay, president of the board of directors for Sunrise Senior College, presented the check to President Cynthia Huggins in May.

"The best way to secure (further) funding (through state, federal and grant sources) for the renovation of the PAC is to show local support," Finlay said.

"In recognition of this, at the sixth annual meeting of the Sunrise Senior College, we voted unanimously to make a gift of \$1,000 to the University of Maine at Machias in support of renovations to the Performing Arts Center. We hope this will only be the beginning."

Sunrise Senior College's annual meeting took place in April, and was attended by nearly 100 members. Intended for a community of learners ages 50 and older, the College has more than 300 members from dozens of Washington County communities.

Sunrise Senior College members recognize UMM's Performing Arts Center as "a focal point for the University, the local community and even for all of Washington County," Finlay said.



Left to right: Arthur Hill, Tom Finlay, President Cynthia Huggins, Stuart Swain

The PAC is home for numerous events, including UMM theater and musical performances every fall and spring. It also is a second home for community offerings, such as Downriver Theatre and MYSTI (Maine Youth Shakespeare Theatre Institute) shows in the summer. The new Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra performs at the PAC each fall and spring, too.

Built in 1983, the PAC faces renovations because it still has its original curtains, carpeting and seating for more than 350 people.

"There are so many ways to put this \$1,000 gift to use," said Arthur

Hill, UMM's theater director. "The PAC needs a cosmetic revival, and we are grateful to Sunrise Senior College for supporting this project."

Earlier this year, UMM student Jessica Harrington (Steuben, Maine) took a class in grant writing. Her proposal for \$15,000 worth of new curtains for the PAC was funded, and the Sunrise Senior College's \$1,000 gift will move PAC renovations that much more ahead. Now in its sixth year, Sunrise Senior College offers more than 25 classes each spring, summer and fall. UMM provides classroom space, as well as administrative assistance from Naida Pennell in the Office of Community Education and Outreach.

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BELLY DANCERS GO THE DISTANCE



The group of UMM belly dancers who work with Lois-Ann Kunz, associate professor of psychology, were invited in April to Unity College in Unity, Maine, to perform in a hafli, an entire evening of belly dancing, with other dance students from Unity College as well as dancers from Belfast and Bangor. The event was a fundraiser for the Unity Center for the Performing Arts.

In the photo, dancing diva Kessi Marengo-Smith (Addison, Maine), an Early College student, performs a flamenco-fusion dance with fans. (Photo by Tina Shute)

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2008

The September 26-28 dates, Friday through Sunday, should fill the campus with friends, families and activities.

Friday, 9/26

WALK-IN MEAL

4:30–6 p.m.

Kilburn Commons
\$8.00 for non-meal plan participants

HOMECOMING BINGO

8 p.m., Kilburn Commons

\$1,000 in Prizes!
Sponsored by Student Center

PEP RALLY

9:30 p.m., Soccer Parking Lot

Bonfire, Snacks, Contest involving Student Organizations (Spirit Award), Crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.
Sponsored by Residence Hall Council

Saturday, 9/27

COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT*

Participants can sign up on Wednesday, 9/24/08, at lunch and dinner or at the Welcome Tent on Saturday, 9/27/08. Prizes for the highest score for Wednesday & Saturday.

REYNOLDS CENTER OPEN HOUSE*

8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Featuring Free Swim. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CLIPPER CLASSIC INTERCOLLEGIATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT*

8 a.m., Reynolds Center

ALUMNI ROOM OPEN

9–11 a.m.,
Rm. 3, 2nd Floor, Kimball Hall

GARDEN TOURS

9 a.m.–Noon, Welcome Tent
Leaving every 30 minutes starting at 9 a.m. on the hour and half hour.

