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New Director of Women's Studies



Diana E. Long, a researcher on the history of medical science, has been named to a three-year term as director of the Women's Studies Program. Long, who is appointed as

associate professor of history as well, says she is "very impressed with the students in the program and the teaching of the 14 faculty courses."

Long officially joined the faculty in September, but because she was a visiting scholar at the National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, she assumed her post in January. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale University's Department of History of Science and Medicine. Long comes to USM from the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, where she was the director of the Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine. She has also taught at Princeton, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Boston University and Acadia Institute in Bar Harbor.

In her research on the social construction of science, she has been especially interested in medical language concerning reproduction, gender and sex and how it has changed over the last 100 years. She has lectured on 20th Century American science and ideology, sex and medicine and biology and gender conventions. In addition to numerous articles, Long has curated exhibitions and edited three books on these subjects. Her most recent book, edited with Janet L. Golden, is "Hospitals and Communities: an American Institution in Historical Perspective."

At USM her goals are raising

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Balancing the Budget

Will the University of Maine System budget be cut by the currently approved \$6 million, the anticipated \$10 million, or a dreaded larger amount?

One thing is certain in this time of budgetary ambiguity: the University of Maine System must return a minimum of \$6 million between now and June 30, 1991 to help the state meet its budget shortfall, and USM will contribute just under 25 percent of the final amount. Contributing to everyone's anxiety over budget cuts is the fact that the exact figure of the system's "deappropriation" might not be known until the final days of the current legislative session, sometime in mid-April.

Based on a state budget shortfall of \$67 million, Trustees voted in January to cut the system's budget by \$6 million in the current biennium, July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1991. But the anticipated shortfall in state revenues was subsequently increased to \$210 million. Based on the \$210 million, the McKernan administration suggested that the system return \$10 million. Adding a degree of confusion to understanding the situation is the fact that although the system received an approximate \$12.5 million increase in its appropriation for the current biennium, most of that increase has already been committed to funding negotiated salary and wage increases.

Last month, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury, President Patricia R. Plante and others appeared before the Legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee to offer testimony on the impact of proposed budget cuts on the system and on individual campuses.

Trustees also met in Gorham on Monday, February 26 to discuss the budget problem. At that meeting, Woodbury told trustees and campus presidents that "the difference between \$6 million and \$10 million is not a

difference of degree but a difference in kind." He explained that the system has saved all it can through decreases in travel, equipment, facilities maintenance or utility costs to render a \$6 million return. The additional \$4 million would force the system to cut positions and programs. A \$10 million budget cut, for example, would eliminate 195 positions system wide, or 6.5 percent of the system's total E & G work force. Most of those savings would be realized through attrition.

At the meeting in Gorham, Trustees also discussed increasing tuition to help offset the budget deficit. Figures show that a 2.5 percent increase in tuition would generate \$1 million for the system, but a tuition hike could, on the other hand, reduce enrollments. No final decision has been made on tuition.

Trustees also approved a resolution at their Gorham meeting which stated that they could not endorse a \$10 million budget cut for fear of effecting long-term damage to the institution and the quality of education offered. The Appropriations Committee was to consider university funding in a work session scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 (after the printing deadline for this issue). The university may have a better indication of the amount of the budget cut after that meeting, though final legislative action might not come until the end of the session.

In the meantime, USM has been preparing plans for a \$6 million and a \$10 million decrease. The process is difficult since nearly 80 percent of our costs are fixed in personnel. Earlier this semester, however, Plante outlined four principles to guide the planning: protect academic programs; protect the scholarship of faculty; maintain the quality of student life; and protect current employees.

To date, a freeze on hiring, equipment purchases and nonessential travel and other activities (see memo, p. 2) has been instituted. There also are plans to fill some positions vacated by full-time professors with part-time faculty.

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The USM hockey team made its first appearance in the ECAC Division III North Tournament Wednesday evening, February 28 before a packed house at the Portland Ice Arena. The Huskies took a 4-2 loss from New Hampshire College of Manchester but as Coach Jeff Beaney told the Portland Press Herald, "When the guys get up in the morning and look in the mirror, they'll be able to say it was a well-played game." There was just one goal scored in the first two periods.
Bean photo

Six for Husky Hall of Fame

Six new people will join the 27 previous members of the USM Husky Hall of Fame at the annual banquet and induction ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, March 25 in Gorham.

