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Brewer Comments in Election Retrospective

03 Jan 2011

Comments from Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty were included in a Maine Today Media story recounting 2010 developments in Maine politics. Brewer noted that the biggest surprise was the Republican takeover of the Maine House of Representatives.

Hutchinson Death Noted in Year-End Story

03 Jan 2011

The April death of UMaine President Emeritus Fred Hutchinson was noted in an [Associated Press report](#) on prominent Maine people who died in 2010. Hutchinson, a UMaine graduate who served as president from 1992-1997, was 79 years old when he died.

Extension Master Gardener Program Highlighted

03 Jan 2011

The Jan. 2 Maine Sunday Telegram included a [story](#) describing UMaine Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener volunteer program. Classes begin at various locations around Maine in January, February and March. The story includes comments from Extension's Tori Jackson, who teaches the classes in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc counties.

UMaine Senior Headed to New Zealand for Student Teaching

03 Jan 2011

UMaine education major Megan Nichols of Wiscasset will leave Maine on Feb. 24 for student teaching in New Zealand. As Monday's Bangor Daily News reports, she is one of the first UMaine students to take advantage of a new partnership between UMaine's College of Education and Human Development and AustraLearn, an organization that places students in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. The story includes comments from Karen Boucias, director of UMaine's Office of International Programs along with her colleague Orlina Boteva and Pam Kimball, the College of Education and Human Development's field experiences and certification program director.

Household Finance Expert Provides Budget Tips

03 Jan 2011

A front-page Monday Bangor Daily News story features UMaine economics graduate student Sarah Morehead providing practical budgeting advice in the context of new year's resolutions. Morehead who writes a [personal finances blog](#) and conducts [workshops](#) on that same subject.

Peace Studies Class Highlighted in Yankee Magazine Profile

03 Jan 2011

The January/February issue of Yankee magazine includes a story on Jon Wilson, founder of WoodenBoat Publications and a national facilitator of victim-offender dialogues for restorative justice. A segment of the story focuses on Wilson's presentation on his work in a UMaine peace studies class.

Graduate Student Named A Person To Watch In 2011

03 Jan 2011

UMaine graduate student Allison Melton was named by the Bangor Daily News one of 11 people to watch on the cultural scene in the Bangor area. Melton, who is pursuing a master's degree in fine arts, has organized several public art events including an undergraduate art exhibit that was held in a vacant former hair salon in downtown Bangor. Melton is also a singer in a local band.

Dagher Named A 2011 Newsmaker

03 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News named Habib Dagher, the director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, one of its 11 people to watch in 2011. Dagher has led a \$25 million effort to research the future of deepwater offshore wind power, an effort which will include the opening later this year of a wind turbine testing facility on the UMaine campus. In addition, the center is working with officials from a Russian construction company considering for the 2014 Winter Olympics use of composite bridge technology developed at the center.

Accounting Professor Addresses New Tax Law for 2010 Filers

03 Jan 2011

Contact: Steve Colburn, 581-1982; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- University of Maine accounting professor Steve Colburn is available to discuss how some recent tax law changes will affect taxpayers filing 2010 returns. Overall, individuals and business will pay much less in income taxes for 2010 and beyond because of the new tax law changes, according to Colburn, who also oversees the Maine Business School's free public tax-assistance program offered by accounting students each spring. New tax rules are complicated and often difficult to understand, says Colburn, who suggests filers check with a tax professional or the IRS for detailed help. On Dec. 17, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (Tax Act), passed earlier in December by the House and Senate. The procrastination by Congress in passing the law so late in the year will affect when some individuals may file their 2010 tax returns, according to Colburn. Folks who: 1) itemize their deductions by filing Schedule A, or 2) claim tuition and fees deductions (not credits) for higher education, or 3) claim the \$250 deduction for out-of-pocket expenses for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, will have to wait until mid to late February to file because the IRS needs that time to reprogram its computers, he says. The IRS will send out a notice letting affected taxpayers know when to file. The good news is that the Tax Act extended for the 2010 and 2011 tax years certain tax benefits that had expired before the 2010 tax year including: 1) the choice to deduct state and local sales and use taxes instead of state and local income taxes on Schedule A; and 2) the deductions mentioned above for tuition and fees and for teachers. Another benefit for 2011 will reduce payroll (FICA) taxes paid by workers and the self-employed by two percentage points. Typically, employees pay a Social Security tax equal to 6.2 percent of wages (up to \$106,800 in wages for 2010). This rate will drop to 4.2 percent for 2011, saving a maximum of \$2,136 for 2011. Marginal tax rates also were kept at 2009 levels and not increased by three percentage points, as originally scheduled, for tax years beginning after 2010. The bad news is that some special tax benefits available in 2008 and or 2009 are not available in 2010. These deductions included: 1) the additional standard deduction amount (up to \$500 if single or \$1,000 if married filing jointly) for property taxes paid to state and local governments by non-itemizers, and 2) the exclusion of up to \$2,400 in unemployment benefits. Even though 2010 is over, filers may still do one major thing to reduce their 2010 tax burden: contribute to a conventional IRA by April 15, 2011. Doing so will allow filers to deduct up to \$5,000 (\$6,000 if over age 50 by Dec. 31, 2010) on 2010 tax returns. The IRS has forms and publications (Publication 17 is very helpful for individuals, but the 2010 version may not be available for a while) at www.irs.gov and at its 324 Harlow St., Bangor office, which has IRS employees available. Colburn can be reached at (207) 581-1982 or at colburn@maine.edu for more information.

Married Couples Sought for Marriage Compatibility Research

04 Jan 2011

Contact: Laura Yoder at laura.yoder@umit.maine.edu A UMaine graduate student studying the relationship between personality type and marital satisfaction is looking for 50 married couples to interview this month or early February, as part of her thesis research. Laura Yoder, a candidate for the Master of Science degree in Human Development, wants to survey couples who have been married at least two years and are at least age 18. Each spouse will be asked to complete three questionnaires in a private or group setting on the University of Maine campus. Surveys will take about one hour. Yoder, or her adviser Robert Milardo, can be contacted at Laura.yoder@umit.maine.edu or Robert.milardo@umit.maine.edu. Participants will be eligible for a drawing for a \$25 Hannaford gift card.

UMaine Graduate Survives First Round Of The Bachelor

04 Jan 2011

Ashley Hebert, a 26-year-old UMaine graduate from Madawaska who is now a University of Pennsylvania dental student, made it through the first cut of the ABC's TV show, "The Bachelor," according to the [Portland Press Herald](#).

Former UMaine Researcher Continuing Childhood Depression Study

04 Jan 2011

MPBN has a [story](#) about Montreal psychologist William Bukowski, a former UMaine professor, recently published an article about an ongoing study he began in Maine more than 20 years ago. Bukowski told MPBN he worked in the late 1980s with a public school in a small Maine town, which he did not identify for confidentiality reasons, where he surveyed children in grades 3, 4 and 5 and followed them for three years with the help with a guidance counselor. He and found children who had the ability to establish even just one friendship were less likely to be depressed.

UMaine Library Teaming Up With Bangor Public Library

04 Jan 2011

The [Bangor Daily News reports](#) UMaine's Fogler Library will work with the Bangor Public Library to digitize some 800 World War II posters and make copies available for sale, with funds going to the restoration of the original images. Fogler will serve as the digital host for the project.

Littlefield Feature Recalls UMaine Experiences

05 Jan 2011

An Associated Press story profiles [Brent Littlefield](#), Gov.-elect Paul LePage's senior political adviser. The story details Littlefield's successful campaigns when he was a UMaine student government leader in the early 1990s. Littlefield, who grew up in Winn, is a political consultant based outside Washington D.C. In the story, people associated with the LePage campaign point to Littlefield's strategies as being key to LePage's successful 2010 campaign.

Yerxa Comments on Winter Activity and Children

05 Jan 2011

Kate Yerxa from UMaine Cooperative Extension was the featured expert in a Monday WABI story about affordable ways to keep children physically active during the winter months. Yerxa is Extension's statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity.

A New Study Finds the Warning Signs of Depression in Young Romance

05 Jan 2011

Contact: Jessica Fales, 207-581-2061; Douglas Nangle, 207-581-2045 Ah, young love between a girl and a boy. So innocent. So much a part of coming of age. Such a romantic backdrop for the warning signs of depression. Adolescents and young adults who excessively seek reassurance in their romantic relationships are at increased risk for depression, according to a new psychological study at the University of Maine. Excessive reassurance seeking — such as constantly asking, “Do you really care about me?” — is associated with poorer relationship quality and internalizing problems, especially for girls and young women, says UMaine Doctoral Research Fellow Jessica Fales. In her research to better understand the well-documented link between depression and interpersonal rejection, Fales focused on three social processes: excessive reassurance seeking, negative feedback seeking and co-rumination or excessive discussion of personal problems with a tendency to focus on negative topics. She was especially interested in whether adolescents engage in these behaviors with their dating partners, and if that might help explain why involvement in romantic relationships is itself a risk factor for depression for girls. Her study is the first to explore the three interpersonal factors simultaneously in the context of adolescent dating. “Most intriguing was that in romantic relationships, we found that males engage in excessive reassurance seeking just as much as females,” says Fales, a fifth-year graduate student in the Psychology Department’s Clinical Ph.D. Program. “But females experienced more negative outcomes.” Fales studied 110 couples ages 17-26 who had been in an exclusive romantic relationship an average of 12 months. The research showed that both males and females engage in these interpersonal processes with their romantic partners, in most cases more so than they do with their friends. Greater excessive reassurance seeking, co-rumination, and poor romantic relationship quality each uniquely predicted depressive symptoms for young women. For young men, the need for excessive reassurance, poor romantic relationship quality, and shorter relationship length predicted depressive symptoms. Follow-up analyses revealed that excessive reassurance seeking impacts depression symptoms directly, over and above any effects of poor relationship quality. The findings highlight excessive reassurance seeking as an important risk factor for depression in young men and women, Fales says, and suggests that it is not just a symptom of a dysfunctional romantic relationship. In a separate study, Fales is considering whether individuals who engage in these social processes also have poorer responses to interpersonal conflict. She is investigating the role of the stress hormone cortisol as another potential contributor to relationship instability, lower relationship quality and poorer mental health over time. Cortisol irregularities have previously been associated with clinical depression. Greater understanding of the social processes in adolescent romantic relationships and their implications for depression has the potential to improve intervention programs. “In younger children, it’s normal for them to seek reassurance,” Fales says. “We don’t know where the unhealthy line is, but a starting point is when excessive reassurance seeking starts to annoy other people, to the point that they begin to withdraw from the relationship.” “These are behaviors and can be changed. They can more readily be targeted through intervention. For example, because we know that dwelling on negative topics or problems with others can lead to depressive symptoms, we can talk to young people about more active problem solving.”

UMaine to Present ‘MLK Diversity Day’ at Bangor Mall

05 Jan 2011

Contact: Lauren Wagner, (207) 581-1796 ORONO—The University of Maine Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, the Office of Multicultural Programs, and UMaine Athletics will present a Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Day event and activities Jan. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bangor Mall. Students in grades 3-5 and their parents are invited to attend. The children will participate in a variety of activities about diversity and the life and ideas of Martin Luther King Jr. UMaine Athletes, students and community members will lead children through activities, which include a craft project, interactive Native American storytelling led by UMaine professor John Bear Mitchell, group discussions lead by UMaine students, and team building activities. All children involved will receive a free T-shirt. For more information or to sign up a child, contact Lauren Wagner at the Bodwell Center by phone at 581-1796 or email at lauren.wagner@umit.maine.edu.

Conversation Partners Sought for International Students

05 Jan 2011

Contact: Kris McClure, 581-3842 The Intensive English Institute at the University of Maine is seeking volunteers to meet and talk with international students from throughout the world. International students at UMaine currently represent Brazil, Chile, China, India, France, Libya, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, S. Korea, Thailand, Venezuela, among

many other countries. Volunteer conversation partners spend one hour a week with an international student for casual conversation to help them practice speaking English. Contact Kris McClure at 581-3842, through FirstClass, or stop by the IEI offices in Hannibal Hamlin Hall for additional information. McClure says the program is a great way to volunteer and meet interesting new people from diverse cultures.

UMaine Singers Participate In Inauguration

06 Jan 2011

UMaine's Steiners singing group participated in Wednesday's inauguration of Maine Gov. Paul LePage, the Village Soup reported. The Steiners are an all-make acapella group made up of UMaine students. House Minority Leader Emily Cain, a UMaine graduate and current doctoral student who works as an advancement coordinator in UMaine's Honors College and represents the district that includes UMaine's Orono campus and property, told the [Portland Press Herald](#) she was glad to see the Steiners perform.

UMaine-Trained Psychologist Releases Book

06 Jan 2011

A Kennebunk psychologist who did her clinical internship at UMaine is the focus of an [article](#) on seacoastonline.com. Amy Wood, who is also a professional coach and success strategist, wrote a book, "Life Your Way: Refresh Your Approach to Success and Breath Easier in a Fast-paced World," which seeks to solve the overwhelming sensation of having too many choices in life.

Website Shares Study Linking Depression, Young Romance

06 Jan 2011

The website Physorg.com [posted information](#) about a UMaine study that finds warning signs of depression in young romance. UMaine Doctoral Research Fellow Jessica Fales says adolescents and young adults who excessively seek reassurance in their romantic relationships are at an increased risk for depression.

UMaine Hosting Freedom Salute Ceremony Today

07 Jan 2011

ORONO -- Members of the UMaine and surrounding communities are invited to join Maine Gov. Paul LePage and U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins today at 2 p.m. in the Collins Center for the Arts to honor and welcome home from the Middle East 152 Maine Army National Guard members of the Brewer-based Company B, 3rd Battalion 172nd Infantry Regiment. Maine's Army National Guard, 52nd Troop Command, is sponsoring the Freedom Salute Ceremony. Maine's Adjutant General Major Gen. John W. Libby, among other dignitaries, will offer brief remarks. According to Executive Officer Lt. Col. James Campbell, all 152 soldiers are returning safely, although some were injured. Members of UMaine's Army ROTC will assist in the ceremony. There is no cost to attend.

Gardner to Receive National Education Award

07 Jan 2011

Contact: Theresa McMannus, (207) 581-2441 Susan Gardner, associate professor of higher education in the College of Education and Human Development, has been selected to receive the 2011 Outstanding Contribution to Knowledge award from the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), a national Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to supporting efforts by educators and others to maximize college student engagement in academic and student affairs. The APCA's Commission for Graduate and Professional Students (CGPSA) announced the selection of Gardner this week. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship or practices that advance APCA members professional understanding of graduate student affairs, according to the announcement. The association will

present its awards March 29 at its annual convention in Baltimore.

Gregorio Fuentes 1924-2011

07 Jan 2011

Gregorio Fuentes, a member of the UMaine mathematics faculty for 22 years beginning in 1967, died on Wednesday Jan. 5 at his Orono home. He was 86 years old. Fuentes, who was born in Spain, is survived by his wife Maria -- a UMaine part-time faculty member in Spanish -- and four children. He was a competitive runner for many years and an active athlete participating in many sports, including soccer, a sport he supported through service as an eastern Maine middle school and high school referee. Fuentes was also an involved member of the Orono community, particularly active in the local Catholic church and Knights of Columbus. A Friday [Bangor Daily News obituary](#) includes the following information about services: "A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Holy Family Parish, 429 Main St., Old Town, with the Rev. Wilfred "Bill" Labbe officiating. The family invites friends to join them in the fellowship hall after the service. Interment will be in the spring at Riverside Cemetery, Orono. Gifts in his memory may be made to Knights of Columbus, care of Tom Jones, 429 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468 or Heart Center of Eastern Maine at Eastern Maine Medical Center, care of Healthcare Charities, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402-0931."

UMaine Offering New Large-Scale Conservation Internship

07 Jan 2011

Contact: Sarah J. Nelson (207) 581-3454 or sarah.nelson@umit.maine.edu The University of Maine is offering students a chance to gain training and service in large landscape conservation through a new internship opportunity. The Acadian Internship in Regional Conservation and Stewardship is a 6-week summer course and internship program with the goals of training students, providing hands-on field internships, and strengthening the understanding and practice of large-landscape conservation across the Acadian region. The Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) facility, which is located in the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park, will serve as a base campus while students explore the park and other areas in a region that stretches from the Penobscot River to southwestern New Brunswick. Initial planning for the program is being funded by a \$4,988 National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration grant to UMaine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research via the SERC Institute. The Quebec-Labrador Foundation has provided early and ongoing support for planning of the program. Rob Lilieholm, UMaine E.L. Giddings Associate Professor of Forest Policy, and Megan Gahl, a research scientist at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John, will be the instructors. Students will work across boundaries to achieve measurable conservation and economic development goals, creating an ecologically sustainable, economically resilient and socially responsible vision for the future of the Acadian region. The program includes use of lecture sessions, panel discussions, case studies and field work. Program partners include the Quebec Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center, SERC Institute, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Unity College, University of New Brunswick, National Park Service at Acadia National Park, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Maine State Planning Office. Mitchell Center Assistant Research Professor Sarah J. Nelson said there is space for about 20 undergraduate and graduate students for the internship. Students who want to take the class for credit may do so through UMaine's Summer University. For more information about the combined course and internship, go to <http://acadianinternship.wordpress.com>

Camire Advice in MSN Health Hangovers Article

07 Jan 2011

Mary Ellen Camire, professor in the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition and fellow in the Institute of Food Technologists, was interviewed recently for an article about hangovers posted this week on the [MSN Health & Fitness website](#). For those who do suffer from hangovers, Camire extols the virtue of orange juice and bananas as a way to replenish potassium, which, when depleted, can lead to achiness and a feeling of being unwell. A tall glass of OJ also helps boost blood glucose, a natural pick-me-up, she tells MSN Health.

Report On Pine Needle Connection To Tamiflu

07 Jan 2011

Bangor-based WLBZ reports on work in the lab of UMaine professors Ray Fort and Barbara Cole to extract a starter molecule of anti-flu drug Tamiflu from pine needles and other conifer trees.

Emeritus Professor Applauds Penobscot River Restoration

07 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News has an op-ed piece written by UMaine Professor Emeritus Richard Jagels about the Penobscot River restoration and removal of dams. Jagels, an emeritus professor of forest biology, writes of the benefit of local groups working together to open up nearly 1,000 miles of river habitat to improve migration and reproductive potential for sea-run fish.

Sunday Telegram Previews Art Museum Exhibition

10 Jan 2011

The Jan. 9 Maine Sunday Telegram [included a story previewing](#) the new exhibition at the UMaine Museum of Art in downtown Bangor. The new exhibition, which opens on Friday, features sculpture, paintings and photographs. It will continue through March 26.

Bayer Comments in Press Herald Lobster Fishery Report

10 Jan 2011

Comments from Prof. Bob Bayer of UMaine's Lobster Institute were included in a Monday [Portland Press Herald story](#) about discussions relative to certifying the Maine lobster fishery as being sustainable. A London-based organization provides certifications of this nature, and the possibility has generated controversy among those involved in the Maine lobster industry.

Offshore Wind Q&A with Ward

10 Jan 2011

Jake Ward, UMaine assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations, provides insights into UMaine's deepwater offshore wind research activity in a [Q&A-style interview](#) posted Monday on the Seacoast online Web site.

Professor Emeritus Publishes Biographical Text on Life in the 1850s

10 Jan 2011

C. Stewart Doty, UMaine professor emeritus of history, recently published *The Journal of Ann McMath: An Orphan in a New York Parsonage in the 1850s*, a 256-page text expected to be of particular interest to historians, genealogists and anyone interested in the lives of ordinary people during the nineteenth century. Doty, coauthor of at least two other historical texts and numerous journal articles, includes in the book excerpts from the diary of 17-year-old orphan Ann McMath (1834–1873), who was sent to live with her uncle and his family in their parsonage in Horseheads, N.Y. The diary "offers a rare glimpse of life in the 1850s as it was lived by ordinary women, told in the authentic voice of a young woman coming of age in the Burned-Over District of Western New York," according to publishers at SUNY Press.

UMaine Grad Ashley Underwood on Next "Survivor"

10 Jan 2011

UMaine graduate Ahsley Underwood, a Cony High School graduate from Benton who starred on the Black Bear basketball team while pursuing her UMaine nursing degree, is at contestant on the next season of the CBS television program "Survivor." Filmed in Nicaragua, "Survivor: Redemption Island" premieres on Wednesday Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. In an [online interview](#), Underwood describes her strategy and her approach to the game. Underwood, who played professional basketball in Europe, represented Maine in the 2009 Miss USA competition.

UMaine Winter Carnival Planned for Feb. 12

10 Jan 2011

Justina DeMott, (207) 581-1790 or justina.demott@umit.maine.edu After a disappointing couple of years in snowfall and weather conditions, the UMaine Office of Campus Activities and Student Engagement is taking advantage of more traditional winter weather and is planning for Winter Carnival 2011. Scheduled activities for the Saturday, Feb. 12 event include an ice-skating rink, a half-pipe and rail jam, snow sculptures, ice carving, live music, and food and beverages on the Mall. Students also will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most snow men or women built in one hour, according to Justina DeMott, a graduate assistant with Campus Activities and Student Engagement. All events are free and open to the public. The Division of Student Affairs, which oversees Campus Activities, invites everyone for an exciting day of winter activities. The world record attempt begins at 2 p.m. All events precede a fireworks show, sponsored by Student Government, beginning at 5:45 p.m. prior to the Black Bears' evening hockey game with the UVM Catamounts. Best viewing for the fireworks will be from Morse Field at Alford Stadium. Contact DeMott at (207) 581-1790 for additional information.

News report updates summer data breach

11 Jan 2011

A Tuesday Bangor Daily News story details a data security discussion at Monday's University of Maine System Board of Trustees meeting. The System has taken a series of steps to improve security, following a June 2010 data breach that affected servers at UMaine's Counseling Center.

Press Herald stories report on UMaine alums and reality television

11 Jan 2011

Tuesday's Portland Press Herald includes two stories about recent UMaine graduates participating in network reality television programs. [One report notes that Ashley Hebert](#), a Madawaska native who is now a dental student, was chosen for "the first one on one date of the new season" of ABC's "The Bachelor." [The other story reports](#) that Ashley Underwood, a former UMaine basketball start from Augusta who represented Maine in the 2009 Miss USA pageant, will compete for the \$1 million prize on the next season of CBS' "Survivor."

UMaine tobacco ban subject of news story

11 Jan 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News includes a story providing initial reaction to UMaine's new tobacco-free campus policy, which took effect Jan. 1. The story includes comments from Lauri Sidelko, co-char of UMaine's Tobacco-Free Campus Committee.

Preview Of New UMaine Art Museum Shows

11 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News previewed new exhibitions at the [University of Maine Museum of Art](#). The three new shows

open Friday. The BDN also reported on Photo National 2011, a new juried show of American photography set to open this summer.

UMaine Student Finds Oldest Known Domesticated Dog in Americas

11 Jan 2011

Contact: Samuel Belknap, Samuel.Belknap@umit.maine.edu A University of Maine graduate student has discovered evidence of the oldest identifiable domestic dog in the Americas. Samuel Belknap III, a graduate research assistant working under the direction of Kristin Sobolik in UMaine's Department of Anthropology and Climate Change Institute, found a 9,400-year-old skull fragment of a domestic dog during analysis of an intact human paleofecal sample. The fact that the bone was found in human waste provides the earliest proof that humans in the New World used domesticated dogs as food sources. "This is an important scientific discovery that can tell us not only a lot about the genetic history of dogs but of the interactions between humans and dogs in the past," said Belknap. "Not only were they most likely companions as they are today, they served as protection, hunting assistants, and also as a food source." Belknap's discovery will first be documented in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology as well as other scientific journals. At the time Belknap found the bone, he had not set out to discover anything new about ancient animals, but was instead conducting his thesis research on ancient diet and nutrition of humans during the Holocene Era in the Lower Pecos Region of Texas. "I didn't start out looking for the oldest dog in the New World," Belknap said. "I started out trying to understand human diet in southwest Texas. It so happens that this person who lived 9,400 years ago was eating dog. It just goes to show that sometimes, great scientific discoveries come not when we are looking for specific answers but when we are thorough we are in our examination of the evidence and open to what data it provides." He discovered the bone, known as BE-20, during the 2009-2010 academic school year while examining a paleofecal sample recovered in the 1970s from Hinds Cave, a major archeological site in southwest Texas near the Mexico border. Belknap and fellow UMaine graduate student Robert Ingraham first visually identified the bone as a fragment of the right occipital condyle, the place where the skull articulates with the atlas vertebra of the spine. Ingraham also visually identified the bone at Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology, which indicated that the fragment closely matched that of a short-nosed Indian Dog from New Mexico. The bone was then sent to University of Oklahoma researcher Cecil Lewis, who runs the Molecular Anthropology Ancient DNA Laboratory, for DNA analysis. The DNA analysis from the lab, along with a 2002 genetic study of archaeological dog specimens, supported the conclusion that BE-20 is from a domestic dog rather than a wolf, coyote or fox, and is closely related to a species of Peruvian dog. Visually, the bones of dogs, wolves, coyotes and foxes appear to be similar, but the domestic dog has evolved to have a different genetic makeup. The origin of the domestic dog is believed to be from a species of Eurasian wolf that likely crossed the Bering land bridge into North America during the peopling of the New World. The age of the bone and fecal material was confirmed by directly dating the sample using Accelerated Mass Spectrometric Radiocarbon Dating. Direct dating is crucial to the discovery, Belknap said. "For a long time there were several dog bones from Jaguar Cave in Idaho that were believed to be over 11,000 years old, but once they were directly dated they were found to be only 1,000 to 3000 years old," he said. "So it's a cautionary tale of the need to directly date things. It's important to do it." Although 9,400 years is considered ancient in the Americas, the remains of domesticated dogs in Europe have been identified to be well in excess of 10,000 years old. Belknap said based on the size of the bone, which was about a centimeter-and-a-half long and one centimeter across, the dog might have been 25-30 pounds. Belknap also found in the same paleofecal sample what is believed to be a sesamoid bone of a dog foot, but the fragment is too small for analysis. Belknap's find also provides the earliest direct evidence for dog as a source of food for human consumption. According to ethnographic studies, dogs were consumed either in times of desperation or times of celebration. Dogs were butchered in a specific way and may have been cooked in a stew, which could explain how bones from a skull and wrist or ankle ended up in the same paleofecal sample. "It could be that the smaller bones broke off in the butchering process and found their way into a stew or soup," Belknap said. Although it is known that dogs were also treated with the same kind of reverence with which we associate them today – domestic dogs have been found buried whole at sites from around the same era, which indicates they were held in some sort of regard – it is unknown whether this particular dog was viewed as a sort of pet, used as a form of security, or raised for a food source.

UMaine Program Plans Dinners for Parents, Student Mentors

11 Jan 2011

Contact: Erin Lennon, 581-1786 The school year may be half over, but the Black Bear Mentors Program is gearing up for another semester of community service, inspiration, motivation, fun, and yet more introductions. The Black Bear Mentoring program enriches the lives of area children from a variety of households ranging from those whose circumstances may harm their self-images and lead to lower aspirations and reduced opportunities to those who want to stay on the right path. Black Bear Mentor volunteers meet with area children one-on-one for about two hours one afternoon a week and engage in numerous activities from homework to cooking. The relationship provides area youth with a dedicated adult for activities and someone to talk with about their struggles and successes. The program is part of the Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism and is in its seventh year. The first semester started with mentors meeting mentees, but the second semester will take the matches a step further: meeting families. To create a stronger connection between the program and the community, the Black Bear Mentors' five sites will begin hosting "Meet Your Mentor Dinners" during National Mentoring Month in January. The "Meet Your Mentor Dinner" is only a year old, but it was so beneficial that four of the five mentoring sites will host dinners this year, as opposed to one site that held the dinner last year, according to Erin Lennon of Black Bear Mentors. "The dinner gave the parents and people who work at the school a chance to put a face to the names and stories they'd been hearing from the kids," recalls Lewis Libby Mentor Samantha Kane. "I think it gave the parents peace of mind, but it also gave the kids chance to show off their mentors. It was pretty cute." The first of the dinners will be at the Old Town Recreation Department Friday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. Recruiting for this academic year's program may be over, but those interested can still be involved with mentoring events, including upcoming dinners. The program will recruit new student volunteers next fall. For more information about the dinners or the program, call the Black Bear Mentors office at 581-1786 or email Erin Lennon at erin.lennon@umit.maine.edu.

Researcher Seeks Married Couples For Study

11 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a story about UMaine graduate student Laura Yoder, who is seeking as part of her thesis research 50 married couples to study the relationship between personality type and marital satisfaction. [Click here for more information](#) about the study and eligibility.

Blog Notes Research Into Links Between Teen Dating, Depression

11 Jan 2011

[The Frisky, a love and relationships blog, wrote](#) about UMaine researcher Jessica Fales' study linking depression with teen dating. [Fales found adolescents and young adults](#) who excessively seek reassurance in their romantic relationships are at an increased risk for depression.

Jacobson Talk Mentioned

11 Jan 2011

[The Lewiston Sun Journal noted](#) a talk being given by George Jacobson, UMaine professor emeritus of biology, ecology and climate change, on "Influences of Climate Variability on Maine's Forests -- Past and Future" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, at the Farmington Town Office. Jacobson was the director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute for nearly a decade and serves as the state's climatologist.

Website Highlights Security Improvements

12 Jan 2011

The website [Infosecurity-us.com](http://infosecurity-us.com) had a story about [UMaine's 3-year, \\$2.6 million investment](#) to close security gaps in its computer systems.

Dog Discovery Noted

12 Jan 2011

A UMaine graduate student's discovery of the oldest domesticated dog [ever found in the Americas was mentioned](#) on the website [Physorg.com](#). Samuel Belknap, a student in the department of anthropology and Climate Change Institute, found a fragment of bone from the skull of a dog. The bone was dated at 9,400 years old.

Blog Cites Study Linking Teen Romance, Depression

12 Jan 2011

UMaine researcher Jessica Fales' [report linking teen dating and depression was referenced](#) on the blog [thehairpin.com](#).

UMaine Students Set for Master Classes with Award-Winning Pianist

12 Jan 2011

Contact: David Whitehill, (207) 992-3511 or david@bangorsymphony.org Four University of Maine music students will have the opportunity to participate in a master class with award-winning pianist Martina Filjak from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, January 14, in UMaine's Minsky Recital Hall. Each student will have an opportunity to play for Filjak, the winner of the 2009 Cleveland International Piano Competition, who will work with each student for about 30 minutes. Filjak is the featured soloist for a Bangor Symphony Orchestra concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, January 16, at the Collins Center for the Arts. Filjak and the students, who study under UMaine Associate Professor Baycka Vronietsky, will be available for interviews starting at 9:45 a.m. at Minsky Recital Hall. The media is invited to stay for the master classes, which are free and open to the public. The master classes, which are in their second year, are made possible through the BSO's Dr. Maurice P. King Endowment Fund, which was set up in 2009 by Belfast resident Constance King Barnes, a 1943 UMaine graduate. Filjak, who is from Croatia, will play composer Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 on Sunday with the BSO. Filjak has performed with many orchestras, including the Cleveland Orchestra; the Zagreb, Strasbourg, Morocco, Belgrade and Torino Philharmonics; the Bilbao, Zagreb, Croatian, Moscow, Tenerife, Vallès and Barcelona Symphony Orchestras; the Croatian Chamber Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra of South Africa. The New York Times declared Filjak a "pianist to watch" after her Carnegie Hall debut in December 2009. In October 2009 she was awarded an Honorary Medal by the President of the Republic of Croatia for her artistic achievements. In addition to her victory at the Cleveland International Piano Competition, Filjak has won numerous competitions and prizes, including first place at the 2007 International Viotti Piano Competition, the 2008 Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Barcelona and the 2001 International Johannes Brahms Competition. She was awarded Fifth Prize at the 2007 Busoni Competition in Bolzano, Italy and was a Prizewinner at the 2008 Unisa International Piano Competition in Pretoria, South Africa. For more information contact Bangor Symphony Orchestra Executive Director David Whitehill.

Humphrey in Story on High-Tech Economy

13 Jan 2011

Comments from Dean Dana Humphrey of UMaine's College of Engineering are included in [a Thursday Portland Press Herald story](#) about a Wednesday Portland forum on the "technical revolution" and Maine's economic future. Humphrey notes that the UMaine college is at record enrollment levels, but it is not able to educate enough engineers to meet the demand in Maine. Approximately 200 people attended the forum, hosted by the Portland chamber of commerce.

Psychology Clinical Associate Column Published

13 Jan 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News included a guest column by Robert Ferguson, a local clinical psychologist who also serves as a clinical associate in UMaine's psychology department. The column, "Treating chronic pain beyond medicine," analyzes issues related to prescription medicine addictions in Maine. In his UMaine role, Ferguson

supervises students and collaborates with faculty members.

Channel 7 Reports on Tobacco Ban

13 Jan 2011

WVII broadcast a Wednesday story about UMaine's new tobacco-free campus policy. The story featured an interview with Lauri Sidelko from the UMaine Division of Student Affairs, co-chair of the university's tobacco-free campus committee.

UMaine Student Crowned Miss Collegiate America 2011

13 Jan 2011

Contact: [Shannon Folsom](#), George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- A University of Maine dean's list student from Saco has been crowned Miss Collegiate America 2011. Shannon Folsom, 20, an Honors College sophomore majoring in kinesiology and fulfilling pre-med requirements, was crowned Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Miss Collegiate America Pageant in San Antonio, Texas. Folsom will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship, plus a generous wardrobe stipend for her year of service traveling around the nation. The Thornton Academy graduate returns to San Antonio in March to attend and perform at the Miss High School America Pageant. Like her parents, Ed and Lauren Folsom of Saco, who are UMaine graduates, Shannon Folsom is a singer. Also an accomplished actress, she has performed in more than 20 plays and musicals, plays violin and has received many awards from baton-twirling competitions as a child. Folsom is described by Miss Collegiate America Pageant Director Amanda Patterson and Maine Director of the America Collegiate Program Deb Landry of Saco as a bright, articulate and dedicated community volunteer "who just captivated the judges," Patterson says. "There were some extremely intelligent girls in this pageant." Pageant judges considered contestants' academic achievement, community service experience and a personal interview. It did not have a swimsuit or talent component, according to Landry, who, with Saco-area physician Christine Blake, the 2010 Mrs. Maine-America title-holder, coached Folsom in preparation for competition. Folsom's extensive list of extracurricular activities includes volunteering for, mentoring or raising funds for the Crossroads Youth Center in Saco, Project AWARE youth drug awareness project and Children's Miracle Network of Maine. She will be featured in a short film about childhood obesity, based on her own experience being overweight as a youth, which is being produced by Crossroads, of which Landry is founder and president. Folsom says her reaction to being crowned was a "combination of overwhelming shock and gratitude." "Being named Miss Collegiate America is a huge honor, and represents years of hard work in pageantry and stage performance," Folsom says. "I'm so blessed to have worked with such amazing directors -- Christine Blake and Deb Landry -- and to have so much support from my family and friends." Folsom, who was selected as Miss Collegiate Maine in November 2010, will relinquish that crown to pageant first runner-up Kristy Huff, also a University of Maine dean's list student, from Burnham, Maine majoring in psychology. Folsom previously represented the state as Miss Maine Outstanding Teen 2008 in national competition. Though she did not win that crown, Folsom did win a four-year scholarship to Troy University for having one of the highest GPAs of all 52 contestants. Folsom says she passed up Troy to attend UMaine. A top 10 student at Thornton Academy, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Folsom was the recipient of 15 undergraduate awards for academic achievement and several for community service. In addition to her studies at UMaine, Folsom emphasizes her commitment to working with youth and promoting healthy lifestyle choices to protect children from obesity and diabetes, and remaining at UMaine. "Luckily, the national organization is very understanding of the amount of work required of college students, and I will not be required to take time off from school during my year as Miss Collegiate America," she says.

Dog Discovery Mentioned On Website

13 Jan 2011

The website sify.com has a [story](#) about the discovery of the oldest identifiable domestic dog in the Americas made by UMaine graduate student Samuel Belknap.

Extension Graphic Designer Comments On Use Of Technology In Agriculture

13 Jan 2011

Tracey Nelson, a UMaine Cooperative Extension publications distribution manager and graphic designer, commented in a Bangor Daily News story about the increasing interest in Cooperative Extension's on-line informational pamphlets.

