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# CURRENTS

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## New President Opens New Year

Evolution, not revolution, was the theme that newly appointed President Richard L. Pattenau sounded when he addressed a full house at the annual faculty/staff breakfast, held Friday, August 30 in the Gorham Dining Center.

At the heart of his address was the question, "How does a good university become a great university?" and in answer he listed "an unflagging defense of academic and personal freedom...a dedication to learning, teaching, discovering...an innate desire for rigor and quality...and a sense of duty and responsiveness to our society and our community...." He further pledged himself to maintaining "standards of excellence that can withstand any public scrutiny" and a wise use of resources" ensuring "that what we choose to do enhances our mission."

In discussing USM's mission, Pattenau assured his audience that he saw no conflict between academic quality and responsiveness to the external community. He also stressed

the need to balance scholarship and teaching: "We must insist that all faculty are active scholars," he said. "But we cannot be limited to one model. Both scholar-teachers and teacher-scholars are to be valued members of this learning community." He suggested also an expansion of the concept of scholarship, noting the value of a wide range of meaningful professional work as well as publication in refereed journals.

Acknowledging the valuable work done by his predecessors, Pattenau said USM's fundamental purposes and directions are set and that we should now proceed "carefully but persistently."

During the breakfast ceremonies, Richard Clarey, former dean of the School of Business, Economics and Management; Kathleen MacPherson, acting dean of the School of Nursing; and L. Kinvin Wroth, former dean of the School of Law, were recognized by Provost John Deegan for their service to USM. The president announced that deans would be appointed for the nursing and business schools effective January 1. John Bay is serving as interim dean for SBEM, and Jill Tiffany is acting dean of SON.

Other news covered by the President were that enrollment is holding steady with last year's total, between 10,200 and 10,400; acceptance rate for first-time, full-time students is more rigorous; the law library addition

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## President's Open Office Hours

President Richard L. Pattenau has announced that he will be available to the campus community every Friday morning from 10 to 11 a.m., with the exception this semester of October 11 and November 1. The Open Office hour is on a drop-in basis.

## Parking Update

by Joel Eastman, Chair, University Parking Review Committee

Returning faculty, staff and students will be surprised to find 75 new parking spaces on campus and plans underway to provide additional parking for the Portland campus. However, the item which will probably garner the most attention is the \$5 increase in the fee for purchasing a parking permit, up to \$20 now from last year's \$15 fee.

Although the perennial parking issue draws a lot of opinions, everyone should keep the following facts in mind. First, the Legislature will not fund parking; parking space has to be self-supporting through fees and fines. Parking includes not only purchasing, grading, paving, striping, resurfacing and lighting parking lots, but also policing, a continuing cost. Providing parking space is terribly expensive; the cost of paving areas on university-owned land is about \$1200 to \$1400 per parking slot. Despite the high cost, USM fees are very low compared to private parking in Portland—which runs about \$50 per month—and compared to similar institutions—which average \$64 per year, with fees ranging from \$10 to \$315.

Parking fees would have risen drastically this year if USM had proceeded with plans for the construction of a parking garage—in a garage, the total cost is \$10,000 per space. The Chancellor concluded that it would be inappropriate to pursue building plans in a time of fiscal crisis. Instead, the university is working on plans to lease a lot on Marginal Way, which should be available next fall for use as an overflow lot. It would be served by the Portland Hall shuttle bus.

Since it is financially impossible to provide a parking space for every person who might want to park on campus during the middle of the day during the academic year, everyone is

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Jack Farrar, October, 1966

## Salute to Farrar

A farewell party has been planned by Counseling and Career Services for John (Jack) N. Farrar, who retired this year as assistant director of academic advising and coordinator of transfer credit counseling services. It will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, September 20 in the Presidential Dining Room on the Gorham campus.

During 25 years of service to USM, Farrar became well-known to students, faculty and staff. Among his many accomplishments at USM is the strong leadership he provided as the first chair of the Professional Staff Senate. He served on the senate from January, 1989 until July, 1990. His first appointment at USM was as assistant director of Continuing Education and Summer Session and later he served as director of counseling for Continuing Education. On sabbatical for the fall semester of 1979-89, he traveled throughout the U.S., observing academic advising programs at 38 colleges and universities. Before coming to USM in 1966, Farrar was director of guidance at Bonny Eagle High School in Buxton and at Old Town High School in Old Town. He was originally trained in counseling by the U.S. Air Force.