WELCOME BOOTH ACTIVITY & INFORMATION CENTER

9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mall
Refreshments Available

GEORGE SIMPSON MURDOCK BOOKSTORE

9 a.m.–8 p.m., Reynolds Center
Stop by for Coffee or a Snack (OPEN FOR ALUMNI GAMES & SOCCER GAMES)

GALLEY HOURS

9 a.m.–10 p.m., Kimball Hall
Stop by for coffee or a snack

BOOK ARTS EXHIBIT

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Dorward Hall

DOUGLAS STROUT STUDENT LOUNGE

10 a.m., Torrey Lounge
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATIONS

10 a.m., Sci. 102
Efforts at UMM with Meghan Duff
11 a.m., Sci. 102
Conducting a Greenhouse Gas Inventory with William Otto

SOCCER VS. UMFK*

Women's: 11 a.m.
Men's: 1 p.m.
Soccer Field

CONCESSION AT THE COKE WAGON

11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Provided by Greek Council at the soccer field

HALFTIME ACTIVITIES*

Soccer Field Area

LAWN PARTY CANOE JOUST

11 a.m.–1 p.m., Pond

PICNIC*

Noon–2 p.m., Mall Tent
Hamburgers, Chili Dogs, Smart Dogs, Kielbasa, Pulled Pork, Salads, Chips, and more!
Entertainment: Ukulele Club/Mike Giudilli. (\$8.00 for non-meal plan participants)

MARINE BIOLOGY DISPLAY*

Noon–2 p.m., Welcome Tent

ART EXHIBIT

Noon–4 p.m., Art Galleries, Powers Hall
UMM Permanent Collection

WHALE SKELETON EXHIBIT

1:30–3:30 p.m., Science Building
ACTIVITIES & AMUSEMENTS*
1–4 p.m., Mall
Obstacle Course, Snow Cones, Popcorn, Train, & More!
Sponsored by Student Activities & Hall Council

KIDS' GAMES

1–4 p.m., Mall
Parachute, Earthball, and More!
Sponsored by The Recreation Management Department

CHEMISTRY MAGIC*

2 p.m., Science Rm. 207

ALUMNI & PARENTS' WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

4:30 p.m., O'Brien House

CLIPPER LUAU*

4:30–6 p.m., Kilburn Commons
Chinese Festive Meal with decorations, drinks, Belly Dancers, and music. (\$8.00 for non-meal plan participants).
Awarding of Alumni Association Scholarships

NATHAN TURK MEMORIAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES*

Women's: 6 p.m.
Men's: 7 p.m., Reynolds Center

PERFORMANCE BY CRAIG KARGES MENTALIST*

8 p.m., PAC
UMM Students Free All Others \$10

GREEN & WHITE BALL

9:30 p.m., Kilburn Commons

Sunday, 9/28

ALUMNI SOCCER*

Women's: Noon
Men's: 2 p.m., Soccer Field

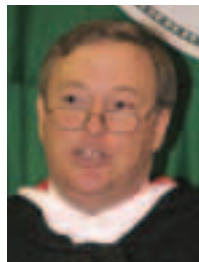
*Family Activities

UMM Celebrations

UMM celebrated its 97th Commencement on May 10. Spirits were high as marine biology students made a special effort to carry on the Clippers' unique tradition of wearing hip waders for footwear.



SENATOR KEVIN RAYE DELIVERS THE ADDRESS



State Senator **Kevin Raye**, a Washington County native, gave credit to Washington County qualities—spirit, determination, perseverance and Downeast ingenuity—as he delivered the commencement address.

“We are blessed to live in a place of spectacular natural beauty; a place where our sense of community is strong; a place where people pull together in times of need.”

“Whether you will be living and working right here in Downeast Maine, returning to your home area, or moving to a new place to pursue your careers, you have the ability to help improve your corner of the world.”

Raye’s own mother, **Frances Raye** of Perry, was in the audience. An alumna of the college, she was seated alongside another guest, **Barbara Manchester** of Machias. The two had been roommates at the former Washington State Normal School (now UMM) 64 years ago. With his mother having taught school for 38 years, Raye noted, he knows well the value of education. “It makes you know that you can aspire to something greater,” he said. “UMM has equipped you with the tools you need to succeed. The rest is up to you.”

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR NORM NELSON



Norman Nelson of Machias received a Distinguished Service Award from UMM for his life-long dedication to his community. “Norman Nelson has been a valued member of our community, and has been an outstanding volunteer in many areas for decades,” President **Cynthia Huggins** said in introducing Nelson at Commencement.

His honor read: “In recognition of his many years of volunteerism and dedicated service to his community, Washington County, and the State of Maine; for his valor and service to his country and devotion to the remembrance of fallen comrades; and in recognition of his energy and spirit, infusing his community with joie d’vivre.”