Maine is Making Stuff

14 Jan 2011

Contact: Vicky Blanchette at (207) 581-2204 The Maine Coalition, comprising Challenger Learning Center of Maine, Maine Discovery Museum and University of Maine College of Engineering, has been chosen by WGBH/NOVA and the Materials Research Society to present a series of local events on nano and materials science as part of the four-part Making Stuff NOVA Series, starting Wednesday, January 19 on PBS. Almost everything around you—the clothes you wear, the dishes you eat from, the computer you use, the bike you ride or the car you drive—is made of stuff. Materials science is the study of stuff—what it's made of, how it works, and what we can do with it. For thousands of years, humans have been manipulating the elements and the world's raw materials. Now, scientists are generating new materials that function differently and are stronger, smaller, cleaner, and smarter than ever. Expected to revolutionize medicine and technology, these innovations are likely to result in an unprecedented trove of nifty new stuff that is sure to transform the way we live, work, and play. WGBH/NOVA has chosen coalitions to help extend the NOVA series' outreach through area events and demonstrations. Following is the Maine Coalition Making Stuff schedule of events:

Jan. 29-30 Making Stuff Kick-Off at the Maine Discovery Museum · Two-day Kick-Off event at the Maine Discovery Museum with activities, interactive stations and presentations from Making Stuff and NISE Net for various age groups · Families with children between ages 2-16 - Open to All (admission \$7.50 – no charge for members or infants one year or less) · Saturday 10:30 – 4:00 PM / Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, 74 Main Street, Downtown Bangor · Contact [Trudi Plummer](#): (207) 262-7200 x 102 Feb. 3 Science Café at the Challenger Center with David Sturm "Food & Physics Road Show" · Science Café with refreshments at the Challenger Center, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, 30 Venture Way, Bangor · Families, General Public - Open to All (no admission) Contact: [Jennifer Therrien](#): (207) 990-2900 x 3 Feb. 8 Nano Expo at the University of Maine · UMaine faculty and students will present hands-on demonstrations from Making Stuff and UMaine Engineering research on nano scale science and engineering & material science, and present tours of engineering laboratories to approximately 200 7th & 8th graders. Participants will attend from Leonard Middle School, Piscataquis Community Secondary School, and Central Middle School · Registration is closed Contact: [Vicky Blanchette](#): (207) 581-2204 Feb. 19 Engineering EXPO, University of Southern Maine, Gorham · The Maine Coalition will join top engineering firms, engineering colleges, government agencies and manufacturing firms featuring hands-on activities, demonstrations and interactive exhibits for children and their parents, engineers, and educators · Families, General Public – Open to All Contact: [Vicky Blanchette](#): (207) 581-2204 ----- MAKING STUFF, NOVA's exciting four-part documentary series, premieres January 19, 2011. MAKING STUFF takes viewers on a thrilling tour of the material world and presents dramatic stories about how the field of materials science has changed history and is shaping the future. Each episode—Stronger, Smaller, Cleaner, and Smarter—gives viewers a behind-the-scenes look at scientific innovations that are happening every day on the frontiers of scientific research and ushering in a new generation of materials. MAKING STUFF is hosted by respected journalist, New York Times technology columnist, and Emmy Award-winning CBS News correspondent David Pogue.

Hikel Retiree Award Nominations Sought

14 Jan 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- The University of Maine is accepting nominations for the Barbara Hikel Retiree Award. This honor, named for a former exemplary UMaine employee who remained connected to the university for years after retirement, is given annually to a UMaine retiree who provides extraordinary volunteer service to UMaine. "Retirees contribute to our community in a great many ways, and the Barbara Hikel Award provides meaningful recognition of those efforts," wrote UMaine President Robert Kennedy in a December message to the UMaine community inviting nominations. The recipient of the Barbara Hikel Award must be a university retiree (at least 10 years of service and age 55 or older). Typically, those eligible will have retired at least three years prior to their nomination for the award. The past recipients represent those characteristics: 2006 -- Barbara Hikel (posthumous) 2007

-- Harold 'Brownie' Brown 2008 -- Katherine Musgrave 2009 -- Henry 'Hank' Metcalf 2010 -- Mike Opitz If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 581-1581.

UMaine Friends Plan Benefit Concert

14 Jan 2011

A group of talented musical performers who met as UMaine students will stage a Jan. 23 South Portland benefit concert to benefit the ALS Association of Northern New England. Emily Cain, the minority leader of the Maine House of Representatives who is also a staff member in UMaine's Honors College, will be joined by Matthew Small and Kelly Caulfield for the performance, "Music for Maddie," dedicated to Maddie Simpson, a South Portland woman who suffers from ALS. Simpson's daughter, Jessica Simpson Fulchino, was a UMaine friend of the three performers. A story in Keep Me Current provides more information about the concert and the woman who inspired it.

John Dearborn Remembrance Planned January 21

14 Jan 2011

A memorial service and celebration of the life, work and friendships of the admired John H. Dearborn, Distinguished Maine Professor and Professor Emeritus of Marine Sciences at the University of Maine who died Nov. 24 at the age of 77, will be held Friday, January 21 at 3 p.m. at the Buchanan Alumni House. Professor Dearborn's career in Zoology and Marine Sciences at UMaine from 1966 to 1999 continued long after his official retirement, and his writing and interest in marine animals, especially echinoderms, continued until his death. Dearborn's fieldwork, begun as a modern pioneer in Antarctic marine biology in the 1950s, took him to many interesting, though mostly cold, locations, including the Antarctic, the Arctic and the Juan Fernandez Islands off the Chilean coast, in addition to a number of dives on research submersibles in the Gulf of Maine. Further details on Professor Dearborn's life are included in a [Portland Press Herald obituary](#). Gifts in his memory may be made to The University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, 04469-5792 in support of the John H. and Bethel B. Dearborn Marine Sciences Fund or the John H. and Bethel B. Dearborn Darling Marine Center Fund.

Maine Business School Wins Reaccreditation

14 Jan 2011

Contact: Ivan Manev, (207) 581-1968 ORONO -- The Maine Business School in the University of Maine's College of Business, Public Policy and Health has earned reaccreditation by one of the world's most prestigious accrediting bodies, the AACSB International. Fewer than 5 percent of the world's business schools offering undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees in business and accounting are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The AACSB this month announced that 46 business schools, in addition to UMaine's, have retained accreditation and 11 achieved first-time accreditation. The accreditation follows an exhaustive review of the school. The renewed five-year accreditation verifies that the MBS conforms to highest standards for faculty qualification and sufficiency in all business disciplines, assurance of learning, and continuous improvement, says Ivan Manev, dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Health. "It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn AACSB accreditation," according to Jerry Trapnell, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "Schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculties and staffs must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to students." The Maine Business School has been continuously accredited since 1974. The school offers undergraduate programs in accounting, finance, management, marketing and international business, and an MBA with tracks in accounting, finance, management, and sustainable business. It is one of only two institutions in Maine that carry AACSB accreditation, according to Manev. "This reaffirmed accreditation comes as no surprise, as we have a number of faculty with national and indeed worldwide reputation as teachers and scholars," Manev says. "Our students learn the state of the art in business disciplines. Just this past spring, we were ranked in the top 20 percent on a national comprehensive exam for undergraduate students and in the top 15 percent for graduate students. The reaffirmed accreditation was a systematic and collective effort and reflects the hard work of all faculty and staff." Independently,

the Maine Business School was recognized by two other organizations last year. For a third year in a row it was ranked as one of the top 1,000 business schools out of 22,000 worldwide by Eduniversal!, an international business school rating organization. And for the first time this year, US News & World Report included it in its national ranking of best undergraduate business programs. A news release on the AACBS International website has additional detail.

Alfond Arena Named One Of Top Spots To Watch College Hockey

14 Jan 2011

UMaine's Alfond Arena was named in [a Boston Globe article](#) one of the best college hockey venues in New England. The "boisterous" Black Bear fans, post-goal foghorn, intimidating atmosphere and Hall of Fame displays were among the reasons for the listing. The story begins with a description of students camping out in UMaine parking lots for tickets to a game against rival New Hampshire.

Art Museum Free To Visitors

14 Jan 2011

The University of Maine Museum of Art will be free for visitors again this year, WABI reported. The museum has for the fourth year in a row received a donation from Machias Savings Bank in support of the free admission program.

Davenport Quoted in Story About Changes to Zodiac Signs

14 Jan 2011

WABI quoted Alan Davenport, the director of UMaine's Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, in a story about changes to the zodiac signs. The changes, discussion of which has lit up the Internet, have been going on for thousands of years due to basic shifts in Earth's position.

Newspaper Reports on President Kennedy and Minnesota Board

18 Jan 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News reported that President Kennedy is under consideration for a volunteer position on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Kennedy, who is stepping down from the UMaine presidency in June after nearly seven years in that role, is a Minnesota native and a University of Minnesota graduate.

Senators Announce Robotics Research Grant

18 Jan 2011

Maine Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins issued a joint statement announcing a \$512,736 National Science Foundation grant to support prosthetic robotic hand research under the supervision of UMaine engineering professor Ashish Deshpande.

Free Admission Continues at Art Museum

18 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News reports that the generosity of Machias Savings Bank will allow for free admission practices to continue at the UMaine Museum of Art in downtown Bangor. A new gift, in memory of the late UMaine benefactor Edward "Ted" Leonard, will extend free admission through 2011. This represents an extension of Machias Savings Bank's original donation for this purpose in 2008. Since that time, the number of museum visitors has increased 227 percent.

Ward Comments on Old Town and Brewer Initiatives

18 Jan 2011

Jake Ward, UMaine's assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations, was quoted in a Saturday Bangor Daily News story about efforts in Brewer and Old Town to address economic development issues related to Maine's relatively high cost of electricity.

Brewer in Story on LePage Early Actions

18 Jan 2011

Comments from Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty are included in a [Seacoast Online story](#) about the first ten days of Gov. Paul LePage's administration.

UMaine Connections to Bangor History Author

18 Jan 2011

A Monday Bangor Daily News story profiles historian Trudy Irene Scee, who has written a new book, "City on the Penobscot: A Comprehensive History of Bangor, Maine." The story notes that Scee moved to Maine from upstate New York to finish a doctorate in history. She also conducted some of the research for the book at UMaine's Fogler Library.

News Reports Detail Legislator Visit

18 Jan 2011

A Saturday Bangor Daily News story provided detail on a Friday afternoon visit to UMaine by nearly 100 members of the Maine Legislature. UMaine was one stop on a regional tour, managed by the Maine Development Foundation, to give lawmakers first-hand information about factors that influence Maine's economy. The UMaine visit included tours of several facilities, including the Honors College, Foster Center for Student Innovation, robotics laboratory, Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, biosciences labs and the food science pilot plant in Hitchner Hall. President Kennedy addressed the group in the Collins Center for the Arts before the lawmakers left for the day's final stop in Waterville.

Collins Scheduled for High-Tech Business Grand Opening

18 Jan 2011

Contact: Dean Smith (dean.smith@ossmaine.com) or (866) 269-8007 BANGOR -- U.S. Sen. Susan Collins is scheduled to speak at the Thursday Jan. 20 grand opening of Orono Spectral Solutions, Inc.'s new facility at 689 Odlin Road in Bangor. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Orono Spectral Solutions (OSS) is a University of Maine spin-off business. Incorporated in 2004, OSS is a high-tech company that works with the Department of Defense and other entities on projects involving the detection of chemical and biological agents in air and water backgrounds. One recent initiative relates to developing improved methods for detecting petroleum hydrocarbons in industrial waste and produced water. The company has outgrown its Old Town location, necessitating a move to larger quarters in Bangor. Other speakers on Thursday will include UMaine Prof. Carl Tripp, the company's president, along with Vice President for Marketing Dean Smith and James Jensen representing the U.S. Army. More information about OSS is online at <http://www.ossmaine.com>.

Chancellor Announces UMaine Presidential Finalists

18 Jan 2011

Contact: Peggy Markson at (207) 973-3245 ORONO -- University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude issued the following announcement this morning to members of the UMaine community: Colleagues: This morning we

will have a press release naming the finalists for the University of Maine presidency. I wanted you to have an [advance copy](#). On behalf of Trustee Ellie Baker and the entire Search Committee, I am pleased to share this news with you. The committee has done an excellent job and we have a very strong list of finalists to interview. As we move through the interview process I hope you will find time to participate and comment.

SAD 22 To Hear From Knowledge Transfer Alliance

19 Jan 2011

The board of directors of SAD 22, which includes Hampden, Newburgh and Winterport, is considering working with UMaine as the towns decide what to do with the building that houses Hampden Academy, according to a Bangor Daily News story. A new school building is now under construction. According to the story, the board of directors will hear during a meeting Tuesday a presentation from the Knowledge Transfer Alliance, a collaboration of UMaine departments, business assistance agencies, local community and economic development districts, and private sector representatives.

Coverage Of UMaine President Search

19 Jan 2011

Several media outlets covered Tuesday morning's announcement of four finalists for the position of UMaine president to replace The Portland Press Herald and television station WABI had stories about the announcement.

National Geographic Covers Student's Dog Discovery

19 Jan 2011

National Geographic magazine's website has a [story](#) about the discovery of the oldest domestic dog in the Americas, which was made by Samuel Belknap, a UMaine graduate student. Belknap found a skull fragment from a dog in a human paleofecal sample, providing the earliest evidence of human consumption of dogs in the New World. More information is available in a [news release](#).

Math Professors Conduct University of Malaya Workshop

19 Jan 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 Ramesh and Pushpa Gupta, professors in the University of Maine Department of Mathematics and Statistics, were invited to conduct a workshop on mixture models in statistics, organized and funded by the Institute of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Malaya, December 28, 2010. Ramesh presented two one-hour lectures: "Frailty and cure rate models in survival analysis" and "Random effect bivariate survival models and stochastic comparisons." Pushpa presented "Failure rate of the mixture of two skew normal variables" and "Analysis of count data by mixture model." The one-day workshop was attended by 25 participants from the University of Malaya and nearby institutions, including graduate students, post-doctoral candidates and faculty.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Activities

19 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News and WABI both had stories about UMaine's 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and other events surrounding Monday's holiday. WABI aired a piece about MLK Diversity Day, sponsored by UMaine's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, the Office of Multicultural Programs, and the athletic department. Lauren Wagner, a service coordinator with the Bodwell Center, was quoted in the story.

UMaine Students Excel in International Business Challenge

19 Jan 2011

Contact: Paul Myer, (207) 581-1992; Jason Harkins, (207) 217-4798 ORONO -- Five Maine Business School graduate students representing the University of Maine at the 2010 Molson International Case Competition in Montreal, Canada recently performed well, finishing in the top half of 36 invited business schools from across the globe. The UMaine team finished 14th overall and was one point shy of making the semifinals. Historically, UMaine students have competed well in the event, which draws some of the best business schools around the world. Graduate students from nine countries gathered in Montreal to participate in a round-robin competition of business problem-solving this year. The UMaine team placed behind South Carolina and Pepperdine, but ahead of Purdue, Pittsburgh, George Washington, Baylor and Kent State, according to Paul Myer, executive in residence in the Maine Business School, one of three team coaches. With three hours to prepare, teams analyzed and evaluated unpublished business cases using the skills, knowledge and experience they had acquired from their respective MBA curriculums. Teams are judged on creativity, insight, substance and plausibility of their recommendations. "I think these results speak well of the quality and intellect of our students in the Maine Business School," Myer says. "They went head-to-head with some of the best business students with realistic business problem-solving challenges. They'll be bringing that creative critical thinking with them when they enter the marketplace." Team members were Nicole Gogan of Orrington, Joseph Kellner from Hampden, Mass. and Bangor, Victoria Thornton of Lee and Kim Williams of Carrabassett Valley. Frederick Kaiser of Blue Hill was an alternate member of the team. Coaches also included business school faculty members John Mahon and Jason Harkins. Selection for the team is competitive; students begin honing business analytical and presentation skills in the fall each year.

UMaine's Lunar Habitat, Wireless Sensing Laboratory Opening Friday

20 Jan 2011

UMaine's Lunar Habitat, Wireless Sensing Laboratory Opening Friday Contact: Ali Abedi, (207) 581-2231 or abedi@eece.maine.edu The world's first inflatable lunar habitat, which was assembled on the University of Maine campus last fall and will be a test site for NASA as it prepares for voyages to the moon, Mars and Venus, will be unveiled Friday with a dedication event starting at 1:30 p.m. The afternoon will begin with a social event in the lobby of the Engineering & Science Research Building, followed at 2 p.m. with remarks from UMaine officials in the Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium. UMaine electrical and computer engineering Professor Ali Abedi, who is overseeing the Wireless Sensing Laboratory, which houses the lunar habitat, will speak along with College of Engineering Dean Dana Humphrey and George Studor, program director of NASA's Johnson Space Center. The group will move at 2:30 p.m. to the Wireless Sensing Laboratory, located next to the Mahaney Dome, for tours of the lunar habitat inflated inside the lab. UMaine undergraduate and graduate students who helped assemble the habitat and are involved in research there will also be in attendance Friday. The 3,600-square foot laboratory building contains a 42-foot by 10-foot circular inflatable structure which will be the blueprint for a habitat to be used on future NASA missions to the moon and planets, expected by 2030. The structure, which will be deployed as a human habitat, will have wireless sensors embedded in a layer of its fabric walls to monitor the structural integrity, micrometeoroid impacts and internal environmental conditions. The sensors will be able to detect impacts and leaks in the structure. UMaine faculty and students have developed algorithms for relaying data. Earth-bound applications for the sensor technology include the monitoring of bridges and domes for defense and emergency management. The wireless sensors do not have batteries, but are instead powered by electromagnetic waves. The structure has two inhabitable areas. The inner ring has sleeping capacity for up to 15 people, while the outer ring is intended for scientists to conduct experiments and monitor the habitat. The project funding includes more than \$2 million from NASA and another \$2.2 million from the Maine Technology Institute. Jackson Lab, the University of Southern Maine, and the Maine Economic Improvement Fund also contributed funding. Abedi's UMaine faculty collaborators are Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Mauricio Pereira da Cunha; Professor of Mechanical Engineering Vince Caccese; and Richard C. Hill Professor of Mechanical Engineering Mohsen Shahinpoor, who is the chair of the mechanical engineering department. Other collaborators are USM Professor and Chair of Electrical Engineering Mariusz Jankowski, NASA's Johnson Space Center and Glenn Research Center, the Challenger Learning Center of Maine, and ILC Dover, a Delaware-based company that designs and develops materials used in space exploration.

Snow Both a Boon and Drain for Maine's Winter Economy

20 Jan 2011

Contact: Marilynne Mann, 581-3110; Jonathan Rubin, 581-1528; Stephen Reiling, 581-3237 ORONO -- The blizzards than blanket streets, driveways and walks may seem somewhat of an inconvenience for some Mainers, but for many others, the rule is the more snow the better. University of Maine economics researchers say the cost of cleaning up after storms is balanced by the revenue-enhancing potential of snow. From independent operators plowing driveways and parking lots with pickup trucks to Maine's winter tourism activities, winter weather creates a powerful and diverse, though not always measured, economy. Consider, for instance, that Maine's ski industry generates some \$300 million, according to estimates from Greg Sweetzer executive director of Ski Maine, who spoke recently with Marilynne Mann of the University of Maine-based Center for Tourism Research and Outreach. Though economic contribution estimates are not based on current research, Maine's skiing and snowmobile industries estimate a half-a-billion dollar impact from the two sports. Mann reports that Andy Shepard, president/chief executive officer of the Maine Winter Sports Center, estimates the Feb. 4-6, E.ON IBU Biathlon World Cup 7 at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle and Feb. 10-13, World Cup 8 at the 10th Mountain Center in Fort Kent have the potential to bring \$10 million to the local Northern Maine economy. That's after sales of fuel, meals, hotel accommodations, groceries and other purchases by visitors are counted. Mann can be reached by email at mmann110@maine.edu and (207) 581-3110 to discuss her findings. Snowmobilers bring in an estimated \$350 million in a good season, according to the Maine Snowmobile Association. Stephen Reiling, School of Economics professor of resource economics, has studied the economic impact of the snowmobile industry and can be reached at 581-3237 or by email at reiling@maine.edu to discuss how it is influenced. Then, there are the costs associated with winter snow removal -- nearly \$100 million a year, plus environmental and safety implications -- according to Jonathan Rubin, professor of resource economics with UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and School of Economics, who conducted a study on the [costs of Maine winters](#) a year ago. The study considered the impact of expenses due to the costs of rock salt and deicing chemicals, corrosion of automobiles, steel highway structures and concrete, collisions in snowy, slippery conditions, and environmental damages, including chloride-contamination of wells. Rubin can be reached at (207) 581-1528 for details and updated estimates.

UMaine Student Miss Collegiate America

20 Jan 2011

Shannon Folsom, a UMaine sophomore from Saco, was crowned Miss Collegiate America earlier this month at a pageant in Texas. Comments from Folsom, an Honors College student studying kinesiology, are included in a Bangor Daily News feature story published on Monday.

Media Cover Graduate Student's Ancient Dog Find

20 Jan 2011

Discovery News, the website of television's [Discovery Channel](#), wrote about a UMaine graduate student's discovery of the oldest domesticated dog in the Americas, a find based on bone fragments the student discovered a human paleofecal sample. The New York Times also ran a [story](#) about the find, as did the Pakistan Daily Mail.

President Search Noted In New Jersey

20 Jan 2011

The Gloucester County Times, a New Jersey newspaper, has a story about one of the finalists for the UMaine presidential position. Dr. Donald Farish, the current president of Rowan University, said he was pleased to be a finalist.

Article Features UMaine Mentoring Volunteers

20 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News on Thursday carried a feature story about the UMaine Black Bear Mentors Program, run

through the Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism. Now in its seventh year, the program pairs UMaine students with area youth in their schools for games, mentoring and discussions. Program coordinator Erin Lennon says the program focuses on academics and life skills and builds both confidence and self-esteem in participating children.

ORSP Informational Workshop Scheduled

20 Jan 2011

UMaine's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host an informational workshop, "ORSP104: Allowable Costs & Cost Transfers," Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 9-10:30 a.m. in Soderberg Lecture Hall, Jenness Hall. RSVP to [Amanda Ashe by email](mailto:Amanda.Ashe@umaine.edu) on or before Feb. 4. For more about the ORSP training series visit the training website.

Coast Guard Academy Professor to Address Oil Spill Response

20 Jan 2011

ORONO -- LCRD Gregory Hall, a chemistry professor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, will visit the University of Maine for a Thursday Jan. 27 Dept. of Chemistry colloquium, "Chemical Issues in Oil Spill Response and Forensics." His presentation is scheduled for 428 Aubert Hall at 11 a.m.

University of Maine Offshore Wind Track Part of Jan. 25 Maine Wind Energy Conference

20 Jan 2011

Contact: Elizabeth Viselli, Associate Program Manager Advanced Structures and Composites Center DeepCwind Consortium 207-221-5639 elizabeth.viselli@umit.maine.edu 207-581-2831 Contact: Sue Jones, Conference Coordinator sue@communityenergypartners.com ORONO -- The University of Maine will present an exciting addition to the Maine Wind Working Group's Maine Wind Energy Conference, scheduled for next week in Augusta. The wind energy track, scheduled for 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 25, will feature UMaine researchers and others providing details about Maine's opportunity to lead the nation in deepwater offshore wind energy development. Speaker topics include the economics of offshore wind, critical path permitting issues, the results of a statewide public opinion survey, and other issues essential to the industry's development. The Maine Wind Energy Conference will be held Monday Jan. 24 (8 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Tuesday Jan. 25 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the Augusta Civic Center. Expanded to two days, this year's conference features nearly 50 speakers in five tracks over two days. January 25 features the all-day offshore wind track with presentations by: • Jake Ward, assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations • Prof. Gary Hunt, School of Economics • Prof. Mario Teisl, School of Policy and International Affairs • Prof. Caroline Noblet, School of Economics • Prof. Peter Jumars, School of Marine Sciences • Prof. Rebecca Holberton, School of Biology and Ecology • Paul Williamson, Maine Wind Industry Initiative • Bill Follett, Cianbro • John Henshaw, Maine Port Authority • Dr. Heather Deese, Island Institute • Michael Murphy, HDR/DTA • Peter Browne, HDR/DTA • Andrew Qua, Kleinschmidt Associates • Matthew Nixon, Maine State Planning Office UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center Director Habib J. Dagher, Ph.D, P.E. will also present a Monday overview of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's RFP for Long-term Contracts for Deepwater Offshore Wind Energy Pilot Projects, and the UMaine-led DeepCwind Consortium's involvement in deepwater offshore wind energy technology development. With 149 gigawatts of wind power in its gulf, offshore wind development is one of Maine's strongest opportunities to boost its economy and create thousands of jobs. Through the leadership of the University of Maine, Advanced Structures and Composites Center, and DeepCwind Consortium, Maine is poised to become the world leader in deepwater offshore wind. The University of Maine has raised over \$40 million to support this effort. Funded initiatives include the construction of the Offshore Wind Laboratory expansion to Advanced Structures and Composites Center, allowing wind structure testing up to 70 meters; testing of a 1/3 scale floating wind turbine at the UMaine Deepwater Offshore Wind Test Site off Monhegan Island in July 2012; and new academic programs for renewable energy and the environment at UMaine. These investments will fuel the innovation required to develop robust and economical floating wind turbine technology to allow Maine to capture this immense resource.

Professor Says Maine Does Not Have Nation's Oldest Population

24 Jan 2011

In a Friday Bangor Daily News guest column, UMaine public administration professor Carolyn Ball provides an analysis debunking the notion that Maine has the nation's oldest population. Using census data, Ball looks at the issue from various perspectives and determines that Florida and Virginia both have higher percentages of residents 65 years of age and older.

Rubin, Reiling in Report on Economics of Winter

24 Jan 2011

UMaine School of Economics professors Jonathan Rubin and Steve Reiling were interviewed for a Thursday WLBZ/WCSH news story about the impact of winter weather on Maine's economy. Rubin notes that Maine spends about \$100 million on snow removal, while Reiling points out that snowmobiling has an economic impact that rivals downhill skiing.

News Story Highlights Spinoff Business Growth

24 Jan 2011

Comments from Sen. Susan Collins are featured in a Friday Bangor Daily News story about the continuing growth of Orono Spectral Solutions (OSS), a high-tech business started by UMaine chemistry professor Carl Tripp. OSS hosted Collins and others on Thursday at the opening of its new and expanded facility in Bangor. Incorporated in 2004, OSS works with the Department of Defense and other entities on projects involving the detection of chemical and biological agents in air and water backgrounds. WABI television broadcast a similar story.

Joint UMaine/Ocean Energy Institute to Honor Simmons Legacy, Further Ocean Energy Objectives

24 Jan 2011

ROCKLAND--A generous donation from the family of the late Matthew R. Simmons, the founder and chair of the Ocean Energy Institute (OEI), along with all the gifts from friends and colleagues given to OEI in his memory, will create opportunities for the University of Maine to further the OEI objectives rooted in his visionary perspectives on the vast potential of ocean resources to provide clean energy options. UMaine will establish a Matthew R. Simmons Ocean Energy Initiative Fund in its development office to pick up the OEI mantle and support work that will advance ocean energy research and development, education, commercialization and outreach efforts. The Ocean Energy Institute itself will cease operations on January 31, 2011. Matthew Simmons founded OEI in 2007 to create a think tank to promote the various forms of ocean energy. He was a leading oil and gas energy investment banker who saw the need for renewable ocean energy to help reduce the world's dependency on supply-dependent fossil fuels. His untimely August 2010 death constituted a "major loss" for the institute, according to managing director Robert West. "Matt was an internationally known visionary leader, and a major supporter of renewable energy efforts," West says. "This collaboration with UMaine will serve as a fitting tribute and will provide useful ways for OEI and its advocates to support UMaine's internationally recognized ocean energy research initiatives." UMaine's relevant key initiatives include its central place in the DeepCwind Consortium, which brings together private sector concerns, nonprofits and universities to further establish Maine's national leadership role in deepwater offshore wind research and technology development. "Matt's leadership was instrumental in focusing attention and resources on ocean-based energy sources," says UMaine President Robert Kennedy, who is an OEI board member. "The initiative that bears his name will help us foster the collaborative arrangements involving public and private sector entities that will help our state continue as an established leader in this vital area. We are proud to continue OEI's work and we are most thankful for the generosity of Ellen Simmons, the entire Simmons family and all those associated with OEI." OEI will close its Rockland offices and transfer all its assets, including Matthew Simmons' library of works, to UMaine's AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, which is home to UMaine's research and development activity in deepwater offshore wind. "We will continue to forge ahead with Matt's vision to create ocean energy opportunities for our state, nation and world," says Habib Dagher, director of the UMaine center and the DeepCwind Consortium. "Matt was a wonderful friend, a brilliant businessman and a great

leader with whom we shared a common vision. We are particularly thankful to the Simmons family for entrusting us to carry on Matt's legacy." Among its accomplishments since 2007, The Ocean Energy Institute was instrumental in identifying the vast potential for offshore wind energy in the Gulf of Maine and advocating for its development and use for the benefit of the people of Maine. OEI's and UMaine's early findings spurred the establishment of the Ocean Energy Task Force in 2008-2009, leading to policy, legislation, and the establishment of offshore ocean energy test sites. OEI supported the early development of the DeepCwind program at UMaine. Its efforts were recognized in June when Simmons and the Institute received the 2010 Energy Ocean Pioneer Award for Education. UMaine received that same award in 2009.

Gabe on MaineBiz Television Panel

24 Jan 2011

Todd Gabe of UMaine's School of Economics faculty was part of a Sunday MaineBiz Television panel, discussing the economic impact of destination events such as the Maine Winter Sports Center's world cup events and the Pop Tech conference in Camden.

Lunar Habitat News Coverage

24 Jan 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a front-page story about a Friday event unveiling a NASA lunar habitat that's been assembled at UMaine for research work in the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The UMaine research will focus on the wireless sensor technology that would be vital to monitoring conditions and protecting the astronauts who would live in such a facility on the moon or another planet. The BDN story included comments from professors Ali Abedi and Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, as well as NASA official George Studor. The three Bangor television stations, WLBZ, WABI and WVII, also provided coverage.

Student Column Published

24 Jan 2011

The Bangor Daily News published a [guest column](#) by UMaine engineering grad student Ali Shareef. The column, published in cooperation with the Islamic Center of Maine in Orono, discusses issues related to the perception of Muslims in the U.S. and other parts of the world.

News Report Describes Mineral Discovery

24 Jan 2011

Former UMaine Ph.D. student Jeffrey Marsh's discovery of the mineral menzerite-Y is detailed in a Monday Bangor Daily News story. Marsh, who now teaches at Colby College, found the mineral in Iceland while he was a UMaine student in 2009. The story also includes comments from UMaine Prof. Edward Grew.

Students, Employers Ready for UMaine Career Fair 2011

24 Jan 2011

Contact: Patty Counihan, 581-1355 ORONO -- The University of Maine is holding its annual Career Fair Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Student Fitness and Recreation Center on the Orono campus. Some 85 companies, organizations and graduate school programs have registered to exhibit at the fair this year, and are looking forward to meeting students who could become interns, summer employees or full-time employees, according to Patty Counihan, director of the UMaine Career Center, organizer of the event. Typically, about 1,000 or more students descend upon the Career Fair, dressed professionally, armed with portfolios and resumes, and looking to learn about companies, agencies and organizations. An informal chat with a company representative could open the door to a formal job interview,

Counihan says. Many participating employers are Maine-based, she says. Others are coming from throughout New England and beyond, including the federal government and national nonprofits. In addition to all the New England states, employers from Virginia, North Carolina, California and Illinois, plus many larger companies, have opportunities in a variety of locations across the United States. All sectors of employment will be represented at the Career Fair: healthcare, non-profit agencies, business, industry, government, environmental, utilities, summer camps, education, volunteer opportunities and internship programs, and graduate schools. The Career Fair is open to all UMaine students and alumni, first-year students through graduate students interested in gathering first-hand career information from professionals, many of who are UMaine alumni, working in a multitude of fields, Counihan says. Students at other colleges and universities throughout Maine also are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, including details on the participating employers and links to their websites, go to www.umaine.edu/career or phone the Career Center at 581-1359. The site has tips and advice for students, ranging from resume-writing, proper dress for interviews and personal presentation tips to behavior students should avoid if they want to make the best first impression. Financially supporting this year's fair are Bath Iron Works/General Dynamics, an underwriter, Pike Industries, a supporter, and Northeast Farm Credit, General Dynamics Electric Boat and Tyler Technologies, Inc., as friends.

UMaine Part of 4-Year Regional Effort to Conserve Tidal Marshes

24 Jan 2011

Contact: Brian Olsen, (207) 581-2542 or brian.olsen@maine.edu The salt-water tidal marshes along Maine's coast are part of an intricate network of waterways along the eastern North American coast that are unique globally. Yet the marshes are disappearing due to rising sea water levels and the development of inland and coastal areas. University of Maine bird biologist Brian Olsen is part of a multi-state study looking at the loss of salt-water marshes from Maine to Virginia and its effect on bird species that rely on that habitat. The work is critical, Olsen said, because eastern North American tidal marshes are home to 56 percent of the world's endemic salt marsh species or subspecies. "This is our rainforest," Olsen said. "This ecosystem is a North American phenomenon and because of that, it's a strongly North American responsibility. If we don't work to conserve it, the planet loses something." The project has a budget of \$1.1 million, including a 4-year, \$760,202 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior. Researchers in Maine, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland are the primary partners, with other researchers participating in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia. Tom Hodgman of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is the other primary researcher in Maine. Although the situation is not as dire in Maine, said Olsen, tidal marshes in Chesapeake Bay states such as Maryland and Virginia have already started to disappear. "There are places that used to be huge emergent plains that are just open water now, and islands that have disappeared down there," he said. The first step of the project involves technicians and volunteers making systematic surveys of thousands of points in marshes in the region, including more than 100 marshes in Maine, to determine the density of birds and the centers of distribution of different species. After those determinations have been made, researchers will determine how demographic rates vary in the region. Six sites have been chosen in the region with one of a group of graduate students, including UMaine students Kate Ruskin and James Style, located at each site to gather in-depth information to understand how many young are produced on average for each species, and how well the young and adults are surviving. Modeling will be used to interpolate the areas between the six points. The third step is to compare the data to surveys and studies of species done in the past 10-15 years, a time when there has been marked sea level rise. UMaine graduate student Mo Correll will gather and analyze that data. "Then we'll be able to say, here's a place where the birds are very common and they probably can reproduce pretty well now, but if we look at the trend over the last decade, they're half of what they were and sinking fast," Olsen said. "We'll be able to identify those sorts of places." The study's focus will be on five bird species that are either entirely or primarily dependent on tidal marsh habitat, although not all are found in Maine. The five include the Nelson sparrow, the saltmarsh sparrow, the seaside sparrow, the clapper rail, and the willet. Researchers will also gather data about species such as the American black duck, the red-winged blackbird, the swamp sparrow, herons and egrets, which are not entirely dependent on salt marsh but do use the habitat and would be impacted if it were to disappear. Part of the third and fourth years of the grant will be aimed at developing recommendations and working at the state level, which the researchers hope will have an impact on decision-making at a more local level. The state of Connecticut is already doing a pilot study in how to pull together different groups to discuss conservation priorities. "We want the local groups to have a part in the conversation because ultimately that's where the rubber meets the road, where the conservation and development happens," Olsen said. "We want local interests to be aware of the responsibility they have in a regional context. That wet spot in your town could play a role in

the dynamics of species that span the whole east coast.”

Volunteers Sought for Fresh Tomato Evaluation

24 Jan 2011

Contact: Mary Ellen Camire, 581-1627 The Consumer Testing Center in the University of Maine Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition is looking for about 100 volunteers to provide opinions of fresh tomatoes on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Volunteers can participate in one of two different sessions: 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., or 4-5:30 p.m. Testing sessions will take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete, and will be held in the Consumer Testing Center, Hitchner Hall 158 (in the new addition at the back of Hitchner Hall across from the Page Farm and Home Museum). Volunteers will receive \$5 for their time. If potential volunteers have an allergy to tomatoes or do not eat fresh tomatoes, they are asked to not participate. For more information, please call 581- 1733 or e-mail Mary.Camire@umit.maine.edu.

Cobo-Lewis Column in Tuesday BDN

25 Jan 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News includes an [op-ed column](#) by Alan Cobo-Lewis of the UMaine psychology faculty. In the column, Cobo-Lewis expresses concern about two provisions of Maine's supplemental budget bill, both of which relate to Child Development Services. CDS, as Cobo-Lewis describes it in the column, "provides early intervention and early childhood special education to infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities."

Library Staffer Helps Youngster Fulfill Her Dream

25 Jan 2011

Monday's Bangor Daily News included a story about the efforts of Albie Dunn, who works in technical services at Fogler Library, to teach an Old Town girl with physical disabilities how to skate. Seven-year-old Kaymi Hunt is a participant in the Penobscot Valley Hockey Conference's Learn to Skate Program, where Dunn is a coach who's involved in a "Grow the Game" effort. Kaymi's mother, former UMaine Division of Student Affairs staff member Tamara Hunt, credits Dunn with helping Kaymi fulfill her ardent dream of learning to skate.

Farley Profiled in Book on Jamaica

25 Jan 2011

The Jamaica Observer's "Wignall's World" column notes that Jonathan Farley of the UMaine computer science faculty is profiled in a new book, "[Jamaica's Gifts to the World](#)," a series of profiles of Jamaicans of notable achievement.

News Coverage of Presidential Candidate Visit

26 Jan 2011

The Tuesday campus visit by James Page, a candidate for the UMaine president's job, was covered by the [Bangor Daily News](#), WABI and WVII. Page, the CEO of the James W. Sewall Co. in Old Town, will be followed by three other finalists over the next two weeks. More information on the UMaine search is available online.

Student Injured in Cold Weather

26 Jan 2011

Wednesday's Bangor Daily News includes a [story](#) about a UMaine student who suffered cold-weather related injuries to his hands on Saturday night. The incident led UMaine police to issue a Sunday morning alert reminding students to take precautions when venturing outside during extremely weather conditions.

