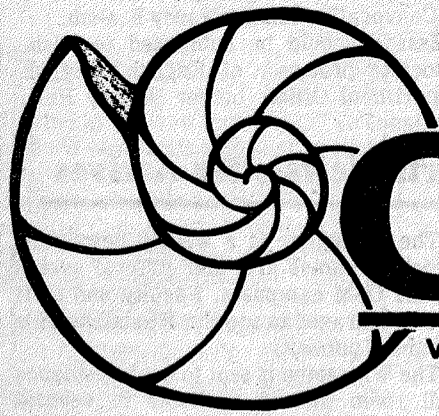

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A Unit of the University of Maine

President Travels to Kennebunk To Assess Community Needs

Noting that "the time has come for institutions of higher learning to get out and see what communities want," President Woodbury travelled to Kennebunk two weeks ago for an exchange of ideas and information with more than 45 area citizens.

In an invitation mailed to Kennebunk and Kennebunkport educators, business people and community leaders, Woodbury said, "I want you to be fully informed about our educational programs in Portland and Gorham, about our programs offered through York County Community College Services and about many other offerings designed specifically to assist business. And, we are interested equally in hearing from you your assessment of York County's future development and how the University might assist in those plans."

The late afternoon meeting, held in a local restaurant, was arranged by Alyce S. O'Brien, executive director of University Relations, and Walter P. Fridinger, USM's retired vice-president for finance and administration and presently a consultant to the Office of University Relations and Division of Public Service.

Woodbury told guests that 1,650 York County citizens attend USM. And he cited four "special characteristics" that make USM unique among institutions of higher learning in Maine and New England.

A full one third of our students, said Woodbury, are over 30. The average age of a USM student is nearly 26. "Our classrooms are therefore unusual," he said, "in that we have a mixture of students who create a rich learning experience."

Secondly, said Woodbury, USM is the "most urban of all Maine campuses." The urban environment allows USM to draw on the varied resources of a larger community.

USM students also enjoy the intimacy of smaller academic units but have the benefits of a large and growing curricula.

Finally, Woodbury noted that USM "is still a growing institution" and as such can develop with the times rather than remain static.

In a freewheeling discussion period, Woodbury fielded questions on everything from availability of financial aid to academic calendars.

One guest also asked about the status of York County Community College Services.

The program, run by our Division of Basic Studies in cooperation with Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, provides off-campus courses and academic counseling to York County residents.

Woodbury confirmed that SMVTI will pull out of the program as of July 1, 1983, leaving a \$55,000 gap in the YCCCS operating budget. Various options will be under review, said Woodbury, to maintain existing services. "We hope that we can deal with the problem within the next two months."

In response to a question on financial aid, Woodbury said USM had about \$300,000 more in aid monies available this year than last. Though Congress brushed aside the administration's proposed slash in student aid funding last year, Woodbury cautioned that programs will probably remain under tough congressional scrutiny. He also told guests that media coverage of proposed cuts discouraged many students from applying at private college when, in fact, funds were available.

During a discussion on tuition costs, Woodbury explained that traditionally tuition costs have paid one third of University of Maine expenses while taxpayers have picked up the rest. "That balance is shifting," he said.

One member of the business community asked if USM was a vocational or academic oriented institution.

Through implementation of our new core curriculum, said Woodbury, "we are saying that there are certain things that all students should know." As far as vocational training, he said it may be "counterproductive" for a university to teach specific job skills. As job skills change, "you may find that you're training just for the short run," he said.

And academic calendars were discussed. Some employers said they were hesitant to employ University of Maine students for summer work since many have to leave for classes before or during the important Labor Day weekend. Woodbury said 1983 fall classes at USM will not begin until after Labor Day.

Thomas Murphy of Kennebunk, a state legislator and member of the Education Committee, thanked Woodbury for addressing the group.



Woodbury met with York County residents to discuss their educational needs and the ways USM might address them.

Counseling Satellite Whirring

The Office of Counseling and Career Development has opened a satellite office on our Gorham campus, and according to Director Ira H. Hymoff, "We're very busy out here."

Hymoff cites three reasons for expanding counseling services to the residential campus.