Now 90, Nelson (turns 90 this week) stays active as a town selectman. A World War II veteran who landed at Normandy on June 6, 1944, he and his late wife, Nancy, raised two sons in Roque Bluffs, where for over 30 years he served either as selectman, school board member, or planning board member. He represented Washington County in the State House of Representatives from 1975 to 1980, followed by a four-year term as a Washington County commissioner.

In addition to working many years locally, Nelson always took time out for local theater. He has had many lead roles in the 30-plus years of the Machias Blueberry Festival’s annual production. He keeps music in his life by playing with the UMM Ukulele Club as its senior member.

UMM Alumni

GIFTS TO UMM RANGE FROM SIMPLE TO SCULPTURE

Gifts to UMM may be as private or as public as the giver wishes. Gifts take the form of a simple check in an envelope such as the one found in this UMM Review, or as big as a sculpture, as **Bernie Vinzani** reports below.

“The UMM book arts gallery has received a generous gift from **Charles Russell**, Rutgers English professor and trustee of the **Stella Waitzkin Memorial Library Trust**, of a cast resin sculpture from the estate of Ms. Waitzkin.

“A friend and colleague of artists Hans Hoffman and Willem de Kooning, Ms. Waitzkin was well known for her interpretive sculptures cast from molds made from books and other found objects. She used this medium effectively to translate the ideas and feelings of the written word into visual expression and language.



“She was exhibited early on in the book arts movement at the Center for the Book Arts in New York City with such book arts notables as Douglass Morse Howell, Claire Van Vliet, Hedi Kyle, and Gary Frost.

“Her works are in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Walker Art Center, the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, and the Jewish Museum.”

BRAVO FOR UMM'S WALKERS FOR BREAST CANCER

Sterlynn Clendenin, admissions counselor and UMM Class of 2006, and three other UMM alumni took part in the two-day, 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Boston in May. With **Andrea Noddin** (Orland, Maine), **Wendy Urquhart '03** (Lowell, Massachusetts) and **Jen Campbell '06** (Conway, Massachusetts), **Clendenin** (Machias) raised more than \$8,000 for breast cancer research.

Calling themselves Team Clippers, the UMM women were among 2,900 walkers who together raised \$6.9 million for the cause. Clendenin was moved to take part with her own mother's diagnosis of breast cancer earlier in the spring. “I am very proud and excited to be supporting this cause, and thankful for everyone's support,” she said. “My mother has finished her chemotherapy and is doing great.”



Class Notes

2003 Samuel Tarbox majored in conservation biology, and joined Marine Ecological Habitats within a month of graduating. The plastic fabrication company in Biddeford specializes in aquariums, lobster tanks, and touch tanks. He has now moved up in the ranks to plant supervisor and head designer.

He has written the Review not just to update his classmates; he wants to publicize a nonprofit program, Touch Tanks for Kids, that his company's owner started. The goal is to get touch tanks in schools all across Maine and the country. “It is so important to the students of Maine,” Tarbox writes. “Please check out www.touchtanksforkids.org.”

1998 Sarah Lesniak has recently bought a house in Laconia, New Hampshire, and lives with her two black labs, Aspen and Cedar. She has spent the last six years working as an environmental chemist for Eastern Analytical Inc., an employee-owned laboratory in Concord, New Hampshire. E-mail her at sarahl@eilabs.com

1994 Tim Heavrin has moved to a new address: 113 E. Cherry St., Winslow, Arizona, 86047. He still works as a corrections officer, and reports: “Still married to the same great lady for 13-1/2 years, and we have a regular menagerie of two dogs, some fish, and a noisy cockatiel bird. Added another granddaughter to our family last week.”

REMEMBRANCES

Gregory Gray, 54, passed away June 21, 2008, at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital after a long battle with cancer. A Jonesport native, he graduated from Jonesport-Beals High School in 1971 and graduated Summa Cum Laude, first in class, from the University of Maine at Machias. His greatest love was teaching, and he taught at Jonesport, Harrington, Columbia Falls, Trenton and Pembroke schools for many years. He was president of MSAD 37 Teachers' Association, 1991-1992, and held many offices in the Washington County Teachers' Association between 1979 and 1983. He was a member of Maine State Department of Educational and Cultural Services' program review team at UMM. He is survived by his lifetime companion, David Conary of Orland, Maine.