Students Developing Online Magazine at UMaine

26 Jan 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) broadcast a Tuesday news story about two students' efforts to bring the national online magazine [Her Campus](#) to UMaine. Shaina Dennis and Macey Hall were interviewed for the story, describing the magazine, which is aimed at an audience of college women.

Wind Conference Coverage Features Economists

26 Jan 2011

Comments from UMaine economics professor Gary Hunt are featured in a [Wednesday Bangor Daily News story](#) about Tuesday's wind energy conference in Augusta. Speaking at the conference, Hunt described the investments necessary to make deepwater offshore wind power cost-effective. Channel 7 (WVII) interviewed Caroline Noblet of the UMaine economics faculty for a similar story at the Augusta conference.

Climate Change Institute Director Comments On Weather Patterns

26 Jan 2011

Paul Mayewski, director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute, was quoted in a [CBSNews.com story](#) about links between global warming and extreme weather incidents. Mayewski said humans may be changing weather patterns such as El Nino and La Nina, which could mean less stable weather patterns in the future.

Survey Shows Student Job Outlook, Motivation Changing

26 Jan 2011

Contact: Scott Anchors, (207) 581-1927 ORONO -- It's not your father's job market. That's the message a Maine Business School lecturer and researcher has discovered in surveys over the last few years of his students. Jobs, careers, motivation and expectations have shifted significantly since the days when people sought jobs for the long term and remained loyal to their employers or even tolerated a stressful work environment, according to Scott Anchors, a lecturer in management and leadership who also is a career and organizational consultant. Since 2008, Anchors has informally but consistently surveyed more than 400 of his management students about what matters to them in terms of job motivation and expectations. The results, he says, indicate students are pessimistic, even fatalistic, about their employment futures. The reasons are not surprising, he says, given the recession and high unemployment over the last few years. "Things are definitely changing," he says. "Companies do not offer the security of the past and thus motivation is changing. Additionally, technology and general social changes offer new options and motivations." Anchors found over three years the percentage of students interested in a stable and secure future dropped from 59 percent to 39 percent, while the percentage of students interested in earning a great deal of money increased during the period from 5 percent to 19.9 percent. Students expressing increased interest in opportunities to use their special abilities rose from 12 percent to 22.4 percent. Having a stable and secure future is consistent what some psychologists view as one of the most basic of human needs, says Anchors, a recognized expert in personality assessment. "As it -- safety and security -- becomes less frequent, our needs may or will change in what they are or how we meet them," he says. "Having a great deal of money is a short-term need that might buy the basic one -- stability and security -- but in the long term, it is not a certainty. The work environment is changing and employees are changing. Freedom in many industries is expanding due to the web; we can work in more places from home, sell and buy worldwide." Today's work world is fast-paced, always changing, responding and requires employees who do lots of things differently than in the past, Anchors says. The chief priority of one student, Anchors says, was "a stable and secure future is unlikely, so I need to earn a great deal of money as soon as I can." Another said he saw his parents' retirement funds collapse in the recession and wanted to avoid similar vulnerability for himself in the future. Fourth-year business management major Alex Oliver of South China, Maine says seeing so many friends who recently graduated struggle for jobs has been discouraging. "It seemed that the typical 3.5 GPA combined with high involvement was not netting the jobs that they

expected to have, with the recession playing a huge role," he says. "They had a ton of potential, but may never get to fully realize it unless they take more risks. Starting at the bottom of a company and trying to work my way up just did not seem appealing to me after being able to control my own destiny so much over the last four years in college. "Gaining a stable job is certainly not guaranteed, and may not even let me fulfill my potential, so why bother?" he adds. Oliver, who successfully managed a house-painting business while in college, is thinking about starting a similar business in California, where both risks and potential success can be high. Anchors says his survey results reveal interesting information and may say something about motivation of today's students, among other things. "It is a different world. Faster-paced, complex issues, constant change, etc. Today's employees need to be prepared to enter the work world prepared to be flexible, able and interested in learning, able to think outside the box, and able to read their environment and deal with considerable change," he concludes. "In my modest view, success for our students in the future lines up with their curiosity, flexibility, willingness to work with change, teamwork skills, and willingness to identify their skills and use them for organizational and societal purpose," says Anchors.

Reflecting on Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster

26 Jan 2011

Contact: Howard Segal, 581-1920 ORONO -- Many Americans can remember exactly what they were doing when they heard the news 25 years ago on Jan. 28 that space shuttle Challenger had exploded 73 seconds after launch, but many may be unaware of the historical and technological significance of the tragedy. University of Maine history Professor Howard Segal, a researcher and expert on the evolution of technology in the United States, is available to discuss some of the issues surrounding NASA, safety, and the politics that may have contributed to an ill-advised decision to launch Challenger after unprecedented pre-launch delays, repairs, problems, and a sense of urgency from the office of the President at the time. "The 25th anniversary of the Challenger disaster should remind us that overconfidence in the alleged safety of complex scientific and technological devices is always dangerous," Segal says. "As became clear in the Presidential Commission established by the Reagan Administration after the tragedy -- but only because Nobel Prize winning physicist Richard Feynman refused to keep silent under pressure from the White House and from Commission Chairman and Secretary of State William Rogers -- there had been warnings by Morton Thiokol engineers over the years that the shuttle was anything but the equivalent of a conventional airplane, as per NASA's PR machine. Far from it." The disaster also reminds us of "the equally dangerous and, in this case, fatal intrusion of politics upon the space program," says Segal. "President Reagan and his PR people insisted on the launch to coincide with his State of the Union Address and to try to reduce educators' hostility toward his unsuccessful efforts to abolish the Department of Education earlier in his administration. That was why New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe was the Teacher in Space on the mission." Finally, it also reminds us of the price often paid in America by whistleblowers -- in the Challenger case, by Morton Thiokol engineer Roger Boisjoly, who, without being fired (too politically dangerous) was moved into a non-job because he'd been the foremost opponent of launching shuttles in cold weather, according to Segal. Professor Segal can be contacted at (207) 581-1920 or by email at howard.segal@umit.maine.edu. In addition, professor of mechanical engineering Vincent Caccese who has worked with NASA on and space vehicle safety in the aftermath of the Feb. 1, 2003 Columbia re-entry catastrophe, also is available to offer perspective on some of the design modifications to make space flight safer. He can be reached at (207) 581-2131. *In observance of the anniversary of the Challenger tragedy, the Challenger Learning Center of Maine in Bangor has scheduled a special event Thursday, Jan. 27. From 6-7:30 p.m., the center has scheduled a "Family Science Challenge," which involves completing one of the lessons Christa McAuliffe had planned to teach from orbit. On Friday, Jan. 28, the center has a simulated mission planned for a school group between 9:30 and 11 a.m. At 11:30, students will observe a 25th anniversary commemoration streamlined from the Challenger Learning Center in Houston. More information is available by calling (207) 990-2900.*

UMaine Students Offering Free Tax Return Assistance

26 Jan 2011

Contact: Steve Colburn, (207) 581-1982 ORONO -- University of Maine accounting students are providing free assistance to the public for federal and state income tax return preparation again this year at the Orono Public Library, Friday afternoons through April 15. The students are supervised by Steve Colburn, associate professor of accounting in

the Maine Business School. Professor Colburn reviews all tax returns before they are electronically filed for a faster refund. While the UMaine Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is designed for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, people with disabilities, the elderly or students who need help, the service is available to anyone on campus or in surrounding communities with basic tax-assistance needs and income of \$58,000 or less. It is sponsored in conjunction with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Appointments are required for income tax help, and may be made by calling Professor Colburn at (207) 581-1982 or emailing colburn@maine.edu. The service is offered Fridays from 12:30-3 p.m. at the Orono library at 39 Pine St., behind Pat's Pizza. Taxpayers should bring all tax records for 2010, including Form W-2s for wages, and Form 1098 for interest income, in addition to last year's tax return, if available. Due to last-minute changes in the tax law by congress, some taxpayers will not be able to file until about mid-February, while the IRS re-programs its computers. Taxpayers, however, can still begin the process of preparing returns electronically and save them until the IRS says it's time to file, Colburn says. Affected taxpayers include those who plan to itemize deductions, rather than take the standard deduction, take advantage of the \$4,000 deduction for tuition and fees, or take the \$250 deduction for out-of-pocket expenses for teachers.

New Lord Hall Exhibit Features New York Artist

26 Jan 2011

Contact: (207) 581-3245 The University of Maine's Department of Art is presenting "Scissor / Paper / Light: Installations," an exhibition by Brooklyn, N.Y.-based visual artist Joan Grubin who creates dimensional installations in paper Feb. 4 - March 18 in the Lord Hall Gallery. Grubin's work deals with issues of perception, color, and optical illusion. She says her intention is to "orchestrate perception in ways that are at once pleasurable, disorienting, and hypnotic. ...Underlying all the work is the desire to harness and include the immaterial- – that which is visible but not physically present, such as reflected color, negative spaces, and shadows..." She has shown her work in solo and group exhibitions in and around New York and beyond, including the Hosfelt Gallery in NYC, and the Islip Museum, the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, N.Y., and the Weatherspoon Museum in Raleigh, N.C. In 2008, she was awarded a fellowship in painting from the New York Foundation for the Arts. An opening reception is scheduled Friday, Feb. 4 from 5:30 -7 p.m., with a talk by the artist at 6 p.m. in the gallery. The campus community and public are invited. Lord Hall Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Its events are sponsored by the Department of Art and a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series. All events are free, and Lord Hall Gallery is an accessible building. For more information, call 207-581-3245. *Images available upon request.*

President Candidate Ferguson Visit Rescheduled

28 Jan 2011

ORONO -- The UMaine campus community visit for Paul Ferguson, a candidate for the president's job, has been rescheduled to February 16-17. Storm-related travel complications caused postponement of his visit originally scheduled for this week. An updated itinerary for Ferguson's visit is on the UMaine presidential search webpage. Earlier this week James Page visited with members of the campus community and in the next two weeks visits are slated for Donald Farish on February 3-4 and Daniel Julius on February 8-9 a.m.

New Textbook by Math Prof. Bray

27 Jan 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 Prof. William O. Bray of the University of Maine Department of Mathematics and Statistics has published an advanced undergraduate level textbook entitled "A Journey into Partial Differential Equations," Jones and Bartlett Learning Inc (2011). More about the book is [available online](#).

Study Finds UMaine Programs Feed Businesses

27 Jan 2011

The [Portland Press Herald reported](#) about the findings of a study conducted by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce

and Maine Development Foundation which concluded the UMaine System must better align its academic programs with the needs of the business community. The report, "Making Maine Work: The Role of Maine's Public University System," can be found [here](#).

Professor Mentioned In Op-Ed

27 Jan 2011

An [op-ed in the Portland Press Herald](#) supporting the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, known as TANF, mentioned the work of Sandra Butler, UMaine associate professor of social work. Thomas Chalmers McLaughlin, associate professor, director of online education and co-director of the Center for Research and Evaluation at the University of New England's School of Social Work, partnered last year with Caron to study people who receive TANF.

News Coverage Of Job Fair

27 Jan 2011

Several media outlets, including Channel 5 (WABI) reported on Wednesday's annual job fair, which was held in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. More than 80 employers and hundreds of students attended the job fair, which was also covered by the [Bangor Daily News](#).

UMaine Men's Basketball Team

27 Jan 2011

The Kennebec Journal has a story about the UMaine men's basketball team and a lack of fan support. The Black Bears, who are in first place in the America East conference, are averaging just 1,372 fans per home game, according to the article.

UMaine Alum, Mountaineer Presenting Slide Show

27 Jan 2011

Contact: Lisa Carter, (207) 581-1794 UMaine alum David Anderson, former Maine Bound student and instructor who has carved a name for himself in the mountain climbing and outdoor photography world over the last 30 years, will be back on campus Friday, Feb. 4 to narrate a slide show, "What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger," about some of his experiences. The free and public event begins at 7:30 in Room 100 of the D.P. Corbett Business Building on campus. Anderson, a professional photographer, author and mountain guide based in Wyoming, has received numerous climbing grants, including the Mugs Stump, Shipton/Tilman, Lyman Spitzer and Polartec Awards, which have enabled him to explore and make first ascents in 13 countries on four continents. From speed ascents of El Captain and the Wind River Range to winter ascents of Himalayan peaks, The Maine native's adventures have resulted as many forced bivouacs, stuck ropes, numb fingers and humorous situations as the peaks he has climbed. Sponsored by Maine Bound Adventure Center, door prizes from local vendors will be awarded.

Business Partnership Noted in National Public Radio Program

28 Jan 2011

A [National Public Radio program](#) about foreign policy and the need to compete innovatively in the world noted the North Star Alliance, a partnership involving UMaine, small companies, state government and community colleges, which leverages local research to spur development of a wide range of industries such as marine and waterfront construction and ballistic armor. The report called the alliance a "transformative example."

Professor In Story On Welfare Debate

28 Jan 2011

A study co-authored by UMaine social work Professor Sandra Butler was mentioned in a [Thursday Bangor Daily News story](#) about the welfare debate in Maine. The study, which Butler wrote with Thomas Chalmers McLaughlin of the University of New England, concluded that recent discussions of welfare reform make unfair generalizations about families who receive assistance.

UMaine Accepted into Howard Hughes Medical Institute Initiative

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Contact: Charlie Slavin, (207) 581-3262 or slavin@honors.umaine.edu; Keith Hutchison, (207) 581-2827 or keithh@maine.edu The University of Maine has been selected to take part this year in the Science Education Alliance, a national program of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute that seeks to develop resources for undergraduate science educators to present innovative courses and programs. First-year students in UMaine's Honors College will have an opportunity during the 2011-12 academic year to take part in the National Genomics Research Initiative, during which students will isolate and analyze the DNA sequences of soil-dwelling bacterial viruses known as phage. "We are extremely happy to have been accepted to participate in the SEA," says UMaine Honors College Dean Charlie Slavin. "The National Genomics Research Initiative is a tremendously exciting opportunity for our first-year students to engage in authentic scientific research, perfectly in keeping with the Honors College mission of igniting a passion for learning. UMaine students and faculty members will collaborate across campus and across the country in an enterprise with local and global impact." Among the goals of the project are to introduce research to students at an early point in their college careers, retain students in the sciences, and help faculty gain experience in presenting experiment-based science teaching. UMaine is one of 26 educational institutions to have been accepted this year through a competitive application process. There are 12 full members and 14 associate members. UMaine was chosen as an associate member, as were UMaine System campuses in Fort Kent and Machias, raising the possibility of collaborations between institutions. "UMaine has an enormous opportunity to provide outreach to the other institutions because we have the needed infrastructure, starting with having the facilities to support a microbiology degree program," says UMaine professor of biochemistry and molecular biology Keith Hutchison, who attended a Jan. 20-21 SEA orientation meeting at HHMI headquarters in order to learn details of how to run the program. "I believe that this program can serve as a model for establishing both teaching and research collaborations between the educational institutions, including those within the UMaine System and beyond." For full members, the project is fully funded by HHMI. Associate members receive partial funding from HHMI. The opportunity to apply for membership in the Science Educational Alliance was offered to Maine institutions participating in the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Infrastructure (INBRE), a statewide coalition funded by the National Center for Research Resources at the National Institutes of Health. The goal of the INBRE program is to enhance research capacity and competitiveness in Maine by expanding student training opportunities, supporting infrastructure improvements, and funding scientific research. Slavin adds the new initiative will complement INBRE-sponsored opportunities already provided for third- and fourth-year students at UMaine. At UMaine, the program's physical home will be the Department of Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, which will provide teaching lab space and access to the microbiology teaching and research infrastructure. Students will use the electron microscope in Murray Hall under the direction of Seth Tyler, a UMaine biology professor who studies invertebrate organisms. Southern Maine Community College is also joining SEA as an associate member. The Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, Maine, is sending staff to the SEA program in order to support other Maine college programs that might want to get involved in the future. The Maryland-based HHMI has committed \$4 million to the SEA program since it was founded in 2007. Institutions in 29 states and Puerto Rico are involved in the project. The course begins in the institution's first term, when students isolate phage from locally collected soil. Given the diversity of phage, each one is almost certain to be unique, and the students get the name their newly identified life form. They spend the rest of the term purifying and characterizing their phage and extracting its DNA. Between terms, the DNA samples are sequenced at one of several research centers across the country. In the second half of the course, the students receive digital files containing their phage's DNA sequence. The students then learn to use bioinformatics tools to analyze and annotate the genomes. At the end of the academic year, students attend a national symposium to present their work. In the first two years the course has been available, students have completed the process for 37 phage and entered the DNA sequences into the national GenBank database. Other New England educational institutions

accepted this year include Brown University, Southern Connecticut State University, Providence College, Smith College and Trinity College. For a complete list of schools involved and for more information, go to <http://www.hhmi.org/news/seacohort420010127.html>

Hunter College Professor to Discuss Challenges Facing Women in Professional Settings

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Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Hunter College Professor Virginia Valian will give a Friday Feb. 11 University of Maine talk, "Why so slow? The advancement of women." Scheduled for 2-3:30 in Minsky Recital Hall, Valian's presentation will mark the first public event presented by the University of Maine's Rising Tide Center, an initiative to affect institutional change by improving the status of female faculty in the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics and the social-behavioral sciences. A psychology professor, Valian's scholarly interests include gender equity, gender differences in mathematics and language acquisition. She is the author of a [book](#) that bears the same title as that of her UMaine lecture. "Prof. Valian carries a strong and important voice in these discussions, and she will add important perspectives as our university community moves forward in addressing these issues," says UMaine Senior Vice President and Provost Susan Hunter. "The Rising Tide Center concept has been under development for many months, and we are excited to present this public kick-off event, which will help us foster the broad-based, inclusive kind of process necessary for ultimate success." The UMaine initiative, supported by a \$3.3 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant and [announced last fall](#), aims to use a research-based approach to removing the limitations on opportunity for women faculty members in certain academic disciplines. Researchers leading the UMaine project hope it will create a more inclusive academic community while fulfilling the NSF goal of contributing to the development of a more diverse and sustainable U.S. engineering and science workforce. Since 2001, NSF has invested more than \$130 million to support ADVANCE projects at more than 100 institutions of higher learning and STEM-related nonprofit organizations across the country. Those interested in attending the presentation, which is free and open to the public, should [RSVP by email](#). For more information about the Rising Tide Center at UMaine, visit <http://umaine.edu/advancerisingtide/>.

UMaine Researcher Building Novel Prosthetic Hand

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Contact: Ashish Deshpande, (207) 581-2180; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO – Medical science and engineering technology have taken great strides toward the development of prosthetic hands since the implementation of steel hooks, and a University of Maine researcher in the College of Engineering is pushing the envelope revolutionizing hand prosthetics with novel robotics technology. Mechanical engineering professor Ashish Deshpande, who directs UMaine's Rehabilitation & Neuromuscular (ReNeu) Robotics Lab, has received a five-year research grant from the National Science Foundation for more than \$512,000 to develop a functional robotic hand. "It's exciting, even for younger students who come to visit our lab," says Deshpande, who came to the College of Engineering in September 2009 with a background in robotics, bioengineering and a prototype artificial human hand. "This is working closely with the human body ... but is sort of pushing the envelope, and we're at the edge of the field. That's the dream. That's where we are going." Deshpande and his students are working on the design of a state-of-the-art robotic hand with tiny links, cables, motors and sensors that, for the first time, can swivel, rotate and pinch, replicating the movement of the human thumb, fingers and wrist. What is unique about Deshpande's artificial hand is that it has built in passive properties like a human hand. "The current robotic hands are 'clunky,' but if you explore your own hand you notice that it has a lot of give," Deshpande explains. "The joints in the human hand are springy because of the muscles, tendons, tissues and ligaments. This is critical for us to achieve versatile manipulation." That provides, for example, the flexibility to grasp an egg firmly but without crushing it. "I strongly believe that we need 'passive' features in the robotic hand and we are developing those," he says. "We make mathematical models to describe the behavior. How does it change from person to person? We want to mimic and incorporate it in a robotic hand. This will drive the design of a much-improved prosthetic hand." Sensors and an advanced camera system in the ReNeu Robotics lab can record and analyze human movements. Recently, Deshpande and his students conducted experiments with 20 UMaine male and female volunteers to study hand biomechanics during hand and finger motion. In the past, he has studied the human hand and forearm through the biomechanical models using cadavers with small motors attached to forearm tendons. Once a robotic hand

is built to more precisely replicate the human hand, he says, the next step is to tap into brain signals to control it. "The ultimate goal is to design a prosthetic hand that a user can easily control by 'thinking about it,'" he says. "But, before we get there, we have to address a number of questions. How will the prosthetic hand connect to the neural control system? What is the interface of connection between the human intent and the robot action, and robot sensors and human sensing?" The research has a vast number of applications, from medicine to military and fitness to entertainment, says Deshpande, who notes interest in his work from the hand therapist at the U.S. Department of Defense and also the Disney Research Lab. The advancing field also needs new scientists and researchers, which is why he sometimes shows his students parts of The Terminator movie starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a human-like cyborg, or other films that highlight futuristic robotics. "My goal is to get the students and the general public excited about robotics, but also to educate them to realize that the field of robotics is still in its infancy," he says. "We need more scientists to come in and help us solve the big problems in prosthetics and rehabilitation." Apart from the robotic hand, Deshpande is building robotic assistive devices for the disabled and elderly. He is building an assistive exoskeleton for upper body fitness activities for people with severe disability and a 'ServiceBot' to assist people with disabilities to carry food in a cafeteria. He is collaborating on those projects with Elizabeth DePoy, a faculty researcher at UMaine's Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies. "I am designing robots that work very closely with the human body," he says. "So I study the human body and then come up with unique designs that lead to comfortable and safe interactions between the users and the robots."

Segal Quoted in Story on Challenger Disaster Anniversary

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A [Saturday Bangor Daily News story](#) featured UMaine history professor Howard Segal's perspectives on the 25th anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle disaster.

Mann Comments in Biathlon Story

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Comments from Marilynne Mann, interim director of the Center for Tourism Outreach at UMaine, were included in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the potential economic impact of the upcoming International Biathlon Union World Cup. That event is scheduled for February in Presque Isle and Fort Kent.

Bomb Threat Causes Cumberland Evacuation

31 Jan 2011

A Sunday incident at UMaine's Cumberland Hall is covered in the [Bangor Daily News](#), WABI and WLBZ/WCSH. Residence staff discovered graffiti suggesting the presence of a bomb in the building, leading to a police decision to clear the building for two hours while a bomb-sniffing dog checked to be sure it was safe for occupancy.

News Reports on Landfill Gas Agreement

31 Jan 2011

Monday's Bangor Daily News includes a [story](#) about an agreement UMaine has entered with Casella Waste Systems, which operates the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. The contract will allow for UMaine to purchase landfill gas from that facility to power the central steam plant. Over 20 years, the arrangement is expected to save the university \$11 million - \$20 million while also sharply reducing carbon emissions.

Experts Available for New USDA Food Guidelines Discussion

31 Jan 2011

Contact: Kate Yerxa, (207) 299-8336; Mary Ellen Camire, (207) 581-1627; Alan Majka, (207) 622-7546 Several

University of Maine dietitians and nutritionists are available today to discuss the new U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' new 2010 dietary guidelines released this morning and how they might affect the nation's growing obesity problems. In Maine, the state Center for Disease Control reported that an estimated 64 percent of the population was considered either obese or overweight in 2009. The epidemic of obesity is growing rapidly among the state's children. This morning, dietitians, nutritionists, and the public will hear how the USDA proposes to help by issuing its new Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) in a news webinar that started at 10 a.m. University of Maine professor of food science and human nutrition Mary Ellen Camire, whose input was sought in the crafting of the new guidelines, and Kate Yerxa, a UMaine Cooperative Extension statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, are available to discuss the significance of the new guidelines and how they may affect the growing girth of the population. Camire can be reached in Orono at (207) 581-1627 or by emailing Mary.Camire@umit.maine.edu. Yerxa, also in Orono, can be reached at (207) 299-8336 or by email at kate.yerxa@maine.edu. In the Kennebec County Extension office in Augusta, Alan Majka, an assistant Extension professor who oversees the "We Can" youth weight loss, nutrition and exercise initiative in Maine, can be reached at (207) 622-7546 to discuss the new guidelines. Some guidelines history: First published in 1980 and required by law to be reviewed every five years, the guidelines are developed using the most current scientific evidence to create nutritional guidance for the public and also create the basis for federal nutrition education programs. An advisory committee of 13 nutrition experts drafted its recommendations for updates to the 2005 Dietary Guidelines and released a report in June of 2010. The USDA can select or ignore specific guideline recommendations from the advisory committee. According to Yerxa, the executive summary of the advisory committee's report addresses the significant issue of adult and child overweight and obesity in America. Although the majority of adults are consuming excess calories, they are still lacking a nutrient rich diet. The 2010 DGA report focuses on a total diet approach with four major findings from the evidence reviewed: - Reduce the evidence of overweight and obesity by reducing overall calorie intake and increasing physical activity. - Shift food intake to a more plant-based diet that emphasizes vegetables, cooked, dry beans, fruits, whole grains, nuts and seeds. Additionally, increase the intake of seafood and fat-free and low-fat dairy products, and consume only moderate amounts of lean meats, poultry and eggs. - Significantly reduce the intake of foods with added sugars and solid fats because they contribute excess calories and few nutrients. Also, reduce sodium intake and lower intake of refined grains. - Meet the [2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans](#). United States Department of Agriculture. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010. Available at: <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/DGAs2010-DGACReport.htm>

Nutritionist Comments In Whoopie Pie Story

31 Jan 2011

Katherine Musgrave, a UMaine nutrition professor emerita, commented in an Associated Press story about the drive to make the whoopie pie Maine's state dessert. Musgrave said chocolate used in whoopie pies contain antioxidants that relax blood pressure.

Dog Discovery Featured On Canadian Radio

31 Jan 2011

A UMaine graduate student's discovery of a bone from the oldest domesticated dog yet identified in the Americas was featured on [CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks](#) show Samuel Belknap found the 9,400-year-old bone in a paleofecal sample, providing early evidence man considered dogs as food sources.

Socolow Article Cited in Prestigious Journal

31 Jan 2011

An article by UMaine Department of Communication and Journalism faculty member Michael Socolow was cited and excerpted for publication in the Winter 2011 edition of [The Wilson Quarterly](#), published by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Socolow's peer-reviewed article details the history of the highly profitable New York

Times op-ed page, considered something of a gamble when first introduced.

UMaine Student Group Seeking Funds for Septic Project in Honduras

31 Jan 2011

Contact: Rita Cooper, (207) 329-6320 or president.ewb.um@gmail.com The University of Maine student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-UMaine) is urgently seeking donations to fund the construction of a community sanitation system in the small town of Dulce Vivir, Honduras, where poor sanitation conditions limit economic opportunities of the residents and cause environmental and health concerns. Implementation of the student-designed system will begin in March and will be completed once the remaining funds have been raised. The group is aiming to finish the project by late May, before the start of the Honduran rainy season in June. EWB-UMaine has already raised \$29,000 and is seeking an additional \$20,100 to continue work in Dulce Vivir, where UMaine students have helped the town's 120 residents in previous years divert seasonal flood water around the community and designed a sanitation system to reduce disease. The funding situation is at a critical stage, as the EWB-UMaine students have a mid-February deadline to come up with the remaining funds in order to purchase construction materials such as sand, gravel, pipe and concrete, and to have those materials delivered to Dulce Vivir in time for May construction. If funding is not in place by mid-February, the second phase of the project would be pushed back to the UMaine students' school vacations in December 2011 or even March 2012. That would mean the Dulce Vivir residents would have to go through another rainy season with a poor sanitation system. "Donors will certainly change the lives of the people of Dulce Vivir," says EWB-UMaine President Rita Cooper. "Donors will also be contributing to the growth of motivated, passionate, and socially conscious young engineers right here at the University of Maine." An EWB-UMaine team of five students and three professional mentors will travel to Dulce Vivir during spring break in March to construct the piping system and install the septic tanks. The second part of the implementation, the construction of a raised mound leach field, will take place in May and is dependent upon meeting fundraising goals. EWB-UMaine, which was founded in 2007 and is made up of students and their professional mentors, has been working for four years with Dulce Vivir residents, consulting with the community on its priorities, collecting information needed for the system design, and developing contacts needed to ensure the project's success. On its first trip to Honduras in 2008, the student group designed a drainage system, which has prevented runoff from the surrounding hills from flooding the area. The residents still have problems with their pour-flush latrines, however. Poor soil conditions and a high groundwater table cause the cesspits connected to the latrines to overflow into backyards, especially during the rainy season. The new septic system designed by EWB-UMaine students will eliminate waste in the backyards and clean the water to prevent environmental and health concerns. To ensure the long-term functionality and sustainability of the project, community members will receive training on how to maintain the system and EWB-UMaine will maintain contact with residents and provide technical support for at least five years. "Through our project, we are all learning how to use the material we're studying in class to help people and make a real difference," Cooper says. "We are very lucky to have such passionate students and great professional mentors who put in time outside of classes and jobs to work together to design and construct this challenging project." To learn more or donate to the project, go to www2.umaine.edu/EWB/live or email president.ewb.um@gmail.com. About Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA) **EWB-USA is a nonprofit humanitarian organization established to support community-driven development programs worldwide through partnerships that design and implement sustainable engineering projects.** EWB-USA members work with local communities and NGOs in over 45 developing countries around the world on projects that provide clean water, renewable energy, sanitation and more. Time Magazine called Engineers Without Borders-USA the "Blueprint Brigade." EWB-USA has grown from little more than a handful of members in 2002 to over 12,000 members today and has over 400 projects worldwide. EWB-USA maintains over 225 dedicated chapters, including university chapters on 180 campuses in the United States, and has touched the lives of more than one million people. For more information about EWB-USA please visit www.ewb-usa.org.

Irish Newspaper Cites Suicide Research

01 Feb 2011

In a story about the rising suicide rates among young men in Northern Ireland, [The Irish Times noted](#) a research collaboration between Queen's University and John Cutcliffe of the UMaine nursing faculty. The research sought to

increase understanding of suicidal young men in Northern Ireland and inform the delivery of mental health services.

Three UMaine Students Flee Egypt

01 Feb 2011

The [Bangor Daily News has a story](#) about three UMaine students who have fled Egypt in the wake of unrest in that country. Andrea Groves, a UMaine graduate student in anthropology, was studying at the American University in Cairo and fled to Jordan. Karen Boucias, director of UMaine's Office of International Programs, told the newspaper two other students whose names have not been released, have left or will soon leave Egypt as of Monday afternoon.

Innovation Engineering Program Noted In Story

01 Feb 2011

UMaine alumnus Doug Hall, who founded UMaine's innovation engineering program, was mentioned in a [story in The Forecaster](#) newspaper in southern Maine. Hall's techniques helped inspire children to come up with marketing ideas during a Lemonade Day Maine event in South Portland.

Microsoft Imagine Cup Submission Party Today

01 Feb 2011

Contact: George Markowsky, (207) 581-3940 UMaine students are invited to gather today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 100, Neville Hall, to learn about the upcoming international Imagine Cup 2011 competition sponsored by Microsoft and designed to bring out the best in information technology creations by the world's young software developers. Imagine Cup is a team-based, worldwide student developer competition encouraging students to create technology that solves some of the world's toughest problems, while learning what it takes to potentially create a socially responsible startup. The annual competition, now nine years old, is a worldwide stage for something akin to the Olympics, according to George Markowsky, chair of the Computer Science Department. Microsoft is looking for UMaine's brightest students to take part and show that they have what it takes to compete against other student all over the globe, changing the world in a positive way. Edwin Guarin, Senior Academic Developer Evangelist for Microsoft New England, will lead today's [Imagine Cup submission party](#). The team retains 100 percent of the IP, and winning students will be eligible for recognition, \$25,000 in cash, free travel, and a chance to meet global technology leaders. Today's schedule is up to 15 minutes for an Imagine Cup presentation, 16-30 minutes for questions and answers and 31-120 minutes of brainstorming and team formation to work on a project plan or storyboard. Guarin will walk through the submission process. Most students are done within 45 minutes. Participants will enjoy free food and drinks, and the first 20 students to form teams and submit will receive a free XBOX360 game. Students will participate in qualifying competitions in March and April to determine finalists for the global competition in New York City in July.

UMaine Tutor Program Certified

02 Feb 2011

Contact: Alan Parks (alan.parks@umit.maine.edu) ORONO -- College Reading and Learning Association's (CRLA) International Tutor Program Certification has certified the University of Maine's Tutor Program through 2016. This recognition affirms that the program plays a vital role in enhancing UMaine student learning. The Tutor Program, one of UMaine's College Success Programs, uses a "learning-to-learn" model in which tutors assist students in developing strong and transferable academic skills. By working together in small groups, students learn how to process course material, while also sharpening their reasoning and questioning skills. Sessions are process-oriented, learner-centered and require the active involvement of each student. "It seems that this program really embraces helping students become confident, independent learners. They have a very comprehensive training program," one reviewer commented. "I'm very impressed with the ongoing nature of the training and the interactive nature of the training. If they haven't presented at a CRLA conference, they should," wrote another. "We are glad that CRLA recognizes that we provide a comprehensive service geared toward helping students truly learn how to learn. It's a validation of our unique model,"

says Mary Beth Willett, coordinator of the UMaine program. More information about the Tutor Program is online at www.umaine.edu/tutorprogram.

Kerr to Present Intermedia Lecture Feb. 7

02 Feb 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Iain Kerr, an associate for critical engagement on the University of Maine Intermedia faculty, will present a Monday Feb. 7 lecture, "I know this sounds *#@*! absurd but...what is art?" His talk is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 100 Lord Hall. The Master's of Fine Arts in [Intermedia program](#) provides substantial advanced study for individuals interested in interdisciplinary study in the arts. The program emphasizes intensive development of students' creative and innovative abilities through a diverse engagement with multiple research processes, critical thinking skills and creative production tools and technologies. The faculty comes from variety of disciplines including art, New Media, theater, dance, philosophy, art history, engineering, communications, media studies, music, psychology, natural sciences and others. More information about Kerr is on his website.

Student Researcher's Study On Addiction Recovery Featured In BDN

02 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about UMaine social work graduate student Kristina Minott and a study she is conducting about addiction recovery and the qualities of personal resiliency. Minott is seeking individuals in various stages of recovery for an anonymous survey designed to measure their resiliency.

Alumna Is New Orono Town Manager

02 Feb 2011

Sophie Wilson, the town manager of Brownville, will be offered the position of town manager of Orono, according to a [story](#) in the Bangor Daily News. Wilson has bachelor's and master's degrees from UMaine, according to the story.

Outdoor Summer Job Fair Planned Feb. 15

02 Feb 2011

Contact: Cindy Paschal, 581-2841 More than 100 summer, temporary and permanent outdoor jobs will be available for UMaine students on Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wells Conference Center. More than 20 employers will be available to discuss job opportunities with students. On-site interviews will be conducted from 2-5 p.m., so students are advised to dress appropriately and bring resumes. The School of Forest Resources Job Fair is free. Prospective employers range from state and national parks, summer camps and educational organizations to private-sector foresters, landscapers, tree service providers, surveyors and land management companies. A list of employers planning to attend, and the types of jobs available, are listed on the School of Forest Resources website. Contact Cindy Paschal in the School of Forest Resources at 581-2841 with questions.

Engineers Without Borders Fundraising Effort Focus Of Article

02 Feb 2011

The UMaine branch of the national group Engineers Without Borders was the focus of a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the group's effort to raise funds for the completion of a new public works project in Honduras. The story noted the urgent nature of the fundraising effort as students need to have money in place by mid-February to avoid postponing the project's completion until next December.

Researchers Mentioned In Story About Oyster Pathogen

02 Feb 2011

Two UMaine researchers were mentioned in a Working Waterfront column about the state's oyster industry and an outbreak of the pathogen *Haplosporidium nelson*, known as [MSX](#). The column, which was co-authored by Catherine Schmitt of the UMaine-based Maine Sea Grant, mentioned the work that Dana Morse of the Sea Grant Extension program, and Debbie Bouchard, the director of the Animal Aquatic Health Laboratory at UMaine, are doing to assess the problem and minimize its impacts.