"First of all we wanted to address the needs of the residential population," he says. There are many referrals from resident directors and resident assistants, specially trained to detect potential problems. The on-site office enables a counselor to see a student in need the same day.

Another reason was the chance to locate the satellite office in the Health Services

suite on the ground floor of Upton Hall. This vocation facilitates referrals from health services and makes the delivery of counseling services immediately available.

The Gorham campus hosts the College of Arts and Sciences programs, and Hymoff's office is gearing up to provide more career information and assistance in this area. A three day workshop which will include career planning, resume writing and interviewing is on the agenda. (We will publish more information as it becomes available.)

The Gorham Counseling and Career Development Office provides services Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Terry Overlock at 780-5413.

Grand Opera in Gorham

USM's first grand opera, "Cosi Fan Tutte" by Mozart was grandly received by the greater Portland community. Over 1000 people attended the five public performances and the benefit invitational performance, preceded by a reception at the home of President and Mrs. Woodbury.

The Woodbury's welcomed 150 patrons of the arts amidst a mood of excited anticipation. A Gorham couple remarked that this was the first time in over 20 years that they had seen anything so nicely done at the university. A gentleman from Falmouth, surprised at "what a lovely campus we had hidden away in Gorham," said that he had never before managed to travel "as far inland as Gorham."

Once inside the Russell Square Theater every aspect of the joint production by Walter Stump and Robert Russell of the theater and music departments was a

feast for the eyes and ears. Charles Kading's graceful set — flowered and plant bedecked balconies and arches, subtly lighted by Melissa J. Sparks — greeted theater goers. Gannett critic Bina Breitner called Carroll Farrell's costumes "as refreshing as Mozart's melodies."

When the orchestra, began its introduction the audience settled in, ready to enjoy an evening of opera. With the enthusiasm that rivals that of professional performers and a spirit of merry-making that enveloped the audience the cast presented the three-hour work which pokes fun at the supposed fickleness of women. Russell later remarked, "What the students accomplished was a tremendous undertaking, and to pull it off the way they did was a great credit to them."



(Photo by Nance Trueworthy).

Coach Joey Bouchard will serve as team manager at the nationwide tournament held to select the 1984 US Olympic basketball team.

Bouchard on Coaching Staff at U.S. Olympic Festival

Joey A. Bouchard, head men's basketball coach, has been appointed team manager at a nationwide tournament that will select the 12 members of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team.

The Amateur Basketball Association Games Committee selected Bouchard to serve as team manager of the National Sports Festival East Basketball Team.

The festival, sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee, will feature a total of four regional teams from the northern, eastern, southern and western U.S. Twelve of the 48 players at the festival will be selected for the 1984 men's U.S. Olympic

Basketball Team. It will be held June 24 through July 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Coach Bouchard was chosen on the basis of recommendations from representatives of the NAIA, NCAA and eastern colleges," said Charles T. McGrath, associate executive director of the Amateur Basketball Association. As team manager of the eastern squad, Bouchard will serve as "administrative liaison between team and office and assist with scouting duties," McGrath said.

Terry Holland, head coach at University of Virginia, and Edward Bilik, head coach at Springfield College, will share coaching duties on the eastern team. Members of the committee charged with selecting the final 12 players from the festival include such basketball luminaries as Dean Smith of University of North Carolina and John Thompson of Georgetown.

"I feel deeply honored to have the University of Southern Maine participate in the selection of the 1984 Olympic Basketball Team and to have the opportunity to share in the development program for the 1984 Olympic Games," says Bouchard.

The final 12-member team selected at this summer's festival will complete in the World University Games in Canada and the Pan American games in Venezuela.

Bouchard, who has compiled a 101-35 record at USM, has led the Huskies to seven NAIA playoffs and two NAIA National Tournaments. He has made numerous trips to Africa to help train national basketball teams as a representative of the U.S. State Department.

From Jazz to China

A jazz musician and a historian were the first two speakers scheduled to participate in a "Contemporary Concerns" lecture series at the University of Southern Maine.

Bill Street, leader of the Bill Street Big Band, began the series Tuesday, February 8, with a lecture/demonstration on "Jazz as a Unique Art Form." Street, a saxophone player, teaches at USM.

