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Commencement Update

Senior Kate Webb has been selected as the 1989 student commencement speaker. The coordinator of the Women's Forum and a student leader in the Women's Studies program will join cartoonist/playwright Jules Feiffer and other guests for the Saturday, May 13 ceremonies.

The 109th annual commencement is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the Cumberland County Civic Center. All faculty and staff participating in the ceremony should be at the Civic Center no later than 9 a.m. Free parking is available for faculty/staff who have a USM sticker on their car. USM has the use of the BAMICO lot on Spring Street, adjacent to the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Coffee and danish will be available for graduates and guests at the Civic Center from 8 to 9 a.m. and in the Civic Center's Number One Club for those taking part in the procession.

There are several other events scheduled for the commencement weekend.

● Marlene Kramer, professor of nursing at the Orvis School of Nursing, the University of Nevada, Reno, will be the keynote speaker at the School of Nursing Convocation. That ceremony, which is open to family and friends of nursing graduates, will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, May 12 in the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church, 425 Congress St., Portland. The internationally known nurse and scholar is the author of "Reality Shock: Why Nurses leave Nursing."

● Some 600 graduates and their guests are expected to attend the second annual Alumni Association Commencement Breakfast. Meals will be served from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the Campus Center, Portland. Buses will run every 15 minutes from the Campus Center to the Civic Center and will be available to take graduates

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Outstanding Students

More than 80 students were presented with scholarships and awards for outstanding service to USM and to local communities at the annual Recognition Day ceremonies held Wednesday, May 3 in Gorham.

Awards for Outstanding Senior Woman and Outstanding Senior Man were presented to Kate A. Callan and David Cowie. The awards honor graduating seniors who have contributed to the continued development of USM. Both students received an engraved university chair.

Callan, a communication major, held leadership positions with her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta and served as the editor of the USM Greek "Oracle." On campus, she worked with the New Student Programs, served as a peer advisor, and was a student leader at Freshman Welcome Day. In the

community, Callan has volunteered for the Pine Tree Society, the American Red Cross and the United Way, among others.

Cowie, an elementary education major, was the recipient of the George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award in 1987 and 1988. He has chaired the Student Senate and a number of Senate committees, and served in the USSR/USA Pairing Project, and the President's Advisory Council, among others. His community volunteer work has included New Year's Portland, The Hunger Project, and the High Level Nuclear Waste Project.

The George Van Amburg Outstanding Service Alumni Award was presented to Melissa J. Clark. The award, named in honor of the late USM administrator and alumnus, is presented to students whose volunteer efforts have made USM a better institution.

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Data General has donated 26 oscilloscopes, instruments which display electrical waves on a fluorescent screen, to USM's Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences and Technology and Engineering in the School of Applied Science. Shown left to right; Rodney H. Gilvey, plant manager, Data General; Marshall E. Hall, engineering manager, Data General; Brian Hodgkin, dean, School of Applied Science (seated); and Tim Honey, vice president for development and external affairs. *Caswell photo*



Patricia M. Collins, the Board of Trustees member assigned to USM, toured the Portland campus recently and met with the President's and Provost's staffs and others. Here she chats with Honors Program faculty, left to right, William Owens, assistant professor of classics; William Gavin, professor of philosophy; and Jeremiah Conway, director of the Honors Program. *Alessi photo*

Research Update

USM's Teachers for Secondary Schools Program in the College of Education, received a grant for \$59,750 from the Ford Foundation this year to support efforts to shift primary responsibility for supervising "practice teaching" from colleges or universities to the public schools where the future teachers work as interns. The new approach will create a clinical training program similar to that used in teaching hospitals and will provide more resources to the supervising teachers.

Bill Phillips, associate professor of economics, recently received \$25,000 in computer equipment and programming assistance grants from Apple Computer, Inc. and McGraw-Hill Publishing Company in support of his Computer Assisted Instruction projects.