Busy UMaine Winter Carnival Schedule Announced

03 Feb 2011

Contact: EJ Roach, 581-1736 ORONO -- Campus Activities & Student Engagement at the University of Maine is taking full advantage of this robust winter with an exciting, fun-filled and action-packed Winter Carnival Feb. 4-12, with snow sculptures, ski and snowshoe races, warming fires, bands, food, a winter ball and fireworks, among other activities. Highlights of the week include an ice-carving demonstration Friday, Feb. 4, and a slide show and discussion by UMaine alum and former Maine Bound instructor Dave Anderson, now an author, photographer and international mountaineering authority Friday evening. Also planned are a talent show, Greek Olympics, free skating on a Mall skating rink, and on Saturday, Feb. 12, a polar dip on the Mall, a pizza challenge, a snowman contest and fireworks. At the end of the Mall, near Fogler Library, from 2-3 p.m., students, faculty and staff will attempt to break the Guinness world record for the most snowmen made in one hour. Campus Activities has submitted an application and has received a claim number and packet explaining how to document and record the attempt. The area will be roped off until this time to keep the snow in usable condition. The area will be videotaped during this time to confirm the record attempt. Contact EJ Roach at 581-1736 for details. All events are free and open to the public. The schedule for the week follows: Friday February 4th Ice Carving Demonstration Mall Entrance of Memorial Union, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A professional ice carver will demonstrate his skill in the area between the Memorial Union and the North Pod of the Marketplace. The carver will use two to three 300-pound blocks to carve a UMaine black bear. Free hot chocolate and soup will be handed out, with flyers for the week's events. Adventure Speaker: Dave Anderson DPC 100 at 7:30 p.m. MaineBound is hosting alum Dave Anderson to present a slide show and speak about his mountaineering experiences since his time here at UMaine. Saturday February 5th Winter Team Triathlon 12 p.m., Mall Sunday February 6th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 12-8 p.m. In collaboration with Campus Recreation and Facilities Management, an ice skating rink has been built for students to use throughout the week. Student groups will take turns selling hot chocolate and coffee. Ice skates will be available to rent, free of charge, but skaters are encouraged to bring their own. Monday February 7th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & 8-10 p.m. Broomball Intramurals Mall skating rink, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday February 8th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & 8-10 p.m. Broomball Intramurals Mall skating rink, 4-8 p.m. Showing of "Happy Feet" Tent on the Mall (heated), 6- 8 p.m. With many events taking place on the mall, heated tents will be used to host some events in and create a warm place for students to take a break and warm up during other events on the mall. The 30x90- foot tent will be heated and lighted. Wednesday February 9th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & 8-10 p.m. Broomball Intramurals Mall skating rink, 4-8 p.m. Quinzee Building Demo Mall, 3 p.m. Thursday February 10th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & 8-10 p.m. Talent Show CCA, 7-10:30 p.m. UMaine has some very creative students on campus who like to strut their stuff, and the vibrant Greek community has become the leaders in showing off talent. This year the Greeks decided to host a talent show for winter carnival -- a guaranteed hit. Friday February 11th Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & 8-10 p.m. Greek Olympics Lengyel Field, 4-6 p.m. Broomball Intramurals Mall skating rink, 6-8 p.m. Saturday February 12th Greek Polar Bear Dip Near ice rink and warming tent, 10 a.m-1 p.m. Fraternities and Sororities will hold their annual Polar Bear Dip to benefit the Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club. Participants will donate money and take a dip in the inflatable pool. Free Skate Mall skating rink, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Live Music Lord Hall parking lot, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A handful of local bands will play on a heated stage. Pizza Challenge Mall (tent), 12-5 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to taste and vote for the area's best local pizza. Winter Rex Games Mall, 12-5 p.m. Campus Recreation will hold its Winter Rex Games, modeled after the Winter X Games. Participants can compete in several events: rail jam., XC ski race and a snowshoe race. Winners will receive a medal at an awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. A regional band will play one set at 5 p.m. to close out this part of the day. Snow Sculpture Contest Mall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Students and student groups will compete in a snow sculpture contest throughout the day. Teams may choose to use one of the many "snow molds" created for the event or create their own display from snow on the mall. Warming Fires Self-contained

fire pits off the ground on the Mall, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. World Record Attempt: Most Snowmen Made in One Hour Near library, end of the mall, 2-3 p.m. (Participant registration begins at 12 p.m.) Students, faculty and staff will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most snowmen made in one hour. Campus Activities has submitted and received an application and claim number, with a packet explaining how to document and record the attempt. The area will be roped off until this time to keep the snow in usable condition. The area will be videotaped during this time to confirm our record attempt. Fireworks Display Practice soccer field, 5:45-6 p.m. Shortly after the sun sets, the sky will light up with a spectacular fireworks display. Everyone is invited. Fireworks will be launched from behind the football stadium and visible from a number of different locations on campus. 48 lucky students will be able to view the show from the president's skybox at the football stadium. Snow will be removed from the stadium seats for all to sit and watch. Hot chocolate will be provided for this event. Snow Ball Memorial Union atrium, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Following the men's hockey game, students can wrap up the day with a dance in the atrium of the Memorial Union. Snow will literally be moved "inside" and a fake snow machine will add to the atmosphere. Students can dance at the "ski lodge" event and enjoy free food.

Extension Specialist To Speak At Bedbug Forum

03 Feb 2011

James Dill, a pest management specialist at UMaine Cooperative Extension, will be the keynote speaker Friday at a forum about bedbugs, according to the [Lewiston Sun Journal](#). The forum, sponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Public Health Committee, will be held in Chase Hall at Bates College starting at 8:30 a.m.

Research Professor to Discuss Surviving Chilean Earthquake

03 Feb 2011

Contact: Leisa Preble, (207)581-1016 A first-hand look at the 2010 earthquake in Chile by William Desisto, associate professor of chemical engineering at the University of Maine, is the topic for the Department of Physics & Astronomy's Friday, Feb. 4 colloquium at 3:10 p.m. in 137 Bennett Hall, a free and public event. Desisto's talk, "Reflections from a Sabbatical in Chile," will include Desisto and his family's experiences as the 8.8 magnitude quake rocked the country. The experiences, he says, "gave us an up close and personal view of the Chilean people and culture." Desisto also will discuss his observations on Chile's efforts to increase research and development in forest bioproducts, cultural differences with the U.S., in addition to "our experiences in this beautiful country." The professor was living in Concepcion, Chile during a sabbatical and was near the epicenter and coastal cities devastated by the accompanying tsunami.

Subjects Sought for Cranberry Research

03 Feb 2011

Contact: Christopher Gendron, (860) 803-1117 ORONO -- A University of Maine graduate research assistant is looking for several dozen volunteers to participate in a study on how cranberry juice may affect appetite and blood chemistry. Volunteers will receive \$300 in compensation at the completion of the study. Qualifying participants for the study will be asked to consume either cranberry juice or a placebo prior to a complete breakfast meal, after which they will be asked to remain at the UMaine Consumer Testing Center laboratory until lunchtime. Volunteers must be willing to have blood drawn several times on each of the four test dates. Interested volunteers must be 25–50 years of age; have a BMI between 25.0–29.9; eat breakfast regularly; and be healthy, with no chronic disease or illnesses. Exclusionary factors include people who are diabetic, smokers, pregnant or lactating, have not maintained a stable weight (within 5 pounds) for 3 months, dieting or attempting to lose weight; engaged in athletic training; or taking medications that alter blood glucose or insulin. Such drugs include: Amitriptyline HCl, anabolic steroids, benzodiazepines, Buxclizine HCl, Chlorpropamide, Chlortetracycline, Clemestine, Cypoeptadine HCl, Dronabinol, glucocorticoids, insulin, megestrol acetate, phenothiazines, Reseroubel, Reserpine, Tolbutamide, tricyclic antidepressants, Amydracaine, Amlyocaine HCl, Captopril, Clofibrate, d-Penicillamine, Encainide, 5-Fluorouracil, Griseofulvin, Lincomycin, lithium carbonate, Methimazole, Methylthiouracil and Oxyfedrine. Gendron advises prospective volunteers to consult with a physician if

they have concerns. Drugs that do not affect blood glucose or insulin are permitted. Testing will begin when 27 participants have been selected, which Gendron anticipates to be about March. For additional information, please contact Gendron at 860-803-1117 or via email christopher.gendron@umit.maine.edu.

Vanderbilt Professor Set for Chemistry Colloquium

04 Feb 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- John A. McLean, a chemistry professor from Vanderbilt University, will visit the University of Maine for a Thursday Feb. 10 Dept. of Chemistry Colloquium. McLean will give a talk, "Advanced structural mass spectrometry for systems biology -- pulling needles from haystacks." The presentation is scheduled for 11 a.m. in 428 Aubert Hall.

National Guard Jet Engine to Help Advance UMaine Sensor Research

04 Feb 2011

Contact: Deborah Kelley, (207) 990-7604; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- After nearly 10 years in research, development and testing, engineers and scientists in the University of Maine's interdisciplinary Laboratory for Surface Science & Technology (LASST) have created state-of-the-art wireless high-temperature sensors able to withstand temperatures of up to at least 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit -- more than twice as hot as any wireless sensor that previously existed. They are now taking prototypes of the wireless microwave acoustic sensors from the laboratory to more realistic proving grounds, thanks to the Maine Air National Guard's indefinite loan of a jet turbine engine to the university. University faculty, staff and student researchers have been investigating and testing their novel wireless sensors on small model jet engines, and the instrumentation of larger engines, such as the one made available by the ANG, offers the possibility of executing additional tests in realistic turbine engine environments. "Testing our sensors in the ANG engine will be extremely valuable for validating the long term reliability and accuracy of our sensors," says Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at UMaine. The new wireless, harsh-environment sensors, which da Cunha and Bob Lad, professor of physics and director of LASST, have been developing with funding from the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army, plus university and state grant funds, are expected to save the aerospace industry and military billions of dollars in costs associated with jet engine maintenance. With the tiny sensors attached to spinning jet engine blades and other moving parts, technicians can monitor such things as pressure, temperature, strain, vibration, and corrosion, and better control engine health and maintenance. Because such sensors have not been available, jet engine mechanics routinely and laboriously dismantle engine parts according to maintenance schedules to look for evidence of wear or damage. In addition, the sensors will improve engine efficiency thereby saving large amounts of fuel costs. "Demonstration of the performance of wireless sensors in jet engines is being watched by others with keen interest," da Cunha says. Partnering organizations range from private-sector companies including Pratt & Whitney, Rolls Royce, Honeywell and General Electric to NASA and several branches of the United States military. A key component of the technology is the use of a piezoelectric material known as langasite, which is shock resistant and stable at such high temperatures. Changes in the langasite material properties that occur in the harsh environment are used to perform the sensing. The University of Maine has two patents awarded and three pending on the microwave acoustic sensor devices, high-temperature materials, and wireless communication. With their harsh-environment sensor technology, the tiny sensors can be attached to jet engine parts operating with a G force acceleration in excess of 50,000 and temperatures in excess of 1,800 F. UMaine has received more than \$3.6 million from the Wright-Patterson Air Force Research Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio, to help develop the technology for commercialization and deployment in military aircraft. The UMaine technology is being licensed to Environetix Technologies Corporation, a new spin-off company from LASST located in Orono's Target Technology Incubator, which employs several recent UMaine graduates.

Accounting Students Tax Assistance Program Reported

04 Feb 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) on Feb. 3 aired a story about UMaine accounting students offering free tax-return assistance on

Fridays at the Orono Public Library.

Story Cites UMaine Role in Shipping Container Homes Business

04 Feb 2011

An article on the Feb. 1 edition of the Bangor Daily News about SnapSpace Solutions Inc., a business opening in Brewer to create novel homes out of shipping containers, [cited](#) collaboration by the company owner and the University of Maine's Knowledge Transfer Alliance and the UMaine Advanced Manufacturing Center. The newspaper carried a [story](#) Feb. 2 about several Brewer city councilors praising the company's plans and looking forward to the jobs the business will generate. Channel 5 (WABI) and Channel 2 (WLBZ) also carried stories about SnapSpace Solutions.

Presidential Candidate Visit Covered

04 Feb 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) and Channel 5 (WABI) reported on the visit Feb. 3 to the University of Maine by Donald Farish, president of Rowan University and one of four candidates to replace UMaine President Robert Kennedy, who is stepping down in June. Farish spent two days on campus in meetings, interviews and touring the university.

Newspaper Article Reports On Winter Snow Costs

04 Feb 2011

Information from a UMaine study about the costs associated with winter snow removal was included in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about how communities are dealing with snow removal this year. The study, which was done by Jonathan Rubin, professor of resource economics with UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and School of Economics, found winter snow removal in Maine costs nearly \$100 million a year.

Ice Core Research In Article

04 Feb 2011

The West Antarctic Ice Sheet Divide Ice Core Project, an Oregon State-based effort in which UMaine is taking part, was the subject of a [story](#) in the Corvallis Gazette-Times of Oregon. Researchers have drilled an ice core with ice that may be up to 100,000 years old in search of new clues about climate change.

Mahon Interviewed for Corporate Reputation Articles

04 Feb 2011

John Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of Business Policy and Strategy and professor of management in the Maine Business School, was interviewed for two recent articles published by America.gov -- "[Corporate Reputation Matters](#)" and "[Companies Bank on Trust](#)." Mahon, an authority on corporate responsibility, credibility and reputation, says businesses too often neglect to continuously build corporate image, which can make them more vulnerable in times of crisis.

Dana Column on Maine Drug Problem Published

04 Feb 2011

An opinion column by UMaine Dean of Students Robert Dana about Maine's growing drug abuse problems appeared in the Feb. 4 edition of the [Bangor Daily News](#). Dana calls for a multi-pronged, community-wide approach to addressing the factors that drive demand for drugs and an acknowledgement that the problem exists.

Egyptian Student to Discuss Revolution at Home

04 Feb 2011

Contact: George Markowsky, 581-3940 Egyptian graduate student Sherief Farouk of the Department of Computer Science at UMaine will discuss his perspectives on the popular revolt in Egypt Monday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. in Room 117, Donald P. Corbett Business Building. Farouk will offer a technological and personal perspective on the upheaval, coordinated over the past few days primarily via Facebook and Twitter. The talk will go over the political history of Egypt leading to the current revolution and how social networking websites were used to coordinate logistics prior to, and during the protests. It will also discuss the government's responses and attempts to censor the movement including temporarily severing Egypt's connection to the Internet. The talk will also discuss how activists made their voice heard through the blockade. The talk is free and open to the public.

Friday Presentation on the Advancement of Women

07 Feb 2011

President Kennedy's blog is updated with his thoughts on a Friday Feb. 11 presentation scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. at Minsky Recital Hall. Prof. Virginai Valian of Hunter College, an expert on gender issues in the workplace, will discuss "Why so slow? The advancement of women," as the public kick-off event of [UMaine's Rising Tide initiative](#), funded by a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant. Those interested in attending the presentation, which is free and open to the public, should [RSVP by email](#).

News Reports on Wireless Sensor Technology Project

07 Feb 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a [front-page story](#) about UMaine Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology (LASST) project involving the development of wireless sensor technology for use in the jet engine maintenance industry and with particular relevance for military applications. The sensors are built to allow technicians to monitor the condition of engines and their component parts without disassembling the machines. The Maine Air National Guard is a partner in the project, donating an airplane engine for Prof. Mauricio Pereira da Cunha and his colleagues to use for their research. The three Bangor television stations also covered this story on Friday.

Dill Bedbug Presentation Reported

07 Feb 2011

Saturday's [Lewiston Sun Journal reported](#) on a Friday Bates College presentation by Jim Dill of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty, providing health officials, construction industry personnel, landlords and others with information about bedbugs and how to deal with them. A television story on the presentation is on the WCSH/WLBZ Web site.

Farley in Sun Journal Story on Math and Love

07 Feb 2011

A Saturday [Lewiston Sun Journal story](#) includes the perspectives of Jonathan Farley of the UMaine computer science faculty, who has expertise on mathematical formulas that have been applied to the likelihood of a person finding love. Farley has created a lecture on the subject, entitled "How to Fall in Love with Mathematics."

Press Herald Profiles Underwood

07 Feb 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) published a Friday story profiling Ahsley Underwood, the former UMaine basketball player and Miss Maine who will be a contestant on the next series of the CBS reality program "Survivor." The series, filmed last year in Nicaragua, premieres on Feb. 16.

Hill Comments in Sun Journal Heating Story

07 Feb 2011

Comments from retired UMaine mechanical engineering professor Dick Hill are included in an extensive [Lewiston Sun Journal story](#) about issues related to home heating oil use and Maine's economy. Hill points out that "social adjustments" are part of the solution, noting that Americans have more residential space per person than people who live in other countries, creating more need for heating and cooling.

Conner and Bender win M Club Dean Smith Awards

07 Feb 2011

The University of Maine announced on Sunday that Corey Conner (Townsend, Mass.) of the cross country and women's track and field team and Jeremy Bender (St. Paul, Minn.) of the men's swimming team are the recipients of the 2011 "M" Club Dean Smith Awards. The awards are presented to the male and female student-athlete with outstanding academic and athletic achievement along with citizenship and community service. More information is in a UMaine athletics news release.

Federal Jobs, Internships Focus of Career Center Event

07 Feb 2011

Media contacts: Sherry Treworgy, 581-1356 ORONO -- In the next six years, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management estimates that millions of federal workers will retire or leave government careers for other jobs, creating a labor shortage that needs to be addressed now to prevent a crisis later. To assist in addressing those needs, the University of Maine's Career Center, working with the Annenberg Speakers Bureau of the Partnership for Public Service, is presenting a speaker on campus Wednesday, Feb. 9, to talk with UMaine students, recent graduates and alumni about what kinds of federal jobs and internships are and will be available. Julie Saad, federal program analyst, student programs, is visiting UMaine to discuss job and internship opportunities, the application process and salaries and benefits in federal government careers. She is scheduled to speak at 3 p.m. in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union. The event is free and open to the public. Sherry Treworgy, associate director of the UMaine Career Center and co-organizer of the event, says students were keenly interested in similar presentations in the past. "I think the program is going to be even more important to students this year with the challenging economic climate," Treworgy says. "The federal government remains the largest employer in the U.S. and they are still trying to attract graduating college students in a multitude of career fields. In spite of rising unemployment, the federal government does have good jobs and internships." The [Partnership for Public Service website](#) has more information about federal jobs and internships, and how to navigate the federal employment system and its application process. For more information, contact Sherry Treworgy at 581-1356.

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UMaine Student Talk on Egypt Postponed

07 Feb 2011

Contact: Wendy Maupin, 581-3941 ORONO - The talk "The Egyptian Revolution" scheduled today at 3 p.m. at 100 Neville Hall at UMaine by Egyptian graduate student Sherief Farouk has been postponed due to illness. It will be rescheduled.

Daughter of Malcolm X Is African American History Month Speaker

07 Feb 2011

Contact: Judith Josiah-Martin, (207) 581-1437 ORONO -- Ilyasah Al-Shabazz, daughter of 1960s human rights activist Al-Shaheed Malik Shabazz, otherwise known as Malcolm X, will speak Feb. 17 at the University of Maine as part of African American History Month observances. An author, activist and lecturer, Ilyasah Al-Shabazz will speak at 4 p.m. at the University Club at Fogler Library. The title of her talk, which is free and open to the public, is "Carrying on the Dream." Her appearance is presented by the Black Student Union, Sisters Supporting Sisters, The Office of Multicultural Programs, Student Government and the Division of Student Affairs. Al-Shabazz is the corporation president and a trustee of The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center at The Audubon in New York, where her father, an outspoken African American Muslim minister, was assassinated Feb. 21, 1965. The son of a Baptist minister in Nebraska, Malcolm X was a controversial figure in the American human rights struggle, accused by detractors as a racist advocate for black supremacy, but revered by followers as a courageous advocate and one of the greatest and most influential African Americans in history. He was assassinated at age 39 by members of the Nation of Islam group, an association with which he was involved before a falling out. In 1998, Time magazine named "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" one of the 10 most influential nonfiction books of the 20th century. Al-Shabazz, who produces "The Wake Up Tour," a youth empowerment program designed to inspire young people, has served as the assistant coordinator for the Office of Academic Affairs at City University of New York, where she organized training programs to encourage higher education for inner city at-risk youth. She also has tutored and mentored at various group homes and lock-up facilities throughout the country. She holds a master of science in education and human resource development and a bachelor's degree in biology. Judith Josiah-Martin, director of the UMaine Office of Multicultural Programs, can be contacted at (207) 581-1437 for additional information. In addition to the talk by Al-Shabazz and discussion to follow, the Office of Multicultural Programs, Office of International Programs and others are presenting the seventh annual International Dance Festival Feb. 19, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts as an African American History Month event.

Davis Study Mentioned in Morning Sentinel Op-ed

08 Feb 2011

A Waterville Morning Sentinel op-ed column about the possible repeal of Maine's Kid-Safe Products Act mentioned a study by UMaine economist Mary Davis. According to the column, written by a Colby College student, Davis calculated the legislation could save the state an average of \$1,350 per child every year in reduced health care and economic costs.

UMaine Graduate Featured In Story About Arboretum Hire

08 Feb 2011

The Montgomery News of Fort Washington, Pa., has a [story](#) about Michael Burgess, a UMaine alumnus who was hired as a research botanist at the Morris Arboretum. Burgess received his doctorate from UMaine, where he completed dissertation research on the genus Amelanchier, known as the serviceberry. Burgess will be responsible for updating and redesigning the Pennsylvania Flora Project website.

Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Lands Project Conserves an Additional 2,783 Acres for Wildlife and Recreation

08 Feb 2011

Contact: Sally Jacobs at sjacobs@maine.edu ORONO -- As a result of their largest combined effort so far, the Orono Land Trust and Bangor Land Trust have conserved 2,738 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands, and lakeshores in the Bangor-Alton area. This follows the 2001 establishment of the Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Lands Project (Corridor Project) aimed at regional land preservation. The Orono and Bangor land trusts have accomplished their goals by leading collaborative efforts involving the University of Maine, the University of Maine Foundation, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Forest Society of Maine, and private donors. This new addition derives from extensive work with landowners and developers to protect and connect key land parcels ranging from 43 to 1,100 acres, while also raising \$1.2 million to support this conservation effort. Each parcel has intrinsic habitat and recreation values enhanced by connections to other parcels, providing for larger recreational trail networks and travel corridors for wildlife. This latest addition brings the total conserved acreage in the corridor to 7,508 acres. Cooperating partners will emphasize the forestry, wildlife, and recreational value of the conserved property through shared management. "This strategy will contribute to the long-term success of the corridor as a recreational and wildlife asset for people who reside in the Bangor area or visit here," says Sally Jacobs, Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Conservation Committee spokesperson. Most of the lands will be working landscapes, which will be open for recreational activities such as hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing, and trapping. Snowmobiling is permitted in designated areas. The popular Orono Bog Boardwalk, enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year, and portions of the Caribou Bog Cross Country Ski Trail, are also permanently protected by this conservation effort. The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) is recognizing the University of Maine for its involvement in these projects, listing it as the organization's top university land conservation partner. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official Mitch Hartley, who is involved in administering NAWCA grants, says that UMaine is playing a nationally significant role in NAWCA conservation projects. Jacobs also notes that UMaine and the University of Maine Foundation deserve praise for their foresight in protecting their valuable forests and wetlands for future education and research purposes. "Without the university's deep commitment and collaborative efforts, this amazing conservation feat could never have occurred," Jacobs says. "Thanks are owed to scores of individuals who donated thousands of hours in planning, working with land-owners, writing grant proposals, lending professional skills, and providing funds to complete this ambitious project. Prof. Ray Hintz of the UMaine School of Engineering Technology deserves special recognition for his extraordinary efforts in surveying the Caribou Bog," Jacobs adds. "We are lucky he isn't permanently mired up to his neck somewhere out there. This is an unprecedented and noteworthy collaboration with the University of Maine and the Foundation." "We are very pleased to be part of this important conservation effort," says Amos Orcutt, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation. "We are grateful to Les and Jo Birmingham of Freeport for their gift of land in the Caribou Bog and for their support of the Foundation deeding the land to the Corridor Project." The Birminghams gave the Caribou Bog parcel to the University of Maine Foundation in 2001. UMaine officials point out the advantages of an expanded conservation area as the university works to fulfill its mission of teaching, research, and outreach. "We are proud to be part of this nationally significant project," says Elaine Clark, associate vice president for administration and finance. "It preserves critical wildlife and migratory bird habitats while allowing the university to continue to use the land for activities related to sustainable forestry, an important area of study." Alan Hutchinson is executive director of the Forest Society of Maine, one of the Corridor Project partners and easement holder. He says the project will have a positive impact in several areas. "Conserving working forests is our business," Hutchinson says. "This project will provide a continuing supply of forest products, jobs, wildlife habitat, and traditional recreation in our immediate area," Hutchinson and others involved in the project emphasize the long-term impact on those whose businesses depend on their customers' access to the outdoors and on the benefits that derive from being part of a region that celebrates that access. "This project conserves exceptional habitat values and we are pleased to accept the 1,100 acre addition to our Caribou Bog Wildlife Management Area which will continue to provide opportunities to folks in the Bangor region," said John Pratte of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. "Developing a recreational resource on this scale will greatly enhance our region's economic health," says Lucy Quimby, Bangor Land Trust president. Photos and a map of the corridor is available upon request.

International Dance Festival Feb. 19 Showcases Multicultural Talent

08 Feb 2011

Contacts: Sarah Joughin, 581-3423 ORONO – The University of Maine’s seventh annual International Dance Festival, showcasing the traditional music, dance and costumes of some of the 400 international students at UMaine is set for Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Collins Center for the Arts. Two free performances of dances from around the world are scheduled at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Doors open one hour before show time. "We have a very colorful line up this year with a number of new countries represented," says Sarah Joughin, international student scholar advisor in the Office of International Programs. Students will perform traditional dances from India, Africa, Vietnam, Brazil, Latin America, the Middle East and the United States. Joughin says students have been practicing capoeira, belly dance, swing and many others styles of dance, and the performance will include a Bollywood finale. Students from about 75 countries attend UMaine. The production involves about 100 dancers, technical staff and coordinators, and attracts nearly 2,000 people from UMaine and throughout the state. The dance festival is free and organized by the Office of International Programs and the International Student Association, with additional financial support from UMaine’s Division of Student Affairs, Student Government, Residents on Campus and the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series. Information about the dance festival is available by calling the Office of International Programs at 581-2905.

Media Meets With President Candidate

09 Feb 2011

The media met Tuesday with Donald Julius, the third candidate for the UMaine president position to visit the campus. Julius, who is currently an administrator in the University of Alaska system, told the [Bangor Daily News](#) UMaine should create its own revenue streams rather than relying on the state's General Fund. WABI also covered interviewed Julius.

Lobster Institute Comments Included In Report On High-End Lobster Products

09 Feb 2011

Robert Bayer, the executive director of UMaine's Lobster Institute, commented in an [MPBN radio report](#) about a line of high-end lobster products being offered as a partnership between chefs and Casco Bay-based lobstermen. Bayer said the partnership is unique because it is a cooperative producing value-added products.

News Coverage of Nano Expo

09 Feb 2011

WLBZ reported on the Tuesday's Nano Expo, which took place on the UMaine campus. The event, which drew more than 200 students and teachers from three area middle schools, is part of UMaine's "Making Stuff" collaboration with Boston public television station WGBH, the Challenger Learning Center and the Maine Discovery Museum, and introduces students to new ways of making things faster, smarter, stronger and lighter. The middle school students worked with UMaine faculty and students to perform hands-on activities.

Bruce Sidell 1948-2011

09 Feb 2011

Bruce Sidell, UMaine professor and founding director of the university's School of Marine Sciences, died on Tuesday at the age of 62. Sidell's professional accomplishments included extensive research in Antarctica where a peninsula known as the "Sidell Spur" bears his name. "Bruce Sidell was an exemplary faculty member, mentoring and inspiring countless students while contributing significantly to our understanding of the natural environment through important research. We extend our sympathies to his family and his many friends during this difficult time," says UMaine President Robert Kennedy. A Wednesday [Bangor Daily News obituary](#) includes this information about remembrances: "Family and friends are invited to call 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town. In respect of Bruce's wishes, there will be no formal services. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Bruce D. Sidell Scholarship, supporting students in marine science at the University of Maine, or the Sidell Family

Fund, supporting the Holiday Gift Giving Fund through the University's Employee Assistance Program. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maine Foundation and sent to Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792. Kindly indicate which fund the gift should be designated. Memorial gifts may also be given to New Hope Hospice, P.O. Box 757, Holden, ME 04429."

Yerxa Column on Community Farm Shares Published

09 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News carried a [column by Kate Yerxa](#), nutrition educator at the University of Maine [Cooperative Extension](#), about community supported agricultural farm share opportunities. She explains that winter is the time to begin researching farms that sell shares to the community and how to determine which produce options make sense for families.

Bureau of Labor Education Issues Briefing Paper on 'Right-to-Work'

09 Feb 2011

Contact: William Murphy (william.murphy@umit.maine.edu) ORONO - The Bureau of Labor Education at the University of Maine has issued a six page briefing paper discussing some of the pitfalls of "right-to-work" legislation, currently being proposed in the Maine State Legislature. As a public policy analysis, the paper discusses the nature and purpose of right-to-work laws, stating that workers, families and Maine's economy could be jeopardized if such a law were passed. In its analysis, the Bureau of Labor Education paper compares the 22 "right to work" states with the 28 "free bargaining" states where employers and workers are free to negotiate union security clauses. Such agreements stipulate that all workers who receive the benefits of a collective bargaining agreement pay their share of the costs of union representation. The study cites government data that shows, on average, right-to-work states have lower incomes and reduced wages than free-bargaining states, as well as having higher poverty rates. According to the paper, studies also show that these differences are not simply due to differences in the cost of living in these states. The paper maintains that right-to-work laws are not needed to protect non-union members, since the rights of non-union members are already protected by federal law. The introduction of the paper states: "there are many misconceptions about 'right-to-work' laws. This sounds like it would be a plus for working people. However, this term is misleading, and a distortion of the reality underlying it. Despite its name, right-to-work laws do not guarantee anyone a job, protect against unfair firing, guarantee equitable wages, or decent working conditions." The entire paper is available on the Bureau of Education website. For further information, contact Bureau of Labor Education Director William Murphy at william.murphy@umit.maine.edu.

Bodwell Center Named Newman's Own Grant Finalist

09 Feb 2011

Contact: Andrea Gifford (207) 581-4031 or andrea.gifford@umit.maine.edu The University of Maine's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism has been selected as a finalist in the Newman's Own Foundation Campus Community Service Challenge, a program conducted in affiliated with the America East conference. The Bodwell Center, which is one of nine nonprofits selected as finalists from each of the America East conference's nine member universities, is eligible to win the Challenge's top grant of \$25,000 from the Newman's Own Foundation. In total, \$80,000 will be awarded to the nominated nonprofits with \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively, going to the next two nonprofits. The remaining six groups will receive \$6,000 apiece. The nine nonprofits were nominated by and will be partnered with a student group from each of America East's members. The Bodwell Center will partner with UMaine's Welcome Weekend Day of Service to connect approximately 800 volunteers with 40 local nonprofit organizations. The top grants will be awarded based on the level of the student group's involvement with its nonprofit partner, the impact on those served by the nonprofit and the students themselves, the actual mission and programs of the nonprofit, the populations and purposes it serves, and the potential impact of the foundation's grant. A selection panel including basketball greats Rebecca Lobo and Dikembe Mutombo will review and vote on the partnerships. The winners will be presented at the America East men's and women's basketball championships held March 3-6 at the University of Hartford.

Extension Experts Available for Rooftop Ice Dam Solutions

09 Feb 2011

Contact: Kathy Hopkins (207) 474-9622 (Skowhegan), Donna Coffin, (207) 564-3301 (Dover Foxcroft) ORONO -- Warm days and cold nights this time of the year can wreak havoc on roofs, when ice dams form around the edge causing rooftop meltwater to back up and leak into attics or down interior walls. Two University of Maine Cooperative Extension Educators, Kathy Hopkins in the Skowhegan office and Donna Coffin in the Dover-Foxcroft office, are available to discuss ways to deal with ice dams and how to prevent them before they form. Hopkins is available at (207) 474-9622 or [mailto:khopkins@maine.edu]khopkins@maine.edu and Coffin is available at (207) 564-3301 or donna.coffin@maine.edu for interviews. Hopkins will be in the Orono area on Friday, Feb. 11 for demonstrations.

Report On Collaboration With Land Trusts

10 Feb 2011

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Bryant Pond Camp Receives Donation

10 Feb 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal reports](#) UMaine's 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond has received an anonymous \$69,000 donation that will be used to build nine new bunkhouses over the next few years. Oxford County Cooperative Extension Educator Susan Jennings said most of the bunkhouses will be built by students in the building trade program at Oxford Hills Technical High School. The camp is operated by Extension officials. Click [here](#) for more information about the camp.

Hockey East To Honor Former Athletic Director

10 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about Stu Haskell, former UMaine athletic director, who will receive Friday night the Founders Medal from the Hockey East conference. Haskell served as the Hockey East commissioner for five years. Since his retirement in 1997, Haskell has written The Maine Book, which covers Maine athletics from 1881 to 2007.

Book Published By Folklife Center Is Featured In Press Herald

10 Feb 2011

The Portland Press Herald has a [column](#) about the book "Muskrat Stew and Other Tales of a Penobscot Life: The Life Story of Fred Ranco," which was published in 2007 by the UMaine-based Maine Folklife Center. Ranco was a member of the Penobscot tribe who served in World War II and the Korean War. The book's author, Tara Marvel, said a copy of Ranco's audiotapes is housed at the center.

Jordan Planetarium Offers Laser, Music Shows February 16-27

10 Feb 2011

Contact: Alan Davenport, (207) 581-1341 ORONO -- SkyLase laser system is returning to UMaine's Jordan Planetarium for school vacation week with a variety of rock, holiday and storytelling treats, all illustrated with laser animation and sweeping patterns Feb. 16-26. Music lovers can enjoy popular rock favorites and star legend tales on the

planetarium's acoustically tuned audio system under the dome in Wingate Hall on the Orono campus. These light shows offer domed musical entertainment to the regular star shows already enjoyed by family audiences each week. A variety of the most popular music programs include pop rock songs and Beatles to please the whole family, while Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Metallica rock out for music lovers of more esoteric persuasions, says planetarium director Alan Davenport. Each showing also features a seven-minute laser prologue, "Paradigm Shifts," about changes from ancient mythology to science process. This series of colorful shows includes evening and weekend showings for \$4. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased by cash or check by mail or in person at the Jordan Planetarium in Wingate Hall. For avid laser-philes and groups of eclectic taste, private showings can be arranged to view any of the several Skylase programs, according to Davenport. Private group cost is \$40 plus \$2 per person, and reservations should be made well in advance. More information and complete show listings are available at the Jordan Planetarium web site at GalaxyMaine.com. The schedule is: Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Pink Floyd's "The Wall"; Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Hypnotica; Feb. 18, 8:15 p.m., Laser Pop; Feb. 19, 2 p.m., Laser Metallica, 3 p.m., Laser Magic, 8:15 p.m., Laser Beatles; Feb. 20, 3 p.m., Led Zeppelin, 7 p.m. Laser Beatles; Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," 8 p.m., Laser Pop; Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Pink Floyd's "The Wall," 8 p.m., Laser Magic; Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Laser Metallica, 8 p.m., LaseRetro; Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," 8 p.m., Pink Floyd's "The Wall"; Feb. 25, 8:15 p.m., Laser Beatles; Feb. 26, 2 p.m., Laser Beatles, 3 p.m., Laser Metallica, 8:15 p.m., Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon"; Feb. 27, 3:15 p.m., Laser Star Lore. For more information call the Jordan Planetarium 581-1341 or surf to www.GalaxyMaine.com.

Brewer 'Maine Watch' Guest Today

10 Feb 2011

Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty and frequent Maine political analyst, is scheduled to join reporters Mal Leary and A.J. Higgins as guests on Maine Public Broadcasting Network's television show "Maine Watch" with host Jennifer Rooks this evening at 8 p.m. They'll be discussing Gov. LePage's state budget proposal, announced today.

UMaine Museum of Art Offers Art@Noon

11 Feb 2011

Contact: Kathryn Jovanelli (207) 561-3350 or kj@umit.maine.edu BANGOR -- The University of Maine Museum of Art is offering a free talk and informal 30-minute gallery tour of its new exhibitions starting at noon on Thursday, Feb. 17. The Art@Noon series, which is open to the public, features UMMA Director George Kinghorn discussing the exhibitions Fear & Play: Paintings by Jonathan Lux, and The Gesture Contained: Recent Sculptures by Joshua Enck. The museum is located at 40 Harlow Street in downtown Bangor. Visit to the museum's [website](#) for more information.

Food Safety Study Mentioned On Website

11 Feb 2011

The website foodnavigator-usa.com has a [report](#) about a study conducted by UMaine economist Mario Teisl which appeared in the journal Food Policy. According to the study, which Teisl conducted with an Ohio State researcher, consumers are willing to pay higher prices than government analyses suggest in order to reduce their risk of becoming ill from foodborne pathogens.

Coverage Of Composite Center's Patent For Stronger Wood Beams

11 Feb 2011

Several media outlets, including the [Bangor Daily News](#), reported on new technology for strengthening wood glulam beams for which UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center was recently awarded a patent. AEWAC Director Habib Dagher and Professor Mac Gray were interviewed by the BDN and Bangor television station WABI included comments from UMaine graduate student Matt Holman.

Cooperative Extension In Report On Grant For Garden

11 Feb 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's Maine Harvest for Hunger program will be a beneficiary of a \$30,000 grant awarded to the Oxford Hills School District, according to a [story](#) in the Lewiston Sun Journal. The Maine Commission for Community Service awarded the grant to the school which will create a vegetable garden at the Roberts Farm Preserve. The garden will supply food to the Maine Harvest for Hunger program, including an estimated 20,000 pounds of vegetables for local families.

Extension Vegetable, Fruit School Planned March 15-16

11 Feb 2011

Contact: Pamela St. Peter, 207-933-2100, Ext. 100 The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is accepting registrations for two daylong sessions on vegetable and fruit growing March 15 in Portland and March 16 in Bangor. The pre-registration deadline is March 1. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Information, including registration, times and locations, and more about the Maine Vegetable & Fruit School, is posted as a blog on Extension's Highmoor Farm website. The sessions, to be taught by Extension agricultural and crop specialists and others, are hosted by Cooperative Extension, Maine Crop Insurance Education Program and the Maine Vegetable and Fruit Growers Association.