Series continues Tuesday, March 1, when Craig Dietrich, associate professor of history, discusses "China: Problems and Prospects." Dietrich, a specialist on Chinese History and modern China, has travelled throughout that country. Dietrich's lecture begins at 4 p.m. in Room 302 of the Center for Research and Advanced Study.

The lectures, sponsored by USM Student Activities, are open free of charge to the Campus Community.

"Lion" Announces Cast

The Russell Square Players have announced the cast for their spring production of James Goldman's "The Lion In Winter," directed by Jeff Toorish.

The play, about the reign of King Henry the Second, will feature veteran USM actor Mark Rogers as Henry and Eileen Sanborn in her first starring USM role as Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Their sons will be portrayed by William M. Kelley, Bruce V. Avery and Craig Foley. King Philip of France will be played by Matthew Witting and his sister Alais

will be played by newcomer Susan Beaulieu.

Thomas C. Vail, Karen Rogers, Peter Blatchford, Gail Simpson, Julie Powers, Gail Hudson and Christina Dominic will be chorus members.

"The Lion In Winter" will open Thursday, March 17 and run for two weekends with curtain at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 for general admission and \$3.00 for students. Group rates are available.

For information and reservations, call 780-5480.

Convocation Essay Contest Underway

Undergraduate students are invited to participate in a Convocation Essay Contest on the topic, "The changing Roles of Women and Men."

Two categories have been designated. Students accumulating up to 30 credit hours may submit an essay of 500 to 750 words. Students accumulating more than 30 credit hours may submit essays of 750 to 1,000 words. All USM undergraduates are eligible to participate.

Two prizes of \$100 will be awarded in addition to two \$25 honorable mentions deadline for submissions in each category.

Nuclear Policy in '83

Peter Bradford, chairman of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, will discuss "Nuclear Policy in 1983" Friday, February 18 at the University of Maine School of Law.

The presentation begins at 12 noon in the Moot Court Room on the first floor of the School of Law. Members of the Campus Community are invited.

Bradford is a former commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. His visit is sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute, a nonprofit corporation composed of law school students interested in legal issues connected with environmental preservation.

For more information, contact Karin Tilberg of the Environmental Law Institute, tel: 767-5794.

Office Pilfering On The Increase

Businesses throughout Greater Portland have been plagued by a rash of office thefts in the past few weeks. And offices on our campuses are no exceptions.

There were 21 thefts reported to USM's Department of Police and Safety during January, up eight from the month before. "We're getting hit on both campuses," says Bud Quinn, director of Police and Safety. The thefts here, adds Quinn, fit the pattern of office thefts committed throughout the area, at hospitals, retail stores, banks and other places of business.

"Too many people in our campus community regard crime as a Police and Safety problem only," says Quinn. "In reality, it's everyone's problem."

Quinn has been holding a series of crime prevention discussions in Portland and Gorham to help increase awareness of the problem and to offer a few measures to safeguard against crime. Among those measures are:

MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT: Get to know other employees around your work area. Ask them to keep an eye on your things if you need to be away for a short period of time, and be willing to reciprocate.

Working in close proximity means that you are mutually aware of each other's routines, schedules and activities.

PILFERERS PROFILE: Most thieves are young (under 25), undereducated, poor and have a history of delinquency and drug involvement," notes Quinn. "They are antisocial by nature, nervous and unreliable, so if you meet one, "don't get between him and his way out," warns Quinn.

COMMON-SENSE PRECAUTIONS: Always keep track of your keys and your wallet or purse, and don't carry large sums of money, says Quinn. Lock up your office even if you're just going down the hall to the lavatory — this includes locking your file cabinets and desk drawers. Thieves know your routine and take advantage of even short absences.

Essays will be judged by a panel chaired by Convocation Scholar Nancy K. Gish.

Essays should be submitted to Gish, associate professor of English, English Department Office, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland.

Arts Newsletter Arrives

The Whetstone is a weekly newsletter which promotes arts and cultural events on the USM campuses. Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the Whetstone as a means of publicity.

The Whetstone is sent to each residence hall room and is available in several locations on the Portland campus. Eight hundred copies are distributed weekly.