Marie Foss of Machias, 87, passed away on May 30, 2008, at home after a period of failing health, which she endured with grace. She graduated from Machias High School, Washington State Normal School and the University of Maine. After graduating from WSNS, Marie taught in the Machias school system. During World War II, Marie was a chief clerk for the Washington County Office of Price Administration. In 1947 she married Millard "Bud" Foss, with whom she shared 52 years of togetherness. After Marie taught sixth grade in Bangor for more than 20 years, she and Bud retired to fishing and spending time at their Six-Mile Lake cottage. She is survived by her daughter, Penny Foss.

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 ummpublicrelations@maine.edu.

Alumni wishing just to update their records may do so by calling (207) 255-1325 and leaving a message, or via the Web at umm.maine.edu.

("Face-lift" continued from cover)



"But the local economy is receiving a boost because of this. Border Electric of Calais is the electrician, and the Pizzagalli workers have rented a house in Jonesboro for the summer."

Speaking of summers, those who venture into Torrey Hall won't feel the extreme heat anymore. Staffers there know well how uncomfortable the building would become on the hottest days. That's all in the past now.

"Code issues and energy issues are what were driving this reconstruction," Farris said. "Before, there was no air exchange at all. Now we'll have better energy management control."

From energy-efficient boilers in the basement to the smart classrooms, the Torrey and Science renovations will make a world of difference for students, staff and faculty.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK

Including the installation of "smart" technology in all the classrooms.

Torrey Hall:

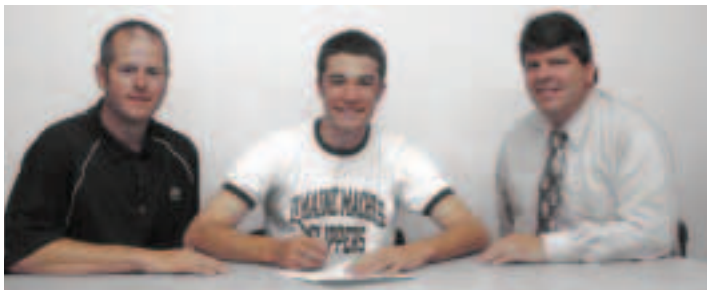
- Removal of asbestos tiling from first and second floors.
- Installation of ramp at main entrance; and upgrades for stairs, handrails, and plumbing fixtures, for ADA compliance.
- Providing of accessibility in Student Lounge kitchenette.
- Creation of group study space and a student meeting room, and the relocation of the student lounge (renamed the Douglas Strout Memorial Student Lounge).
- Installation of new ventilation and heat recovery system, and replace old boiler with two smaller, energy efficient boilers.

Science Building:

- Upgrade of botany lab with new lab benches, gas, vacuum, plumbing, and finishes.
- Replacement of existing "store-front" entrance with vestibule for energy efficiency.
- Recarpeting of the Science Building Room 107 office suite and of Science Building Room 113.
- The reconfiguration of space to replace the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) lab with a Polycom conference room.
- Upgrading of plumbing fixtures, stair railings and entrance ramp for ADA compliance.

UMMAthletics

CLIPPERS OFFER FIRST ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP



New Clipper Andrew Mascia, center.

A new era has begun in the UMM Clippers athletic program—the era of athletic scholarships. Andrew Mascia, a high school basketball player from Havre de Grace, Maryland, in June became the first incoming first-year player to sign a letter of intent to play with the Clippers.

Mascia joins the UMM’s men’s basketball team after having graduated from Harford Christian School in Darlington, Maryland. He gained post-season first-team honors from the Maryland Association of Christian Schools Athletic Conference.

UMM became eligible to provide athletic scholarships for both men and women last fall, after the NAIA’s Sunrise Conference passed a proposal for the conference affiliates to give out athletic scholarships.

“The administration here at UMM is in full support of the new rule,” UMM athletic director Brac Brady said. “Having this athletic scholarship money to give was a big factor in helping us draw a quality student-athlete such as Andrew.”