USM's Human Services Development Institute was awarded a \$150,000 federal grant for "Fighting a Neglected National Crisis: Elderly Fire Deaths and Injuries," by the U.S. Administration on Aging. This is the only national grant awarded in the area of fire prevention and the elderly. The goal of the project is to reduce fire-associated mortality among older Americans through an education campaign using public service announcements, a 20-minute video and a fire safety brochure.

Neal S. Rote, professor and director of USM's Applied Immunology Program, has been asked to serve as an ad hoc member of the Human Embryology and Development Study Section at the National Institutes of Health. Rote and Alan Donnefeld, director of clinical genetics at the Foundation for Blood Research and adjunct assistant professor in applied

immunology, have received permission to offer an experimental immunization treatment to women with recurrent pregnancy loss. Only five other centers in the United States have been approved to offer this treatment. This program, available through the cooperation of USM, FBR, and the Maine Medical Center, is the only one not associated with a medical school.

Ah-kau Ng, assistant professor of applied immunology, has established a Monoclonal Antibody Laboratory within the Reproductive Immunology Laboratory which will provide services to other laboratories at FBR and USM.

Gerald J. LaSala Jr., assistant professor of physics, has been appointed visiting scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, where he is continuing his work on automatic star classification.

Piers Beirne, professor of sociology and legal studies, has been awarded a 1989-1990 Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award is to enable him to complete his book "Enlightenment and Darkness," which is an intellectual history of the influence of the natural sciences on certain key concepts of normalcy and deviation in the nineteenth century.

A University of Maine System Directory of Research Faculty is being prepared and should be ready for distribution by the end of the year. It will provide agencies and individuals outside the University access to resources on all seven campuses. Forty USM faculty responded to the invitation to be listed.

Deadline for Fulbright Full and Travel Grant applications are due in by October 1 to International Programs. For more information contact Domenica Cipollone at 780-4959.

Campus Notes

MOONWALK, an educational exhibit featuring two decades of space exploration, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday; through Friday, June 30, at Monument Way, 11-13 Free Street, Portland. Among the displays is a space photo exhibit, sponsored by USM's Southworth Planetarium. MOONWALK is presented by the Children's Museum of Maine, in conjunction with NASA and the Southworth Planetarium. Roy A. Gallant, director of the Southworth Planetarium, is the exhibit's educational advisor. Admission is \$2.50 per person; children under two and Children's Museum of Maine members are admitted free. Call the Southworth Planetarium at 780-4249 for more information.

The final two Convocation events of 1988-89 will be held this month. Convocation Scholar James W. Roberts, associate professor of political science, will present a lecture, "Russia Votes," at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9. "A Discussion of Recent and Impending Constitutional Changes in the Soviet Union," with remarks by Guido Zemribo, chairman of the Supreme Court of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic, and member of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union, will be held at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 11. A reception will follow. Both events will be held in the Moot Court Room, Law School, Portland. Call 780-4440 for more information.



Tenor and composer Bruce Fithian, assistant professor of music, will present a concert featuring the world premiere of his work, "Kinderlieder," a cycle of songs on the theme of childhood, at 8 p.m., on Friday, May 12 in Corthell Concert Hall in Gorham. Fithian will conduct the piece performed by Ellen Chickering, soprano; Alison Hale, flute; Julia Adams, viola; and Jara Goodrich, harp. Tickets for this last concert of the 1988-89 Faculty Concert Series are \$7; \$4 for students and seniors. Call 780-5555 for tickets; 780-5256 for information.

Theatre Troupe Travels To England

It's a story we're all familiar with from the movies—a group of young enthusiasts singing and dancing their hearts out to raise money to mount their musical. It happened here at USM when students acting in Walter Stump's "The Great American Mail Order Catalogue" gave four performances of the show on campus last week to raise the funds to pay for the show's tour in England.

The story actually begins 10 years ago when "The Great American Mail Order Catalogue," created by Stump,



professor of theatre, was the first production to be performed in an exchange with King Alfred's College in England. This year Stump and his troupe will again take the show to England, but it is, according to Stump, new work. "It has the same name, underlying concept and format as the original, but all new material," he says.

