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Planning USM

President Seeks Input

"The choices we make during our strategic planning process must be informed by our collective values," President Pattenauade told *Currents* in a recent interview on the budget process. "In weighing quality versus demand, we must remember what we hold most dear is our mission to our students."

To clarify those values, Pattenauade has formed an advisory committee to participate in long-term planning and budget decisions. The University Planning/Budgeting Advisory Committee, chaired by Richard Maiman, professor of political science, will give the president and his staff "a better sense of what people on campus consider to be the university's priorities," Pattenauade said. "This committee brings more voices to the table and will improve the quality of decision making on campus."

His purpose in forming this permanent committee, he said, was not to by-pass the current process, but to provide a centralized, representative forum. "What I'm trying to avoid is a scenario in which the president's staff develops and acts on a strategic planning document in isolation."

"The most heartening aspect of this planning process," Maiman said, "is the president's insistence on the involvement of all the university's constituencies—faculty, students and staff. We see our work not as a substitute for the other advisory systems that are now in place, but as an important new step in the process of decision-making."

Committee members have been appointed for 18 month terms. The faculty senate elected four members: Maiman and Ardis Cameron from the College of Arts and Sciences, Henry Amoroso representing the College of Education, and Jan Burson from the School of Nursing. The president appointed three other faculty members to the committee: Andy Anderson of

the School of Applied Science, Colleen Khoury of the School of Law, and John Voyer of the School of Business, Economics and Management. The Professional Staff Senate elected Robert Caswell, director, Media and University Relations, and Richard Campbell, executive director for financial resources, was appointed. Robin Day, vice chair of the Classified Senate, from the History Department, and Pam Edwards from Advising represent the Classified Staff on the committee and student members are CAS undergraduate Sonya Artinyan and Judy Dolan, a graduate student in COE. John Bay represents the Dean's Council.

The committee's task, in Maiman's view, is to "bring a fresh eye to the process. Not simply to ratify others' decisions but to scrutinize and question them."

Thus far, the committee has been reading background materials on strategic planning and discussing how to tailor the process to USM's needs. Discussion about the criteria for evaluation has been especially intense and has included close study of viewpoints expressed by the faculty and other community members. The committee has agreed on quality and need as the two major criteria for evaluating programs. They are now waiting for a draft plan from the president's staff which will lay out preliminary assessments and directions in all units. "Our next job is to respond to those assessments," Maiman said.

More Information

For more details on the budget process and new advisory committee, see the memo of February 6 from President Pattenauade, which was distributed to the entire university community.

A Top MLA Prize for Conforti

The Modern Language Association named Joseph Conforti, director and professor of New England Studies, the recipient of the Richard Beale Davis Prize, presented each year to the author of the best article published in the journal *Early American Literature*.

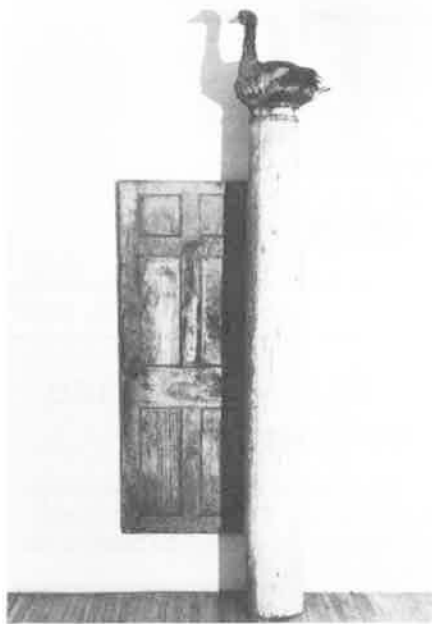


Conforti earned the award, named for a distinguished scholar of colonial American culture, for his essay "The Invention of the Great Awakening, 1792-1842." He was presented with a citation and a monetary award by the noted professor of English and American Studies Philip Gura of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who is editor of *Early American Literature*. Gura, quoting the selection committee, said the essay challenges long-held assumptions of literature and history scholars concerning the work of Jonathan Edwards and about the course of early American religious and cultural history.

Edwards, New England's preeminent religious thinker, was the leader of the Great Awakening, the major religious revival of the 19th century. Traditional beliefs about the Great Awakening and its leader developed, Conforti says, through a mythologizing process during the 19th century. "The individualistic and moralistic aspects of the evangelical movement continue to fascinate me," Conforti said.

