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A Bond to the Future

Governor John R. McKernan Jr., Speaker of the House John L. Martin, Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury and Trustee Harrison L. Richardson met with the local press on Tuesday, October 25 to urge wide support for the University bond issue on the November 8 ballot.

"You know it's important if John Martin and I appear at a joint press conference two weeks before an election," McKernan joked, and then quickly became serious. "There are 30,000 students in our university system now and that number will increase because the importance of a university education will increase," he said.

The group met at the Portland Jetport before leaving for a meeting in Washington on the future of state universities. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) recognized Maine and

Virginia at this meeting for having advanced the status of education in their states. McKernan spoke on national education issues, and a panel of AASCU presidents from Maine, including President Plante, presented the perspective from higher education.

"Maine and Virginia are being honored as two states which have realized the importance of their university systems," McKernan told the Portland press. "Maine has had the largest increase in state expenditures for higher education. [The university bond issue] is one more step we must take to ensure opportunity for Maine youngsters. Classrooms, science buildings and libraries are critical to the future of this state."

Martin said, "This is not a partisan issue. The Legislature has dealt with this during this session and supported the bond issue. We have doubled our students in the UMaine System, but not the basic facilities. Maine has to invest the money. If we believe in the future of our young people, it's central

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News from Lake Wobegon

USM's Community Programs is bringing Garrison Keillor, creator and host of "A Prairie Home Companion" and the town and residents of Lake Wobegon, to Portland next week. Keillor will give a live performance at Portland City Hall Auditorium, Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. This engagement is Keillor's first appearance in Maine.

Keillor, known and loved throughout America for bringing us "all the



news from Lake Wobegon, where the women are strong, the men good-looking and all the children are above average..." was born in Anoka, Minnesota and graduated

from the University of Minnesota. In addition to "A Prairie Home Companion," produced by Minnesota Public Radio and heard on American Public Radio, he is the author of "Lake Wobegon Days," "Leaving Home" and "Happy to Be Here" and a regular contributor to The New Yorker. A new collection of stories and essays, "We Are Still Married," will be published by Viking Press this spring.

Tickets, priced at \$14, \$17 and \$20, are available in the Business Office in Payson Smith, first floor, from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. and in 101 Payson Smith from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 874-6500.



Chancellor Robert Woodbury, Speaker John Martin, Governor John McKernan, and Trustee Harrison Richardson recently joined in a bipartisan press conference on the University bond issue.

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Plante on #6

EDITOR'S NOTE: USM has made many gains in recent years, gains in student enrollments, academic offerings and public use and appreciation of university resources. Yet the major facility which supports our educational programs—the libraries—are fast losing ground. We'll have an opportunity to make up for that next week by supporting the \$36.8 million bond issue for the University of Maine System. A full \$9.1 million of those monies would fund additions to the USM library and the Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library in Portland. To meet local requirements, the project also includes monies for a parking structure in Portland.

President Plante has spoken to campus groups and numerous community organizations about the importance of question number 6. Below, we've reprinted excerpts from her speech.

Our single greatest common cause outside the university proper this year is, without any qualifications, our need to persuade the people of Maine to approve the bond issue. It is my view, which I have expressed at every opportunity in all regions of the state, that the condition that most seriously affects our efforts to create an intellectual climate in keeping with the nature of a university is the lack of an appropriate library with all that it implies.



USM's Portland library Alessi photo

A successful campaign means for USM over \$9 million for adequate library facilities. Stereo television sets, teleconferencing, cellular phones, centralized data bases, electronic mail, interactive television to the contrary, the means of serious discourse is still

the written word and will continue to be in our lifetime and in the lifetime of our students. Beyond that I do not engage in futurism.

In a knowledge-intensive society where a prestigious Yale University subscribes to 5,000 scientific journals out of a possible 40,000, the intellectually disenfranchised will be those who cannot gain access to books and professional journals. At a time when universities, conscious as never before of the need for life-long learning, and consequently, intellectual independ-

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ence, are involving many undergraduates in collaborative research projects, our students simply must not be denied the means for an intellectual enrichment that can only come from long hours in dusty stacks where one learns not only what to read, but what not to read. We'll look for instant mustiness.

It is now fashionable to talk and to write about the semiotics of space, but we have throughout our professional lives understood that the buildings you choose to build and those you choose not to build are symbolic of the values you hold. A building means more than itself.

Tim Honey, our vice president for development and external affairs, is coordinating in a most energetic and able manner USM's efforts for success in November and is helping to coordinate those of the system as a whole. He has already written you and put out a call for volunteers. He would be most grateful for your response—as would I. We simply cannot lose this one. We held a number of breakfasts for leaders of the community and members of the Legislature this summer and gave them necessarily short, guided tours of our facilities and asked for contributions to support our campaign. "One word," as a reviewer in *The New York Times* put it, "is worth a thousand pictures."