Stump, who recently received an award from the American College Theatre Festival for his contributions to collegiate theatre, based this variety show on the concept that American society has been considerably shaped by our favorite consumer goods. He says "The Great American Mail Order Catalogue" celebrates the Sears Roebuck catalogue and its comforting presence throughout the development of the American West. This "anthology of Americana" draws on the work of Carl Sandburg, Garrison Keillor, F. Scott Fitzgerald and other writers,

with music from a variety of genres, from show tunes to folk songs.

The company, which leaves on May 17 for England, performed two shows on each campus, as well as at USM's Lewiston/Auburn College and in local high schools. They will spend 10 days in England, with performances at King Alfred's and at Whitelands College in London.

The troupe will be led by Stump, who will direct and co-manage the production with Christenia Kinne, wardrobe manager in our Theatre Department. Kinne is also supervising music and costume. Theatre students who will appear in the show are Mary Ellen O'Hara, Kim Fletcher, Tamara Schmidt, Brenda Rowe, Sean Casement, Geary Smith, Josh Chard and J. Michael Werner. All are veterans of many USM productions.

Bon Voyage to the troupe and break a leg!

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and guests back to the Portland campus. Members of the class of 1939 have been invited to lead the commencement procession.

● Graduates of the University of Maine School of Law will participate in commencement ceremonies and be honored at a convocation at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church, Portland. The keynote speaker will be Guido Zemribo, chairman of the Supreme Court of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic and member of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union.

For more information on our 1989 commencement, please call University Relations at 780-4440.

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Clark, a senior in the School of Nursing, was treasurer of the Student Nurses Organization, helped organize this year's Red Cross Blood Drive on campus, and organized the Nursing Convocation and Spring Social. She is a member of the Association of Surgical Technologists, and has volunteered with the Maine Handicapped Ski Program, Osteopathic Hospital's Center for Health Promotion Cholesterol Clinic, and Osteopathic Hospital's Nurse Externship Program. She also received an engraved university chair.

Among the other award recipients were: Jody M. Hogan, recipient of the Arthur and Judith Benoit Memorial Scholarship Fund and the USM Awards Committee Special Recognition Award; Leisa J. Cushman, recipient of the Dena A. Brooks International Student Scholarship; John M. Capen, recipient of the Dexter Huntoon Memorial Scholarship; Gloria W. Stevens, recipient of the Gertrude M. Prinn Scholarship; Jeffrey S. Bowers, recipient of the Roland Wirths Memorial Award.

Eight new awards and scholarships were presented this year, including the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Recognition Award, received by John S. Butts Jr.; The Duane Wood Prize, received by Claudia A. Stehlik; and the Student Employee of the Year Award, received by Charles S. Mincks. Also new this year is the Maine Business for USM Scholars' Program, awarded to Ann L. Andrews; Martha L. Beaulieu; Robert Boyle; Mary-Jo Briggs; Cheryl A. Hallett; Nicole M. Legasse; Diane L. Merrifield; Richard T. Smith; Virginia L. Thompson; and Michelle Webster.



The 1989 inductees to the Husky Hall of Fame, pictured above, left to right, are Fay T.O. Morrill of Berwick, class of 1974; Gertrude M. Prinn of Portland, class of 1923; Al Bean of South Portland, class of 1977; Carl Labbe of South Portland, class of 1981; and Benedict Palubinskas of Westbrook, class of 1966.

What We're Doing

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, presented a research paper titled "Time Perception, Attention, and Task Interference" at the 60th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association held March 30-April 2 in Boston.

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, spoke to the College Club of Portland in March on the role of the humanities in higher education. Duclos inaugurated the Spring Lecture Series at Hartford College for Women with a lecture, "Monstrum horrendum: Gossip in Virgil's 'Aeneid.'" She presented an invited paper, "Virgil's Messianic Mystery: Eclogue IV" at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of New England, held at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

RICHARD H. FORTINSKY, research and advanced study associate, Human Services Development Institute, addressed the men's group of the Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church on retirement issues on April 27.