The essay is part of a booklength study in progress on the relationship between New England religious

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"Greylag" by Donna Byars, one piece from an exhibit of provocative sculpture by Byars and Ellen Driscoll, on exhibit through March 26 in the Art Gallery on the Gorham campus.

Campus News Update

Editor's Note: From time to time in this column, we will briefly update you on issues of interest to the campus community.

President Richard Pattenaude, Provost John Deegan and Acting Dean Jill Tiffany are meeting with local hospital officials to finalize a plan that will allow USM nursing majors to continue their education. Last December, the School of Nursing held a lottery to manage an unprecedented demand for junior-year clinical instruction. Officials from Portland's Maine Medical Center, Brighton Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford, among other health care institutions, offered to help find a solution to the enrollment problem. Pattenaude reported this week that points under consideration include a modified schedule for SON faculty, better use of hospital teaching resources, availability of summer clinical programs and development of a long-term enrollment management plan.

The need for master's level social work classes in southern Maine is being reviewed in the wake of a dispute earlier this semester between the University of New England and the University of Maine System. A University of Maine course, scheduled to be offered at USM,

was cancelled last month after UNE filed objections with the Chancellor's Office and legislators. UNE considered the course unfair competition to its own master's program in social work. In addition, they charged that the university system broke a 1988 agreement that the system would not offer graduate-level social work courses at USM. The Chancellor's Office said the course cancellation would give the system time to review the agreement and the need for social work programs. President Richard Pattenaude, Chancellor Robert Woodbury and UNE President Thomas Hedley Reynolds recently met to discuss the issue. "With creative thinking," said Pattenaude, "I'm confident that we can develop a solution that will meet the needs of all students in southern Maine while not being destructive to UNE's program or its investment."

Campus Notes

The Muskie Institute received a grant from the National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs, the national accrediting agency, in support of innovations to achieve a more diverse student body and faculty. The award will enable MI to develop curriculum materials addressing issues of diversity and minority rights in a pluralistic society. Freda Bernatovicz, assistant professor, is project director and Carlene Goldman, coordinator of student affairs, is project coordinator.

Faculty Senate Meetings are held alternate Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Monique Crochet, chair, at 780-4324.

The Professional Staff Senate meets once a month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. On Wednesday, March 11, the senate will host a Leadership Forum on Cross Training, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Hastings Formal Lounge, Gorham. For more information, call Ellen Corkery at 874-6515. For information on future senate meetings, call Chair Rosa Redonnet at 780-4059.

The Classified Staff Senate meets every third Tuesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call Chair Lee Townsend at 874-6500.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening. For more information, call 874-6594.

Celebration of Women's History Month begins Monday, March 2 with a lecture on "Theorizing Masculinity" by R.W. Connell, visiting professor at Harvard and author of the book "Gender and Power." Daily lectures, films and presentations, including an art exhibit, "Images of Women," are free and open to the public. The annual international Women's Day Dinner will be held on the Gorham campus on Sunday, March 8. For more information, see the weekly Events calendar, call the Events hot line at 780-4500 or call Women's Studies at 780-4289.

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tradition and American culture. His earlier book on New England religion, "Samuel Hopkins and the New Divinity Movement," published in 1981, received a runner-up citation in 1980 in the Brewer Prize competition of the American Society of Church History.

Hired as the first director of the New England Studies Program, Conforti, now in his fifth year at USM, has overseen the growth of the program to its present enrollment of about 80 students. He also has won two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support the development of some 20 program courses.



Model of the new USM library, now being renovated. The model is on view outside the office of Librarian George Parks, on the second floor of the present library in Luther Bonney. Dratch photo

Classified Staff Notes

by Lee Townsend, Chair

Editor's Note: Currents will run occasional columns by Senate chairs and by the President, as space permits.

The USM Classified Staff Senate was reactivated during the summer of 1991, in order to provide the classified staff with an avenue for becoming involved in official and unofficial activities at USM.

Since then we have been busy organizing! We had members appointed to various USM committees, have participated in a number of USM functions, and have established our goals for the coming year!