Lectures, films, workshops, concerts, etc. are listed weekly, usually with a short description. To submit to the Whetstone, send information to Ernie Freeberg at the Student Activities Office, Student Center, Gorham or call 780-5470.

The Whetstone is published each Monday. Deadline for submissions is the preceding Thursday afternoon.

Currents is published every other Monday by the Office of Public Information. Material should be submitted to 624 CRAS, Portland no later than Friday noon, 10 days prior to publication date. Robert S. Caswell, editor.

"Report any unusual occurrences, suspicious persons or activities," advises Quinn. And know our emergency number, X-5211.

IF A CRIME OCCURS: Don't disturb the scene of the crime and do not pursue the culprit. Quinn prefers that you concentrate on getting a good description of the person and the vehicle, if possible. Chasing the person yourself is an invitation to bodily harm. "The loss of your valuables could not possibly be as great as the loss of life or health to yourself or others," adds Quinn.

Calling the recent and continuing burglaries "alarming and unacceptable," Quinn asks members of the university community to do what they can to make thefts more difficult. "No matter how slight it may seem, what each of us does can contribute to the overall picture of how well and how soon crime can be brought under manageable control."

Postal Policies

Beginning July 1, 1983, all university departments will be individually charged for postage by means of a postage microcomputer. Currently only a few accounts — "soft money" accounts, auxiliary enterprises, Chancellor's Office — are charged back for postage.

Catherine A. Laffin, coordinator of Administrative Services, says that with this change operating budget accounts will be adjusted by the Director of Budget.

She emphasizes that this makes it "doubly important to include your department's account number on all out going mail. The department name alone is not enough."

Postage increases effective January 9, 1983 are: bulk mail rate from 4.9 cents per piece to 5.2 cents; pound rates from 21.4 cents to 23.3 cents; library rates from 32 cents to 35 cents per pound.

Call Cay Laffin at 4024, if you have questions.

COMPUTERS COMPUTERS COMPUTERS

Easing Entrance into World of Computers

Intimidated by the new technology? Are you one of the thousands who realize that computers are the way of the future, yet you don't know where to begin? If so, take heart because Community Programs has developed a two-pronged approach to increasing your computer literacy.

AT HOME WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGY

"Making A Computer Work for You" is an eight week course taught by professor James Lohmeyer of the School of Business, Economics and Management. The course "eases the computer user's entrance into the world of technology in the same way a new driver is taught to operate a car: through instruction, demonstration and practice," says Joanne K. Doyle, director of Community Programs.

An added attraction of the course is the at-home use of a personal computer. So far 56 people have completed the fall session and 123 are enrolled for February and April sessions with a waiting list of 70-80. Doyle says her department spent about

\$12,000 for the purchase of the 56 personal computers and the software to go with them. But like other programs in her department this one is self-supporting. "The program is designed so that the \$50 rental fee will recover the cost of the computer," she explains.

Who takes this course? At first the enrollees came mostly from the business community. They were the owners or operators of small businesses in the area who needed to learn more about computers to improve efficiency at work. Others were employees of large businesses who wanted to learn about microcomputers for on-the-job use.

Doyle now sees a shift in the types of people enrolling in the course. More couples are enrolling and she sees parents and children signing up so that the parent's knowledge of new technology can keep pace with the offspring's.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO SHOP

As an outgrowth of a survey of the business sector, Community Programs — with the expertise and assistance of Lohmeyer, Jean E. Gutmann, associate

professor of the School of Business, Management and Economics, and Lawrence E. Brazier, director of Management Information Systems — will establish a Computer Resource Center.

It is scheduled for a late spring opening in Room 201 Payson Smith, Portland. The resource center will provide hands-on experience on a variety of hardware to aid those who are deciding which equipment to purchase.

Doyle also hopes to provide training for both beginnings and advanced computer users in the center. The third objective of the resource center is the on-going development of a computer library.

Doyle maintains that the computer center is broad in scope to appeal to as many elements of the community as possible. "We are hoping to meet many needs that are not already being addressed. That's why our emphasis is on user orientation. We are not trying to duplicate what is already available in training for computer professionals," she says.