UMaine Sophomore Crowned Miss Maine Collegiate

11 Feb 2011

Contact: Kristy Huff (kristy.huff@umite.maine.edu); Deb Landry, (207) 843-2146 ORONO -- UMaine sophomore and dean's list student Kristy Huff of Burnham was crowned Miss Maine Collegiate on Saturday, Feb. 5. Huff, 20, a pre-law student with a psychology major and a minor in legal studies, was crowned by fellow UMaine honor student Shannon Folsom, formerly Miss Maine Collegiate, and Miss High School Maine Samantha Clark in a ceremony at the Pine Tree Society annual pageant at the Newport Recreational Center in Newport. Folsom relinquished her state crown recently after being named Miss America Collegiate at the national level. Huff is daughter of Ralph Jr. and Darlene Huff of Burnham and participates at UMaine in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and intramural sports. In her first semester at UMaine, Huff received the Presidential Scholar Award Pin for a 4.0 GPA. As one of the top 10 in her graduating MCI class, Huff was recognized for academic, leadership and athletic achievement. The Miss Maine Academic Pageant decision was based on academic achievement, community service and a personal interview, along with runway fashion and evening gown competition. The pageant does not have a swimsuit or talent component, according to Deb Landry, co-director of the Miss Maine Academic Pageant. "The focus is simply on awarding scholarships for their personal and professional achievements," she says. In addition to her studies at UMaine, Huff volunteers with communities and youth across Maine to promote healthy lifestyle choices while also volunteering for St. Jude's and Manna Ministries charities.

Egyptian Student Talk on Homeland Revolt Rescheduled

11 Feb 2011

Contact: George Markowsky, 581-3940 ORONO -- The talk by Egyptian graduate student Sherief Farouk of the Department of Computer Science at UMaine on his perspectives on the popular revolt in Egypt, postponed Feb. 7 because of illness, has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. in Room 115, Donald P. Corbett Business Building. Farouk will offer a technological and personal perspective on the upheaval, coordinated over the past few days primarily via Facebook and Twitter. The talk will cover the political history of Egypt leading to the current revolution and how social networking websites are being used to coordinate logistics prior to and during the protests. It will also discuss the government's responses and attempts to censor the movement including temporarily severing Egypt's connection to the Internet. The talk is free and open to the public.

Brewer Comments On New State Budget

11 Feb 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer was a guest on Maine Public Broadcasting Network's Maine Watch television and radio programs. Brewer and other guests discussed the implications of Gov. Paul LePage's new budget proposal, which was announced this week.

Mainebiz Notes Composite Center Patent

11 Feb 2011

Mainebiz has a report about a patent awarded to UMaine's AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The center has invented a method to strengthen glulam wood beams, something researchers have been studying for five years. The center's method involves the application of a strip of fiberglass, which increases by 38 percent the strength of beams used in roof and bridge construction.

Extension Announces New 'Lobster Diver' App Free for Kids

14 Feb 2011

Contact: Kristy Ouellette, 207-353-5550 Ext. 12 or 1-800-287-1458 in Maine LISBON FALLS -- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H has announced partnership with New Mexico State Learning Labs in offering the new mobile-application math mini-game "Lobster Diver." Originally created for students in grades 6-8, but fun for youth of all ages, the game is offered free on iTunes free for download to iPods and iPads and iPhones. For more information visit [here](#) or contact Sarah Sparks or Kristy Ouellette in Extension's Androscoggin and Sagadahoc counties office in Lisbon Falls at 207-353-5550 Ext. 12 or 1-800-287-1458 in Maine.

University of Maine Museum of Art Presents Gallery Talk

14 Feb 2011

The University of Maine Museum of Art will present a gallery talk with artist Jonathan Lux on Thursday Feb. 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. Lux will talk about his current exhibition, "Fear & Play: Paintings by Jonathan Lux," which runs through March 26 at the downtown Bangor Musuem. A coffee and dessert reception will follow his Feb. 24 talk. Visit to the museum's [website](#) for more information.

UMaine Grad Stanton Delivers 2011 Distinguished Honors Graduate Lecture

14 Feb 2011

Bruce A. Stanton, a 1974 UMaine graduate who is the Andrew C. Vail Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center of the Environmental Health Sciences at Dartmouth Medical School, will present a Wednesday Feb. 23 lecture at his alma mater. Stanton's presentation, "Arsenic, a Global Public Health Crisis: How Safe is our Water and Food?," will be the 2011 Distinguished Honors Graduate Lecture. An Honors College presentation, the talk is scheduled for 4 p.m. in Buchanan Alumni House's McIntire Room. For more information, call 581-3201, email honors@maine.edu or visit www.honors.umaine.edu.

Wall Street Journal Lists Alford Among Top Hockey Arenas

14 Feb 2011

A [Wall Street Journal article](#) about 10 of the most unique college hockey arenas in the nation included the University of Maine's Alford Ice Arena as having the best atmosphere. The article says "Games at Maine's Alford Arena feel like the hockey version of Friday Night Lights. The crowd is a mix of diehard locals and feverish students (one of whom hangs a referee doll in effigy when the officials skate onto the ice. At one end of the 5,445-seat arena, a section of fans sits in an ear-splitting site directly below the band." "There's nothing like Maine hockey," Melissa Cross, who's been attending

games since she was 8, tells reporters. "What else are you going to do when it's 20 below?" The article also included a [photograph](#) of the ice rink and stadium at Alford.

News Report on Valian Presentation

14 Feb 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a [story](#) about a Friday UMaine presentation by Hunter College Prof. Virginia Valian. An expert on gender issues, Valian gave a talk, "Why so slow? The advancement of women." It was the public kick-off event presented by UMaine's Rising Tide Center, an effort aimed at advancing women academics in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and social-behavioral sciences disciplines. The story includes comments from Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Sue Hunter.

Channel 5 Reports on Winter Carnival

14 Feb 2011

WABI television broadcast a Saturday report about UMaine's winter carnival activities. The story included an interview with E.J. Roach, UMaine's director of campus activities.

Manev Column in Saturday Newspaper

14 Feb 2011

UMaine College of Business, Public Policy and Health Dean Ivan Manev wrote a column, "[Prosperity starts with business](#)," in Saturday's Bangor Daily News. It was the first installment in the newspaper's "The Deans of Business" feature, a series of columns to be written by Manev and the business deans at Husson University and the University of Southern Maine. Manev's Saturday column included a list of "five avenues for improving the business climate" in Maine.

Brewer Comments on Moderate Caucus

14 Feb 2011

Comments from Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty are included in an Associated Press story about the influence of the Maine Legislature's Moderate Caucus, a group of at least 45 lawmakers that Brewer predicts will become "a key player" in legislative decisions.

Masters Breaks Four-Minute Mile Mark Again

14 Feb 2011

UMaine junior distance runner Riley Masters broke his own school record in the mile on Saturday, running 3:58.17 during the Valentine Invitational at Boston University. This marks the second time that the Bangor native has broken the four-minute mile mark, and it qualifies him for the NCAA Championships in that event. More information is in the [Bangor Daily News](#).

Grad Student Research Competition March 18

14 Feb 2011

UMaine College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture graduate students will make a series of Friday March 18 presentations as part of the college's graduate student research awards competition. The 20-minute presentations, which begin at 1:10 p.m. and continue until 4, are scheduled for Room 57 of Stodder Hall. Scheduled to present are UMaine students Ellen Robertson, Crista Straub, Venura Herath, Aleksandra Kristo, Michelle Goody and David Mallet.

Members of the UMaine community are welcome to attend any or all of the presentations.

AEWC Awarded Patent for Stronger Beam

14 Feb 2011

Contact: Habib Dagher, (207) 581-2138 or hd@umit.maine.edu The University of Maine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center has been issued a patent (US Patent #7,862,675) for a method of prestressing glued-laminated timber beams that significantly increases the strength of the wood for use in bridges and other structures. Associate Professor of civil engineering Mac Gray and Habib Dagher, director of the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, are the lead inventors on the patent. Although not named in the patent, Olivia Sanchez, a research engineer at the center who has a master's degree in civil engineering from UMaine, has been involved in research for the project. Former UMaine graduate student Rodrigo Silva-Henriquez added research several years ago. The patent addresses a common problem of conventional glued-laminated (glulam) beams, which is they often fail in bending-induced tension. The Advanced Structures and Composites Center has found that adding small amounts of reinforcement to the tension side of the beam significantly increases its strength. AEWCA researchers used a fiberglass tendon as reinforcement. The fiberglass is bonded to the wood, but before the adhesive can cure, the force on the tendon is released, building up tension in the middle of the bottom of the beam. This strengthens the area of the beam that is required to carry loads, and the now-patented method increases the beam's strength by 38%. "What we found is we can tremendously strengthen wood by reinforcing it with a relatively small amount of fiberglass or other materials like that," Gray says. "The bottom line is we're seeing an increase in strength of a prestressed beam over a reinforced but not prestressed beam. You're gaining strength without using any more material."

Musgrave Selected to Maine Women's Hall of Fame

15 Feb 2011

Prof. Emeritus Katherine Musgrave from the UMaine Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition has earned selection to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Musgrave and Sen. Susan Collins will be inducted during a March 19 ceremony at the University of Maine at Augusta. The Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women established the hall of fame in 1990. The annual March induction ceremony coincides with Women's History Month programming. UMaine senior vice president for academic affairs and provost Sue Hunter nominated Musgrave for this honor.

Historian Op-Ed In Bangor Newspaper

15 Feb 2011

UMaine historian Jay Bregman wrote an [op-ed column](#) that appeared in the Bangor Daily News about the proposed elimination of the Latin major at UMaine. Bregman argues that without a Latin majors, classics offerings at UMaine and in the UMaine System will suffer.

Preview Of International Dance Festival

15 Feb 2011

The [BDN previewed](#) the International Dance Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, at the Collins Center for the Arts. There will be performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Traditional dances from India, Africa, Vietnam, Brazil, Latin America, the Middle East, and the United States will be performed. This free event typically attracts more than 2,000 audience members from across the state. Sarah Joughin, an international student scholar advisor, commented in the story.

Egyptian Graduate Student Shares Story

15 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News [covered](#) Monday's talk featuring Sherief Farouk, a UMaine graduate student in the computer science department who is half Egyptian and a graduate of the Arabian Academy of Science and Technology in Cairo. Farouk discussed the recent civil uprising there that resulted in the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak. Farouk discussed the role that technology such as Facebook, Twitter, email and cell phones played in rallying Egyptian citizens.

Report On Colleges, Universities Working Together For Alcohol Education Strategies

15 Feb 2011

The University of Maine is part of a group of Maine colleges working together to share strategies for educating students about alcohol, according to a story that aired on television stations WCSH and WLBZ. UMaine is working with Maine Maritime Academy, Thomas College, Husson University and Unity College.

Ornithologist Available to Discuss Season's Early Birds

15 Feb 2011

Contact: Rebecca Holberton, (207) 581-2526 ORONO -- Just half way through February, robins, historically iconic harbingers of spring, already have been spotted around the University of Maine campus and in surrounding communities. And northern cardinals, once considered only a few decades ago in Maine as "southerners from away" are now spending the winter at many local backyard feeders. What's changing? Are some birds' migratory patterns shifting? And how are some of these former warm-weather species coping with this year's heavy snowfall? Ornithologist, associate professor of biological sciences and expert on wild bird migratory habits Rebecca Holberton is available to discuss some recent trends of a few notable wild birds locally, particularly as milder winters in the last few decades may be influencing patterns of migration, and even evolution. Robins, she says, actually do not migrate far in the winter. "Most people are surprised to learn that robins are rather 'lazy' migrants, compared to many other birds," she says. "Most of our local robins don't travel very far south, but gather in large groups for the winter -- with some 'roosts' numbering up to 10,000 birds in some places. During the day, they fan out in small groups to look for food, and then congregate in woody areas to spend the night." Many of the robins appearing now in Maine may be joined by some that have to move south from more northern Canadian areas, she suspects. "So, while our robins may not be easily seen because they're not spread out across our lawns, as they are in summer, but gathered up in big flocks, they are likely still nearby." Cardinals, "clearly a part of Maine's landscape," Holberton says, also wonders how well they would do without our help during the winter. She believes the less hardy of the species probably do not survive. Some birds, including blue jays and chickadees, hoard seeds and nuts in the fall for a winter stash, but many rely on foraging day-to-day for seeds or any hardy invertebrates available. However, a two-foot blanket of snow can cover seed-bearing grasses or low bushes that also may be a food source. Robins, which rely a lot on fruit, may not be able to find abundant food supplies, Holberton says, especially during years when the fruit crop is poor. Mild winters and springs will allow many of our migrants to return earlier, she says, but probably because of people's love of feeding birds, as well as changing winter patterns. "I think we have some birds, like cardinals and tufted titmice, that are becoming our year-round residents."

UMaine Sustainability Solutions Initiative in Down East

15 Feb 2011

Down East magazine highlights UMaine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative in an article on how Maine's universities and colleges are among the top in the nation for sustainability education. The Initiative, which was launched in 2009 with a \$20-million grant from the National Science Foundation, is a higher education partnership working to advance economic and community development in Maine while protecting the environment.

Website Highlights Robotics Technology

16 Feb 2011

The website Azorobotics.com has an [item](#) about the work UMaine's Ashish Deshpande is doing to develop an advanced robotic prosthetic hand. Deshpande, a mechanical engineering professor, recently won a \$512,000 grant from the

National Science Foundation for his research.

Magazine Profiles Dagher

16 Feb 2011

Downeast Magazine has in its March issue a profile of UMaine engineer Habib Dagher, the director of the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The profile discusses the development of the center at UMaine, the role the center is playing in the future of offshore wind development, and how Dagher's undergraduate and graduate work led him to the field of composites research.

10th Annual Geddes W. Simpson Lecture Scheduled April 4

16 Feb 2011

Contact: Judith Round, (207) 581-5104 ORONO -- The 10th annual Geddes W. Simpson Lecture is scheduled for Monday, April 4 in the McIntire Room of Buchanan Alumni House on the University of Maine, with a special program in honor of the tenth year of the series. The program will begin at 2 p.m. with a lecture by Elizabeth S. Bast, granddaughter of Professor Simpson. Bast is managing director of Oil Change International, Washington, D.C. Her topic is "Energy Access for the Poor: How clean energy can help solve global development and climate challenges." At 3:15 p.m., following a reception in Leadership Hall, the 2011 Geddes W. Simpson distinguished lecturer, Joseph T. Kelley, chair and professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Maine, will speak. His talk will highlight his research on beaches and the mutual interactions between beach systems and human societies through time. The public is invited. The Geddes W. Simpson Lecture Series was established in 2001 at the University of Maine Foundation by family and friends in honor of Professor Simpson, a distinguished researcher and teacher at the University of Maine. The award is given annually in April to an individual who has provided significant insight into the area where science and history intersect. For more information, contact Judith Round at 581-5104 or by e-mail round@maine.edu *Photos of Bast and Kelley are available upon request*

Cathcart Earns Nelson Award for Statewide Leadership

16 Feb 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Mary Cathcart, senior policy associate in the University of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, has received the Women, Work, and Community's (WWC) Merle Nelson Making a Difference Award. Cathcart, a former Maine legislator who lives in Orono, was honored on Tuesday Feb. 15 at WWC's 25th anniversary celebration in Augusta. According to WWC, the award is given to a woman who • has shown herself to be a risk-taker through public action on an issue or a cause that positively affects the lives of women and their families; • provides a positive role model and encourages and supports other women to engage in civic activities at any level – local, state, or national; • is active in the public arena and has shown her willingness to persevere towards her goal. In addition to Maine Senate service from 1996-2004, Cathcart was a member of the Maine House of Representatives for three terms. She served on a number of legislative committees, including Education and Cultural Affairs, and Appropriations and Financial Affairs, which she chaired in 2003-2004. She also chaired the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development (1997-1999). Outside of state government, Mary Cathcart chaired the U.S. Commission on Child & Family Welfare (1995-1996), at the appointment of former U.S. Senator George Mitchell. She serves on, and is a past chair of, the New England Board of Higher Education, and also is a board member of the Maine Compact for Higher Education, the Maine Center for Economic Policy; Eastern Maine Medical Center, and WWC. She has also been an advocate for domestic violence awareness and prevention programs. In her role at UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Cathcart is currently leading the Maine NEW Leadership program, a six-day, non-partisan summer program for Maine college women interesting in pursuing careers in government and politics. The Maine-based program is part of a national network focusing on developing future leaders for Maine's communities. [The 2011 program is scheduled for June 2-7, and the application deadline is March 17.](#) The Merle Nelson Award is named for the former Maine legislator who worked to promote "economic fairness" for women, according to WWC materials. Nelson is also known for her work as a "friend, parent, community member, promoter of the arts and....mediator."

Nelson herself won the first award in 2004, followed by Ann Schonberger in 2006, Betsy Sweet in 2009 and now Cathcart. Ann Schonberger is a UMaine professor and director of the university's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program.

UMaine Graduate on Discovery Channel Reality Show

16 Feb 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or Jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu University of Maine graduate Michael Merchant is part of a new Discovery Channel reality show that takes place in South America. Discovery Channel's "Out of the Wild: Venezuela" features nine volunteers who are dropped off and abandoned in a remote area of southern Venezuela. Armed with only basic supplies, the group must traverse 70 miles back to civilization. The series premieres Thursday, February 17 at 10 p.m. EST. It was filmed in fall 2010. The 47-year-old Merchant, who is from Hampden, graduated from UMaine in 2007 a bachelor's degree in biology. According to his biography on the Discovery Channel website, Merchant is a wildlife technician who leads animal biologists on hikes and frequently backpacks and kayaks. The biography states Merchant has a vast knowledge of insects, reptiles and plant life, specifically mushrooms, and spent his youth learning how to fish, hunt and trap in Maine. The volunteers were flown into Venezuela and left on top of 9,200-foot Mt. Roraima, which was the inspiration for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel "The Lost World." The nine volunteers are not competing for prizes. Each person can opt out of the trip whenever they choose. Merchant suffers from acrophobia, according to a preview clip on the Discovery Channel website. Merchant's participation in the Discovery Channel show makes him one of three UMaine graduates who are current cast members of reality television shows. Ashley Underwood, who earned a UMaine nursing degree, is a contestant on the new season of "Survivor: Redemption Island," which takes place in Nicaragua, while Ashley Hebert, now a University of Pennsylvania dental student, is part of "The Bachelor." The "Out of the Wild" series won in 2009 a Creative Arts Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography for Reality Programming.

UMaine Graduate Makes Survivor Debut Wednesday Night

16 Feb 2011

UMaine graduate Ashley Underwood and her quest to win the new season of the CBS reality television show "Survivor" will be the focus of a new series of columns in the Waterville Sentinel, the first of which appeared Wednesday in anticipation of the season debut tonight. The columns, which will run for as long as Underwood is on the show, will be written by Zach Dionne, a UMaine graduate who is now an entertainment editor at AOL's Popeater.com in New York City.

Coverage Of Fourth President Candidate

17 Feb 2011

Several news outlets reported on Paul Ferguson's visit this week to the UMaine campus, the fourth and final visit by the candidates for UMaine's president position. In a Bangor Daily News story, Ferguson said UMaine must prove its distinctiveness within the UMaine System. Ferguson told WABI the university has an opportunity to be both student- and research-centered to advance opportunities for Maine citizens.

Alumnus To Appear On Discovery Channel Show

17 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News has [a story about Michael Merchant](#), a UMaine graduate who is part of the cast of the new season of a Discovery Channel reality show. Merchant, who graduated in 2007 with a degree in biology, will appear on "Out of the Wild: Venezuela" starting Thursday night.

Fraternity Cycling Fundraiser Advanced

17 Feb 2011

Cumulus radio station WWMJ 95.7 FM reported today on the 12-hour cycling fundraiser, Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life Pedalling for a Cure, being held Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the UMaine Student Fitness and Recreation Center by Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity members. Proceeds will benefit leukemia and lymphoma research.

Keeping Kids Occupied During School Vacation

17 Feb 2011

Contact: Kate Yerxa, (207) 581-3109 or kate.yerxa@maine.edu ORONO -- With area school vacations starting next week, some parents and guardians may be wondering how to keep kids engaged and active during the time off. Kate Yerxa, University of Maine Cooperative Extension's statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, is available to discuss some tips. Family time does not have to be expensive, she says. "February and April vacation weeks are here, and to avoid hearing 'I'm bored!' there are many free or inexpensive family activities that can fill your days with fun. Outside: - Play in the snow. Take the whole family outside to go sledding, build a snowman, build a snow fort or just go for a walk and enjoy being outside. - Interested in outdoor sports? Now is the time to try snowshoeing, ice skating, cross-country or downhill skiing. If you don't have equipment and are willing to rent, check with a local recreation department, school or ski resort for prices and availability. - Or, ask friends and family if they have older equipment you and your kids could borrow. - It may not look like you could plant a garden right now, but you can start planning for this summer, nonetheless. Have kids be a part of planning the garden layout and the vegetables you would like to plant. Children can draw their garden plan and check out seed catalogs for new vegetables for planting this summer. - No room for a full garden? Try container gardening and kids can decide what they would like to plant in each container – or try a pizza garden or a salad garden. In the community: - Visit the library – check out the events that they are offering. - Check out the local town or school recreation programs and get involved in activities happening during vacation. - Look for open gym opportunities in your community. - And look for special admission rates at local museums. In the house: - Get kids cooking! Now is the time to teach your children cooking basics. Pick out new recipes that may include a new food and help children prepare the item. - For younger children, dress up and have a parade in the house. - Start a book club with your older children and their friends. Keep a list of free or inexpensive activities in your local area, so when you are looking for something to do you have everything at your fingertips, Yerxa advises. Yerxa can be reached in her UMaine office in Orono at (207) 581-3109 or kate.yerxa@maine.edu.

Maple Syrup Expert Available for Season Outlook

17 Feb 2011

Contact: Kathy Hopkins, (207) 474-9622 SKOWHEGAN -- As temperatures warm and winter transitions into spring, the sap will be running in sugar maples soon and harvesters will begin the annual and welcome ritual preparing for another good syrup season. Kathy Hopkins, a University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and maple syrup expert, is available to discuss how the upcoming season may be shaping up for one of the state's iconic industries. Warm days and cold nights are what harvesters are hoping for in the next six weeks, and weather forecasts are calling for suitable conditions. Hopkins, who has been in touch with many of the state's maple syrup makers, is available at Extension's Somerset County office in Skowhegan to discuss expectations and what determines a successful season. She can be reached at (207) 474-9622 or by email at khopkins@maine.edu. Three Cooperative Extension instructional maple-sugaring videos are available on YouTube: What do I need to tap maple trees? (<http://www.youtube.com/theuniversityofmaine#p/u/4/RFzpk5-uW4k>) When and how to tap maple trees? (http://www.youtube.com/theuniversityofmaine#p/u/9/B_55a0hL--A) How do I test the quality of my homemade maple syrup? (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkJBB_Z_jRw)

Safety Director Quoted in Article About Pools

18 Feb 2011

Wayne Maines, UMaine's director of safety and environmental management, told the [Bangor Daily News](#) the school has

adopted Centers for Disease Control safety measures for Wallace Pool, which will be the site of high school state championship swim meets Saturday and Monday. Maines said measures have been taken to ensure the correct functioning of exhaust fans and intake vents, as well as monitoring of air and water quality during major events.

Researchers Participate In Bioplastics Council

18 Feb 2011

UMaine researchers were among a group meeting this week to promote the research and development of environmentally safe and sustainable plastics, according to a report from Portland television station WGME. The Sustainable Bioplastics Council of Maine is consortium of manufacturers, agricultural groups, nonprofit organizations and university researchers, and is meeting Friday in Falmouth.

UMaine Hosts High School Entrepreneurship Competition

18 Feb 2011

UMaine was one of four college campuses around the state to host the fifth annual Junior Achievement of Maine's Titan Challenge business simulation, according to a [Lewiston Sun Journal article](#). Nearly 75 Maine high school students participated in the event, which is aimed at increasing students' understanding of the business world.

Wall Street Journal Interviews Fish Toxicologist

18 Feb 2011

The Wall Street Journal ran an Associated Press story about PCB-resistant fish in New York's Hudson River included comments from Adria Elskus, a UMaine-based fish toxicologist who works for the U.S. Geological Survey. Elskus commented on an article posted Thursday in the online version of the journal Science, said several researchers have been studying fish resistance to toxic threats such as PCBs, mercury, and dioxins.

Money Management Tips for 'America Saves Week'

18 Feb 2011

Contacts: Debbie Killam, (207) 581-3874; Jane Conroy, (207) 564-3301 ORONO -- In observance of America Saves Week, University of Maine Cooperative Extension associate professor Deborah B. Killam in Orono will post money-management tips each day, Feb. 20-27, on "Save Money, Spend Less" blog on the UMaine Extension website. The goal of the effort is to promote saving and enrollment in America Saves during America Saves Week 2011. The social media project was initiated by the eXtension Financial Security for All (FSA) Community of Practice (CoP) in support of America Saves Week 2011. The project will involve the distribution of blog posts, tweets and Facebook messages about money management tips and America Saves Week to participating Extension educators throughout the country. The educators will then disseminate the messages through various social media or other traditional media outlets. Killam can be reached at (207) 581-3874 or by email at deborah.killam@maine.edu to answer questions. In addition, UMaine Extension educator Jane Conroy, an authority on tracking personal spending, home budgeting and household record keeping is available to field questions about saving. She can be reached in UMaine Extension's Piscataquis County office at (207) 564-3301 or by email at jconroy@maine.edu.

Website Cites UMaine's Murphy's Leaf-Raking Advice

18 Feb 2011

An article on the [eHow.com website](#), based in Washington state, about the pros and cons of raking leaves in the fall cited advice from University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator Barbara Murphy. Murphy said allowing leaves to compost in place on lawns is a matter of personal preference and that decomposing leaves don't really contribute much in the way of nutrients to the soil. The website also included a link to a Channel 2 (WLBZ) interview with

Murphy.

Extension Educator Interviewed For Maple Syrup Season Story

18 Feb 2011

CNBC has posted a Reuters story that includes comments from a UMaine Cooperative Extension educator about the start of the maple sugar season. Kathy Hopkins, who is based in Skowhegan, said large maple syrup producers are usually tapped and ready to go at the very beginning of the season because of volatility in Maine weather from February to April.

Press Herald Interviews Abbott

18 Feb 2011

The Portland Press Herald on Friday has an [interview](#) with UMaine interim athletic director Steve Abbott. Although he's not sure if he'll apply for the permanent position, Abbott says his focus is on fundraising for improvements to Alford Arena, Memorial Gym, and the field house.

Sentinel Letter References Study On Water Clarity, Property Values

18 Feb 2011

A letter to the editor in Waterville's Morning Sentinel newspaper mentioned a UMaine study that looked at the relationship between water clarity and shorefront property values. The letter, which is regarding municipalities that dump snow into rivers, lakes and coastal waters, referenced the 1996 study which found that a 1-meter reduction in lake water clarity, on average, lowered shorefront values by \$93 per linear foot of shorefront on the lakes studied.

Hecker Letter Responds To Bangor Daily News Column

18 Feb 2011

Jeff Hecker, dean of UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, responded in a Bangor Daily News [letter to the editor](#) to an op-ed column by UMaine historian Jay Bregman that appeared in the Monday BDN about the elimination of the Latin major. In his letter, Hecker said Latin instruction will still be available to students but the elimination of the major will allow more classics studies to be taught to a broader group of students.

Youth Obesity, Fitness Research Now Monitoring 3,000

18 Feb 2011

Contact: Bob Lehnhard, (207) 581-2480; Steve Butterfield, (207) 581-2469 ORONO -- University of Maine youth obesity and fitness research that began several years ago with one Maine public school and a couple of hundred students, has expanded to over 20 schools and now includes more than 3,000 students. While it is almost universally known that the nation has a worsening obesity problem, says co-researcher Steve Butterfield, professor of kinesiology and physical education, the current study will "establish the first longitudinal youth fitness database with this age group in the country. We think it's pretty unique." Obesity is predicted to lead to billions of dollars of increased healthcare costs primarily due to diabetes and cardiovascular related afflictions. "The ultimate purpose of what we're doing is to develop a more collaborative and comprehensive curriculum in the public schools that will address not only the obesity issue, but our children's health overall," says Lehnhard, co-researcher and professor of exercise science. "Right now, we're profiling the exact extent of the problem," adds graduate student Tim Martinson. "One of our questions is, how does the rate of obesity compare across age groups?" Identifying as many specifics as possible about the problem is the first step. "Then we can begin to think about solutions," Lehnhard says. To aid in the monitoring of various health and fitness indicators in public school children, Lehnhard, Butterfield, Martinson and Craig Mason, director of the Center for Educational Research in the College of Education and Human Development, recently supplied physical education

teachers across the state with iPad touch devices. The technology has expedited data collection to a central software-processing program, allowing the interpretation and dissemination of what's happening in schools to occur very quickly, they say. Measures such as body mass index (BMI), cardiovascular endurance and participation in after-school sports are collected at regular intervals throughout the school year by the public school teachers and studied for trends by UMaine researchers. In broad terms, the problem is simple, Lehnhard says. Children have too much access to too much food - calories -- and too much leisure time to eat it. But, the underlying reasons for a caloric imbalance are not so simple. "It's not just the physical realm -- the body -- that needs to be addressed; there's a lot going on in our children's heads as well, and to try and treat one separately from the other doesn't make a lick of sense," he says. "Any solution to the obesity problem has to be comprehensive in nature. That means it's going to require collaboration between different professional disciplines with different points of view." That would be a healthy occurrence in and of itself, he says. "If we are going to help these kids develop healthy behaviors and lifestyles, that development cannot rest on the physical education teacher's shoulders alone." Classroom teachers, coaches, school administrators, and especially parents, must all carry the same message. Participation in the project continues to grow, and it could very well expand beyond Maine to serve other states, and even the nation as a whole, the researchers say. "Our research is designed to take action on this national public health issue and develop effective interventions for our schoolchildren," according to Butterfield. The project is supported with funding from the Betterment Fund and internal sources at UMaine. Other external sources of funding are being pursued so the number of participating schools and children can be expanded. The researchers will present and publish their findings annually.

Prof. See Publishes New Canadian History Book

21 Feb 2011

Scott W. See, Libra Professor of History at the University of Maine, has recently published a second edition of *The History of Canada*. This comprehensive work explores Canada's development from the earliest period of settlement until the first decade of the twenty-first century. In addition to eleven chapters that cover political, regional, ethnic, and cultural themes, it includes an extensive collection of primary documents and biographies of over forty of Canada's notable people. Issued by Grey House Publishing, the book is designed to introduce students and general audiences to the intriguing history of one of the world's leading countries.

Murphy/Carter Op-ed Column in BDN

21 Feb 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included an opinion column, "[The 'right to work' - for lower pay.](#)" by William Murphy and Valerie Carter from the UMaine Bureau of Labor Education. The column is based on a recent bureau report on those laws, which exist in several U.S. states.

Students Develop Tourism Development Recommendations

21 Feb 2011

Students working on UMaine project with Roger Merchant from the Cooperative Extension faculty are developing tourism development recommendations for the towns of Milo and Brownville. Merchant, who is teaching a community tourism planning course in the School of Forest Resources, conducted a similar project in Greenville last year. A [story](#) was reported in the Bangor Daily News.

Dill in Report on Bedbugs

21 Feb 2011

Comments from Jim Dill of UMaine Cooperative Extension were included in a Sunday Maine Today Media report bedbug issues in central Maine, specifically in Augusta. In the story, Dill explains the reasons behind what he calls a "bed bug explosion" in that region.

Hopkins Comments in Maple Syrup Story

21 Feb 2011

Kathy Hopkins from UMaine Cooperative Extension was quoted in a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about the Maine maple syrup season, which began last week with some producers beginning to tap their trees. Hopkins expresses optimism about the industry, which is growing in Maine. She also notes that favorable weather conditions are the key to a successful season.

UMaine Oyster Research Cited In Article

21 Feb 2011

A [story](#) in the Portland Press Herald mentioned oyster research at UMaine's Darling Marine Center and by UMaine Cooperative Extension scientists. According to the story, about the uncertainty of Maine's oyster fishery in the wake of the discovery of the parasite MSX found in Damariscotta River oysters, the growth of oyster farming on the Damariscotta grew out of research being done 30 years ago at the Darling Center. Chris Davis, who earned a doctorate at UMaine and is now co-owner of Pemaquid Oyster Co. and director of the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, was quoted in the story. UMaine Cooperative Extension research into the spread of MSX was also mentioned in the story.

Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

21 Feb 2011

CONTACT: Chief Roland LaCroix Police Department ORONO – An assessor from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), will arrive on Saturday, Feb. 26 to examine all aspects of the University of Maine Police Department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Roland LaCroix announced today. Verification by the team that the UMaine Police Department meets the commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence, he said. As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments via telephone or Facebook at the public information session on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 3-5 p.m.. Those wishing to offer comments may do so by calling (207) 581-9426. Comments may be posted via the Department's Facebook page at University of Maine Police Department. Please make your post on the Notes tab. Telephone comments are limited to ten minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available in the chief's office. Local contact is Lt. Paul Paradis, (207) 581-3387. Persons wishing to offer written comments about the UMaine Police Department's ability to meet the standards for recognition are requested to write to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA®) 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155. (703) 352-4225 FAX (703) 890-3126. The University of Maine Police Department has to comply with 112 national standards in order to gain recognition status from an upcoming CALEA assessment. "Having our policies and procedures recognized by CALEA helps ensure the quality of service that we provide to our community and demonstrates that UMPD is a professional agency that operates under nationally recognized law enforcement standards," LaCroix noted. The CALEA Program Manager for the UMaine Police Department is Paradis, who serves as training and development manager. He said the assessment team is composed of a public safety practitioner from a similar, but out-of-state agency. The assessor will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The assessor is Chief Paul Willingham, University of Houston Clear Lake, Houston, Tex. Once the CALEA Assessor completes the review of the agency, he reports back to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted recognition status, according to Paradis. Recognition is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write to the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155 (703) 352-4225 FAX (703) 890-3126; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225 or www@calea.org.

Shuttle Bus Service During Spring Break

22 Feb 2011

The Orono Black Bear express shuttle service will suspend operations during spring break. Service will end at 10 p.m. Saturday Feb. 26, resuming at 7 a.m. Monday March 14.

Occupations Attract

22 Feb 2011

They say who you know is as important as what you know. But University of Maine economist Todd Gabe has turned this slogan on its side. His research is based on the premise that what you do is a reflection of what you know. What you know is as important as how much you know. And all of this is as important as — and can dictate — where you are. Knowledge isn't just a factor that drives the economy, it is the economy, say Gabe and his colleagues in their recent "Knowledge in Cities" study, released by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Martin Prosperity Institute. While many reports point to educational attainment as an indicator of a region's economic activity, that's only part of the picture. Gabe, whose recent work includes collaborations with creative economy guru Richard Florida's think tank, argues that the types of knowledge people possess are as critical as the percentage of college graduates in a given area. "With the shifting economy, all you hear is, 'You need a well-paying job. You need a college degree.'" Gabe says. "This goes beyond that. Maybe not all degrees and types of cognitive skills are created equally." The median salary for a recent engineering graduate is about \$25,000 more annually than that of a liberal arts major, according to an annual survey by UMaine's Office of Institutional Studies. The skills a marine biologist needs to graduate are far different from those required by a fine arts major. And there are certain well-paying occupations — plumbing comes to mind — that don't require a college degree at all. To complicate things even further, two regions may have a comparable percentage of residents with college degrees, but those places may have very different strengths. There's a reason why aspiring actors flock to Los Angeles or New York City and software geniuses move to Silicon Valley. By using new occupational data — and redefining traditional measures of human capital — Gabe's research on the knowledge economy is changing the way people view regional economic activity. "Todd Gabe is among the most facile people in the world in handling occupation data and relating that to regional economic outcomes," says Florida, director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto and author of *The Great Reset* and *The Rise of the Creative Class*. "His work is providing a serious, economic investigation into the value of occupations on economic output." To give a clearer picture of how the skills of a region's workforce affect economic development, Gabe and his colleagues Jaison Abel, Adrienne Ross and Kevin Stolarick created regional knowledge profiles in their "Knowledge in Cities" report. There are Making Regions, such as the manufacturing hub of Detroit, Mich., and there are Teaching Regions, such as the college town of Athens, Ga. Portland, Maine, counts as a Thinking Region because people there have high knowledge about the arts, humanities, IT and commerce. "This work gives regions an idea of the strength of their niche in the economy and how it contributes to productivity and economic activity," Gabe says. Learning more about these knowledge clusters gives a richer, more detailed view of a region's economic strengths and weaknesses. For example, it would seem like living in an area where there are a lot of doctors would be a boon to everyone who lived there. But from an economic standpoint, it may just be good for the doctors, Gabe says. Prosperity in the technology sector, on the other hand, tends to improve the overall economic outlook for a region, because — for example — the presence of computer programmers and IT specialists makes the people around them more productive. Gabe's interest in understanding the economic strengths of regions and how they contribute to productivity and economic activity springs from his research on the creative economy in the early to mid-2000s. Florida's best-selling book, *The Rise of the Creative Class*, had just come out, creating buzz in Maine and nationally. Gabe conducted a few studies on the creative economy and that research evolved into his work on the knowledge economy, which caught Florida's attention. Several years ago, Florida invited Gabe to give a presentation at the Martin Prosperity Institute. "As an affiliate of the Martin Prosperity Institute, Todd brings a diverse set of research and interests and expertise that makes the institute's work that much richer," Florida says. Gabe then collaborated with MPI researchers on the "Knowledge in Cities" article, which *The Economist* highlighted as one of the most interesting studies in September 2010. Gabe also recently completed a book chapter, "The Value of Creativity," which will be published later this year in the *Handbook of Creative Cities*. Gabe's creative economy research led him to look at occupations — rather than industries — as an indicator of a person's skills (it makes sense that a webmaster at a paper mill has more in common with a webmaster at a university than he or she does with others who fall under the "manufacturing" label). From there, the leap to "knowledge areas" — trying to identify which types of skills have a higher value in the market — wasn't very big. "The questions I'm asking

haven't changed," Gabe says, "I'm still searching for the keys to economic development." At first, Gabe looked at the big picture: what impact does knowledge have on a person's earnings? Then he started digging a little deeper to find out what impact knowledge had on the earnings of others, what he and his colleagues call the spillover effect. "Now, I'm really interested in how these types of indicators affect geographic patterns of economic activity," Gabe says. "Is there clustering of various types of knowledge? And how can this be applied in a practical sense?" Though his research is helpful for individuals and policymakers, Gabe is interested in making the findings applicable to the business community. He is currently researching the effects of population density on productivity through the lens of human capital — yet again looking at the data in a way nobody has before. He'd also like to come up with a way to see how the factors he's researching today have affected economic growth over time. "It would be really interesting to be able to go back in time and develop knowledge profiles and see how they affected growth," Gabe says. "The occupations we have today are very different from the occupations we had 30 and 40 years ago. Even the way the jobs are done are different."