Geraldine Tukey, associate professor of nursing, enjoys the company of one of the younger attendants at the School of Nursing's Alumni Day, which included a tour of new nursing facilities in Masterton Hall. Of greatest long-range importance was the establishment of an alumni association and scholarship.

Box Score

The USM Huskies men's basketball team is the tenth-ranked NCAA Division III squad in the nation, according to an annual preseason poll compiled by *Basketball Digest* magazine.

"I'm sure the number 10 ranking is a result of our performance last season," said Coach Bob Brown. Last year the Huskies received a bid in the NCAA National Tournament and capped the year with a third-place finish in New England.

"Everyone knows that polls are fun and can be a source of pride for those ranked, but they're often totally meaningless. All I know is that the coaches and players are very proud that we have come from last in the conference to tenth in the nation in one year."

Clark University and Southeastern Massachusetts University are the other two teams from the Northeast Region included in "*Basketball Digest's*" top 10.

Wet and Wild Welcome to USM

Despite heavy rain and gale winds, nearly 500 prospective students and their families turned out Saturday, October 22 for USM's first bi-campus open house. Another 150 people who had pre-registered were daunted by the weather and didn't attend, but on campus the mood was definitely upbeat as group after group braved the storm to tour campus. "I'm very pleased with the turnout," said David Behrs, director of admissions, "and with the support shown by faculty and staff. We worked hard to put this together in a month and a half, and the success was due to the efforts of many people."

President's Notes

In the last issue of *Currents*, members of our Search Committee for Provost were announced.

Also named to the committee were Larry G. Benedict, vice president for student affairs, Remo Riciputi, chair of the Faculty Senate, and L. Kinvin Wroth, dean of the School of Law.



Several hundred young and old celebrated the opening of the new Lewiston-Auburn College on Sunday, October 16. Following speeches by state, local and university officials, the renovated facility at 51-55 Westminster Street, Lewiston was opened for tours and demonstrations. Among the features in the building are a new library and computer center, pictured here.

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Havey Appointed Director of Financial Aid

The former director of student financial management at Keene (N.H.) State College has been named to a similar position at USM.

Melody F. Havey started work as USM's new director of student financial aid on Tuesday, November 1. Helen Parker has served as interim director and now has returned to her former position as associate director.

A graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, Havey has served at Keene State for six years. She is a member of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, a trustee of the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and a member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Havey holds a master's in business administration from UM and has served as a trainer and a panelist at a number of regional and national conferences and workshops.

Campus Notes

■ The USM Lifeline Center for Fitness, Recreation and Rehabilitation will be offering a head, neck and shoulder massage workshop from 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, in Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus. The fee is \$12, and pre-registration is encouraged. Calling Lifeline at 780-4170.

■ The Elmer Iseler Singers, as part of a five-day residency with the Music Department, will appear with the USM Chorale in concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, November 19, in Portland City Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general public; \$2 students and seniors. Call 780-5555 for tickets; 780-5256 for information.

■ "Student Rights, Faculty Rights, Animal Rights: A Panel Discussion" is being sponsored by the Philosophy Department at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 15 in the Moot Court Room, School of Law. Dave Davis, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will moderate the panel of science and philosophy professors, students and Bates psychologist Ken Shapiro, Executive Director of Psychologists for Ethical Treatment of Animals, as they consider issues of academic freedom and student conscience.

Global Perspective

Constantine Caffentzis, assistant professor of philosophy and Honors Program, travelled to London where he studied late 17th and early 18th century economic pamphlets, and to Ireland where he did research on his book, "Vision and Momentum: George Berkeley's Philosophy of Money."

Gerald LaSala, assistant professor of physics, spent six weeks in May and June at the David Dunlap Observatory, University of Toronto, acquiring new data for his ongoing project in automatic spectral classification.

Robert Russell, associate professor of music, participated in the German American Choral Directors Exchange.

Michael Shaughnessy, assistant professor of art, exhibited his work at the International Conference on Sculpture in Dublin.

John Kinsella, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese, did research in Brazil and presented a paper at the 50th Conference of Ibero-American Literature in Mexico.

Caroline Hendry, program/production coordinator, USM Television, and the Channel 16 TV crew went to Galway, Ireland to work with the University College Galway staff on a documentary, "The Music of Things That Are Done: Community Development in the West of Ireland." The documentary was produced by University College Galway and USM as part of an affiliation project supported by the U.S. Government.

Judy Tizon, associate professor of anthropology, conducted ethnographic field research in the Amazon region of Peru last semester, charting the socio-cultural changes of the native Ashaninka peoples resulting from the increasing impact of national economic and political forces.

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that the vote be heavy and favorable." Martin and McKernan later pointed out that indebtedness through bonds in this state came to \$350 per person, the lowest per capita bonded indebtedness in New England.

