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USM Gears Up for Coop Ed Program

President Richard L. Pattenaupe has taken steps to put into place a program which will support students' financial needs and career goals. A five-year federal grant will fund a cooperative education program at USM that will match students with jobs in their chosen academic/career field while they are pursuing their undergraduate degrees. The U.S. Department of Education is providing \$780,000 over the five years to the Office of Advising and Career Services to establish the program.

"It's ideally suited for USM students," Pattenaupe said. "They need financial support while they attend university and are located in an urban area." Pattenaupe cites the success of a similar program at Central Connecticut State University, where he was vice president for academic affairs before coming to USM. Students there gave the program high marks.

Lawrence Bliss, director of advising and career services, plans to locate the cooperative education office in a high traffic area on the Portland campus. "We want to attract students from across the board," said Bliss, who wrote the grant proposal and will oversee the program. Often, he said, such programs primarily attract students in professional fields of study. "History majors may think this is just for business or technology majors," Bliss said. "But that's not the case. We want the program to have broad application." Northeastern University, with the largest cooperative education program in the nation, places 8000 undergraduates a year. USM hopes to have 200 to 300 students working through the program within the first five years. The University of Maine, which has a 20-year old program, placed 600 students last year.

USM plans to keep scheduling flexible. Students can alternate a semester of full-time studies with one

devoted to full-time work schedule or choose a parallel plan in which they work part time while they attend classes.

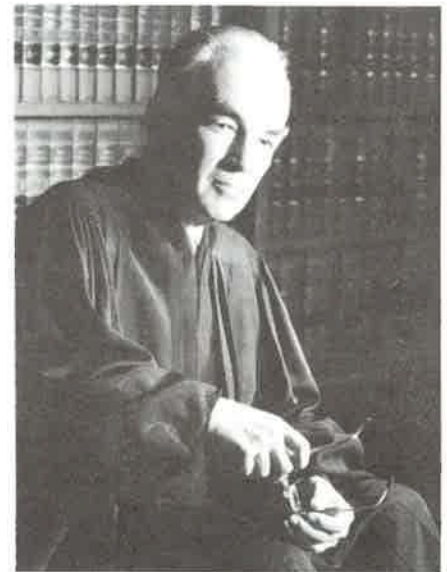
Job coordinators will work with local employers to find suitable positions. The office will have two full-time professional staff who will work as counselors to students and job developers in the community. Faculty members will work with the program to assure an academic basis for all employment. An advisory board will meet monthly until the program is in operation.

At this point the advisory board includes Rosa Redonnet, director of external academic programs; Mary Ann Benson, assistant director of career services; E. Michael Brady, professor of human resource development; Cathy Siebold, assistant professor of social work; Josephine LaPlante, associate professor of public policy and management; Sally Paterson, assistant to the dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management; and alumni Michael Quint of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Diane Atwood of The Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Leon Bien from Key Bank.

"This will not be a personnel or placement service," Bliss said. "Our goal is not just to help students pay their rent, but help them pursue jobs in the field they plan as a career. It's the chance to try out a field and get solid job experience in their area of interest."

Bliss observed programs in place at other universities. He heard that in general, employers are interested in supporting such programs. "Employers know that students who come to them have some knowledge of the field and tend to be the cream of the crop. And they know that students will perform well on the job because of close monitoring by the university.

"The biggest hook to employers," Bliss said, "is the good will they create by being publicly associated with the university."



Hon. Frank Coffin, U.S. Court of Appeals

First Coffin Lecture Given by Widow of Speaker

The first Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service, sponsored by the University of Maine School of Law, was struck by tragedy when the keynote speaker died unexpectedly six weeks before the scheduled event. However, the lecture, in honor of Lewiston native, Judge Frank M. Coffin, will still be held Tuesday, October 13.

The widow of Joseph L. Rauh, an attorney described as "one of the nation's leading champions of civil rights..." will deliver the speech which her late husband had written and planned to give, "The Nomination and Confirmation Process for Supreme Court Justices."

Mrs. Olie Rauh will give her husband's lecture at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13 in Portland High School Auditorium. Coffin and retired

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John Schnell, principle trumpet for the Portland Symphony Orchestra since 1973, and Mark Manduca, trombonist with the Portland Brass Quintet and other groups, will put their horns together in a wide-ranging program for the second performance in the Faculty Concert Series, 8 p.m., Friday, October 16 in Corthell Concert Hall. Tickets are \$8 for the public, \$4 for faculty, staff, students and seniors. This concert is sponsored by Filene's. For reservations, call 780-5555. Snell photo

Campus Notes

The USM Athletic Department has initiated a special program, "Food for Friends," to collect food for local needy families for Thanksgiving and the December holiday season. People bringing five or more non-perishable food items will be given free admission to any USM athletic event. Donations will also be accepted at any time in the Warren G. Hill Gymnasium on the Gorham campus. For more information, call Al Bean at 780-5434 or Athletic Director Paula Hodgdon at 780-5431.