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OTHER ATHLETES, TOO

Additional student-athletes receiving UMM athletic scholarships will be announced throughout the summer. As of late June, here are those who have been signed to scholarships:

- Volleyball: Amber Frey, Morgan Jordan
- Women’s Soccer: Kayla Wood, Briann Emery
- Men’s Soccer: Nathaniel Burke
- Women’s Basketball: Emery, Frey, Wood
- Men’s Basketball: Burke, Miguel Vazquez, Brian Alexander

COACH BRADY BECOMES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, TOO



Brac Brady, known around campus as UMM’s men’s basketball coach and its Equal Opportunity officer, now has a third title—UMM athletic director. He assumed the role May 1. He looks forward to his fourth year with the Clippers, 19–11 last season and a Sunrise Conference tournament contender.

FALL 2008 ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

SOCCER

Men’s (M), Women’s (W) Home Games

DATE	OPPONENT	TIMES
Sat., Aug 30	U. New Brunswick	TBA for (M), (W)
Sat., Sept. 6	Fisher College*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W)
Mon., Sept. 8	Savannah College	7 p.m. (M)
Wed., Sept. 10	Thomas College	6 p.m. (M)
Sat., Sept. 27	UMaine-Fort Kent*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W) H
Sun., Sept. 28	Alumni Game	Noon (W), 2 p.m. (M) H
Wed., Oct. 1	UMaine-Presque Isle	5 p.m. (M), 7 p.m. (W)
Sat., Oct. 4	Paul Smith’s College*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W)
Sun., Oct. 5	SUNY-Canton*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W)
Wed., Oct. 8	Husson College	7 p.m. (W)
Sun., Oct. 19	College of St. Joseph’s*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W)
Sat., Nov. 1	Vermont Tech College*	11 a.m. (M), 1 p.m. (W)

*Sunrise Conference **H** Homecoming



VOLLEYBALL

Home Games

DATE	OPPONENT	TIMES
Wed., Sept. 24	Maine Maritime	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 27	Clipper Classic	TBA H
Wed., Oct. 8	Thomas College	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 25	Conference Classic	TBA
Sun., Oct. 26	Conference Classic	TBA

UMM *President's Corner*



As I took my morning walk across campus this morning, I stopped by Torrey Hall to see how the renovation work is progressing. It's exciting to watch the day-to-day process as the walls come down and then go back up in different places. Construction equipment and workers in hard hats come and go. Our furniture is stored

in a couple of large trucks behind the soccer field. So far, so good. We're on schedule and under budget (fingers crossed), so we should be back in the building for fall semester.

On behalf of the entire UMM community, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all of you who voted in support of this initiative last November. This work is critical to the academic success of our students, and your support is very much appreciated. UMM has been the grateful recipient of \$2.3 million, with which we are completely renovating Torrey Hall and several areas of the Science Building. When students return to campus in the fall, they will be amazed at the difference. They'll have new GIS and botany labs, a Student Support Center, a student lounge, and study rooms.

Of course, there's plenty going on at UMM this summer besides construction. We've just launched our new Web site, built around our new identity as New England's only public environmental liberal arts college. Check it out for yourself at www.umm.maine.edu. We're also busily planning for the Mac Sennett Lobster Feed in August, orientation for new students, and Homecoming in September.

We've hired four new faculty members and a new women's basketball and volleyball coach. And by September we hope to have our new Coordinator of Student Success and Director of Marketing

and Public Relations in place. New-student numbers are on the rise, particularly full-time residential students, and we need to be fully prepared to give them the best education and college experience possible.

These are not easy times for higher education in Maine. Between the shifting demographics, the skyrocketing cost of heating oil and gas, and a struggling economy, colleges are scrambling to operate as efficiently as possible and hold down costs to students. UMM is no exception. Despite reducing our operating budget by more than half a million dollars this year, we are faced with yet another tuition increase for our students. But we are determined not to allow our budget crunch to adversely affect the quality of education that our students receive. That's why we're continuing to strategically invest in new faculty members and academic programs, classrooms and labs, financial aid, and enhancing the total campus experience for our students.

We couldn't do it, however, without your support. Thank you so much for standing by UMM as we continue to provide a low-cost, high-quality college education to students from Maine, across the country, and around the world—just as we've been doing for almost one hundred years.

By the way, if you're in the Machias area over the summer, stop by my office. I'll give you a tour of the construction site . . . if you're willing to wear a hard hat. Happy summer!

Dr. Cynthia E. Huggins
President, University of Maine at Machias



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