Ralph "Rusty" Willis (Class of '36) of South Windham starred in baseball, basketball and cross country.

Rick Simonds of South Windham, a 1972 graduate, is currently the athletic director and men's basketball coach at St. Joseph's College. Simonds played baseball, basketball and soccer at USM and was voted MVP in both baseball and basketball.

Dennis Ray McDonald of Surry, a 1973 graduate, earned his B.A. in history. He served as the baseball captain in 1973 and was voted team MVP in both 1972 and 1973.

Soccer star John Sylva of Gambia, Africa, a 1978 graduate in business, is the Huskies' all-time leading goal scorer with 46, and total points with 107.

Diane Carr Shorey of Rumford was a standout performer in both basketball and softball while earning a B.S. in elementary education in 1980.

Terri Nelson of Dover, N.H. a 1983 graduate, captained both the basketball and softball teams and was a member of the Huskies' softball team that participated in the NAIA National Championship in Nebraska.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each through Al Bean, Hill Gymnasium, Gorham. For more information, call 780-5434 or 780-5328.

U.S.-Canadian Relations

Derek H. Burney, the Canadian ambassador to the U.S., will be on campus next Monday, March 19 to discuss U.S. and Canadian relations with faculty and staff.

The informal session is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Moot Court Room of the School of Law. The School of Law and the Public Policy and Management Program are hosting the ambassador on campus.

Burney will be in Portland to deliver a keynote address at a conference on U.S.-Canadian fisheries policies. A native of Ontario, Burney joined the foreign service in 1963 and held posts in New Zealand and Japan. He was named ambassador to the Republic of Korea in 1979 and four years later was appointed assistant deputy minister for United States Affairs. For information call 780-4380.

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs John Deegan Jr. recently told a Gorham television audience that "...we will be able to protect the institution, not without some pain, but we will be able to maintain current services and programs (under a \$6 million cut). Our fear is that all of this will be jeopardized if we are faced with a \$10 million (system wide) shortfall."

Academic affairs—which accounts for nearly two-thirds of USM's \$38.5 million budget—would bear the brunt

of a \$10 million, system-wide cut. There are presently 30 anticipated faculty vacancies, said Deegan. "We likely would not be filling any of these (with full-time faculty)," said Deegan, "and that accounts for eight percent of our full-time faculty. I'm extremely concerned that the quality of the university would be severely affected."

And as Deegan suggested to Gorham residents, university cutbacks pose challenges and problems for people off-campus as well. "In state after state," he said, "the quality of the public university is directly related to the region's quality of life and economic vitality."

Memo from the President

Just as each of you has been doing with your departmental or office budget, I have been examining the expenses incurred by the President's Office. I am mindful that any funds I can forego in the administration of my office can leave a comparable amount untouched for a program or service more critical to our students. Consequently, after consultation with the executive committees of the Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate and with members of the Classified Staff, I am informing you that I am, reluctantly, cancelling for this biennium the traditional classified staff breakfast, the faculty dinner and the professional staff luncheon. We will be making the awards that are announced on these occasions at some other appropriate function.

I look forward to these occasions each year as I know you do and believe they make an important contribution to our sense of community. Every effort will be made to reinstitute these activities; in the meantime, I appreciate your understanding of these extraordinary times and your unflinching support for the University.

Long

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political consciousness about women's issues and developing feminist scholarship and teaching. "Making people aware of the need for a Women's Studies Program is only part of the challenge," she says. "We need to be constantly rethinking its prem-

ises—how to make the program relevant to the local community as needs change, and how to make it coherent. We are experimenting with faculty and looking to student discussion groups. We are very much involved with the larger Maine Women's Studies community, especially through the consortium of WS programs in the University of Maine System and the private schools."

Long says she is looking for continuing commitment to Women's Studies from the other disciplines. "The program is sustained by the enthusiasm of the USM community. It's a great time to be here."