The MIS Department will host a workshop on Nomad2 database software from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, October 23. For more information, call 780-4433.

USM's Undergraduate Admissions Office is sponsoring a Fall Open House for prospective students from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 31 on the Gorham campus. It is open to the public; for more information, call 780-4970.

The Department of Advising and Career Services is holding its ninth annual Graduate and Professional School Information Day from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 in the Portland Cam-

pus Center. USM students and seniors from Bates, Colby, Westbrook and St. Joseph's are invited to attend. Representatives from approximately 50 graduate schools will discuss their programs. Faculty are requested to encourage students to consider graduate school as an option and attend the informational open house.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Classics has scheduled informal sessions to help people practice their speaking skills in French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. For schedules, call 780-4290.

The Maine Council on Economic Education, located at USM, was recognized at a luncheon for winners in the International Paper Company Foundation program for Excellence in Economic Education. The Maine Council, under the presidency of Robert J. Mitchell, works with schools to develop curricula in economics, and has developed curriculum programs in Portland and Dexter that have won national recognition in the awards program.

USM Engineering Accredited

A USM academic program that was once the controversial subject of emotional debates has been awarded national accreditation. The Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology has voted to award first-time accreditation to USM's electrical engineering program.

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees in 1988 approved an independent, electrical engineering program at USM. Prior to 1988, the USM program was an extension of the Orono electrical engineering program. The board's action capped several years of sometimes heated debate over whether a USM program should be established when the University of Maine in Orono already offered an engineering major.

In July of 1991, trustees voted to continue the program and directed USM to seek accreditation. The national accreditation board evaluated the program last year and voted this summer to award accreditation. The national board evaluates programs on the basis of the faculty, curriculum, students, administration, facilities and institutional commitment.

"Further development of our program that made this accreditation possible was the result of material and

monetary contributions from area firms, both individually and through the Masterton Foundation," said Brian C. Hodgkin, dean of the USM School of Applied Science. The USM program has received more than \$500,000 in equipment and funds from area firms and the foundation, which was created to support technology education in Maine.

There now are approximately 120 electrical engineering students enrolled at USM, with 90-100 students taking classes in any given semester. Two-thirds of those 120 students are employed in about 40 different southern Maine companies. The USM program is based in the Technology Center on the Gorham campus.

Coffin Lecture

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr., a longtime friend of the Rauh family, will offer comments on the lecture. B. Michael Rauh, son of the late attorney, and University of Texas Supreme Court scholar Dagmar Hamilton, also will attend. The event is free and open to the public.

A longtime champion of civil liberties, Rauh was an early and staunch opponent of McCarthyism. Rauh also was a leading, and successful, opponent of Supreme Court nominees G. Harold Carswell, Clement G. Haynsworth Jr. and Robert Bork. More recently, he opposed the confirmation of William H. Rehnquist as chief justice, David Souter and Clarence Thomas.

Justice Brennan was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1956, where he served until he retired in 1990 at the age of 84. Brennan, considered the foremost spokesperson on the Court for liberal values in second half of 20th century, played a major role in many landmark decisions.

The School of Law and Coffin's former judicial clerks established the Coffin Lecture to foster public discussions of legal and public policy issues with prominent legal leaders. Coffin represented Maine's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House from 1957 to 1960. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Coffin to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He served as chief judge from 1972 to 1983 and now serves as senior judge.

For more information on the lecture, call 780-4521 or 780-4344.

Global Perspective

Monique Crochet, professor of French, gave a paper presenting a Jungian interpretation of symbols in a short story by Gabrielle Roy at the international conference of Conseil International d'Etudes Francophones in Strasbourg, France and did research at La Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, June 20-27. Since then she has pursued her research on Roy at l'Universite Laval in Quebec, Canada and talked with administrators there about a student exchange program with USM.

Geraldine Glodek, groundskeeper, Department of Facilities Management, will be on leave from USM until June 1993 while she is teaching colloquial and business English at the St. Petersburg Institute of Nuclear Physics, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Andrew J. Potts, professor of accounting, led a seminar on "Managerial Accounting and Continuing Education for Entrepreneurs" at a Leadership and Management Seminar in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria during August 19-3. Potts was a representative of the International Executives Service Corp at the seminar, which was sponsored jointly by the International Institute for Regional Studies and The American University in Bulgaria.