Computer Survey Shapes Up

Some 98 members of the campus community have responded to a computer usage survey distributed by Jean E. Gutmann, associate professor in the School of Business, Economics and Management.

Information gathered by Gutmann will be used to improve access to and disseminate information about computer resources. Acting Provost Helen Greenwood recently appointed Gutmann computer liaison to evaluate extent of computer usage on campus: to summarize problems associated with computer use; and to develop suggestions for further direction with regard to computer competency.

A total 37 academic users, 34 administrative users and 27 non-users returned surveys.

Most non-users cited physical access to the equipment as a problem. It's also difficult to get time on the computers, they said. Because of these problems, non-users tend to remain non-users, according to Gutmann, who also feels that they have "no incentive to update themselves and to incorporate computers into course work."

Three-quarters of the academic users do incorporate the computer into their curriculum either through original programs, packaged programs or research. Difficulty in getting computer time was reason given for purchasing

packaged programs instead of tying into the university computer.

Administrative users seem to limit their computer use to a single, major application within the particular department and fail to discover the full range of possibilities. These respondents complain about lack of computer instruction. They "don't know where to turn for help," said Gutmann. Many departments are acquiring microcomputers without considering sharing with another department and without a concrete overview of possible uses for that department, she added.

Greenwood says, "We're acting on the recommendations as soon as possible."

Computer Center Hours of Operation

PORTLAND: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday closed.

GORHAM: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

Campus Notes

The Orientation Committee is seeking new members. Faculty and other staff members who know of students who might be interested should encourage them to contact the Offices of Student Activities, 780-4090 or 780-5470. Committee members assist in development of the program to ease transition of new students into university life.

Lifeline will conduct racquetball clinics Tuesday, February 22 for beginning players and Thursday, February 24 for more advanced players. Clinics will be from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Portland Gym. Bob Folsam, Lifeline director and five-time New England champion, will lead the clinics. Pre-registration fee of \$3 for the campus community is required. Call 780-4170 for more information.

Have You Heard?

The Transportation Advisory Committee of the Greater Portland Council of Governments has commissioned a study of the demand for express bus service between points in Greater Portland and job sites in Westbrook, South Portland and Portland. Our Office of Employee Relations has distributed a questionnaire to help determine the number of people who would be interested in such a service. Call Employee Relations at 780-4488 for more information.

Tennis Coach Philip Cole is recruiting men and women for the tennis team. If interested, contact him in his office in 315 Luther Bonney, Portland or phone x 4284.

There is still time to sign up for the Summer School Program in Mexico. The dates for the program are May 12, 1983 to June 9, 1983. All members of the USM community can participate. If you wish to get a head start, meet in the cafeteria on Wednesdays at 2:30 to speak Spanish. For more information call Professor Gonzalo Plasencia, 4290.

Recognition Breakfast

The annual Classified Employees' Recognition Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1983, from 8:00 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room on the Gorham Campus. The snow date is Thursday, February 24.

As in the past, buses will be provided, leaving the Portland campus at 7:30 a.m. and returning to Portland at 10:00 a.m., if enough people express interest in this service. You may do so by calling the President's Office at 4480.



Marquee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

FILM, "Anonymous Was A Women," Lunch Time Film Series, USM Women's Studies, 509 Luther Booney, 12:30-1:30, free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

LECTURE, "Women's Values"?, Robert B. Loudon, assistant professor of philosophy, Room 302, CRAS, Portland, 4:00, free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SLIDE LECTURE, "St. Sebastian and the Renaissance Nude," Ellen Schiferl, assistant professor of art, Art Gallery, Gorham, 4:00, free.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

MUSIC, Music Day for High School Students, (voice, strings, keyboard), 205 Corthell, Gorham, 9-3:30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LECTURE, "Nuclear Policy in 1983," Peter Bradford, chairman Public Utilities Commission in Maine and former Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner, Moot Court Room, School of Law, 12 noon, free.

CONTINUING EXHIBIT through FEBRUARY 17

ART, Senior BFA Exhibition, Jane Garnsey, Pamela Landry, Art Gallery, Gorham.