MADELEINE D. GIGUERE, professor of sociology, gave a lecture titled "The Acadians of Maine," as part of the Maine Historical Society series, "Myth of the Melting Pot," on April 12.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, assistant professor of political science, has been appointed vice-chair of the membership committee of the American Society for Public Administration for 1989-90 effective April 12, 1989. Hamilton will chair the committee during 1990-91, serving as a member of the Society president's cabinet. He was elected to the governing board of the Society in 1988, representing members in the New England states, and served on its finance committee during 1988-89.

ROSEMARY JOHNSON, assistant professor of nursing, completed a poster presentation titled "Assisting the Elderly: A Col-

laborative Project to Address Unmet Needs in the Community" at The Center for the Advancement for Nursing Practice National Symposium in Boston, April 7-8. She will present a paper titled "Restructuring: An Emerging Theory on the Transformation from Overweight to Normal Weight" for the Sigma Theta Tau Sub-Regional Research Alliance of New York Spring Research Day at New York University on April 28.

ELIZABETH H. KILBRETH, research and advanced study associate, Human Services Development Institute, was invited to give a presentation titled "MaineCare—A Demonstration to Extend Health Insurance Coverage to the Low-Income Uninsured" at the National Health Policy Forum in Washington D.C. on April 10.

FRANCIS C. McGRATH III, associate professor of English, will have two essays published this spring. "Irish Babel: Brian Friel's 'Translations' and George Steiner's 'After Babel'" will appear in Comparative Drama and "Introducing Ireland's Field Day" has appeared in *Eire-Ireland*. McGrath presented his paper titled "The Politics of Ireland's Field Day" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Wilmington, Del. last March. In May he will present a paper titled "Brian Friel and the Politics of the Anglo-Irish Language" at the annual meeting of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature in Atlanta, Ga. Last November McGrath delivered a lecture on "Ireland's Field Day Theatre Group" to the Portland Irish-American Club.

HENRY L. PARSONS, assistant professor of production/operations management, presented a refereed paper, "A Cost-Flexibility Trade Off Function for GT Cell Formation," at the 1989 annual conference of the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute in Baltimore, Md. that was published in the 1989 NEDSI Proceedings.

JANET PATTERSON, assistant director, Department of Continuing Education for Business, presented a workshop titled "Customer Service: Front Line Strategies

for Bottom Line Results" at the annual meeting of the Maine Association for Continuing Education, May 4-5, University of Maine, Orono.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, and JOHN J. HOULIHAN, associate professor of business law, presented a coauthored paper titled, "The AICPA Code of Ethics—Is It Helping Accountants Avoid Liability for Errors in Financial Statements," at the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association annual meeting held at the University of Lowell, Mass. on April 15.

JAMES W. ROBERTS, associate professor of political science, has been selected as a J. J. Malone Faculty Fellow to participate in the national Council on U.S./Arab Relations' summer Arab and Islamic Studies Program. He will spend the month of July in Egypt receiving instruction in various aspects of Arab culture.

YVONNE SHAFER, associate professor of theatre, reviewed "Film and the Arts in Symbiosis" for *Choice Magazine*. In January she presented four lectures on American theatre in Germany and Belgium. Shafer performed "An Evening of Chekhov One-Acts" at USM as part of our Convocation in February and presented "The Influence of German Expressionism on Susan Glaspell" at the International Comparative Drama Conference in Gainesville, Fla., in April.

WALTER R. STUMP, professor of theatre, has been appointed to the editorial board of the *New England Journal of Theatre Studies*.

JOHN J. VOYER, assistant professor of business administration, coauthored a paper titled "Organizational Cognition in a Jazz Ensemble" that is in the latest issue of *Empirical Studies of the Arts*.

L. KINVIN WROTH, dean, School of Law, authored "The Constitution and the Common Law: The Original Intent About the Original Intent" which was the 24th Donahue Lecture at Suffolk University School of Law in January; presented as a USM Convocation event in March; and was published in *Suffolk University's Law Review*.



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