A member of many university committees, Farrar also was active in state professional groups, especially the Maine Personnel and Guidance Association. He served this group as president and state historian and as a member of the Board of Directors, the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee and the graduate students scholarship committee. The MPG recognized his contributions by naming a scholarship after him.

Farrar, an avid skier, will divide his new leisure time between the ski

slopes and his family —wife Barbara, sons and grandchildren.

If you'd like to contribute to a farewell gift for Farrar, please contact Pam Edwards in the Portland Advising and Career Services Center at 780-4199.

## Welcome!

New faculty introduced by deans and directors at the August 30 breakfast follow. Some new professional staff members were named also and will be listed in the next issue of Currents.

Maizie Argondizza, instructor of early childhood education.

Dennis P. Biggie, instructor of philosophy.

Patricia Bredenberg, assistant professor of nursing.

Christopher Castiglia, assistant professor of New England studies and English.

Thomas T. Downey, instructor of interdisciplinary studies.

Julie R. Ellis, assistant professor of electrical engineering.

Stephen A. Fenner., assistant professor of computer science.

Charles R. Fitts, assistant professor of geosciences.

Bonita M. Gruver, assistant professor of recreation and leisure studies.

Martha J. Haylor, assistant professor of nursing.

Jan L. Hitchcock, assistant professor of social and behavioral sciences.

Lee Ann Hoff, associate professor of nursing.

Thomas S. Howick, assistant professor of education.

B. Rand Hutcheson, visiting assistant professor of English.

Michelle J. Hutt, assistant professor of psychology.

Barbara H. Janoff, assistant professor of art education.

Anne B. Keith, assistant professor of nursing.

Thomas E. Keller, instructor of science education.

William Kilroy, assistant professor of theatre.

Cheryl Laz, assistant professor of sociology.

Thomas B. MacDonald, assistant professor of associate business administration.

Michael S. Morris, instructor of technology.

Leslie H. Nicoll, assistant professor of nursing.

Christine M. O'Connor, instructor

of health/fitness.

Christopher Reed, assistant professor of art history.

Theodore M. Sasson, instructor of criminology.

Wendy P. Shilton, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies.

Blake A. Strack, instructor of political science.

Richard G. Swartz, assistant professor of English.

Henry J. Tracy, assistant professor of chemistry.

Susan W. Vines, assistant professor of nursing.

Kenneth E. Weber, assistant professor of biology.

Richard L. West, assistant professor of communication.

Kathleen J. Winninger, assistant professor of philosophy.

## Electrical Engineering Comes of Age

The once controversial USM electrical engineering program has passed a three-year trial period and now will seek full, national accreditation.

Citing southern Maine industry's requests for engineering courses, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees in 1988 approved an independent, electrical engineering program at USM. Trustees stipulated that they would review the program after three years and decide if it should be continued and seek accreditation. The board's action capped several years of debate over whether a program should be established at USM when the University of Maine in Orono already offered an engineering major.

At their Monday, July 22 meeting, trustees accepted a recommendation that the USM program be continued and that it seek accreditation from the national Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The national board will visit USM this fall.

Trustees acted on a recommendation from a 25-member Committee on Engineering and Technology Education consisting of educators, trustees, businesspeople and private citizens. The committee noted that the program has met or exceeded its goals in the areas of student recruitment, facilities, faculty expertise and university/community support.

An outside consultant, Edwin C. Jones, a professor at Iowa State University, also reviewed the program

and recommended that USM seek accreditation. "The unusual—nearly unique—feature of the program is its student body," wrote Jones in his report. In 1990-1991, there were 80 participating majors in the program and 32 non-majors taking electrical engineering courses. A majority of the 1990-1991 USM students were employed in more than 40 different southern Maine companies.

"The board's action will allow us to continue to respond to this region's need for engineering education," said Brian C. Hodgkin, dean of the USM School of Applied Science. "Accreditation," he added, "will further increase interest in the USM program and will confirm the quality of the education we offer."