News Coverage Of Wind Power Report

22 Feb 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) and [Bangor Daily News](#) covered the release of a report from the UMaine-led DeepCwind Consortium about a offshore wind farm project in the Gulf of Maine. The report, which is aimed at potential investors and developers, addresses issues such as the types of environmental and engineering studies will be needed, where a power cable might come ashore to connect to the grid, and how long the permitting process may take.

Student In Report On College-Level High School Courses

22 Feb 2011

UMaine freshman Chris Low was quoted in a Morning Sentinel story about a Lawrence High School program that allows high school students to take college-level classes for credit. Low said the credit he earned in high school allowed him to readjust his college schedule without worrying he would lose credits. Taking a lighter course load, Low added, has helped him to adjust to college life and learn how to budget his time.

Profile Of Alumna Named Gambia Ambassador

22 Feb 2011

The website [allgov.com](#) has [a profile of Pamela White](#), who was recently appointed to the position of U.S. ambassador to Gambia. White is a Lewiston native, according to the profile, who graduated from UMaine in 1971 with a degree in journalism. She began her public service career with the Peace Corps teaching English in Cameroon from 1971 to 1973.

Nutritionist Comments In Seattle PI Blog

22 Feb 2011

UMaine nutritionist Mary Ellen Camire was quoted in a story about alcohol-free beer that appeared in [a Seattle Post Intelligencer website blog](#). Camire said the beer, which was marketed as a healthy sports drink during the recent World Cup biathlon events in Aroostook County, will at least rehydrate athletes following a competition, but she was unsure if the drink could be considered ideal.

Jack Burt Trumpet Recital Tuesday Night

22 Feb 2011

Prof. Jack Burt from the UMaine School of Performing Arts will present a trumpet recital on Tuesday Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall. The performance will feature music by Albinoni, Leonhard Paul (Mnozil Brass), in addition to the premiere of Music Division Chair, Beth Wiemann's original piece for trumpet, cello and piano, DI

CAMERA. Tickets are required. For information call 581-1755.

Students Fan Out for Alternative Spring Break Volunteerism

22 Feb 2011

Contact: Sean Campbell (207) 423-3983; (sean.campbell@umit.maine.edu) ORONO -- Instead of heading for warm-weather beaches or ski and snowboarding vacations, about 100 University of Maine students will be packing their bags for a week of volunteer work in six states from Virginia to Texas as part of the longstanding Alternative Spring Break program. Seven groups of about a dozen students each will spend time Feb. 25-March 7 doing at least 40 hours of community service, and some will do more, says student Sean Campbell, a co-coordinator of Alternative Spring Break at UMaine with student Michael Cronin. Two groups are heading to New Orleans, one to volunteer with Project Lazarus, a facility that provides free housing and support to individuals suffering from HIV or AIDS. A second group will work with the Saint Bernard's Project outside New Orleans, where they'll be reconstructing houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Another group heads to work with Hands on Mississippi in Gulfport, where they'll do disaster relief work by volunteering at rebuilding sites and in soup kitchens. A fourth group will be off to Chesterfield, Va. to work with individuals with developmental disabilities or autism. They'll work directly with Camp Baker, part of the Greater Richmond ARC, and will lead programs, clean up the camp and help out wherever else they are needed. A fifth group is scheduled to arrive in Nashville to volunteer at the Martha O'Bryan Center to work with underprivileged families and youth in the community. Students from UMaine also will work with the Florida Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key cleaning up beaches, restoring trails and revitalizing damaged ecosystems, and with the Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Texas, where they plan to interact with children and help out at the center with maintenance work during the week. Other student volunteer groups traveling during spring break include members of UMaine's chapter of Engineers Without Borders, heading to help the village of Dulce Vivir in Honduras with clean water and sanitation work, and students in UMaine Rotaract, who plan to help with Habitat for Humanity projects in San Francisco. Alternative Spring Break activities are coordinated through the university's [Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism](#). The center's mission is to create civic-mindedness by building an engaged campus through the promotion of service learning and volunteerism by students, faculty and staff to strengthen local, national and global communities.

Budget Forums March 29 and 30

22 Feb 2011

Provost Susan Hunter, Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, and Director of Budget and Business Services Claire Stickland will present two Fiscal Year 2012 public budget forums in late March. These sessions, which will be identical, will provide preliminary information about the next fiscal year budget for interested members of the UMaine community. The forums are scheduled for Tuesday March 29 from 1-2:30 p.m. and Wednesday March 30 from 10-11:30 a.m. Both are scheduled for Wells Conference Center Room 1.

Mainebiz Covers Bioplastics Council Meeting

22 Feb 2011

UMaine research was mentioned in a Mainebiz story about the first meeting of the Sustainable Bioplastics Council of Maine, a group representing businesses, agencies and researchers who are seeking to develop plant-based plastic to replace petroleum-based plastic. The story mentioned UMaine's work in developing wood- and potato-based and blended plastics, as well as an award of \$4.8 million to UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Research Institute from a voter-approved bond in 2008. Mainebiz also wrote UMaine is part of a \$50,000 grant awarded to Tom's of Maine to develop a bio-based plastic cap for mouthwash bottles and other packaging needs.

Report On Public Safety Certification Effort

23 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about the UMaine Police Department's effort to gain national accreditation from the

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA. Members of the UMaine community may offer comments on the police department this weekend.

Media Covers Release Of Wind Power Report

23 Feb 2011

Several news outlets covered the release of the Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Report, a UMaine-led report about the technical, economic and environmental aspects of building deepwater offshore wind farms in the Gulf of Maine. The Bangor Daily News [reported](#) 40-50 people were in Orono Tuesday for a conference about the report, and another 250-300 participated in an online webinar. AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center Director Habib Dagher said above-expected participation numbers may have been the result of the unrest in the Middle East, which has driven up oil prices. The website [Offshore Wind Wire](#) and Portland television station WGME also had carried mentions of the report.

Applications Available for Acadian Internship Summer Program Students, Field Sponsors

24 Feb 2011

Applications Available for Acadian Internship summer program students, field sponsors Contact: Dr. Sarah Nelson (207) 581-3454 or acadianinternship@gmail.com ORONO – The inaugural Acadian Internship Program is now accepting applications from students and conservation organizations for summer 2011. This innovative program combines formal coursework, offered for credit through the University of Maine’s Summer University, with a four-week internship program to be hosted across the Downeast Maine and southwest New Brunswick region. Students may be considered for the internship program, and conservation entities can propose to sponsor interns, by completing brief applications available online at acadianinternship.wordpress.com. The application deadline is March 23. Coursework begins July 11 at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) in Acadia National Park. Co-instructors Dr. Rob Lilieholm of the University of Maine School of Forest Resources and Dr. Megan Gahl of the University of New Brunswick will provide an intensive week of coursework in conservation theory, tools, and methods. A diverse set of faculty, local experts, and guest lecturers – in addition to field trips and case studies within the region – will ground students in the resources and challenges within the study area. For the next four weeks, interns will work with a variety of field sponsors, gaining meaningful, hands-on internship experience. Finally, interns will reconvene at SERC to place what they learned in their field experience within the greater context of large landscape-scale conservation. The wrap-up will include formal project presentations open to all stakeholders. “The Acadian Internship will bring together students from North America and beyond to explore an important emerging concept in conservation,” says James N. Levitt, Director of the Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest, Harvard University and Chair of the Executive Committee of QLF/Atlantic Center for the Environment. “The idea is that we can achieve durable conservation objectives on a regional basis by encouraging collaboration across the boundaries of national and state lands, privately-owned parcels, and properties owned by non-profit organizations. Through instruction at the Schoodic Education and Research Center and through field experiences across Downeast Maine and western New Brunswick, these students will help to blaze a new path in the stewardship of the working and preserved landscapes that are essential to the remarkable quality of life this historic region.” The Acadian Internship Program is sponsored by the Quebec Labrador Foundation, Schoodic Education and Research Center, the Frenchman Bay Conservancy, several universities including the University of Maine and Unity College, and in partnership with Acadia National Park. The program is currently seeking partner organizations interested in sponsoring a team of interns to complete a focused project. Partnership applications will be reviewed starting April 1. Potential partners should contact Dr. Sarah Nelson at the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research by phone (207-581-3454) or email (acadianinternship@gmail.com). Information can be mailed to Dr. Sarah Nelson, Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, 102 Norman Smith Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, 04469.

AT&T Donation to Support UMaine Program Aimed at Cultivating the Next Generation of Women Civic Leaders; Details to be Announced Wednesday

24 Feb 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Officials from AT&T and the University of Maine will announce a donation that will provide support for Maine NEW Leadership, a University of Maine-based program for college women interested in careers in politics and public service. Owen Smith, regional vice president for AT&T will be at UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House at 11 a.m. Wednesday March 2 to announce the gift. Mary Cathcart, a senior policy fellow at UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and Maine NEW Leadership co-director, will join Smith in speaking at a brief news event. Cathcart, along with two UMaine students who are program alumni, will describe Maine NEW Leadership in more detail while providing perspectives on its impact. "We are excited to be supporting the great work being done the Maine NEW Leadership program," Smith says. "We hope our support will help make this year the most successful and inspiring in the program's history." Maine NEW Leadership is part of a national network that started at Rutgers University. The Maine program, co-sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and University of Maine Cooperative Extension, has been in place since 2008. A six-day residential June event, it brings a group of Maine college women -- from two-year and four-year institutions -- to the university and other locations, including the State House, for intensive programming related to public policy, politics and leadership. "Maine has a proud tradition of women in leadership roles, and this program is helping set the stage for those who will follow in those footsteps," Cathcart says. "AT&T's support, which is much-appreciated, will be instrumental in helping us meet the high expectations of those students who will participate in Maine NEW Leadership for years to come." The 2011 program is scheduled for June 2-7. The registration deadline is March 17. More information for those interested in participating is online at <http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=NEWLeadership>.

Website Highlights Economist's Study

24 Feb 2011

The website Physorg.com has a [story](#) about the research of UMaine economist Todd Gabe, whose work was recently published in the "Knowledge in Cities" study. Gabe uses new occupational data to change the way people view regional economic activity. See a [UMaine Today story](#) to read more about Gabe's work.

Maine Policy Review Report Mentioned in Editorial

24 Feb 2011

A report written by Peter Mills, a former Republican legislator and gubernatorial candidate, for UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center was mentioned in a [Lewiston Sun Journal editorial](#). The editorial, which questioned a proposed regulatory reform package, cited Mills' essay "Bite-Sized Democracy: The Virtues of Incremental Change" which appeared in the center publication Maine Policy Review.

Editorial Supports Deepwater Offshore Wind Initiative

24 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News published Thursday an editorial in support of UMaine's wind power initiative, which is being led by the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center on campus. Although the initiative is projected to take about a decade just to get started, the editorial says, there is the potential for about \$1 billion to be kept in Maine. Other media outlets and websites, including Cnet.com, Bangor television station WLBZ, and [Domesticfuel.com](#) continued to cover Wednesday's release of a report about the initiative.

Vice President Dana Issues Message About Residence Halls and Friday Storm

24 Feb 2011

To: Members of the University of Maine Community From: Robert Dana, vice president for student affairs and dean of students As you may know, a winter storm is expected for Friday. At this time, we expect classes to be held according to normal schedules. A final decision on Friday classes will be made by 6 a.m. Friday, in accordance with UMaine's inclement weather policy. We are aware that the bad weather may affect students traveling for spring break, so we have made a critical adjustment relative to UMaine residence halls. They will remain open for residents until 9 a.m. Saturday

to accommodate those who need to stay on campus for Friday classes but do not wish to travel until the storm clears. The same principle applies to commuter students, who should consider adjusting travel schedules according to the weather situation. If you can leave before the storm starts, we encourage you to do so. Have a safe, restful, and enjoyable spring break.

UMaine Researcher Joins Group Examining Potential Iron Fertilization of Oceans

24 Feb 2011

Contact: Fei Chai (207) 581-4317 or fchai@maine.edu A University of Maine oceanographer is representing the university in a new consortium exploring the potential impact of iron fertilization of the oceans in order to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Fei Chai, a professor in UMaine's School of Marine Sciences and cooperative professor in UMaine's Climate Change Institute, has joined the ISIS Consortium (ISIS stands for In Situ Iron Studies) which is made up of researchers from 12 universities and research centers around the world. The researchers are exploring the unknowns regarding the role of iron in regulating the ocean's capacity to remove atmospheric carbon dioxide. The consortium announced this week its member institutions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that recommends the support of open experiments and the independence of each participant. "The consortium will provide opportunities for scientists to conduct research projects to address some important questions related to ocean's role in regulating global carbon cycle, and impact of iron on marine ecosystems," Chai says. "It will allow field scientists and modelers to work together to collect data and improve biogeochemical models. Also, this is an international consortium, so it will enhance collaborations with scientists from other countries. For example, I know many Chinese scientists who are interested in studying iron and carbon cycle in the ocean." Deliberate iron fertilization involves adding iron – usually chemical-grade iron sulfate – to an area of the ocean in order to stimulate the growth of phytoplankton. The microscopic organisms, which need iron to grow and survive, convert carbon dioxide in the ocean surface to organic carbon. When the phytoplankton die, they take a small amount of the carbon to ocean depths, where it can be sequestered for decades or even centuries. Iron fertilization could spark plankton growth in large tracts of sunlit ocean that are iron deficient. Previous studies conducted since 1993 have been limited in terms of spatial area, duration, and measurements made. ISIS was formed to conduct an international scientific appraisal of both positive and negative impacts of iron fertilization. Among the risks cited in a release from ISIS include environmental impacts and possible distraction from efforts to reduce industrial carbon emissions. "We don't understand lot of the issues, we therefore need to conduct a larger and longer scientific experiment to address those issues. We need to follow that carbon to see where it goes and how long does it stay there, what are the ecological consequences, intended and unintended. For me, personally, I'd like to see those observations and data improve models, and therefore we can make long-term predictions." In his work at UMaine, Chai studies the role of physical and biological processes in the carbon cycle, and how the biological pump transfers carbon into the deep ocean. Chai's research group will use physical-biogeochemical models to help design the next generation of iron fertilization experiments. New iron fertilization experiments will cover a larger area than the previous experiments and track the iron patch with modern oceanography instruments, such as gliders, floats, remote sensing, along with modeling, to monitor the fate of carbon and impacts on marine ecosystems. The consortium's research projects will follow the international accepted practices regulating ocean iron fertilization research under the London Convention/London Protocol. Chai worked to develop those guidelines and recommendations. Other participating institutions are the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre in Australia; National Oceanography Centre in the United Kingdom; Moss Landing Marine Laboratories in California; Netherlands Institute for Sea Research; University of Hawaii School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; University of Massachusetts Boston; University of Plymouth Marine Institute; University of Rhode Island; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; and Xiamen University in China. As UMaine's representative to ISIS, Chai says he will keep UMaine faculty members including Mary Jane Perry and Mark Wells, who also study the role of iron in regulating biological productivity and carbon cycle, informed of the consortium's work.

Grant Funding Workshop March 18

24 Feb 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- The University of Maine Faculty Senate, Office of the Vice President

for Research, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Assessment will present a Friday March 18 workshop on grant funding. "Shared Wisdom of UMaine Faculty for Success in Grant Funding: What Works" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Wells Conference Center. The format features faculty presentations by UMaine professors including Robert Lad, Habib Dagher, Kate Beard-Tisdale, Craig Mason, Ali Abedi, Dan Belknap and Marie Hayes. Vice President Michael Eckardt is also scheduled for a 9:50 a.m. presentation on emerging trends in research. Interested UMaine faculty members are asked to RSVP by Friday Feb. 25. The contact telephone number is 581-3472 and the email address is ceta@umit.maine.edu.

Student Featured In Story About Egypt Uprisings

25 Feb 2011

UMaine international affairs student Maja Bedak was one of three people [featured in a Portland Press Herald story](#) about how the recent uprisings in Egypt affected college students and faculty who happened to be studying or researching in that country. Bedak, who lives in Portland, was halfway through her junior year abroad in a yearlong Arabic studies program at The American University in Cairo when the demonstrations hit.

Iron Fertilization Study Group On Website

25 Feb 2011

A new 12-member international consortium, which includes UMaine, studying the potential effects of iron fertilization of the oceans was [mentioned on the website Azom.com](#). Oceanographer Fei Chai is representing UMaine as the group examines how fertilization areas of open ocean can contribute to the removal of carbon from the atmosphere.

Cooperative Extension 4-H Technology Program In Lewiston Newspaper

25 Feb 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal [reports UMaine's Cooperative Extension is funding the national 4-H Tech Wizard program](#) in schools in the Oxford Hills area of western Maine. The program will have teachers working with students to build skills and aspirations in science, technology, engineering and math, and to develop an ethic of service and civic engagement. Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center will facilitate the program.

Students Interviewed for Alternative Spring Break Story

25 Feb 2011

UMaine students Greg Pease and Sean Campbell were interviewed for a Thursday WABI television story about alternative spring break activities that are taking students to various community service projects around the country. Campbell is coordinating the UMaine program, which is described in more detail in [a UMaine news release](#).

News Article Highlights Engineer's Horse-Racing Startup

25 Feb 2011

The Bangor Daily News has [a story about UMaine Libra Foundation Professor of Engineering Michael "Mick" Peterson](#) and the expansion of the startup company aimed at the horse-racing industry he formed with a colleague from Colorado State. Peterson and his colleague researched thoroughbred and harness racing horses, tracks and horse injuries over the last 14 years and invented a mobile robotic hoof tester that uses ground-penetrating radar to scan natural and artificial tracks for possible defects and trouble spots.

Camire in No-Alcohol Beer Story

28 Feb 2011

Comments from Mary Ellen Camire of the UMaine food science and human nutrition faculty are included in [an Associated Press story about an alcohol-free beer](#) that a German company touts as a recovery drink for athletes.

Sunday Telegram Offshore Wind Editorial

28 Feb 2011

The Feb. 27 Maine Sunday Telegram included [an editorial about the ambitious deepwater offshore wind energy project](#) spearheaded by UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The editorial says that private investment will be the key to the editorial's success.

Former Black Bear Football Star Dies at 33

28 Feb 2011

Royston English, a star UMaine punning back between 1998 and 2001, has died at the age of 33 from cancer. [A story, including comments from Coach Jack Cosgrove, appeared in Saturday's Portland Press Herald.](#)

Sorg in BDN Drug Addiction Story

28 Feb 2011

Comments from Marcella Sorg of UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, an expert on illegal drug use in Maine, were included in [a Saturday Bangor Daily News story about opiate addictions](#) and the impact of those drugs on people and communities.

UMaine Economists in Snow Removal Story

28 Feb 2011

Jim McConnan and Jonathtan Rubin of the UMaine School of Economics faculty were quoted in [a Bangor Daily News story about private snow removal companies](#), which are having a profitable winter season.

Peterson's Enterprise Described in News Story

28 Feb 2011

[A Bangor Daily News feature story described a news business venture launched by UMaine mechanical engineering professor Mick Peterson.](#) An expert on race track surfaces and horse injuries, Peterson has built on that expertise to start a venture with two components, Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory and Biologically Applied Engineering, LLC. Peterson has hired two full-time employees and eight part-timers to work in the businesses, according to the news report.

Alfond Arena To Host High School Basketball Championships

01 Mar 2011

University of Maine's Alfond Arena will be the site on Tuesday for two high school regional basketball championship games. The games were to be played Monday at the Bangor Auditorium, but bad weather conditions caused the games to be postponed. The Eastern Maine Class C girls championship game between Orono and Washington Academy of East Machias will be held at 5:05 p.m., followed at 6:45 p.m. by the Eastern Maine Class C boys championship game between Lee Academy and Sumner High School of East Sullivan.

Editorial Supports Deepwater Offshore Wind Power Research

01 Mar 2011

A Kennebec Journal editorial supports UMaine's research and development of deepwater offshore wind power, about which a report was released last week. The editorial says the project could attract billions of dollars in investment, change the way we buy and use power, and put Maine in a leadership role in manufacturing and servicing a new technology that will be in demand elsewhere.

Graduate Profiled In Colorado Newspaper

01 Mar 2011

Andy DeRoche, who earned a master's degree at UMaine and is now a history professor at Front Range Community College, was the subject of a profile in the Longmont Times-Call newspaper in Colorado. DeRoche was recently named the college's Faculty of the Year and is working on his third book, which will be about the first president of Zambia.

Adjunct's Research Discussed In Radio Interview

01 Mar 2011

[Upstate New York-based North Country Public Radio](#) recently noted findings published by Curt Stager, an adjunct researcher at UMaine's Climate Change Institute and a scientist at Paul Smiths College in New York, that an ancient drought transformed Asia and Africa thousands of years ago. Some comments UMaine glaciologist Gordon Hamilton made to CNN about the melting of the Greenland ice sheet were also included in the story about Stager.

Bureau of Labor Education Director Comments In Story

01 Mar 2011

[A Bangor Daily News story](#) about a labor right-to-work bill included comments from William Murphy, director of the Bureau of Labor Education at UMaine. Murphy told the BDN there can be no so-called forced unionization. He added later in the story there is much misinformation and distortion about the issue.

'The Bachelor' Contestant Out Of The Running

01 Mar 2011

[The Portland Press Herald reports](#) UMaine graduate Ashley Hebert was sent packing in Monday's episode of "The Bachelor," a reality television show. Hebert, 26, is a Madawaska native who is in dental school at the University of Pennsylvania. She was one of the final three women remaining on the show.

Economist Interviewed About Gas Prices

01 Mar 2011

UMaine economist Jonathan Rubin was interviewed by two Bangor television stations Monday about rising gasoline prices. Rubin told WABI that recent increases are unrelated to the tensions in Libya because that country does not supply the U.S. with a significant amount of oil. Rubin said he thinks fear of a gas shortage may have sparked the rise in gas prices.

UMaine Athletics Gauging Fan Interest in Hockey Trips

01 Mar 2011

The University of Maine athletics department is asking any Black Bear hockey fans who might be interested in joining a Fan Bus trip to either the Hockey East quarterfinals or championship tournament to send an email to

goblackbears@yahoo.com or call (207) 581-4849. The site for the quarterfinals depends on UMaine's seeding following this weekend's conference games. When the matchups have been determined, the athletic department will contact those who have signed up for a bus trip to discuss options. Should UMaine advance to the Hockey East Championship Tournament, the Black Bears will playing March 18-19 at the TD Garden in Boston.

Barkan Comments on E-books

01 Mar 2011

Prof. Steve Barkan of the UMaine sociology faculty is quoted in the [Campus Technology online story](#), "Can Tech Transcend the Textbook?" The report examines the increasing use of e-books in the college classroom. Barkan is quoted toward the end of the story, sharing his perspectives on the potential advantages to students who have access to online versions of textbooks.

Collins Op-Ed Touts Deepwater Offshore Wind Program

02 Mar 2011

In [an op-ed written by U.S. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine](#) and posted on Seacoastonline.com, Collins cites the work of UMaine and the DeepCwind Consortium to develop floating wind turbines for the Gulf of Maine. Collins writes the technology will place the U.S. into a leadership position in the wind industry and keep jobs in Maine.

Downeast Irish Revue Scheduled for March 11

02 Mar 2011

Contact: Pauleena MacDougall (pauleena.macdougall@umit.maine.edu) DOWNEAST IRISH REVUE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11 ORONO -- The Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine will present a Downeast Irish Revue on Friday March 11. Featuring the Press Gang from Portland, the show is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Penobscot Theater in Bangor. It will feature Irish music, folk tales and dance. Tickets are available from the Penobscot Theater box office (<http://www.penobscottheatre.org/tickets.php> or 942-3333). "The Press Gang fuses the talents of squeezebox player Christian "Junior" Stevens, fiddler Alden Robinson, and guitarist Owen Marshall into a high-octane musical partnership. The trio blends their skill and fluency in traditional Irish music with their curiosity and aptitude for other styles," according to [the group's website](#).

Gardening Program In Lewiston Newspaper

03 Mar 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal ran [an article about a UMaine Cooperative Extension experimental youth gardening program](#) which teaches children ages 7-12 how to grow their own vegetables, flowers and herbs. [The program](#), which was developed by Cooperative Extension in York County, will be held Saturdays, April through September, in Sanford.

Economist's Research Cited At Business Meeting

03 Mar 2011

The research of UMaine economist Phillip Trostel was mentioned Wednesday during a meeting of Envision Maine in front of about 200 people at a breakfast hosted by the Portland Regional Chamber, according to a Portland Press Herald story. Alan Caron, the president of Envision Maine, discussed ways the state could cut spending levels to be in line with comparable states. Caron told the newspaper later that his numbers came from Trostel's comparisons of Maine to states that have a similar percentage of residents in rural areas. Caron called Trostel's approach innovative.

Littlefield References Crowe on MSNBC

03 Mar 2011

UMaine graduate Brent Littlefield, a Republican strategist and commentator, drew a historical reference to his alma mater during [a recent interview on MSNBC's Dylan Ratigan Show](#). That interview was conducted at the Hoover Dam, which Littlefield noted was built under the engineering guidance of 1905 UMaine graduate Francis Crowe. Littlefield's reference to Crowe comes two minutes into the interview.

Music Scholar's Research Leads to New CD of Chamber Works by a Composer Silenced by the Third Reich

03 Mar 2011

Contact: Phillip Silver at (207) 581-1783 (phillip.silver@maine.edu) Like many Jewish composers of his time, Leone Sinigaglia's voice was silenced by the Nazis in World War II. This month, a CD of his chamber music is being released worldwide as the result of research by University of Maine professor Phillip Silver. "Chamber Music of Leone Sinigaglia" features a violin sonata, cello sonata, cavatina for violin and piano and romanze for cello and piano by the Italian composer. The works are performed by Phillip Silver on piano, Noreen Silver on cello and Solomia Soroka on violin. The CD was produced by London-based Toccata Classics in association with UMaine and the International Centre for Suppressed Music in London. The label specializes in classical music. Phillip Silver was in Tel-Aviv researching the history of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra when he came across Sinigaglia's name in a 1938 concert program. That prompted a search through history for works by the composer — one of many Silver has undertaken in the past decade as part of his effort to recover what he calls the "thwarted voices" of composers silenced by the Third Reich. Sinigaglia, a Turin native, stayed in Italy during World War II. In 1944, when he was 75, Sinigaglia and his sister sought sanctuary in a hospital in their hometown during a Nazi roundup of Jews. Both died there of heart attacks. It took considerable effort to find works by Sinigaglia in publishing houses in Germany, Italy and Denmark because all of his music is long out of print. Subsequently, Silver and his wife, Noreen, have performed works by Sinigaglia in concerts at UMaine and in Israel. The Toccata Classics CD is one of only a handful of known recordings of the composer's works. All the compositions on Silver's CD are world-premiere recordings. "It is very gratifying to see this project come to fruition," says Silver. "As soon as we came into possession of the scores of these chamber works and began to work on them, it was clearly evident that Sinigaglia had a distinctive musical voice that deserved to be heard. Whatever labor was expended on this project, we knew that the quality of this music more than justified the effort." Stories about Silver's research on Sinigaglia and other composers from World War II can be found in the *UMaine Today* magazine archive. (Degenerate Musik and Music Amid the Madness)

Orcutt in NY Times Whoopie Pie Story

04 Mar 2011

Comments from Amos Orcutt, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, are included in [a New York Times story](#) about the battle between Maine and Pennsylvania over the origins of the whoopie pie. Orcutt is one of the leading proponents of a legislative measure to declare the whoopie pie Maine's official dessert.

News Story Covers Grant Announcement

04 Mar 2011

[A Thursday Bangor Daily News story](#) reports on a Wednesday UMaine announcement of a \$10,000 AT&T grant to support a UMaine-based program. Regional Vice President Owen Smith announced the grant to help fund Maine NEW Leadership, a six-day summer leadership, networking, politics and public service program for Maine college women. The story includes comments from UMaine students (and Maine NEW Leadership alums) Stacey Gomm and Amber Hathaway, along with Mary Cathcart of UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. Cathcart is the program's co-director.

Archaeologist Comments In Nature Magazine

04 Mar 2011

Nature Magazine included comments from UMaine archaeologist Daniel Sandweiss in [an article](#) detailing the remains of ancient hunts on islands off the coast of California more than 10,000 years ago. Some researchers believe these finds are an indication the first Americans may have migrated south along the coast rather than through inland Canada, but an ancient settlement would need to be found and DNA analysis performed on human bones found at such a settlement would be key to solidifying the theory. Sandweiss said the likelihood of finding such a settlement now is low because the rise in sea level has erased much of the evidence of occupation along this route.

Grad Student and Faculty Recognition Ceremony

04 Mar 2011

The annual UMaine Graduate Student and Faculty Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Friday May 6, from 4-6 p.m. at Alford Arena. A reception will follow in the field house, with light refreshments. For more information, contact [Dottie Poisson](#) or 581-3217.

Fried Contributing to Online Discussion

04 Mar 2011

Prof. Amy Fried of the UMaine political science faculty is a contributor to [Politico's online issues discussion forum](#), "the Arena." One of the "strategists, scholars and authors" invited by Politico to weigh in on timely issues, [Fried](#) has commented in the past few days on the Wisconsin public employee situation and on the GOP presidential primary.

Camire Interviewed for Potato Seed Preservation Article

04 Mar 2011

Mary Ellen Camire, professor of food science and human nutrition at UMaine, was interviewed for a March 4 article in *The Scientist* magazine about efforts to preserve and protect Peruvian potato seeds at the Svalbard seed bank in Arctic Norway. In a discussion about the evolution and development of more than 4,000 potato varieties now in existence, Camire comments that preserving heirloom potato varieties is important, as our understanding of the health benefits change as scientists discover unrealized health benefits of certain varieties whose beneficial attributes may have been bred out when they didn't seem important.

Farley Featured by Rochester Television Station

04 Mar 2011

Jonathan Farley of the UMaine computer science faculty is featured in [a WHEC television online vignette](#), "Celebrating Black History Month." The video notes Farley's academic achievements and his work consulting with television and film producers on issues related to the use of mathematics in dramatic productions. WHEC is Rochester, New York's NBC affiliate.

UMaine to Host Camp Fair March 9

04 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Several University of Maine units will join forces with the United Way of Eastern Maine to host a summer camp fair on Wednesday March 9 from 4-7 p.m. at UMaine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Similar to events in recent years at the Bangor Civic Center, the camp fair will create opportunities for children and parents to learn more about summer camps all over Maine, including several at UMaine. Camp theme areas include sports, the arts, outdoor adventure and more. Admission is free and those who attend will be given a free day pass to use the Recreation and Fitness Center. In addition to Campus Recreation, and the Division of Student Affairs, UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation and its Maine Bound outdoor adventure program are working to

organize and present the event.

Moriarity Talking About Camp Fair

04 Mar 2011

Jesse Moriarity of the UMaine Foster Center for Student Innovation spoke today with Cumulus Radio News (WQCB - 106.5 - and other stations) for a story about [the Wednesday March 9 summer camp fair](#), scheduled for UMaine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center. She will also appear Monday morning between 8 and 9 a.m. on three of the Blueberry Broadcasting stations: WBFB (104.7), WVOM (103.9) and WKSQ (94.5) to discuss the program.

April 15 Event to Explore What's Really 'Green'

04 Mar 2011

Contact: Anthony Halog, (207) 581-2944 A group of student and faculty researchers concerned about sustainability, the environment and validating that "green" products are really carbon-friendly and environmentally sound is holding a daylong event April 15 to explore some of the ubiquitous claims about products claiming to be sustainable. The free program, "2011 Life Cycle Assessment Event" Friday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at UMaine's Graduate School Center in Stodder Hall, will explore the flood of consumer information that can make it tough to figure out which products are green and which aren't, and by what standard? The University of Maine's Research Group on Industrial Ecology, Life Cycle Assessment, and Systems Sustainability (IELCASS) invites the public and members of the UMaine community to engage with researchers and students to learn more about the importance of life cycle assessment (LCA). LCA is a tool for measuring the environmental impacts of a product across its entire life cycle, according to Anthony Halog, a Certified Life Cycle Assessment professional in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. At stake are global warming, human toxicity, ecosystem damage and smog formation, among other results associated with producing forest products, biofuels, building materials, nanomaterials, pulp and paper, industrial chemicals and energy systems. For more information, contact Najet Bichraoui at najet.bichraoui@maine.edu or [visit the website](#).

Northwestern Professor to Present Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture

07 Mar 2011

Contact: Francois Amar at 581-1196 (amar@maine.edu) Dean Astumian at 581-1024 (astumian@maine.edu) ORONO - Sir Fraser Stoddart, Board of Trustees Professor of Chemistry at Northwestern University, will visit the University of Maine for a March 14 lecture. His talk, "Science and Art at the Nanoscale," is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 316 Aubert Hall, with a reception to follow. It is a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecture, sponsored by the UMaine chapter of that scientific research society. Other sponsors include the UMaine Department of Chemistry, the UMaine Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Maine Section of the American Chemical Society. UMaine Prof. Francois Amar notes that Stoddart is "widely recognized as one of the most respected and influential scholars in the field that he pioneered, the synthesis of molecular machines." Stoddart's awards and honors include recognition as a Fellow of the Royal Society, a Fellow of the AAS, recipient of the Arthur C. Cope Award from the American Chemical Society, and the King Faisal International Prize in Science. He will also offer a joint chemistry and physics seminar, "Nanoporous Carbohydrate Metal-Organic Frameworks," Tuesday March 15 at 11 a.m. in Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium. Stoddart's visit is presented with support from the UMaine Honors College and the Cultural Affairs Fund/Distinguished Lecture Series.

UMaine, USM Manufacturing R&D Collaborative Wins \$493,000 Technology Grant

07 Mar 2011

March 7, 2011 Contact: John Belding, (207) 299-7904; Mike Wing, (207) 780-5956 UMAINE, USM MANUFACTURING R&D COLLABORATIVE WINS \$493,000 TECHNOLOGY GRANT ORONO — The University of Maine and University of Southern Maine are receiving a \$493,577 grant from the Maine Technology Institute to advance the research, development and commercialization of private sector manufacturing projects in need of the universities' technological assistance. The three-year grant from MTI's Cluster Initiative Program will enable

precision manufacturers in Maine to advance, expand and increase hiring as they move forward with new project development. The Cluster Initiative Program awards up to \$500,000 annually to cluster initiatives to support Maine's technology sectors and businesses. With an estimated \$567,000 more in matching contributions, UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) and USM's Manufacturing Applications Center (MAC), in addition to private sector partners, are launching a \$1 million initiative to help businesses overcome the technological barriers preventing them from bringing to market hundreds of new products and manufacturing processes. Over the past 5 years, the two centers have helped businesses across Maine improve infrastructure and operations through technological and mechanical assistance from faculty researchers and students working with them. According to John Belding, director of AMC, the new initiative is based on the recognition that Maine universities and educational institutions have both the capacity and mission to assist Maine businesses from financial, business and marketing consulting to engineering-based problem solving in shops, classrooms and laboratories. The grant application was co-written by Belding and Mike Wing of USM's MAC. "Currently, both the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine are seeing a greater demand for research, development and commercialization services from Maine's precision manufacturing companies than we have the capacity to serve," according to the project executive summary. "There is a sincere interest on the part of Maine companies to collaborate with the university system, for a variety of reasons. They see the universities' academic and physical infrastructure as an untapped asset for industrial development of human capital. Companies are looking ahead and asking how difficult and expensive will it be to recruit tomorrow's workforce?" The funds will be used over the next three years by USM and UMaine to hire personnel and to purchase equipment to expand services currently provided at the Orono and Gorham campuses. Anticipated goals include:

- development of new products and increased manufacturing in Maine's precision manufacturing and related companies
- new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) jobs in Maine, and project-based learning for Maine's STEM students
- improved and synchronized cooperation and partnership among universities and industry
- and professional development for faculty.