CONTINUING EXHIBIT through FEBRUARY 17

ART, Artist-in-Residence and Maine Touring Artists, Art Gallery, Gorham, Sunday through Thursday, 12 to 4 p.m.

CONTINUING SHOWS —

SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS SOUTHWORTH PLANETARIUM, Portland Campus, 7:30 p.m., 780-4249 for reservations.

"Super Worker"

Jean Soule, executive secretary for the Department of Social Welfare, was one of four people profiled in the January 14 Maine Times cover story, "Super Workers."

Soule, a 15-year veteran in the department, broke her leg before Thanksgiving and was housebound until after Christmas. As department deadlines loomed, Jean worked at home to lessen the load of her temporary replacement.

Bonnie A. Lazar, assistant professor of Social Welfare was quoted as saying, "The dedication and commitment she brings to the job could not be found to any greater extent in people who own their own business."



Convocation Dates

February 16, 1983, 4:00 p.m.

Burt Loudon, assistant professor of philosophy, will speak on "Women's Values" in Room 302 CRAS, Portland.

March 2, 1983, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Panel discussion on the topic of "How Today's Parents Parent Today's Children." Panel members are John and Ann Bay, Irene and Tim Honey, Bill Sturner, Maryanne Rogers, Judy Tizon. Kathy Karpeles is facilitator. Luther

Bonney Auditorium, Portland.

March 3, 1983, 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Willie Willette, men's groups coordinator and activist, will speak on "Men's Groups and Changing Men's Roles." Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland.

March 4, 4:00 p.m.

Leonard Shedletsky, assistant professor of communications, will speak on "Sex Differences in Brain Organization: An Overview." 410 Luther Bonney.



Daniel and Rachel Laplant discuss their family's tradition of higher education at USM with Melissa Costello, associate professor of education and advisor to Rachel.

Eight is Enough

Peter began the tradition in '70, Cecile followed suit and so did Marcel and Rita. Susan graduated last December, Dan will in June. Rachel has a few years yet and Theresa is studying for her master's degree. Who are these people?

They are eight brothers and sisters of a close-knit northern Maine family, all of whom have attended USM. Peter Laplante, now 31, was the first of the eight children of Joseph and Fernande Laplante to make the 370 mile trip from tiny Van Buren, Me. (pop. 3557) to study here.

Why did they come all the way here, bypassing several other campuses enroute?

USM's history program attracted Peter to the second-largest institution in the University of Maine. Since Peter's admission to USM in 1970, his brothers and sisters have been drawn to the Portland and Gorham campuses by a combination of the right academic program and proximity to family members who have elected to stay in the area. I came here because of the nursing program," says Rachel. The youngest member of the LaPlante family, now a sophomore, has since changed her major to elementary education. She also came here because my brothers and sisters were in the area. I like having them around," says Rachel.

Family closeness is important to Dan, too. Growing up in a small Maine town and working with his family on their large cattle and grain farm established the close ties the Laplantes cherish. Dan recalls the loneliness that set in when sister Cecile, a USM graduate and a French and Spanish teacher at South Portland High School, dropped him off at the dorm four years ago. "It was a load off my mind that Susan, a USM sophomore at the time, was coming the next week," he says.

Dan originally planned to study agriculture at Orono, but decided on business administration at USM instead.

"Although we love it up there, too," Dan and Rachel will follow the example of Cecile and Susan, remaining in the Greater Portland area where job opportunities are more plentiful and recreational and entertainment possibilities more accessible.

They go home often to visit, but it is difficult for both parents to get away together for a trip here. "That's because Mrs. Laplante takes in elderly boarders to

fill the bedrooms emptied by her grown children. Sometimes Rachel will return home to take charge, freeing her parents to visit Cecil, Susan and Dan.

Reached by telephone, Mrs. Laplante cited the increased employment opportunities in southern Maine but admitted, "It is hard for me because they are so far away, but we have to let them choose what they want."

According to Dan, his folks are relieved that he and his sisters are staying close by in the same area because "there's someone to watch over us." It surprises Rachel when Dan says, "Mom's always telling me to watch over Rache."

The Laplantes have established a "little family down here," transplanting the values of their childhood. "We communicate and we're always there if someone needs help," Dan says. Actually having so many of her children in the same area saves time for Mrs. Laplante. Rachel chuckles and explains, "Mom only has to write one letter now."