Women's History Month

Women's History Month continues with "A Lion in Winter" to be shown at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 13 in 305 Masterton Hall on the Portland campus and 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 in 108 Bailey Hall on the Gorham campus. The Women's Studies Consortium of the University of Maine System will be held from 12 to 4 p.m., Friday, March 16 in 1 Payson Smith in Portland. The film "Eleanor Roosevelt Story" will be shown at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 20 in 305 Masterton Hall, Portland and at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 21 in 108 Bailey Hall, Gorham. The film "A World Apart" will be shown at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 27 in 305 Masterton Hall, Portland and at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 28 in 108 Bailey Hall, Gorham. A Workshop on History of Women and Music will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 28 in 1 Payson Smith. A concert by Judy Gorman-Jacobs will begin at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 28 in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Donations are \$3 for students and \$5 for all others. For more information contact Women's Studies Program, 780-4289.

Campus Notes

■ Willard D. Callender Jr., professor of education, will give the Walter E. Russell Endowed Chair Lecture on "The Joy of Learning and The Reform of Education" at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22 in Luther Bonney Auditorium.

■ A USM Music Faculty Concert to benefit MENC scholarships for summer music camp students will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 18, \$5. A concert by the USM Concert Band, directed by Peter Martin, begins at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 25. Tickets are \$3 and \$1 for



Robert Fulghum, the author of best sellers "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" and "It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It" will share his insights, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5, in the Portland Gymnasium. Tickets are \$14 public, \$10 seniors, \$5 students. For more information, call Community Programs at 874-6500.

students. Concerts are in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. Call 780-5256.

■ The Professional Staff Senate announces its second leadership forum/workshop, "Ethical Decision Making," with Mary Ellen Sailer, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Larry Benedict, vice president for student affairs, USM. The workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Monday, March 19, at Hastings Formal Lounge in Gorham. To attend, call 780-5340.

■ USM's Center for the Study of Lives and the Portland Stage Company are

sponsoring a one-time reading by PSC actors, "Maine Lives on Stage" at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 19. The project is based on interviews with Sister Mildred Barker, the late Shaker spiritual leader, Frances Peabody, founder of the Maine AIDS Project, and W. O. "Bud" Burke Jr. of the Jackson Brook Institute. The reading is free and open to the public. For more information, call PSC at 774-1043 or Bob Atkinson, center director, at 780-5078.

■ The Theatre Department's Russell Square Players are sponsoring Shakespeare's "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream," performed by the touring company of King Alfred's College, Winchester, England, as part of an exchange program which will take USM theatre students to England next year. The show will begin at 8 p.m., on Friday, March 23 in Luther Bonney Auditorium on the Portland campus and at 8 p.m., Monday, March 26 in Russell Hall, Gorham. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students.

■ Friends Care presents an Adult Children of Alcoholics lecture series, facilitated by Steven Andrews, alcoholism and drug abuse consultant/trainer, on March 14, 21, 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Portland Campus Center Amphitheater. Free and open to the public. For further information call 874-6595.

■ The Portland Events Board is sponsoring environmental activist Harvey Wasserman as guest lecturer in coordination with Earth Day 1990 events, 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 29 in the Campus Center College Room, Portland.

We recently began renovations on the Gorham Student Center, shown here, looking from the front of the lower level of the dining center to the former snack bar area. When completed this summer, the facility will house the bookstore and various student activities areas. Most of the \$850,000 project is being funded with a bond to be repaid with income from bookstore and dining center operations. "The Gorham Student Center will be an extremely important addition to the Gorham campus and will mean a major improvement to the quality of student life," said Larry Benedict, vice president for student affairs. "It will be a focal point for student activities, meetings, events, and will be a place where faculty, students and staff can come together for social, educational and cultural events. We are very excited about this long-awaited project."

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What We're Doing

DONNA M. BORDEN, veterans affairs, has been cited by the Veterans Administration for outstanding service and support to Maine's veterans.

INDIA L. BROYLES, assistant professor of education and project manager of the Teachers for Secondary Schools Program, presented a report on the current status of the project supported by a Ford Grant at the recent American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference in Chicago. The grant supports the development of public schools as clinical training sites for teacher education interns.

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, Public Policy and Management Program, had his book, "Tom Slick and the Search for the Yeti," (Faber and Faber, 1989) reviewed in the February 1, 1990 issue of the British journal, *Nature*.