Chancellor Woodbury pointed out that we are now operating in a "different age in terms of what is needed in this modern economy. We're being recognized in D.C. and elsewhere in the country for the enormous progress we've made, and at home we're realizing that we can have an exceptional education. We can give our faculty and students the tools to offer that first-class education."

What We're Doing

E. MICHAEL BRADY, associate professor of adult education, presented an address titled "A Reflection Upon the Small Eternity of Letters" at the New England Reading Association Conference on October 6. On October 11, he served as a resource person in the "Retirement Options" program at the Bi-Annual Blaine House Conference on Aging.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, had the article he co-authored, "The Psychophysics of Retrospective and Prospective Timing," published in the British journal, *Perception*.

ROBERT S. CASWELL, director of Media Relations, was reelected to the Board of Directors of the Maine Press Association at the organization's annual fall conference.

ANDREW F. COBURN, director of the Human Services Development Institute and assistant professor of public policy and management, has co-authored a paper, "The Impact of Prospective Reimbursement on Nursing Home Efficiency," which has been accepted for publication in *Medical Care*. Coburn and THOMAS P. McDONALD, associate director of HSDI, were invited to present their paper, "The Effect of Variations in AFDC and Medicaid Eligibility on Prenatal Care Use" to the Tri-Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health Research in Washington sponsored by the Division of Maternal and Child Health, DHHS.

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, gave an invited lecture, "Pastoral Poetry: Theocritus and Virgil," to the New Hampshire Classical Association at its September 30 meeting at Notre Dame College in Manchester; and another, on Homer's "Odyssey," to the Freshman Honors Seminar at the University of Maine on October 4.

JOHN G. HANNA, professor emeritus of English, and RUSSELL J. KIVATISKY, assistant professor of communication, presented teaching modules at the fall confer-

ence of Danforth Associates of New England in Groton, Mass.

JUDITH L. JOHNSON, assistant director, and DAVID L. SILVERNAIL, director, Testing and Assessment Center, had their article, "Using an Instructional Television System to Deliver College Calculus to High School Students: A Pilot Project," accepted for publication in the Fifth Edition of the *Journal of Maine Education*. Silvernail, Johnson and JOHN W. BAY, director, Instructional Television System, presented papers on a series of studies they conducted of the Instructional Television System at the Second Annual Conference on Interactive Technology and Telecommunications, September, 1988.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director, Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, attended the Real Estate Center Directors and Chairholders Association annual meeting in Arlington, Va., September 29-October 1, where she made a presentation on research and education activities at the Institute. She also attended the Maine Housing Managers Association annual meeting October 6-7, where she made a presentation on the new Certificate Program in Property Management, offered through USM's Center for Real Estate Education.

CHARLES M. LYONS, associate professor of special education, is conducting a series of seminars on ethical issues in the care of severely ill newborns for the nursing staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Maine Medical Center.

WILLIAM G. MORTENSEN, director of public service, recently participated in the first national conference on downtown centers, hosted by the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

ALFRED L. PADULA, associate professor of history, recently gave the first presentation in the World Affairs Council's "Is America in Decline?" series.

BILL PHILLIPS, associate professor of economics, gave a demonstration of "HyperCard Courseware Techniques" at the Fourth

Annual National Macintosh Academic User's Conference at the University of Pennsylvania, June 3-6; gave a talk on "Animated Graphics and HyperText Techniques for Reaching Economics Principles" and chaired a session at the HyperText/Multimedia in Higher Education conference, Bowdoin College, August 11-13; had his computerized Economics Tutorial "EconLab" published by the Kinko Academic Courseware Exchange; spoke and demonstrated CAI techniques at Thorton Academy's "Computer Week," October 17-21; has been invited to demonstrate his software at the EDUCOM 88 Conference in Washington D.C., October 25-28; and has been invited to speak at the Apple Academic Developer's Conference, Cupertino, Calif., December 5-6.

MINOR R. ROOTES, professor of theatre, will be inducted into the College of Fellows of the New England Theatre Conference at NETC's convention on November 5 in Providence, R.I.

YVONNE SHAFER, associate professor of theatre, organized and presented "A Celebration of the Eugene O'Neill Centenary" on October 8 at Luther Bonney Auditorium; organized and moderated a panel for the Ibsen Society of America on "Ibsen's Influence on O'Neill" in New York City on October 15; and participated in the Gala Centennial Tribute to the Genius of Eugene O'Neill at the Circle in the Square, New York City.

MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY, assistant professor of art, presented a sculptural installation at Gallery 10, Washington D.C.; created a large scale installation and lectured on his work at Sherridan Art Gallery, Kutztown University, Kutztown, Penn.; participated in a group exhibition at the Anne Weber Gallery in Georgetown, Maine; and has an exhibition of recent sculptures at the Barn Gallery in Ogunquit.

JOHN J. VOYER, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper, "Prime Coordinating Mechanisms and Organizational Cognition: An Empirical Examination," at the 48th annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Anaheim, Calif., August 7-10.



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