As chair of the Senate I am pleased to announce an exciting new fundraising initiative recently authorized by the full Senate. We have received many calls from people inquiring about what individuals could do to help USM through the current financial crisis. A fundraising program has been developed whereby individual classified staff members can donate one hour's pay (or more if they wish), through USM's Annual Fund, to help offset budget cuts announced by the Board of Trustees. All classified staff members will be receiving a solicitation letter through intercampus mail announcing the program and inviting them to participate. There is a potential for raising between \$5,000 and \$10,000 through the end of this fiscal year. Funds from this special gift account have been restricted for use in reducing the affects of the coming budget cuts for USM. Disbursement of funds in this account are under the control of President Pattenaude and the chair of the Senate, in consultation with the full senate.

The Classified Staff Breakfast has been scheduled for Thursday, April 2. The Distinguished Classified Staff Award for 1992, which carries a \$500 monetary award, will be presented at the breakfast.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend a senate meeting. Attendance at meetings of the senate for non-members of the senate is at the discretion of the individual's immediate supervisor. I would also encourage anyone with any questions to contact any senate member. A classified staff newsletter will be out soon to maintain regular communication with all members of the classified staff.

Muskie Institute Initiatives

Older is Better

Two USM researchers have shown that older workers are considered valuable assets. E. Michael Brady, professor of human resource development, and Richard H. Fortinsky, director of the Center for Aging and Rehabilitation in the Muskie Institute, surveyed more than 100 companies in Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire and found that employers "are willing to hire older workers for their reliability, wealth of experience, superior work ethic and general excellence as employees."

The research pair interviewed 105 directors of human resources and 113 direct supervisors who had hired at least one worker over the age of 50 since January, 1988. The study was funded by the Washington D.C.-based AARP Andrus Foundation, established to fund practical research that can help older Americans lead more productive lives.

Center for the Disabled

The Muskie Institute has been selected to serve as a regional center

for information on the impact of a new law which for the first time assures civil liberties for some 43 million Americans with disabilities. The first implementation day for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was January 26.

Because of widespread uncertainty and concern about the impact of the law on businesses and municipalities, the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), a division of the U.S. Department of Education, instituted 10 centers nationwide to disseminate information on the new law. The Muskie Institute was chosen to serve the six New England states.

With funding from the NIDRR, USM's Muskie Institute opened the New England Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center to house a resource library and respond to requests for assistance by providing training programs and reference services throughout the six-state region.

The center represents a collaboration between local businesses, the university, service provider groups and consumer advocacy groups. Research associate Jennifer Eckel is project director.



Dickey Hall, one side of the twin-tower residence hall complex on Gorham campus, has been closed for students. Although the hall can accommodate 188 students, some 56 students lived in the facility during the fall semester and only 35 students signed up for rooms there this spring. These students have been moved to other residence halls as a cost-saving measure. The Departments of Student Life and Conferences will make the rooms available to people who attend conferences and other events. Much of the decrease in residence hall students is attributed to the availability of less expensive rental units off campus. Campus rates are being reviewed. The twin towers, which were completed in 1970 and dedicated in 1973, are named after longtime faculty members Edna F. Dickey and Esther E. Wood.

What We're Doing

LARRY G. BENEDICT, vice president for student affairs, was a member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation team's visit to Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven. Benedict, again this year, chaired the panel reviewing and recommending Fulbright Scholarships for the U.S.-U.K. Administrators Exchange Program, sponsored by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars.

C. GEORGE CAFFENTZIS, associate professor of philosophy, read a paper titled "The World Bank and Academic Freedom" at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association on November 24 in St. Louis.

SUSAN F. CLARK, assistant professor of theatre, has been asked to serve as a reader for the Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College Fellowship Program. She will be evaluating new plays in the division of Performing Arts.

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Muskie Institute for Public Affairs, was profiled in Vol. 133 of the 1991 edition of Contemporary Authors. Coleman was in Hollywood on December 9 to be filmed by "Unsolved Mysteries" for a March segment on Texas oil millionaire, Tom Slick's search for the Himalayan Yeti, the subject of Coleman's 1989 book.

LUCIA A. diBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, gave a paper, "The Demystification of Language in Diderot's 'Jacques le fataliste'" at the Midwest Modern Language Association's annual meeting, held in Chicago on November 14-16. Her review of the "Correspondance et carnets d'Elizabeth Lacoïn" will appear in Vol. 66 of The French Review.