## Inauguration Planned

All members of the USM community are invited to participate in the inauguration of Richard L. Pattenau, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Friday, November 1, in the Portland Gymnasium. The ceremony will be followed immediately by a reception in the Portland Campus Center. We hope you can join in this opportunity to welcome President Pattenau and his family into our community and to celebrate the traditions of the academy and the relationship of USM to southern Maine and the state. You will be receiving additional details through intercampus mail. Members of the planning committee are: Orlando DeLogu, professor of law; Paul Doak, student; Robert Goettel, executive assistant to the president; Bertha Higgins, class of 1937; Brian Hodgkin, dean, School of Applied Science; Wendy Sue Lamb, secretary, Women's Studies; Andy Levesque, chair, Student Senate; Lynne Miller, professor of educational administration; Patricia O'Mahoney-Damon, associate professor of biology; Rosa Redonnet, chair of Professional Staff Senate; Jack Smith, class of 1973; Richard Sturgeon, executive director of alumni and development; Pamela Tracy, admissions counselor. Private, undedicated monies are funding the inauguration. For more information, please call 780-4482.

## Campus Notes

The English Department has been chosen as one of 14 nationwide to join the Modern Language Association-FIPSE curriculum review project. This three-year project provides for visits to USM by consultants and USM's participation in a conference sponsored by the MLA.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System is holding public meetings and calling for testimony from the public on its views on community college education in the state. The Board has established an ad hoc committee to study the current situation regarding community college in the System and to make recommendations on the missions of all campuses in balancing access with resources. Although the University of Maine at Augusta is recognized as the System's community college, the six other campuses also offer community college programs. The public is invited to attend and express views at three public hearings: In Presque Isle, 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, Music Room, Wieden Hall, University of Maine at Presque Isle. In Gorham, 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, Hastings Lounge, USM. In Bangor, 4-6 p.m., Thursday, October 3, College Center Ballroom, University College of the University of Maine.

USM's Academic Computing Services in cooperation with IBM is sponsoring a one-day seminar from 9 a.m. to 3:30

p.m., Tuesday, October 1 on uses of computers in higher education. The USM community is invited to attend presentations by Mark Hale, director of Instructional and Research Computing Activities at the University of Florida, Gainesville; Loretta L. Jones, associate director of the General Chemistry Program at the University of Illinois-Urbana; and Steven Epstein, higher education consultant at IBM, New York. For more information and registration, call the Department of Conferences, 874-6506.

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is underway, while work on USM's Portland library should begin in October; and the annual fund exceeded its goal with a record total of \$273,000. He observed that although we face a hardship budget, we should begin the year with cautious optimism.

The occasion also provided the opportunity for faculty and staff to meet the president's wife Michele and daughter Lauren, whom he said was enjoying the 100-acre Gorham campus as a back yard.

## Parking

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encouraged to consider alternatives: walking, biking, carpooling, public transportation or use of the public parking available at Fitzpatrick Stadium parking lot on Deering Avenue, Portland.



Work will begin on the Portland Campus Library in October, it was announced at the Faculty/Staff Breakfast.

## What We're Doing

Please note: Due to a backlog of submissions to this column, it may take several issues before your item appears. All submissions will be entered in What We're Doing in the order received. We thank you for your patience.

SCOTT W. BROWN, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper co-authored with USM student Debra L. Knight-Axelsen, titled "Perceived Duration of Stationary Versus Moving Visual Displays" at the scientific meeting of The Maine Psychological Association at USM on May 4, 1991. He also served as chair of the Applied/Clinical Psychology paper session at the meeting.

JOSEPH CAPELLUTI, associate professor of education, presented three papers: "The Curriculum Revolution: It's About Time," "Ways to Promote Staff Morale," and "Middle Level Transition Issues," at the 11th annual New England League of Middle Schools Conference in Hyannis, Mass.

DONALD J. CLARK, director, Department of Continuing Education for Business, spoke at this year's Total Quality Symposium presented by the Maine Human Resource Management Association. Clark organized a panel to report on the recent, May 1991, Quality Control Study Tour of Japan.

ANDREW F. COBURN, director, Human Services Development Institute, recently spoke to the Maine Hospital Laboratory Directors on the prospects for national health care reform. He also spoke at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-Maine Chapter annual meeting on strategies for improving birth outcomes for low-income women.