MELISSA H. COSTELLO, associate professor of education and director of clinical experiences, attended the annual convention of the National Association of Teacher Educators in Las Vegas during the first week of February. She attended meetings of the ATE Delegate Assembly as Maine's higher education representative and is a member of the executive boards of the Maine Association and New England Association of Teacher Educators. Costello was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Florida Chapter of the USM Alumni Association in Plant City on February 10. At that meeting **RICHARD A. COSTELLO**, director of Athletics, presented information on the Husky Hall of Fame and the athletic program.

KATHY A. DEMERS, coordinator, Enrollment Services, Lewiston-Auburn College, facilitated a workshop on "What the College Counselor Looks for in Application Essays and Recommendations" on January 19 at Edward Little High School. Demers and **DAVID E. WHITESIDE**, associate professor of Management and Organizational Studies, Lewiston-Auburn College, were guest speakers at the January 12 meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Education Coalition.

GLORIA S. DUCLOS, professor of classics, has an article, "Virgil's Messianic Mystery: Eclogue IV," appearing in the most recent issue of *The New England Classical Newsletter and Journal*.

BRUCE FITHIAN, assistant professor of music, was featured in the Seymour Shifrin Festival at Brandeis University on February 22. On March 18 he will sing Bach's "Mass in B Minor" with the Cecilia Society in Boston and on May 9 he will present Handel arias with the Atlantic Chamber Soloists in Philadelphia. May 13 he will be performing with the Boston Museum Trio at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and on May 18 he will give the New England premiere of Pulitzer Prize winner John Harbison's "Moments of Vision" at Brandeis University.

PATT FRANKLIN, professor of art, has a show mounted at Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., from February 23 through March 19.

ROBERT J. FRENCH, associate professor of geography, recently published "Irving Oil and the Superbanks" for the "Studies in New England Geography" monograph series. A forthcoming article, "Place-bound Enterprise, the Case for L. L. Bean and Jack Daniel" will appear in *Focus*, the magazine of the American Geographical Society.

H. DRAPER HUNT III, professor of history, gave a slide lecture titled "The Face of Lincoln," to the Gorham Historical Society on Lincoln's birthday. On February 14, he spoke at Waynflete School on Lincoln and other presidents.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, participated in a program on February 28 sponsored by the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce on "The Greater Portland and Maine Economies: Current Realities and Future Prospects," speaking on the state of the real estate industry.

BRUCE MacLEOD, assistant professor of computer science, wrote a database software program which he presented at the ISTU Conference on Telecommunications Standards held in Fredricksburg, Virginia on February 20-22.

WALDECK E. MAINVILLE JR., professor of mathematics and chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has been nominated for the 1989-1990 "Who's Who in American Education."

IVAN G. MOST, director, Production Technology Center, spoke on "How the University of Southern Maine Production Technology Center Serves Maine Industries" at the February 15 meeting of the Downeast Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, successfully completed all the requirements for certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner sanctioned by The National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Austin Tx. Potts recently published an article, "A Grader Looks at Proposed CPA Exam Changes," in the January issue of *The New Accountant*. This is an expanded version of an earlier publication published by Houghton Company and was used by permission. Published in the same issue was a response to Potts' article, written by James D. Blum, director, examinations division, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

WALTER R. STUMP, professor and chair of the Theatre Department, was invited to judge the Irene Ryan Acting Competition for the American College Theatre Festival, in Santa Barbara in February. The other two judges were Paul Decker, casting director for ABC, and Tony Church of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

RICHARD H. STURGEON, executive director of alumni and development, was the guest speaker at the January 26 dinner/meeting of the Woodfords Club, where he spoke on "Retaining Our College Graduates."

WILLIAM STURNER, professor of management, has published a new book titled, "Calculated Risk: Strategies for Managing Change," that was released in February by Bearly Limited Publishers of New York.

C.E. VanZANDT, assistant professor of education, published an article, "Professionalism: A Matter of Personal Initiative," in the *Journal of Counseling and Development*. He also completed a series of management training workshops for counselors and administrators from 98 of the state's school districts to facilitate the development of comprehensive guidance plans.

The Distinguished Faculty Award Committee has called for nominations to recognize distinguished achievement by a faculty member. Candidates must have demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to USM for a minimum of five years after tenure. The award is accompanied by a \$3,000 honorarium. For more information, call 780-4149.

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