Belding says the project is unique. "By building on collaborative efforts between UMaine and USM, we are able to develop a program that will have a meaningful impact," he says. Partners include dozens of companies that have or are receiving technical assistance from the AMC, UMaine's Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology, the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, the UMaine School of Economics' Knowledge Transfer Alliance, in addition to USM's MAC. The Manufacturers Association of Maine and the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership also are co-collaborators. "We're very excited about receiving funding for this collaborative relationship," says Wing, "not only because it will leverage economic growth in Maine, but because it familiarizes and prepares Maine students for technological and industrial jobs in the future." Information about the AMC, including its capacity for computer-guided reverse-engineering methodology, rapid prototyping and problem solving, is available on [its website](#). Information about the MAC facilities is available on its website. According to MTI, the grant awards "support on collaborative efforts that help spread knowledge and skills, build connections among businesses, connect businesses to research and service partners, and address common opportunities and challenges, leading to more vibrant economic growth and innovation in Maine's high-potential technology clusters... by improving the effectiveness of their infrastructure, as well as resources and connections among firms, service providers, research laboratories and educational institutions."

Hall Touts UMaine Students in Business Week Column

07 Mar 2011

Inventor and innovator Doug Hall, the driving force behind UMaine's innovation engineering program, wrote [a Business Week column](#) based on his experiences teaching at UMaine during the fall semester. In the column, titled "The Kids Are All Right," Hall describes several positive attributes he noted in observing UMaine's students, including adaptive problems solving skills, passion and entrepreneurial energy.

Musgrave Event Covered by BDN

07 Mar 2011

The [Bangor Daily News covered a Saturday event](#), organized by the UMaine Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition, honoring Prof. Emeritus Katherine Musgrave. Musgrave, who retired in 1986 but continues to teach UMaine courses while also working as a dietitian and consultant, will be inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame later this month.

Andover, Mass. Concert Previewed

07 Mar 2011

The Andover (Mass.) Statesman previews [a Wednesday March 19 concert](#) featuring UMaine student performers. The University Singers, under the direction of Prof. Dennis Cox, will perform at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. An admissions event for accepted North Shore-area students will precede the concert.

Kelly Comments in Oxford Networks Story

07 Mar 2011

Renee Kelly, director of economic development initiatives at UMaine, is quoted in [a Bangor Daily News feature story](#) about Oxford Networks, a growing Maine-based telecommunications company.

Computer Science Student's Blog on 'Nature' Website

07 Mar 2011

UMaine computer science graduate student Graham Morehead has begun writing a regular nature network blog for Nature.com, which is affiliated with the journal Nature. The blog is called "A Mad Hemorrhage." In a Feb. 28 entry, Morehead discusses "systarchy," or the phenomenon of group self-rule, trust and governance they apply to both local and global politics, including the Middle East. In previous blogs, he approaches the phenomena of "life" and "consciousness" from a scientists' perspective. On March 6, he blogged about "maximal triparticity," or the organization of some things in sets of threes.

America East Conference Awards Bodwell Center Philanthropy Grant

08 Mar 2011

Contact: Lisa Morin, 581-4194 ORONO -- The Newman's Own Foundation, in conjunction with college basketball's America East Conference, has awarded the University of Maine's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism an honorable mention award of \$7,500 for its Welcome Weekend Day of Service. On the Welcome Weekend Day of Service, as many as 1,600 incoming first- and second-year students are invited to do volunteer work with community organizations in surrounding communities. Volunteer activities include painting, light cleaning, trail maintenance and gardening, in addition to tasks specific to participating non-profit organizations. The initiative, created last year as an extension of UMaine's popular Maine Hello Program, helped more than 800 student participants last summer learn about organizations and their missions, and also about community service volunteerism. The announcement of the award came Sunday at the America East Conference Basketball Championship in Hartford, Conn. The University at Albany's Third World Impact project received the top grant of \$25,000. The Newman Foundation gave out more than \$100,000 for service projects during this year's conference championship. "The Newman's Own Foundation Campus Community Service Challenge underscores the commitment and enthusiasm of so many young people to make ours a better world," Newman's Own Foundation President Robert Forrester said in a news release. "The spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism is indeed thriving at these institutions. Newman's Own Foundation is proud to support the work of this year's Challenge grantees that are making a difference on campus and in the community, inspiring more students to give back." America East Commissioner Patrick Nero, a former UMaine Athletic Director, said students of the America East Conference "exceeded our expectations during this year's Newman's Own Foundation Campus Community Service Challenge. "The work they do in their communities is a testament to the quality of our nine member institutions and

their student bodies. Newman's Own Foundation does a terrific job of promoting community service and volunteerism," Nero said in a news release. Lisa Morin, coordinator for the Bodwell Center, says the Day of Service project was so successful in its inaugural year that the center's Civic Passage Program is now planning small projects specifically for first-year students throughout the 2011 school year. In 2010, America East and Newman's Own Foundation recognized the Bodwell Center with a generous grant to support its Black Bear Mentoring Program.

25th Expanding Your Horizons Conference to Bring Hundreds of Maine Middle School Girls to UMaine on Wednesday

08 Mar 2011

ORONO -- More than 500 middle school girls, from all over Maine, will attend the 25th Expanding Your Horizons conference at the University of Maine on Wednesday March 9. The conference features a series of hands-on workshops presented by women from UMaine's faculty and staff. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. Reporters covering the conference are asked to check in at the registration desk outside Hauck Auditorium. Staff members will provide assistance in identifying and locating workshops with visual impact and compelling subject matter. Expanding Your Horizons is a one-day event designed to increase the interest of girls in mathematics and science careers and education.

UMaine Scientist Takes Lead on Ocean Expedition

08 Mar 2011

Contact: Lee Karp-Boss, chiefscientist@tara5.oceanpost.net or Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 ORONO – University of Maine School of Marine Science research professor Lee Karp-Boss will leave Wednesday with an international group of scientists and researchers from Chile to Easter Island on a leg of the Tara Oceans Expedition, a three-year worldwide sailing journey to study oceanic ecosystems. Karp-Boss, who studies phytoplankton and their form, function, and relationship to the environment, is serving as the chief scientist on board for the current leg, which will take the researchers 2,100 nautical miles from Valparaiso on the west coast of Chile to Easter Island. The Tara, a 118-foot schooner, left from Lorient, France, on Sept. 5, 2009, and has since been through the Mediterranean Ocean, in the Middle East, around southern Africa and across the Atlantic Ocean to South America. By the time the Tara returns to Europe in November 2012, the expedition will have traveled 150,000 kilometers with about 60 ports of call. A rotating crew of five scientists each stays on board for about one month monitoring 20 experiments, each running for 24-hours. There are 50 laboratories from 15 countries participating. Karp-Boss' husband, Professor Emmanuel Boss of the UMaine School of Marine Sciences, has had an instrument sampling on-board the Tara since the boat left France. The instrument is studying the distribution of optical properties related to phytoplankton and other upper-ocean particles, and linking them to the color of the ocean as observed from space. Tara Oceans Expedition is primarily a European-funded venture, but has also received support from NASA, the United Nations, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and other U.S. organizations. In a blog entry on the Tara expedition website, Karp-Boss says she is delighted to participate in this leg of the trip because the boat will be in the area of an upwelling near the coasts of Chile and Peru. This is an area particularly rich in microorganisms, which explains the large amount of fish in the region. She is also excited to be involved in this part of the trip because it traverses similar waters as "Kon Tiki," the 1947 book about adventurers in the south Pacific Ocean. "Beyond the scientific interest, I am also excited at the idea of navigating in the same waters as the Kon Tiki," Karp-Boss says in the blog entry, which is in French. "The raft adventure was my favorite book when I was an adolescent." For more information about the trip and to follow along with Karp-Boss, go to <http://oceans.taraexpeditions.org/>

Cruise Ship Article Cites Gabe, McConnon Research

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An article in Mainebiz newspaper about expectations for the coming cruise ship season in Maine cites research by University of Maine economists Todd Gabe of the School of Economics and Jim McConnon, a UMaine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics, on the amount of money cruise ship visitors typically spend when they disembark to visit local ports.

Substance Abuse, Older Adult Drug Abuse is Colloquium Focus

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Contact: Lenard Kaye, (207) 262-7922 NORTHPORT -- The Sixth Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium planned Friday, April 1 at Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center in Northport will explore "Substance Abuse in Older Adults: An Invisible Epidemic." The public and professionals working with older people are invited to attend. Seminars and panel discussions begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Topics to be addressed include: - Under Diagnosed and Misunderstood: An Overview of Substance Abuse in Older Adults - Substance Abuse in Older Mainers: What Are We Seeing? - Medical Aspects of Substance Abuse in Older Age: Why Is It Different? - Treating the Older Substance Abuser: How Is It Different? - Recognizing Substance Abuse in Our Clients: Assessment and Screening - Understanding Prescription and OTC Drug Abuse in Older Adults - And Addressing the Problem in Maine: What Next? Speakers include Mark Publicker, MD, Mercy Recovery Center; Clifford Singer, MD, Acadia Hospital; Patricia A. Kimball, LADC, CCS, Wellspring; William Lowenstein, AdCare and New England Institute of Addiction Studies; Anne Rogers, Maine Office of Substance Abuse; Lenard Kaye, DSW/Ph.D, UMaine Center on Aging; Mary D. Moore, LCSW, LADC, Wellspring; Marjie Harris, LCSW, and Nancy Kelly, MSW, of the UMaine School of Social Work. Colloquium sponsors and supporters include the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education at the University of Maine, which includes the UMaine School of Social Work, UMaine Center on Aging, Maine Gerontological Society, Wellspring, RossCare, Acadia Hospital and AdCare Educational Institute. Contact Prudence Searl at (207) 262-7925 or email [mailto:prudence.searl@umit.maine.ed]prudence.searl@umit.maine.edu or Lenard Kaye at (207) 262-7922 or len.kaye@umit.maine.edu for additional information, including colloquium fees. A copy of the full program and registration materials are available on the Center on Aging website.

Editorial Cites Professor's Welfare Research

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UMaine social work Professor Sandra Butler's research into Maine's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program was mentioned in a [Biddeford Journal Tribune editorial](#) about the state's budget priorities. The editorial says state government should be careful in how much it cuts funding for such welfare programs because, according to the research conducted by Butler and a researcher at the University of New England School of Social Work, the majority of welfare recipients have a strong work history despite obstacles that limit their opportunities.

Newspaper Report Says New Ellsworth Bridge To Be Build With UMaine Technology

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The Bangor Daily News is [reporting](#) a new bridge on Route 180 in Ellsworth will be constructed with the composite bridge technology developed at UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The so-called bridge-in-a-backpack will be used for a new bridge over Grey's Brook.

Harris Interviewed for Elders, Drug Abuse Article

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Marjie Harris of UMaine's School of Social Work was interviewed for a [Bangor Daily News article](#) about the seriousness of older adults' substance abuse, which will be the focus of a daylong conference April 1 in Northport. Harris says the conference will explore ways social workers and others can help older Mainers live without drug or alcohol dependence.

Lichtenwalner Interviewed for Farm Growth Story

09 Mar 2011

Anne Lichtenwalner, veterinarian and director of UMaine's Animal Health Lab, was interviewed for a [Bangor Daily](#)

[News article](#) about a new federal survey indicating that Maine's agricultural industry appears to be healthy and growing. Lichtenwalner said the increasing number of cattle on Maine farms may reflect farmers' ability to make the most of their grazing capacity.

UMaine Onward Information Sessions March 24

09 Mar 2011

Contact: June Carter (207) 581-2312 or june.carter@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- The University of Maine's Onward Program, which helps people facing economic or academic challenges obtain four-year degrees, will host two information sessions on Thursday March 24. The sessions are scheduled for UMaine's East Annex building from 2-4 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. Visitors will tour the offices, meet the staff, enjoy light refreshments and hear from a panel of current students. Contact Lori Watson (207) 581-2320 or TTY (207) 581-2325 if you plan to attend or want more information or an application packet. Created in 1970, the Onward Program has helped hundreds of students gain access to the University of Maine. The program is accepting applications for the 2011-12 academic year, with a priority aid package to those who apply by April 1, 2011. Onward is on Facebook (search "The Onward Program at the University of Maine.")

Rising Tide Professional Development Grants Program

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Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 UMaine's [Rising Tide Center](#), funded by a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant, is offering grant opportunities to foster the professional development of women in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, along with social and behavioral science (SBS) disciplines. For example, grants may fund: • visiting scholars • travel to plan and conduct collaborative research • travel to UMaine from other University of Maine System institutions • writing groups • release time for professional development opportunities • equipment and summer salary to develop initial date to support future research • consultant fees for departmental climate activities • institutional transformation studies • administrative internships • other efforts supporting ADVANCE goals Funds will be available to faculty in STEM and SBS field, along with others who directly promote ADVANCE-related efforts. The deadline is April 15. Guidelines and more information about applying for these grants is available [online](#).

Newspaper Report On Alternative Energy Conference

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The Bangor Daily News has a [report](#) about Wednesday's alternative energy conference held at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle. Habib Dagher, director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was one of the speakers. Dagher spoke about UMaine's research efforts in deepwater offshore wind power.

Barker Comments in WLBZ Story About Women in the Sciences

10 Mar 2011

Sharon Barker, director of the Women's Resource Center at UMaine, was interviewed Wednesday by Bangor television station WLBZ during the 25th annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference, which was held at UMaine. Barker said numbers of females in many scientific fields are flat or dropping. The event, which is designed to help girls gain a broader view of their futures, drew around 500 girls from nearly 30 schools across Maine.

Camp Fair News Coverage

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WABI Television provided coverage of Wednesday's camp fair at UMaine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

The Division of Student Affairs and Foster Center for Student Innovation partnered with the United Way of Eastern Maine to stage the event, which provided opportunities for area youngsters and their parents to learn about summer camp activities.

Radio Report On Bioplastics Research

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Maine Public Radio broadcast a report about research in bio-based plastics, including research being done at UMaine, where scientists are planning to produce a plastic resin called PLA, which stands for poly lactic acid, using wood chips and potato waste. The radio report also included statistics from a 2007 report by UMaine economist Jonathan Rubin, which looked at the effects an instate bioplastics industry would have on Maine, including the creation of a thousand or more permanent jobs.

News Outlets Note Remarks About Wind Power Research

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Several news outlets, including [Bloomberg Business Week](#), carried an Associated Press story that noted remarks made Wednesday by Deputy U.S. Interior Secretary David Hayes to the U.S. Senate's Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Wednesday that Maine is place to test new technology being developed for offshore, deepwater wind power, and that the federal government is committed to helping to find federal funding for technology development. U.S. Senator Susan Collins of Maine, who serves on the committee, has been a proponent of the research and testing being done at UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Engineering Center. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar also told the senators that offshore, deepwater wind power is a priority for the federal government. The website Canadian Business also carried the story.

New Study Looks at How Young Adolescents Respond When Their Friends are Bullied

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For more information, contact Amy Kaye, (207) 581-2063 ORONO -- When supporting a friend who has been victimized by a bully, young adolescents respond with a range of advice and actions. Girls most often suggest telling an adult or confronting the bully to try to understand the conflict, while boys are more apt to minimize the seriousness of the incident or, to the other extreme, encourage aggression toward the assailant, according to a new psychological study at the University of Maine. Understanding young adolescents' responses to the bullying of their peers and what those responses say about the quality of children's friendships is the first step in determining how best to help victims, according to UMaine Doctoral Research Fellow Amy Kaye. The most effective peer responses, including the differences between what boys and girls say and do to victimized friends, could inform intervention efforts. Kaye and other researchers have studied the importance of friendship in children's lives. Even one friend can make a difference for victimized youngsters, especially if that friend provides companionship and problem-solving help in times of crisis. The UMaine study is one of the first to examine whether the way in which middle school students respond to support-seeking friends is associated with their positive and negative peer experiences, including friendship quality, conflict in friendship and victimization. Middle school is a major transitional period for children, and emotions run high. Shifts in peer groups and new friendships — including romantic relationships — create a broader spectrum of interactions, emotional reactions and pressures, which increases opportunities for bullying. "Bullying is at its peak during this time," says Kaye, a fifth-year graduate student from Hampstead, N.H., in the Psychology Department's Clinical Ph.D. Program. Kaye first conducted focus groups with middle school students to discuss the kinds of things they might do if they saw a friend being bullied. Based on the students' responses, she and UMaine psychology professor Cynthia Erdley developed a questionnaire that was administered to 120 sixth- through eighth-graders to examine what they would do and how they would advise their victimized friends. The students were presented with bullying scenarios. Kaye found that the more positive adolescents' friendship quality, the more likely they were to advise their victimized friends to protect and distract themselves (being sure they were never alone and encouraging participation in a fun activity), tell an adult or confront the bully. Those with strong friendships also took it upon themselves to protect and

distract their friend, and confront the bully. Children who had been victimized themselves were more likely to respond to a bullied peer with aggressive suggestions for action, Kaye says. Such a response gets to their own level of anger. Overall, girls' responses to victimized friends focused on broad emotional support, while boys' responses tended to focus on aggression and minimizing — saying, in essence, the bullying incident was not a big deal and one should try to forget about it, taking a dismissive stance. Responses also were different when the victimization was overt (verbal and physical abuse) versus relational (social exclusion, spreading rumors). In cases of overt victimization, both girls and boys were more likely to respond with more emotional support. In relational situations, friends were more likely to distract the victimized peer and minimize the experience. “We were surprised to hear that they saw that as an appropriate way to respond to their peers,” Kaye says. “Minimizing often happens when people — friends, parents, teachers — don't know what to say. We found that minimizing was associated with the conflict that goes along with negative experiences in a friendship.” In contrast, broad, supportive responses — “I'm here for you” — are associated with more positive friendship experiences. While neither response constitutes constructive problem solving, such minimizing responses and suggestions to be aggressive toward the bully have the potential to do the most harm, Kaye says. “What consistently emerged in focus groups and follow-up studies was that the two responses were associated with negative experiences in friendships — conflicts between the victim and supporter,” Kaye says. Society's view of bullying has undergone a major shift in the last two decades, Kaye says. “Even school officials used to think that students had to go through this to learn to have friends and deal with people,” she says. “Through research we now know that this is not a rite of passage, that victims of bullying are often clinically depressed, anxious, lonely and attempting suicide.” And while bullying has a long history, it has never been more detrimental than it is today. “With new forms of technology, a new category of bullying has emerged that allows it to be even more pervasive. Now children can't leave school and leave bullying at school. With technology, at home they're still bullied. They can't escape it any more,” says Kaye, who is presenting her findings at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, March 31-April 2 in Montreal. “This is not a rite of passage that children have to go through,” says Kaye, who is headed into a one-year predoctoral clinical internship at the Milton Hershey School in Pennsylvania, a residential school for at-risk youth ages 4 to 18, where she will be involved in therapy and assessment, and crisis management services. “Some children are dealing with it nonstop, day and night. Through research, we're hoping to help with prevention and intervention efforts.”

UMaine Schedules Three Climate Change Lectures

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Contact: Betsy Arntzen, 581-4225; Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581- 1904 ORONO -- The University of Maine is presenting lectures by three renowned climate change experts March 29, March 31 and April 26 to offer pole-to-pole perspectives on the changing environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, human rights and sustainability. Nobel Peace Prize nominee and climate change activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a Canadian Arctic Inuk who grew up in the traditional Inuit lifestyle, will offer an afternoon seminar for students on March 29 and public presentation at 7 p.m. at Wells Conference Center. On Thursday, March 31, explorer and scientist Paul Mayewski, director of the University of Maine Climate Change Institute, will speak at the Collins Center for the Arts about “Climate Change and the Role of Humans” in one of two lectures being presented by the Hudson Museum and the Climate Change Institute at UMaine. Watt-Cloutier, considered a world leader on global climate change and human rights, has worked with policymakers, testified and lectured at the international level for more than a decade to change public opinion into public policy. She is known for her advocacy of Inuit causes and changing the international discourse on climate change, which led to her nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Watt-Cloutier is credited with making climate change a human rights issue and putting "a human face" on its impacts. Her evening discussion, "Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century," will be followed by a question and answer period, and reception, according to UMaine's Canadian-American Center, which is cosponsoring Watt-Cloutier's appearance. The free event also is co-sponsored by the Climate Change Institute and the Hudson Museum. Details, including other supporting institutions and RSVP information, are on the center's [website](#). Mayewski, one of the world's foremost authorities on climate change research and discovery, has led more than 50 expeditions to collect and analyze snow and ice core samples from the Antarctic, the Arctic, the Andes, New Zealand, the Himalayas, the Greenland Ice Sheet and the Tibetan Plateau, reconstructing climate and atmospheric chemistry over thousands of years. He has created models for the behavior of abrupt climate change events in the atmosphere and developed an integrated understanding of multiple controls on climate and the unique role that humans play in climate change.

Mayewski has published extensively on the subject and has given more than 350 interviews with the major magazines, newspapers and television networks, including the BBC, NPR, 60 Minutes and Good Morning America. His latest book, "The Journey -- Adventure, Exploration and the Unmasking of Human Innocence," is forthcoming. On Tuesday, April 26, Hudson Museum will present Michael McCormick, the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History at Harvard University, whose research and teaching focuses on the archaeology and history of the fall of the Roman Empire and the origins of medieval civilization. In "Climate Change and the Fall of the Roman Empire," McCormick will explore what bio-molecular evidence and climate change data suggest about the impact of volcanic events on the collapse of the Roman Empire and the rise of Carolingian Europe. Climate cooling caused by eight volcanic events resulted in nine major winter anomalies that affected food production and human survival, McCormick hypothesizes. Both lectures, at 7 p.m. in Hutchins Hall, Collins Center for the Arts, are free and open to the public. Details about the Hudson Museum lectures, including sponsors, are available on the museum website.

Snowe Meets with Honors Students from Maine

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News release from the office of U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) yesterday met with a group of students from across Maine with the Honors College at the University of Maine, in Orono. The students spoke to Senator Snowe about the academics and opportunities provided at her alma mater, as well as the important impact UMaine makes on job creation and economic growth in the state of Maine. Their discussion also included the vital role that social media has recently played in bringing about political change throughout the world. Photo from left to Right: U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe and students: Meg Bagley of South Portland, Paige Eggleston of South Portland, Sarah Kent of Eliot, Hannah Ruhl of Lincoln, Laura Duran of Falmouth, Patrick Hart of Farmington, India Stewart of Bucksport, Molly Flanagan of Farmington, and Nate Wildes of Cumberland. Nate Wildes currently serves as an intern in Senator Snowe's Washington office for the spring semester with the Congressional Internship Program. The program is offered through UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

UMaine Staff, Faculty Experts Available to Discuss Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Possible Financial Impact

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Contacts: Alice Kelley, (207) 866-3422, (207) 745-6785 or akelley@maine.edu; Paul Myer, (207) 581-3756; Keiko Myer, (207) 581-2697 ORONO -- Several University of Maine faculty and staff members are available Friday for media interviews about the 8.9-magnitude earthquake in Japan and resulting tsunami, the possible financial impacts of the natural disaster on one of the world's largest economies and the ripple effects that may be felt internationally. Alice Kelley, an associate research professor in UMaine's Climate Change Institute, says a UMaine instrument picked up waves about 14 minutes after the event in Japan. Real-time records of seismograms can be viewed by visiting this [website](#) and then choosing ORNO in the station scroll box below the graph. UMaine business and marketing professor Paul Myer of the Maine Business School and his Japanese wife Keiko, who also works at UMaine, are available to discuss their communications with family members in the Tokyo area. Keiko Myer has spoken to her family by cell phone and says they are getting much of their information from outside the country because many of Japan's communication and telephone systems have been incapacitated by the destruction. Her family is safe, she says. Paul

Myer, who is scheduled to visit Japan May 15 with 20 UMaine MBA students and has lived and worked in Japan, says the devastation is certain to affect markets beyond Japan. "When the world's third largest economy comes to a standstill, it's going to have an effect," he says. "How long it's going to take them to get in a mode of normalcy is going to be problematic. It is going to affect economies around the world. It's potentially going to affect the distribution of oil, as well." The nation has sustained a great deal of devastation and must focus on the health and safety of its people, then the extensive repairs and rebuilding on the country's infrastructure, including communications and power generation.

Grant Funding Workshop March 18; Registration Deadline Extended to Wednesday

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Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- The University of Maine Faculty Senate, Office of the Vice President for Research, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Assessment will present a Friday March 18 workshop on grant funding. "Shared Wisdom of UMaine Faculty for Success in Grant Funding: What Works" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Wells Conference Center. The format features faculty presentations by UMaine professors including Robert Lad, Habib Dagher, Kate Beard-Tisdale, Craig Mason, Ali Abedi, Dan Belknap and Marie Hayes. Vice President Michael Eckardt is also scheduled for a 9:50 a.m. presentation on emerging trends in research. Interested UMaine faculty members are asked to RSVP by Wednesday March 16. The contact telephone number is 581-3472 and the email address is ceta@umit.maine.edu.

News Story Previews President Announcement

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The Bangor Daily News posted [a Sunday story](#) previewing Monday's expected announcement of UMaine's next president. Chancellor Richard Pattenaude will make his recommendation at Monday's board of trustees meeting in Augusta. The four finalists are James Page, Donald Farish, Daniel Julius and Paul Ferguson.

Brewer in National Story on GOP Senators

14 Mar 2011

Comments from Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty are included in a McClatchy Newspapers story reported in the Kansas City Star and other newspapers. The story examines issues related to several moderate Republican U.S. Senators, including Maine's Olympia Snowe, who face pressure from conservatives as they approach re-election campaigns.

Powell, Marro in Nemitz column on Congressional internships

14 Mar 2011

Prof. Richard Powell of the UMaine political science faculty is quoted in [Bill Nemitz' Maine Sunday Telegram column](#) about Congressional internships. The column compares the experiences of current UMaine junior Joe Marro with those of 1982 intern Don Willard, who is a friend of Marro's mother. Willard was also a UMaine student when he worked in Washington. Powell provided perspectives on the internship program, which he manages at UMaine.

Lang Column Published in Saturday Paper

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Saturday's Bangor Daily News included [a guest column by Michael Lang](#) of the UMaine history faculty. Titled "Understanding the cause for the anger over money," the column provides Lang's observations related to the current discussion of issues including those related to public employees in Wisconsin.

Keiko, Paul Myer in News Reports on Situation in Japan

14 Mar 2011

[A Saturday Portland Press Herald story](#) about Mainers affected by the tragedies in Japan included comments from Keiko Myer of the UMaine purchasing staff and Paul Myer of the business school faculty. Keiko, who moved to Maine from Japan in 2003, learned Friday that her family members are safe. Paul, who lived in Japan and takes UMaine students there each year, commented on the potential impact of the disaster on the world economy. [A similar story appeared in the Bangor Daily News.](#)

Doty Dies at 82

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Saturday's Bangor Daily News included [a story about the life of retired UMaine history professor C. Stewart Doty](#), who died on March 4 at the age of 82. Doty, who was a UMaine professor for 31 years, was instrumental in organizing the university's faculty union in 1978. The author of seven books, he received UMaine's Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award in 1994.

March 25-26 Performance Takes Up Sexual Assault Awareness, Bystander Intervention

14 Mar 2011

Contact: Carey Nason, (207) 581-2515 In observation of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Safe Campus Project at the University of Maine and graduate student Molly Schenck will offer an original theater and dance performance of "It's Not That Simple" March 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater, Class of 1944 Hall. The one-hour performance created by graduate student Molly Schenck challenges accepted myths about sexual assault and also motivate bystanders to take action. It is composed of vignettes depicting rape, cyber-stalking, voyeurism, and several other forms of sexual violence. More than 20 UMaine undergraduates, graduate students, alumni and staff from across the campus make up the cast and crew. The performance also expresses the inner struggle of bystanders who observe sexually aggressive behavior on a regular basis. The show combines dance, theater and new media into a performance that reveals how this complex issue transcends individual groups. Its vignettes represent various scenarios and follow the journeys of those victimized throughout the show from the first incident through recovery and continuing through life as a survivor. The performance also is part of a study on student advocacy through the performing arts; participation is voluntary.

Warhola Coauthors International Relations Op-Ed

14 Mar 2011

An opinion column assessing the history of contentiousness and volatility between Russia and Turkey, coauthored by James Warhola, professor of politics at UMaine, and former UMaine student Egemen Bezi, now a graduate student studying at the Department of International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, appeared in the March 10 edition of [e-International Relations](#). "The Wolf, the Bear, and the Eagle: Peace in the Valley?" discusses Russian-Turkish relations and regional conflict resolution.

Assessing Economic Impacts of the Japan Crises

14 Mar 2011

Contact: John Mahon, (207) 581-1976 University of Maine business professor John Mahon is available to discuss how events in Japan may affect global, US and even local economies and markets, including tourism. Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy in the Maine Business School, expects fallout could be far-reaching. Among his observations: - The cost of borrowing may increase in global markets as the Japanese may be forced to borrow funds in international markets; - As the Japanese economy slows down as a result, it may have economic repercussions worldwide and the value of the dollar, yen and other world currencies also may change; - The

materials necessary for reconstruction, including concrete, wood and steel, for instance, may lead to a boom for U.S. and other suppliers of such goods; - Concerns with safety, particularly with regard to nuclear power, may lead travelers to consider other vacation destinations for some time into the future; - Issues with the nuclear plants will provide new impetus for environmental groups and their concerns over safety of operations. If Japan moves away from nuclear power, and Europe follows, increased pricing pressure on the value of oil will continue to rise; - The ability of Japan to contribute funds for other areas of the world, Egypt, Libya and Haiti, included, will be constrained; - The production slowdown in Japan could provide an advantage for American manufacturers, both domestically and abroad, as customers who do not wish to wait for the purchase of Japanese-made cars or appliances could turn to American-made goods. Professor Mahon is available at (207) 581-1976 to discuss these and related effects of the destruction from last week's earthquake, tsunami and ongoing nuclear emergencies in Japan.

University of Maine System Trustees Appoint Ferguson as Next UMaine President

14 Mar 2011

Contact: Peggy Markson 973-3245 (mobile 949-1250) AUGUSTA – This afternoon the University of Maine System Board of Trustees approved Chancellor Richard Pattenaude’s recommendation of Dr. Paul Ferguson as the next president of UMaine, the state’s flagship and land-grant university in Orono. “Dr. Ferguson brings a successful track record of leadership positions at similar institutions and in moving universities forward in the areas that are of greatest importance to the university and the state—research, economic development, graduate studies, and enrollment,” Pattenaude explained. “The search committee gave me several outstanding candidates and I am deeply appreciative for their excellent work. It was not an easy choice, but I believe Dr. Ferguson will provide the experience, positive energy, and leadership that the University of Maine needs.” Ferguson will commence work at UMaine on July 1 and will succeed Robert Kennedy who last year announced his plans to step down from the position in June. He will receive a salary of \$270,000. This will consist of a base salary of \$250,000 and additional performance-based pay of up to \$20,000 per year. In addition, \$30,000 of the \$270,000 will be funded by the University of Maine Foundation. The salary for the incoming president is low by national standards for presidents of similar institutions, which in New England, range from \$231,143 at the University of Rhode Island to \$575,500 at the University of Connecticut, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, a higher education publication. Ferguson, age 58, a resident of Glen Carbon, Illinois, and southern California native, earned a B.A. in Biology at Whittier College and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of California, Davis. Since 2006 he has worked at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville where he serves as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, as well as a professor of pharmacology and toxicology. “I am grateful to the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Pattenaude, and the University of Maine faculty, staff, and students for the confidence they have expressed in me by this decision,” Ferguson noted in a statement. “I look forward with great enthusiasm to working with each UMaine constituency to honor this institution’s wonderful legacy serving the citizens of Maine and to set and achieve a vision for preeminence among national land-grant universities.” Ferguson added that his wife Grace and daughter Jenny are also looking forward to be joining the University of Maine community. At SIUE Ferguson has worked to implement academic affairs initiatives in academic quality and assessment, student success, faculty development, educational outreach, and enrollment management. Prior to SIUE he worked at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he served in various capacities including dean, senior vice provost, and later as vice president for research and graduate studies. “Dr. Ferguson’s leadership experience in academic innovation, expanding research funding, and building enrollments will be fundamental as he leads the state’s flagship campus to the next level,” said Eleanor Baker of Cape Elizabeth, a UMaine alum who led the presidential search committee. “I know I speak for the entire search committee when I say that we are all looking forward to welcoming Dr. Ferguson to the University of Maine.” A key expectation of the new president will be to increase revenue through enhanced fund raising, increased enrollment, and expanded research funding. Pattenaude noted that experience and skills in these areas were major factors in his choice of Ferguson. Today’s meeting was held at the University of Maine at Augusta and several agenda items focused on that institution, including review and approval of:

- A five-year strategic plan for UMA for the years 2011-2016;
- A recommendation to change the name of UMA’s University College of Bangor to University of Maine at Augusta—Bangor (and a short version UMA—Bangor);
- An academic reorganization at UMA instituted on an interim basis in July was made permanent, reducing the number of colleges from three to two (College of Professional Studies and College of Arts and Sciences);

- A \$1 million internal five-year loan from the System Office to finance a portion of UMA's \$3 million college center renovation project in Bangor, a project which will relocate, modernize, and expand the university's dental health program as well as the dental health clinic—which serves much of eastern Maine. (The project was previously approved by Trustees in September and is also financed by nearly \$650,000 from Federal Health Care & Other Facilities appropriation, \$375,000 from a 2010 State bond, \$50,000 from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation, and \$25,000 from the Davis Family Foundation.) The loan preserves campus reserves for unanticipated events.

Trustees also approved tenure recommendations for faculty members, submitted by the universities; received reports on faculty and tenure statistics, financial aid, and an update on System-wide facilities. The next meeting of UMS Trustees will take place on May 22-23 at the System Office headquarters in downtown Bangor. About the University of Maine The University of Maine, founded in 1865, is the state's largest public university, located in the town of Orono. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about the University of Maine visit www.umaine.edu. About the University of Maine System Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 42,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals annually through educational and cultural offerings. Nearly two-thirds of its alumni—approximately 120,000 people—live in Maine. The University of Maine System features seven universities—some with multiple campuses—located across the state, as well as nine University College outreach centers, a law school, and an additional 75 interactive distance learning sites. For more information, visit www.maine.edu.

Tierney to Lead Discussion of 2010 Election Implications

14 Mar 2011

Former Maine Attorney General James Tierney will lead a public forum examining the outcomes and implications of the 2010 election cycle, Thursday March 24 at 12 noon in Memorial Union's Totman Room. Tierney, a UMaine graduate who also ran for governor, serves as director of the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia University Law School. He will be part of a panel that includes members of the UMaine chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. The forum is scheduled for 90 minutes and it will feature insight and opinions on last year's elections at both the state and national level. [Contact Prof. Mark Brewer](#) for more information.

Sea Grant Seeks Summer Interns

14 Mar 2011

Maine Sea Grant has three internship programs open to UMaine graduate students for the summer of 2011: Fisheries Heritage Information Manager, Downeast Fisheries Trail Assistant Editor, Maine Climate News Science Video Producer, Maine Sea Grant The application deadline is April 29.

Media Coverage of President Announcement

15 Mar 2011

Several news outlets, including the Kennebec Journal and the [Bangor Daily News](#) covered Monday's announcement that Paul W. Ferguson has been named the new president of the University of Maine. The UMaine System Board of Trustees voted on the selection during a meeting in Augusta, approving a recommendation made by Chancellor Richard Pattenaude. The Carni Times of Illinois also had a story. Ferguson is currently the provost and vice chancellor at Southern Illinois University. Maine Public Radio and the New England Cable News network also ran Associated Press stories about the new president.

Political Scientist Comments On King Remarks

15 Mar 2011

Comments from UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer were included in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about remarks made by author Stephen King in Florida last week. Speaking at a rally, King criticized Republican governors including Maine's Paul LePage, for their stance on unions. Brewer told the BDN King's comments should have minimal impact because many people are already aware King is liberal in his politics and donates to liberal causes.

Forestry Alums Named To State Posts

15 Mar 2011

UMaine alumnus Douglas Denico was recently named to the position of Maine State Forester, according to the [Bangor Daily News](#). The article noted Denico received his bachelor's in forestry and master's in forest economics from UMaine's School of Forestry. [MPBN Radio](#) had a story about Kenneth Fletcher, an alum with a bachelor's in forest management, was named head of Maine's Office of Energy Independence and Security.