Amnesty Internat'l Lecture March 1

Michael Posner of Amnesty International will visit the University of Maine School of Law Tuesday, March 1 to lecture on "International Human Rights and Refugees."

His lecture, which is open to the campus community, begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room of the School of Law.

Posner recently returned from the Philippines and prepared a report on the status of human rights in that country. Amnesty International is a worldwide organization formed to report and monitor human rights violations.

The University of Maine School of Law Lawyers Guild and the International Law Society are sponsors of Posner's visit. For more information, call the School of Law at 780-4345.

What We're Doing

PIERS BIERNE, associate professor of sociology and legal studies, has been appointed book review editor of "Contemporary Crises," an international journal of crime, law and social policy. Two of his articles will be published in 1983: "Cultural Relativism and Comparative Criminology" and "Generalization and Its Discontents: Some Remarks on the Comparative Study of Crime." He was co-editor of a book "Marxism and Law" published in 1982.

JEREMIAH P. CONWAY, assistant professor of philosophy, has an article entitled "The Retreat From History: A Marxian Critique of Freud" in the current issue of "Studies in Soviet Thought." He also has an article, "Murphy's Law and the Value Inquiry." The Distinguished

Speakers Committee of the University of Maine has invited him to deliver the latter paper at USM on March 22.

LUCIA A. diBENEDETTO, associate professor of French, was recently awarded a grant for summer study and research at Laval University by the New England Modern Language Association in conjunction with the Quebec ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

DOROTHY D. MOORE, assistant dean of the College of Education, has been appointed to the Multi-disciplinary Team of the Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council. This team includes members from the medical, legal, and social services professions who meet monthly to provide consultation to the Child Abuse Treatment Team.

International Group Names Dean Wroth Co-Chair

The dean of the University of Maine School of Law has been appointed co-chair of a bilateral committee formed to help educate American and Canadian law students on legal systems in both countries.

L. Kinvin Wroth, dean of the School of Law, will serve as 1983 United States co-chair of the Joint Committee on Canadian-American Cooperation. The Canadian Association of Law Teachers and the Association of American Law Schools formed the committee to sponsor joint programs on comparative Canadian-American legal issues. Wroth says the committee's first priority will be to help educated members of the American legal community on the Canadian legal system, and vice versa.

The School of Law dean has been a member of the committee since 1978 and previously served as U.S. co-chair in 1980 and 1981.

"Kinvin Wroth is one of the most knowledgeable people on Canadian law schools," says John A. Bauman, executive director of the Association of American Law Schools. Bauman notes that the association hopes to improve relations with Canadian law schools. "Kinvin can bring years of experience and familiarity



Kinvin Wroth

with the Canadian system to the committee.

"I'm excited about another opportunity to serve," says Wroth. "The School of Law has long promoted an interest in learning about the Canadian legal system and American interaction with that system."

The School of Law is one of the few law schools in the U.S. to offer a Canadian law course.

Record Breaker

In less than two seasons, Maureen Burchill of our women's basketball team has reached a milestone that is only a dream for most players.

With about three minutes left in the January 31st game with Plymouth State, Burchill, a sophomore, tossed in two free throws to score her 1,000th point. The game was stopped and she was presented with a ball by USM women's coach Dick Costello.

"I never thought I was going to make it," the young hoopster from Portland said, referring to her repeated but unsuccessful attempts at scoring the basket which would place her among the 1,000 point elite.

The 5'9" forward scored 12 points in the first half of the Huskies' triumph, leaving

her just two shy of the magic milestone. After the intermission, she attempted several shots, most of them from the perimeter, before finally cashing in the two charity throws.

At the rate she is going, Burchill will own virtually all of the USM scoring records. She is already second in career points, trailing only Michele Rollins, who had 1,198 in four years of play. Burchill also has the top seasonal output with the 635 she scored as a freshman last year. Her per game average of 20.5 in 1981-82 is also a Huskie record as is the 34 she scored in one game against Bates last January.

"Maureen is definitely a Division I shooter," says Costello of his sophomore marksman.