MUHAMMAD A. EL-TAHA, assistant professor of operations research, co-authored an article titled, "Sample-Path Analysis of Stochastic Discrete-Event Systems" which was presented at the 30th IEEE conference on Decision and Control in Brighton, England. The paper appeared in the conference proceedings, December 1991.

MADELEINE D. GIGUERE, professor emerita of sociology, recently published a chapter in "Le Québec et les Francophones de la Nouvelle Angleterre" edited by Dean Louder for Les Presses de L'Université Laval. Her contribution was titled "Recent and Current Sociological and Anthropological Research on Franco-Americans."

BONITA M. GRUVER, assistant professor of recreation and leisure studies, has been invited to review the book, "Dimensions of Choice: A Qualitative Approach to Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Research" by Karla Henderson for the journal, Leisure Sciences. The review will be published in the Vol. 14, No. 2 1992 edition of the journal.

SAT GUPTA, associate professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Modelling Persistence in Time Series Data" at the international conference on Applications of Statistics in Business and Actuarial Sciences, held at Mexico City on September 25-27.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, published book reviews on "The Boundary Waters Canoe Area: Wilderness Values and Motorized Recreation" by James N. Gladden and "Hawke's Law: The Politics of Mining and Aboriginal Land Rights in Australia" by Ronald T. Libby in the Journal of Politics.

JAN L. HITCHCOCK, assistant professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Lewiston-Auburn College, recently co-authored an article titled "Predictors of Smoking Relapse among Self-Quitters: A Report from the Normative Aging Study," which will be published in 1992 in the journal, Addictive Behaviors. Hitchcock recently attended the annual meeting of American Public Health Association in Atlanta and presented a paper, "A Successful Statewide Smoking Intervention with Pregnant Women: Effects on Birthweight" co-authored with G.E. Palomaki and J.E. Haddow of the Foundation for Blood Research.

REBECCA B. LOCKRIDGE, associate professor of communication, served as reviewer of the papers competitively submitted to the SCA Commission on Visual Communication, and as reviewer for the nationally competitive annual award for the outstanding undergraduate paper given by the Organization for Language Communication and Gender.

BILL PARK, director of alumni relations, was co-presenter of a lecture on Kenya at the Hyde School in Bath on January 13. Park also was recently appointed to the Maine communications committee of the American Cancer Society and is York County chair of the Maine Friends of Bill Clinton.

THOMAS A. POWERS AND WILLIAM P. STEELE, associate professors of theatre, have received a grant for \$7900 from the Maine Humanities Council to incorporate humanities discussions into the USM TV production "Power and Steele on Theater,"

which they produce and host. Eight of the 26 programs scheduled for 1992 will include the discussions. The show, which has aired over Community Cable Network, Channel 37 for three years, is now broadcast over WCBB-TV, Channel 10, as well.

MARIANNE E. RUSSO, professional nurse, Student Health Services is now certified as a specialist in College Health Nursing.

DOROTHY WOODS SMITH, assistant professor of nursing, completed the requirements for a Ph.D. in research and theory development at New York University. Her dissertation title was "A Study of Power and Spirituality in Polio Survivors Using the Nursing Model of Martha E. Rogers."

WILLIAM P. STEELE, associate professor of theatre, presented a paper on "Using the Ear Prompter in Industrial Narrations" at Brandeis University in early November.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, co-authored a paper, "Two-Dimensional Designs for Correlated Errors," published in the journal, The Annals of Statistics, Vol. 19, No. 4, 1991.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, had an article based on his three-year follow-up of Portland's homeless published in Social Problems' November 1991 special issue on the underclass in the United States.

L. KINVIN WROTH, professor of law, participated in a panel on proposed changes in the rules governing general attachment and trustee process at the summer meeting of the Maine State Bar Association in Kennebunkport on June 21, 1991. Wroth is a member of the legislatively created Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts, serving as designee of statutory member Dean Donald Zillman. Wroth chairs the commission's Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution. He was elected a Charter Fellow of the Maine Bar Foundation and attended the first Fellows luncheon on September 20. He was reappointed in September to a fourth two-year term as a member of the board of directors of Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc., and is a member of the organization's executive committee. Wroth prepared the report submitted in August 1991 by the ad hoc committee appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to review and American Bar Association evaluation of the Maine lawyer disciplinary system.



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