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, attended the American Association of Suicidology's 24th annual conference in April 1991 on Suicide, Coping and the Creative Process, at which he presented a paper, "Fire Suicides Among the Elderly: Early Insights," with MICHAEL KEMNA, a USM graduate from the Department of Social Work. RICHARD H. FORTINSKY, associate director, Human Services Development Institute, was co-author of the work.

GLORIA SHAW DUCLOS, professor of classics, was invited to lecture at Phillips Exeter Academy in April, 1991 on "The Three Muses of the 'Aeneid.'" She also presented a workshop on "The 'Aeneid': Latin for the Advanced Student" at the March, 1991 meet-

ing of the Foreign Language Association of Maine.

MUHAMMAD A. EL-TAHA, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper titled "Approximate Analysis of Multiserver Queuing Models with Ranked Servers," at the 22nd annual Pittsburgh Conference on Modeling and Simulation, May 1-3, 1991. The paper, co-authored by JOHN R. HEATH, professor of computer science, and WARREN EVANS, a USM graduate student, is published in the conference proceedings.

DENNIS E. GALE, professor of public policy and management, organized and chaired a panel on "Land Use Management: Balancing State and Local Roles," at the Northeast regional conference of the American Society of Public Administration in Portland, September 28, 1990. He organized and chaired a panel on "Issues of Growth and Preservation in Rural Areas: Tensions Between Cultures," at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, in Austin, Texas, on November 4, 1990. As part of this panel, he presented a paper, co-authored with SUZANNE K. HART, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, titled, "Who Supports State-Sponsored Growth Management Programs? Insights from Maine." Gale co-authored an article with Hart, "From Heres, 'Come-Heres,' and the Issue of Growth in Maine," published in the Autumn 1990 issue of the Maine Scholar. Gale was appointed a member of the board of trustees of Portland Trails, a new organization concerned with the development of a comprehensive trail system along waterways in Portland. He presented a talk on "Planning America's Downtowns," to Portland's Downtown Vision Forum held October 16, 1990, and a talk on "Historic Preservation and the Comprehensive Plan," at a workshop on historic preservation in Maine held by the Center for Archaeological Studies at Bates College on October 27, 1990.

JOEL I. GOLD, associate professor of associate business administration, lectured on "The Concept of Earning Power and Time Value of Money," at Livada Securities Stockbrokers, South Portland, and on "Understanding the Bond Market" to the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Banking on June 5, 1991.

NANCY P. GREENLEAF, associate professor of nursing, presented a lecture and slide show at Bates College on May 14, 1991 titled, "The People's Remedy: The Struggle for Health Care in El Salvador," that was a reflection on a recent trip to El Salvador she made as a member of a public health dele-

gation investigating health care conditions. Greenleaf was accepted for faculty training at the Harvard Geriatric Education Center starting June 24.

MUSTAFA G. GUVENCH, associate professor of electrical engineering, is the author of two articles published in the 21st volume (1990) of "Modeling and Simulation." The titles are, "An Analytical Model for Monolithic Photodiodes Including Effects of Isolation Junction," and "Numerical Modeling of High Sensitivity Varicaps."

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, was reappointed to the editorial board of "Public Administration Review." Hamilton was awarded a grant for sabbatical research on "Politics and Decision Making in State Regulation on Electricity Development Proposals" by the American Political Science Association. He was appointed to a senior position as program analyst on the Planning and Analysis Staff in the office of the director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington D.C. for the academic year 1991-1992. In October, 1991, he will present a talk on "Decentralized Models of Environmental Protection" to an audience of environmental managers from developing countries, as part of a 13-week training course on Building Administrative Institutions for Environmental Management in the Third World, presented under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Institute of International Education.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had an article titled "On Korczak—The Film: A Reaction," in the New York Forward, May 17, 1991.

LORRAINE D. MASURE, director of Sanford Center, attended Green Thumb's 25th Silver Anniversary Conference to receive Green Thumb's special Recognition Award for progressive hiring practices in hiring Maine's older citizens on behalf of USM's Sanford Center.

JAMES W. ROBERTS, associate professor of political science, received the Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellows Alumni Award to participate in a two-week long Arab and Islamic studies program this summer in Syria.

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