Research Update

Stephen A. Fenner, assistant professor of computer science, received a Research Initiation Award from the National Science Foundation for \$60,000. The award will be spread over three years and will support his research in structural complexity theory.

Cecile T. Tougas, assistant professor of philosophy, received primary funding from the John Anson Kittredge Fund to enable her to present her work at the North American/Japanese Phenomenology Conference in Tokyo this month.

Christopher Castiglia, assistant professor of New England Studies and English, completed two months of research over the summer on a fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago and lectured there on "The Wilderness of Fiction: The Captivity Narrative as Autobiography."

Giving at Work

For the first time, the University of Maine System is participating in two community-based, fund-raising campaigns, the United Way and MaineShare.

MaineShare, the newest option in work place giving, is a cooperative effort among 19 statewide organizations which focus on issues of social justice, peace and the environment. The Maine AIDS Alliance, the Maine Civil Liberties Union Foundation, the Maine Coalition Against Rape, and the Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services are among the agencies supported.

The Augusta-based organization reports that just 15 percent of funds raised is used for administrative expenses. A total of 85 percent of each contribution is distributed equally among the 19 member groups, unless the donor designates otherwise. Pat Fournier is chairing the USM MaineShare campaign. For more information, contact her at 780-4246 (mornings) or 780-5242 (afternoons).

United Way of Greater Portland, an autonomous, community-based organization, hopes to top last year's total and raise \$6 million this year. Money raised last year helped 119,521 Cumberland County residents through 91 programs in 43 health and human service agencies. Among the 43 local agencies funded are Community Alcoholism Services, Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, the Family Crisis Shelter, the Maine Poison Control Center and the local Y's. Total fund-raising and administrative costs are less than 10 cents of every dollar raised.

This year, USM also is the site of a pilot program that allows donors to direct their United Way dollars to specific agencies. For more information on the USM campaign, contact Kathleen Bouchard at 780-4470.

President Richard Pattenaude is urging university members to support these campaigns that help organizations in Maine.

"If you believe, as I do, that we should not just be 'in' the community, but 'of' it, then it's important to participate," he said. "Now it's been made easier to give in a way that's meaningful to you."

Conferences at USM

More than 200 geographers and students from New England and Canada will be in Portland October 9-10 for the annual New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geography Association Conference. USM's Department of Geography and Anthropology, with support from UMF, is hosting the conference. A Geography College Bowl and a presentation on how geography teachers at all grade levels can integrate their curricula materials are among the presentations. Material from USM's Smith and Osher Cartographic Collections also will be presented. Martyn Bowden of Clark University will deliver the keynote address on "The Invention of New England."

Another major academic conference was hosted by USM last spring. The Communication Department for the first time hosted the annual conference of the Eastern Communication Association, the oldest communication organization in the country, April 30 to May 3. Over 400 scholars from across the nation participated. Rebecca Lockridge, USM associate professor of communication and second vice president of the association, had primary responsibility for organization of the conference.



The controversial Kalwall paneling is now going up on USM's new library in Portland. It will take an estimated eight weeks to finish installing the exterior paneling, chosen for its high insulation value, UV protection and durability. Specialized construction will save about \$37,000 a year in electricity costs over standards for the size building. In response to public criticism, the colored panels have been muted.

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What We're Doing

SCOTT W. BROWN, associate professor of psychology, is the senior author of a chapter titled "Attention, Multiple Timing, and Psychophysical Scaling of Temporal Judgments," in "Time, Action and Cognition: Towards Bridging the Gap." The chapter is based on an invited paper he presented October 1991 at a NATO advanced research workshop on "Time Perception" in St. Malo, France.

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Department of Continuing Education, led a half-day TQM briefing for the State Judicial Department on July 30 that was organized by the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts. On August 26, he participated in the 10th anniversary celebration of the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, speaking on behalf of the total quality movement in Maine, expressing appreciation to Senator Smith for allowing the Maine Quality Award to bear her name, and to the library for supporting the new Maine Quality Center which will be housed at the library.

JEAN E. GUTMANN, professor of associate business administration, reviewed three business textbooks this summer for Prentice-Hall: "Computerized Accounting with Bedford Integrated Software," by Hearing; "On Line Accounting Information Systems" by Eliason and Waite and "Advanced Spreadsheets: A Payroll Application," by Heald.

MICHELLE J. HUTT, assistant professor of psychology, presented the following papers: "Influences of Adult Attachment in Exploration" at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in Boston during April; "Organizational Planning for Human Resource Needs" in a symposium titled "Extension and Education," at Ohio State University in June; and "Attachment Quality and Social Decision Making Patterns," at the sixth International Conference on Personal Relationships, in Orono, in July. Her grant proposal, "Decision Making in Sustainable Agricultural Systems" has been awarded competitive USDA funding for 1993.

WILLIAM KILROY, assistant professor of theatre, performed this summer as Joe DiMaggio in "Insignificance" at the Mad Horse Theatre and as Seymour in "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Strawflower Theatre where he also directed "Nonsense." At the national convention of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education he presented a workshop titled "Theatrical Characterization

Through Portrait Art."

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, was invited to serve on the advisory council for the 1992 International Janusz Korczak Literary Awards and to be a guest speaker at the presentation ceremony to be held in New York in October.

CARTER MANNY associate professor of business law, presented a paper titled "Making the World More Accessible to U.S. Business: Recent Developments Under Section 301" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business in Charleston, S.C., on August 21.

NANCY SALMON, dance instructor, Theatre Department, has been chosen to perform with New York City-based dance company, Doug Varone and Dancers in "A Momentary Order," based on the Franco-American community in Lewiston and premiering October 2-4 at the Libbey Mill, Lewiston. The New York premier will be in December.

MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY, assistant professor of art, developed with the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago a large-scale installation "Two Circles/Gathered Rising" this summer for the exhibition "Art at the Armory: Occupied Territory" that will run from September 12-January 23. He will be a panelist on a forum concerning the exhibition. Shaughnessy had a solo exhibition of a work titled, "Common Grace" at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, N.C., July 7-October 1. In conjunction with the exhibition he gave a lecture on his work. This summer he was part of an exhibition that was the fourth of an annual series highlighting contemporary New England artists titled "11 Artists/11 Visions: 1992" that ran June 27-September 6 at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Mass. He spoke to the public about his work during the run of the exhibition. Prior to the summer Shaughnessy had a solo exhibition at the Pennsylvania School of Art and Design in Lancaster and another at Saint Mary's College, South Bend, Ind.

JURIS K. UBANS, professor of art, had his reappointment to the board of trustees of the Smithsonian Institute's American Folklife Center approved by both Congress and the Senate in February.

NIZAM UDDIN, assistant professor of mathematics/statistics, had his paper, "Constructions of Some Balanced Incomplete Block Designs With Nested Rows and Columns," published in the Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference, vol. 31, 1992. He presented a paper on "Recursive

Constructions for Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns" at the joint statistical meetings of American Statistical Association, Institute of Mathematica Statistics and Biometric Society held in Boston, August 9-13. He also coauthored a paper on "Orthogonal and Totally Balanced Sets of Balanced Incomplete Block Designs with Nested Rows and Columns" which was presented at the same joint meeting by his coauthor, John P. Morgan of Old Dominion University.

SUSAN VESS, associate professor of school psychology, has been elected to the position of treasurer of the National Association of School Psychologists.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, had his book, "The Quest for a Radical Profession" reviewed in Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services, The Journal of Progressive Human Services, Choice, and Adult Residential Care Journal.

RICHARD WEST, assistant professor of communication, had his book chapter, "Gender Sensitivity in the Basic Communication Course," published in "Communication and Sex Role Socialization." His article, "Can We Talk? Using the Personal Reference Inventory in the Basic Communication Course," was published in Speech Communication Teacher. Childhood Education published his article, "The Everyday Report Card: Parents as Partners in the Curriculum."

KIM WHITE, area director, Department of Student Life, presented her research paper, "The Relationship Between Psycho-social Development and Unwanted Childhood Sexual Experiences Among College Women" at the national conference of the American College Personnel Association. She co-presented a program titled "Personal and Family Antecedents of College Transitions: Two Empirical Studies."

L. KINVIN WROTH, professor of law, spoke on current issues confronting the Maine Supreme Judicial Court on WCBB-TV's Mainewatch during the week of March 26. On April 27, he presented a brief historical summary of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Office of Chief Justice at ceremonies at the Cumberland County Court House, marking the opening of Chief Justice Wathen's first law court term in his new capacity. Wroth attended the annual meeting of the American Law Institute in Washington D.C., May 13-15 with DAVID GREGORY, professor of law, and MELVYN ZARR, professor of law.



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