University Singers Ready for March Concerts in Portland, Orono

15 Mar 2011

Contact: Dennis Cox, (dkcox@maine.edu), Jack Burt, (207) 581-1773 (jburt@maine.edu) ORONO -- Back from a five-day, four-state New England tour, the University of Maine's University Singers are preparing for several concerts in Maine -- March 15 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, and March 19-20 in Orono. At Merrill Auditorium, the Singers, with about 80 members, will share the stage with the UMaine Jazz Ensemble for a free 7:30 p.m. concert. Music professors Dennis Cox and Jack Burt, respectively, lead the Singers and Jazz Ensemble. Among the Singers and performing will be the Maine Steiners and Renaissance. Assistant music professor and pianist Laura Artesani will accompany the vocalists. The jazz ensemble performance also will include a solo performance by award-winning trumpeter and recording artist Trent Austin, a Maine native now of the Malden, Mass. area. In high school, he was selected to play at the opening of Euro-Disney and was also a featured performer at the 1992 Montreux Jazz festival in Switzerland. In addition, he was selected as the first trumpet of the Maine All-State festival while attending Nokomis Regional High School. Austin also was the featured trumpet soloist with the Artie Shaw Orchestra for 11 years and continues to perform in the Boston area. Austin is scheduled to perform with the Jazz Ensemble also on April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall at UMaine. Also at Minsky Recital Hall, the Singers will perform two concerts, at 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m. Admission for the UMaine concerts is \$7; students with a MaineCard are admitted free. The Singers' recent New England tour included concerts at Orono High School, Dexter Regional High School, the University of Maine at Farmington and Mt. Blue High School in Farmington and Cony, Oxford Hills and Gorham high schools. They performed also in Andover, Mass., Redhook, N.Y. and in Kinnelon, N.J.

Promotion/Tenure Approved for 31 UMaine Faculty Members

16 Mar 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine System Board of Trustees has approved UMaine President Robert Kennedy's tenure and/or promotion recommendations for 31 faculty members. The board's action came at its Monday meeting. "These professors represent the most outstanding characteristics of UMaine's wonderful faculty," Kennedy says. "As leading members of our community of scholars, they inspire our students as they work to extend UMaine expertise in ways that benefit people, communities and businesses all over Maine. I congratulate each of them on reaching these significant career milestones." PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR College of Business, Public Policy, and Health Ivan M. Manev, Management College of Education and Human Development Richard H. Ackerman, Educational Leadership Elizabeth J. Allan, Higher Education Leadership Robert A. Lehnhard, Education College of Engineering Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, Electrical and Computer Engineering Senthil S. Vel, Mechanical Engineering College of Liberal Arts

and Sciences Amy Fried, Political Science Cynthia E. Gardella, Psychology Phillip A. Silver, Music College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture Aram J. K. Calhoun, Wetland Ecology Karl J. Kreutz, Earth Sciences and Climate Change Institute Andrew Reeve, Geological Sciences Donglin Zhang, Horticulture PROMOTED TO RESEARCH PROFESSOR College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture Laurie B. Connell, School of Marine Sciences PROMOTED TO EXTENSION PROFESSOR Donna R. Coffin Jane E. Haskell Mark Hutchinson PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE EXTENSION PROFESSOR Nadine B. Reimer GRANTED TENURE AT THE RANK OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR College of Engineering G. Peter van Walsum, Chemical and Biological Engineering College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture Jasmine Saros, Paleoecology PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE College of Business, Public Policy, and Health Pankaj Agrawal, Finance College of Engineering Ali Abedi, Electrical and Computer Engineering Carlton A. Brown, Surveying Engineering Technology Zhihe Jin, Mechanical Engineering College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Andre Khalil, Mathematics David C. Kress, English Lisa K. Neuman, Anthropology and Native American Studies College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture Stephanie E. Burnett, Horticulture Jessica E. Leahy, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Kevin Simon, Stream Ecology PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE EXTENSION PROFESSOR WITH CONTINUING CONTRACT Alan D. Majka

Newspaper Advances Presentation On Franklin County Agriculture

16 Mar 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) has an advance of a March 19 presentation by Grange member, journalist and photographer Jo Josephson about cutting-edge farms and farmers in Franklin County. The title of the presentation, "The Changing Face of Agriculture in Franklin County," was taken from the Clarence Day book "Farming in Maine 1860-1940," which was published by the University of Maine Press.

Alum Continues On Survivor

16 Mar 2011

UMaine graduate Ashley Underwood continues to appear on the hit reality series "Survivor: Redemption Island" and is staying under the radar, according to a Waterville Sentinel column written by Zach Dionne, another UMaine alum. Dionne is writing a weekly column while Underwood, a nursing major and former UMaine women's basketball player, continues to remain on the show. He is an entertainment editor of AOL's [PopEater.com](#) in New York City.

UMaine Graduate Named New Bachelorette

16 Mar 2011

There was plenty of media coverage, including an article in the [Portland Press Herald](#), as Madawaska native and UMaine graduate Ashley Hebert was named the star of the latest edition of "The Bachelorette." Hebert, who is currently in dental school at the University of Pennsylvania, finished third on "The Bachelor," which ended its most recent run last week. "The Bachelorette" debuts May 23.

Historian Op-Ed On Public-Sector Unions

16 Mar 2011

University of Maine historian Elizabeth McKillen has an opinion in the [Bangor Daily News](#) in which she defends public-sector unions and gave a history of the unions and the first civil-service laws.

Events On Tap For UMaine Museum of Art

16 Mar 2011

Contact: Kathryn Jovanelli, [\(207\) 561-3350](tel:(207)561-3350) or kathryn.jovanelli@umit.maine.edu The University of Maine Museum of Art has two events planned this week. The first, which is part of the museum's Art@Noon program, will take place

Thursday, March 17, with UMMA education coordinator Gina Platt giving a tour and discussing the exhibition "New York, New York: Photographs from the Museum Collection," along with other works currently featured in the museum's permanent gallery. The second event, which will take place Friday, March 18, is an Artwalk in downtown Bangor which goes from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The museum will be open with a special lobby exhibit featuring art by printmaker Kris Sader and pastel painter Marcie Bishop. Artwalk maps are available at the museum. For more information contact Kathryn Jovanelli, the museum's assistant coordinator and membership manager, or go to www.umma.maine.edu.

Ferguson Scheduled for Thursday Radio Interview

16 Mar 2011

UMaine's next president is scheduled for a Thursday morning radio interview on WVOM's George Hale/Ric Tyler Show. Paul Ferguson, appointed on Monday by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, will be on the program from approximately 7:34-7:45 a.m. News coverage of Ferguson's selection has included an Associated Press story on the Chicago Tribune Web site. More information about Ferguson and his appointment as UMaine's 19th president is available on the web.

UMaine Women's Hockey, Third Watch Hockey Plan Broomball Fundraiser

16 Mar 2011

Contact: Brenda Gammon, 356-1172 ORONO -- The UMaine Women's Hockey Team is participating in a broomball game Saturday, March 19 at Alford Ice Arena with the Bangor area Third Watch Hockey to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The ball drops 2 p.m. Third Watch Hockey is composed of public service people from the Bangor area. Broomball is played like hockey, except with a ball instead of a puck and a broom instead of a stick. Players do not wear ice skates. Members of the public are invited to attend and root for their favorite team. Admission is by donation at the door. A 50/50 raffle and door prize raffle also are planned.

UMaine Spatial Engineer Named UCGIS Fellow

16 Mar 2011

Contact: Harlan Onsrud, (207) 581-2175 or onsrud@spatial.maine.edu University of Maine Professor Harlan Onsrud was named a Fellow of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) at the organization's recent spring meeting. Onsrud, a member of the Department of Spatial Information and Science at UMaine, served as president of UCGIS and was instrumental in its establishment, according to the award announcement, having participated in its founding meeting in Colorado and taking the lead on drafting the original UCGIS bylaws. Onsrud's research focuses on the analysis of legal, ethical, and institutional issues affecting the creation and use of digital databases and the assessment of the social impacts of spatial technologies. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the Federal Geographic Data Committee, and the U.S. Department of Education. At UMaine, Onsrud teaches courses in Information Systems Law, Information Ethics, Cadastral and Land Information Systems, and Research Ethics. Onsrud was one of six individuals honored as fellows of UCGIS, a nonprofit organization of seventy universities and other research institutions dedicated to expanding and strengthening geographic information science.

Zoologist Wins Educator Prize

16 Mar 2011

Contact: Mary Tyler, (207) 581-2559 or Mary.Tyler@umit.maine.edu University of Maine zoology Professor Mary S. Tyler has won the 2011 Viktor Hamburger Outstanding Educator Prize from the Society of Developmental Biology. Tyler's research in developmental biology includes the area of genetic controls and tissue interactions during embryonic development, which she examines using experimental and histological techniques. She works with digital video in the production of films and CD-ROMs of developing system and collaborates on the production of multimedia educational

materials in developmental biology. Established in 2002, the Hamburger award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to developmental biology education, including teaching at any level; training of professionals; organizing and administrating programs; integrating developmental biology into our educational system; or disseminating reliable information to professional members, to prospective developmental biologists, to students in other fields, or to the general public. The recipient will deliver a lecture at the Education Symposium of the SDB Annual Meetings.

New 'Bachelorette' Ashley Hebert on CNN, People Websites

16 Mar 2011

Madawaska native and UMaine alumna Ashley Hebert, fresh off "The Bachelor" television reality show and recently named the next woman to star on "The Bachelorette" reality show, airing in May, was featured on the CNN Entertainment and [People](#) websites March 15.

Pulitzer-Winning Fiction Writer, Former AG Plan UMaine Visits

16 Mar 2011

Contact: Naomi Jacobs, (207) 581-3823 ORONO -- The College Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine is hosting Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction writer Elizabeth Strout and her husband, former Maine Attorney General Jim Tierney, March 22-24 to visit classes, meet with students and deliver a public reading. Strout is the author of three successful works of fiction: *Amy and Isabelle*; *Abide with Me* and *Olive Kitteridge*. Members of the campus and surrounding communities are invited to a reading Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wells Conference Center. There is no cost. Strout's parents are graduates of the University of Maine, and her husband Jim Tierney is a former Maine attorney general and alumnus of the UMaine Political Science Department. Strout and Tierney, who also will visit political science classes, meet with students and serve on a discussion panel, are making the visit as a gift to the university. The Pulitzer Prize in fiction citation that Strout received in 2009 for *Olive Kitteridge*, says that the collection of 13 short stories set in small-town Maine "packs a cumulative emotional wallop, bound together by polished prose and by Olive, the title character, blunt, flawed and fascinating." From 2-3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 24, Strout will lead an open conversation, also a public event, with student writers in Room 304 Neville Hall. Tierney, a Democrat and former Majority Leader of the Maine House who ran for governor in 1986, losing to Republican John McKernan, will lead a public forum examining the outcomes and implications of the 2010 election cycle on Thursday, March 24 at 12 p.m. in Memorial Union's Totman Room. The 90-minute forum will feature insight and opinions on last year's elections at both state and national levels. Tierney now serves as director of the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia University Law School, where students recognized him as the Public Interest Law Professor of the Year in 2006. He will be part of a panel that includes members of the UMaine chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society.

Football, Basketball Coaches Speaks To High School Students

17 Mar 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) covered Dexter High School's Teen Issues Fair Wednesday, which featured visits by UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove and UMaine women's basketball coach Cindy Blodgett. Both coaches focused on self-esteem issues in their talks with student groups.

Climate Change Talks Previewed in Bangor Daily

17 Mar 2011

UMaine's Paul Mayewski is set to give a talk on Thursday, March 31, about the role humans play in climate change, according to a [Bangor Daily News story](#). Mayewski, the director of the Climate Change Institute at UMaine, will speak in Hutchins Hall at the Collins Center for the Arts. The talk, which starts at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Student Awards Available for Maine-Centered Research

17 Mar 2011

Contact: Maine Studies office, (207) 581-3147 The University of Maine's Maine Studies program is offering two Student Research and Creativity Awards of \$250 each for excellence in Maine-released research projects. All UMaine research papers or projects that are Maine-related and were written within the last year are eligible, and all UMaine students, both part-time and full-time, are eligible to apply for the awards. One undergraduate prize and one graduate prize will be awarded. The award program is funded by the University of Maine Foundation. Award winners will be honored at the Division of Lifelong Learning Honors Ceremony in April. Students should submit their paper or project to the Maine Studies Award Committee, 323 Chadbourne Hall, no later than March 25, 2011. For more information call the Maine Studies office at (207) 581-3147 or go to the Maine Studies office website.

Transgender Awareness Author to Speak at UMaine

17 Mar 2011

Contact: Victoria Blanchette, 581-2204; Sandy Caron, 207-581-3138 ORONO -- Joanne Herman, author of "Transgender Explained for Those Who Are Not," will be available for a book-signing and to meet members of the UMaine community Tuesday, March 29 from 3-4 p.m. at the University Bookstore. Herman, a transgender female since 2002, will read a passage from her book at the event. More information about Herman, her book and her advocacy work is available on her [website](#). The event is being co-sponsored by the UMaine GLBT&A Council, The Rainbow Resource Center and Wilde Stein.

Engineers Heading To Netherlands For Wind Power

18 Mar 2011

The [Bangor Daily News has a story](#) about a group of UMaine professors who will spend a month in the Netherlands working at a wind turbine testing facility. The researchers, including AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center director Habib Dagher, will test three models for deepwater offshore turbines at the Marine Research Institute Netherlands.

Author's Talk Previewed In Newspaper

18 Mar 2011

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout was interviewed by the [Bangor Daily News](#) in advance of her visit to UMaine next week. Strout, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2009 for her fictional work, "Olive Kitteridge," will be on campus March 22-24 to speak to writing classes and give a public reading of the book at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 at the Wells Conference Center. Her husband James Tierney, former Maine attorney general and currently director of the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia Law School, will visit UMaine with Strout as a visiting lecturer.

Professor Featured In Conversations With Maine Series

18 Mar 2011

UMaine physiologist Harold "Dusty" Dowse was the subject of [a BDN story](#) in its Conversations with Maine series. Dowse discussed his interest in breadmaking, karate, and how he came to teach comparative anatomy at UMaine.

Broom Hockey Benefit Noted

18 Mar 2011

Bangor television station WABI noted Saturday's broom hockey benefit game featuring the UMaine women's hockey team against the Third Watch Hockey Club. The game, which will take place starting at 2 p.m. at Alfond Arena, is a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Economist Research Included In New Business Column

18 Mar 2011

Research done by James McConnon, UMaine Cooperative Extension specialist and economics professor, was mentioned in [a Bangor Daily News column](#) about women and work. The column, which is the first of a new series called Women@Work, states McConnon's research has found 30 percent of microbusinesses in Maine are owned by women.

NESN Casting UMaine Students for Quiz Show

18 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Producers from "Schooled," a New England Sports Network (NESN) college quiz show under development, are looking for students to represent UMaine in competition against seven other New England colleges and universities. Current UMaine first-year students, sophomores and juniors are eligible. Open casting sessions are scheduled for Wednesday March 23 and Thursday March 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, in Memorial Union's Spirit Room. Billed as a "battle of brainpower," "Schooled" is not a sports-themed contest. The actual competition will take place later in the spring. The other participating colleges and universities are Boston College, Boston University, the University of Vermont, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the University of Connecticut, Providence College and Northeastern University. More information is available on the [NESN website](#).

Television News Features UMaine Sugaring Operation

18 Mar 2011

Bangor television stations Channel 5 (WABI), Channel 2 (WLBZ) and Channel 7 ([WVII](#)) interviewed Cooperative Extension educator and maple syrup expert Kathy Hopkins and Francis Avery, who operates the University of Maine's Thomas J. Corcoran Sugar House Thursday for a feature on the maple syrup season, now well under way with cold nights and warm days accelerating production.

Mahon Comments on Japan Crises, Economic Repercussions

18 Mar 2011

UMaine business professor John Mahon of the Maine Business School was interviewed for a Channel 7 ([WVII](#)) news report this week on the potential economic effects of the crises in Japan. Mahon says the automotive industry, international debt and oil markets, in addition to reconstruction supplies markets, likely will be affected. The Portsmouth Herald also interviewed Mahon Thursday for an article on the subject.

News Report Features UMaine AMC's Safety Toe Cap Project

18 Mar 2011

Channel 7 ([WVII](#)) on Thursday aired a report on how the University of Maine's Advanced Manufacturing Center is helping Maine businesses with innovative manufacturing projects, including the recent design for a composite safety toe cap for an Auburn company that manufactures boot for firefighters. UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center created the composite resin for the boot inserts. AMC Director John Belding was interviewed for the story.

2011 Summer Faculty Research Awards Announced

18 Mar 2011

Michael Eckardt, UMaine vice president for research, has announced the recipients of the 2011 Summer Faculty Research Awards. Recipients are selected based on recommendations by the Faculty Research Funds Committee. The Faculty Research Funds Program is part of a broader investment strategy designed to assist faculty and encourage research and other creative achievements. Stephen Coghlan, Wildlife Ecology – Impacts of Spawning Sea Lamprey on Foraging Behaviors and Growth Potential of Stream Fishes: A Bioenergetics Modeling Approach to Quantify Benefits from Dam Removal. Elizabeth McKillen, History – Making the World safe for Workers? U.S. Labor and Wilsonian Internationalism, 1912 – 1920. Stephen Miller, History – “The Queen’s Generals: Roberts, Wolseley, and the British Empire” V. Constanza Ocampo-Raeder, Anthropology – The Waterless Realms of the Human Seascape: Identity and Gender in the Communal Management of Ocean Resources in Fishing Villages of the Northern Coast of Peru. Eric Pandiscio, Education – Using Real World Contexts to Understand Fundamental Ideas from Middle and Secondary Mathematics. Jasmine Saros, Biology/Climate Change – Developing an Arctic Ecology Research Program. Gregory Zaro, Anthropology – The Collapse of an Ancient Maya City in Northwestern Belize: La Milpa during the Terminal Classic Period, A.D. 800-1000.

Faculty Research Awards, Scholarly Materials and Equipment Awards Announced

18 Mar 2011

Michael Eckardt, UMaine vice president for research, has announced the recipients of the 2009 Regular Faculty Research Awards and the Scholarly Materials and Equipment Awards. Recipients are selected based on recommendations by the Faculty Research Funds Committee. Funds for this program are provided by the Vice President for Research (in part, from the Coe, Somers, and Wepler Funds) as part of a broader investment strategy designed to assist faculty and encourage research and other creative achievements. REGULAR FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS: Sharon Ashworth “Development of the Zebrafish Cardiovasculature System Requires Cofilin” Stephen Butterfield “Aerobic Performance of Children and Youth Ages 10-18 in Rural Maine Schools” Naomi Jacobs “Publishing support for co-edit collection: Earth Perfect? Nature, Utopia and the Garden” Richard Wahle “Technician Support for Development of American Lobster Settlement Index Database” SCHOLARLY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AWARDS: Nicholas Giudice “4 augmented reality head mounted displays and an indoor location tracking system”

UMaine Researchers Help Auburn Firm with Boot Safety Product

18 Mar 2011

Contact: John Belding, (207) 299-7904; Carl Spang, (617) 510-9295 ORONO -- University of Maine researchers in the College of Engineering's Advanced Manufacturing Center and AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center have successfully designed a composite toe-protection insert for Falcon Performance Footwear, an Auburn shoe company. The new composite component replaces traditional steel toe protection. Falcon owner Carl Spang says the new fiberglass and resin toe cap is safer and potentially stronger than traditional steel toe caps, which transfer heat in extreme environments, conduct electricity, and can collapse upon toes in the event of failure. "It's pretty rugged stuff," says engineer John Belding, director of the AMC, who reports that the composite toe cap, which is designed withstand a 2,000 to 4,000 pound-per-square-inch impact, and only then shatter (like a car window) instead of fold inward. The project, two years in development and funded in part by a Maine Technology Institute seed grant to Falcon, is typical of the work done by UMaine's AMC in conjunction with the university's AEWCA. In the case of Falcon Performance Footwear, the assistance will allow the company to make an entirely American-made firefighter boot, and even expand its product line to sell the new “Made in the USA” toe caps to other companies, including those who would sell boots to the United States military. With product development now complete, students and researchers at the AMC will help develop and prototype the manufacturing process by reprogramming Falcon’s robotic equipment to automatically load the composite material, and then remove the newly formed toe caps for insertion into the boots, which Falcon makes on site. “This process development is invaluable to our engineering students' education, since the students are able to hit the ground running in any manufacturing company once they graduate,” says Belding. Previously, Falcon’s toe caps were

made in China, Spang says. When difficulties with overseas suppliers worsened, Falcon successfully sought an MTI seed grant to explore making composite toe caps at its Auburn manufacturing facilities. The company worked with the university to determine the right composite compound and to build a prototype mold for testing. UMaine researchers created an identical toe cap design through reverse engineering. They used a 3D CAD and a laser to take exact measurements of the Chinese caps and created the design for the new mold. The design then was optimized to work with the new composite material. The prototype mold, designed and machined by students at UMaine's 30,000-square-foot AMC facility on the Orono campus, precisely duplicates the Chinese cap. "In general, I think the collaboration with John and Jake Marquis (R&D Program Manager at AEW) has been just great," says Spang. Engineering, design and composites, he says, "are not our areas of expertise, so we needed a great deal of guidance and advice. I just can't say enough good things about it." Companies like Falcon pay a fee for AMC and AEW project services, and much of the Falcon work was supported by Maine Technology Institute seed grant funding. "A lot of what we do is prototyping design and process development work for clients," Belding says. "We are working with companies to prototype new products and processes so they can learn what we have learned, and turn the technology over to a private company for manufacturing." Belding is comfortable working with companies to help them further develop their existing intellectual property and technology. The goal is to help companies with great ideas for new products get them to the market and support the advancement of manufacturing in Maine, he says. "We work with everyone from start-ups to a company like Jackson Lab," creating new designs and prototype tools, including scientific and medical instruments, Belding says. Since 2004, the AMC has helped companies throughout Maine solve manufacturing dilemmas, working in the past year with some 50 companies, according to Belding.

NESN Covers Casting Call For Maine Students

18 Mar 2011

The website of television network NESN has a story about a casting call for UMaine students who want to compete on a TV quiz show that would feature academic- and intelligence-based challenges. The show "Schooled" would pit UMaine students against students from eight other New England schools, including Boston College, Boston University, Connecticut, UMass, Amherst, Northeastern, Providence and Vermont. More information about the casting call is available in [a news release](#).

Hall of Fame Inducts Musgrave

21 Mar 2011

UMaine Professor Emeritus Katherine Musgrave was inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame during a Saturday ceremony in Augusta. The [Bangor Daily News covered the event](#), which also included the induction of Sen. Susan Collins. Musgrave, who continues to teach nutrition courses, has been a UMaine faculty member for more than 40 years. UMaine Provost Susan Hunter spoke at the event, sharing her perspectives on Musgrave's career and contributions.

Dill in Bedbug Story

21 Mar 2011

Comments from Jim Dill of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty were included in a Friday Channel 5 story about a Friday Orono forum about bedbugs. Dill and other experts -- including those from the hospitality and healthcare sectors -- provided information about dealing with the pests.

Prof. Emeritus Alaric Faulkner, 1945-2011

21 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr *Note: an obituary appears in the Monday March 21 Bangor Daily News. [It is online here.](#)* ORONO -- Alaric Faulkner, a distinguished historical archaeologist who served 30 years on the University of Maine anthropology faculty, died on March 18 at the age of 66. Faulkner, who retired in 2008 and was granted emeritus status in recognition

of his scholarly achievements, had been ill for some time. Born in Peterborough, N.H., Faulkner earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard and a Ph.D. from Washington State University, both in anthropology. He joined the UMaine faculty in 1978, working for eight years as part of a joint appointment as historical archaeologist with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. He earned tenure in 1987 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1990. "Ric is the consummate, well-rounded scholar, whose contributions to the academic endeavors of the University of Maine are greatly appreciated," wrote his anthropology faculty colleague Prof. Kristin Sobolik in 2008. Citing Faulkner's "incalculable" impact on hundreds of students, along with his contributions to efforts that enhance understanding and appreciation of Maine's heritage, Sobolik referred to Faulkner as a "historical archaeologist extraordinaire." Faulkner's summer field schools provided archaeology students with invaluable experience in the fundamental and advanced techniques related to archaeological field work. He taught both undergraduate and graduate courses to more than 100 students each year while supervising more than 35 graduate students, several of whom are now leaders in the field of historical archaeology. His academic interests focuses on a series of vital and interrelated topics: the Anglo-Acadian frontier, European-Native American interaction at contact, 17th century Maine and the maritimes, and colonial archaeology. The record of Maine's history is permanently enhanced by Faulkner's work in several areas, including excavations that have helped preserve vital archaeological sites such as those at Fort Pentagoet and San Castine's Habitat, both in Castine. Those sites are National Historic Landmarks, described by Sobolik as "icons of Franco-American settlement in the region." "History is always written by the so-called winners," Faulkner said in a 2008 UMaine Today Magazine story about his work as it relates to Maine's heritage. "But there need to be people who can provide some measure of constraint by putting the record straight. We very seldom hear about the Acadians, much less the native people who lived here with them." That story is online here. "The French at Pentagoet, 1635-1674: An Archaeological Portrait of the Acadian Frontier" Faulkner's 1987 book, was listed in "The Mirror of Maine: One Hundred Distinguished Books that Reveal the History of the State and the Life of its People," a publication of the Maine Historical Society. He also worked with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to create the first computerized database of Maine's historic archaeological sites. As a member of the Jamestown Rediscovery Advisory Board, Faulkner had tea with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at the 2008 400th Anniversary of Jamestown celebration. A prolific scholar, Faulkner wrote four books and dozens of other scholarly publications. Colleagues say his impact on his academic discipline cannot be quantified. "Ric Faulkner was an ideal colleague, the kind one hopes to have in academia," says Dan Sandweiss, a fellow archaeologist in UMaine's anthropology department. "He started before I was even hired, giving me a book that became the core of my favorite course here. Ric was also the first of my UMaine colleagues to volunteer to join me in the field in Peru, where his insights from an historical archaeology perspective were invaluable. At the same time, Ric was a good friend from the day I arrived right up to the end." Faulkner is survived by his wife Gretchen Faulkner, the director of UMaine's Hudson Museum, and his son James.

Economist's Snowmobile Survey In Press Herald Story

21 Mar 2011

The [Portland Press Herald has a story](#) mentioning the work of University of Maine economist Stephen Reiling. A professor in UMaine's School of Economics, Reiling is working with the Maine Snowmobile Association on a survey that will go to snowmobile clubs around the state to determine the future direction of club, municipal and capital equipment grants.

Bordick Elected To Orioles Hall Of Fame

21 Mar 2011

UMaine alumnus Mike Bordick, a former shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles baseball team and current minor-league baseball instructor was elected to the Orioles Hall of Fame, according to a story on WBAL, Baltimore's NBC television affiliate. Before becoming a major league baseball player, Bordick led the Black Bears to College World Series berths in 1984 and 1986. He spent six years with the Orioles, including a 2002 season in which he had the best defensive season for a shortstop in major league history. Bordick grew up in Winterport, Maine.

Kids Gardening Program In Article

22 Mar 2011

An article about UMaine Cooperative Extension's Kids Can Grow experimental youth gardening program in York Country was on the website of [Foster's Daily Democrat newspaper](#) in New Hampshire. The Kids Can Grow program teaches children ages 7-12 how to grow their own vegetables, flowers and herbs. UMaine Extension Professor Frank Wertheim says in the article the program provides children with a positive first experience with gardening.

Maple Tapping Tip In South Dakota Newspaper

22 Mar 2011

The Argus Leader of Sioux Falls, S.D., has a story about tapping maple trees for sap to be turned into maple syrup. The story included a tip from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension website that only trees at least 10 inches in diameter should be tapped. More tips can be seen [here](#) on the Cooperative Extension website.

UMaine Senior Wins Top Student Award from Paper Industry Group

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Contact: Nick Knowlen, nicholas.knowlen@umit.maine.edu or (207) 699-8052 University of Maine senior chemical engineering major Nick Knowlen has been named the Paper Industry Management Association (PIMA) Student of the Year. Knowlen, a Freeport native, will receive his award in May at PaperCon 2011, the national meeting of the Technical Association of the Pulp & Paper Industry (TAPPI), which is being held this year in Covington, Ky. The PIMA award recognizes outstanding students enrolled in paper science programs. Knowlen has been involved in a co-op program the past two years in the logistics department of SAPPI Fine Paper's facility in Westbrook, Maine. He is also an undergraduate research assistant to UMaine faculty member Michael Mason, an assistant professor in the department of chemical and biological engineering for whom Knowlen prepares and analyzes silver and gold nanoparticles for toxicology and cancer studies. Knowlen has received the Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarship for the past four years and was a student chaperone in 2008 for the foundation's Consider Engineering summer program. He became interested in pulp and paper engineering when he attended the Consider Engineering program at UMaine the summer after his junior year of high school. "The program, offered by the Pulp and Paper Foundation, gave me a chance to learn about engineering and the paper industry," Knowlen said. He has also been active in the TAPPI/PIMA student chapter, currently serving as vice president. He has also been treasurer and fundraising chair, and attends the TAPPI/PIMA national student summit.

WCSH Website Posts UMaine AMC Article

22 Mar 2011

The Channel 6 (WCSH) Around Town [web page](#) posted a news release about the UMaine Advanced Manufacturing Center's collaboration with an Auburn boot manufacturer to design and create a new mold for boot safety toe caps.

Volunteers in New Program to Monitor Signs of the Seasons

22 Mar 2011

Contact: Catherine Schmitt (catherine.schmitt@umit.maine.edu) Joe Carr (joe.carr@umit.maine.edu) ORONO -- Spring is the season of firsts: first robin on the lawn, first blush of maples flowering in the swamps, first fragrant lilac bloom. Across Maine, many people enjoy watching the seasons as they unfold. Now, those observations can contribute to scientific studies through a new program from University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant. Volunteers in "Signs of the Seasons: A Maine Phenology Project" monitor their backyards and neighborhoods for changes in natural events, such as flowering in plants like dandelion and forsythia, and the migration of animals like monarch butterflies and loons. The study of such changes is called phenology. These seasonally timed events vary from year to year and from place to place, in response to differences in weather and climate. "Participants in this program will be helping scientists who are trying to understand how our environment is changing," explains Esperanza Stancioff, an

educator with University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant. "Climate change can seem like such an abstract thing. But by collecting data on common plants and animals, citizens can contribute to scientists' understanding of the local effects of a global phenomenon." "Many people—farmers, hunters, fishermen, birders, and gardeners—used to track these events as a part of their daily routine, and many still do," says Abe Miller-Rushing, the science coordinator at Acadia National Park and Schoodic Education and Research Center. "Their records can provide a way to 'see' climate change on the landscape, while providing information needed to adequately understand the changes that are taking place here in Maine." Additional partners in the program include the USA National Phenology Network, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Audubon, and climate scientists and educators at the University of Maine. Signs of the Seasons volunteers receive training, a field kit and handbook, and the opportunity to participate in ongoing educational programs in exchange for twice monthly monitoring. Stancioff, Miller-Rushing and Beth Bisson of Maine Sea Grant will be presenting the program at several upcoming events including Maine Garden Day (March 26), Maine Environmental Education Association Conference (April 1), Maine Garden School Day (April 9), UMaine Citizen Science Symposium (May 12 & 13), and multiple training programs. To learn more or find out how to get involved, please call 1-800-244-2104 or visit the program website <http://umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/>

Computer Game Writers Receive \$3,000 Jackson Lab Contract

22 Mar 2011

Contact: George Markowsky, (207) 581-3941; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- A team of University of Maine computer students recently received a \$3,000 contract from the Jackson Laboratory to write an educational computer program for middle and high school students. The contract was awarded by Jackson Lab's Center for Genome Dynamics, directed by Gary Churchill, following a December computer game-writing exhibition held at UMaine in conjunction with Computer Education Week. The team selected for the Jackson Lab contract was one of eight exhibiting teams from computer science professor George Markowsky's Introduction to Problem Solving through Python Programming class. It created a game called "Blasteroids," in which the player guides a space ship through an asteroid field, blowing up or dodging asteroids to collect points, says team member Daniel Hayes, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student from Buckfield, Maine. Jackson Lab wanted to come up with a clever computer program to attract student interest in bioinformatics and computational biology, according to Randy Smith, director of educational programs for Jackson Lab. The UMaine computer game exhibition seemed to be a good way to select the students to create the new educationally oriented game, he says. "We chose to make a program that replicated ants and how they search for food around their home," Hayes says. The team, led by Lydia Chang of Biddeford, created the program, "ANTZ," which models the foraging habits of ants and allows players to change variables that affect ants' abilities to find and carry food back to their nests and leave behind pheromones as a path marker for other ants between the food source and nest. Changing parameters like distance, pheromone deposits, number of ants or the ants' degree of sensitivity to the pheromones all becomes mathematically part of the simulated food-gathering outcomes for the insects, according to Hayes and Smith. ANTZ should be on the Jackson Lab website in April for schools or anyone else to download at no cost, according to Smith. The Blasteroids team included Chang, Hayes, code-writer Peter Delong of Westbrook and Michael Chasson of Bangor, who split the \$3,000 award. Students designed the process as well as the program to get the game written and tested, mostly via the Internet and email, "which I think is the ultimate in coolness," Smith says. He says the impetus for the project is to get word out in Maine communities and schools about careers in science. Jackson Lab hopes to make a similar award in 2012. Markowsky says creating computer games to exhibit "really fires students up" and gets them excited about their work. "I am always pleasantly surprised at the high quality of work that is produced by students having only a semester of programming under their belt," he says. "Maine students worked hard. This hard work and their abilities produced great results."

Bangor Daily News Interviews Political Science Student

23 Mar 2011

UMaine political science major Caleb Rosser was interviewed in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the first anniversary of the Affordable Health Care Act. Rosser said he has benefited from the health care overhaul because when he gained four more years of coverage despite turning 22 last fall and aging out of his parents' insurance coverage.

Extension Director Quoted In Article About Organic Farming

23 Mar 2011

In a [Portland Press Herald story](#) about a United Nations report on a global push toward small, diversified and sustainable farming, University of Maine Cooperative Extension Director John Rebar commented on the decline in funding of university extension programs. The report advocated for policymakers to fund and support farmer-to-farmer knowledge sharing and the nationwide network of extension services such as UMaine's Cooperative Extension. Rebar told the Press Herald the current federal budget proposal calls for a 10 percent cut in funding for extension services across the country.

Labor Historian Mentioned in Story

23 Mar 2011

UMaine labor historian Charles Scontras was mentioned in a [Lewiston Sun Journal story](#) about the removal of a mural depicting scenes of Maine's labor history. According to the newspaper report the idea for the mural, which is in the lobby of the Maine Department of Labor, came from Scontras, who is a historian, author, and research associate with UMaine's Bureau of Labor Education.

TV Report On Play

23 Mar 2011

Television station WCSH has a report about a theater with the subject of sexual assault awareness that is being performed Friday and Saturday at UMaine. UMaine graduate student Molly Schenck wrote and choreographed the performance, which is called "It's Just Not That Simple," and was interviewed for the TV report.

Alumna's "Survivor" Adventures Continue

23 Mar 2011

The Waterville Morning Sentinel has another in a series of columns about Ashley Underwood, a UMaine nursing graduate who is a contestant on the hit reality TV show "Survivor." The column, which will run weekly for as long as Underwood remains on the show, is being written by Zach Dionne, a UMaine graduate who is an entertainment editor at AOL's Popeater.com website.

Lehnhard Interviewed for Youth Obesity Research Story

23 Mar 2011

Professor Robert Lehnhard, an exercise physiologist in the College of Education and Human Development, was interviewed for a Tuesday news broadcast on [Channel 7 \(WVII\)](#) about what could be the first longitudinal study on youth obesity and fitness in schools. Lehnhard and colleagues are collaborating with 20 Maine schools to monitor the relative fitness and weight of more than 3,000 children. The research is expected to document scientifically the major factors behind childhood obesity, which may lead to a solution to the problem.

Plant Sale May 6 and 7

23 Mar 2011

UMaine horticulture students and faculty members are planning the second annual Black Bear Beauties Plant Sale on May 6 and 7 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. each day. Featuring hardy varieties that can withstand Maine weather conditions, the sale is scheduled for the Lyle E. Littlefield Gardens. Plants are grown by UMaine students and faculty members in campus greenhouses. Funds raised from the sale will benefit UMaine's Environmental Horticulture Program, supporting

internships and infrastructure upgrades for the program and the Littlefield Garden.

Kaye Appears on TV News, Will Co-Host 'Maine Seniors' Radio Program

24 Mar 2011

Len Kaye, director of the University of Maine Center on Aging and professor of social work, appeared as a guest on Senior Spotlight on Channel 5 (WABI) and on a Channel 7 (WVII) newscast recently to talk about an upcoming conference, "Substance Abuse in Older Adults: An Invisible Epidemic: The 6th Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium," sponsored by the Center on Aging, School of Social Work, and others. In addition, Kaye has become a monthly co-host with David Nealley on the "Maine Seniors" program, airing Saturdays from 2:30-4 p.m. on radio station WZON, 103.1 FM. On Saturday, March 19, Kaye co-hosted a show that addressed the challenges and experiences of caregivers of older adults. He also will contribute a regular column, "The Sage Lens," in the new "Maine Seniors Magazine," scheduled to begin publication in May.

Composites Center Comments On Use Of Blast-Resistant Structures In Earthquake Zones

24 Mar 2011

The blast-resistant technology developed at the UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center could also be used in areas where earthquakes occur, officials at the center told WLBZ television. Center Director Habib Dagher and Larry Parent, assistant director of operations and program management, who were interviewed for the story, said blast-resistant structures have been tested to see how they withstand bomb and mortar attacks, but could stand up to the shaking caused by earthquakes.

Ecologist Interviewed About Vernal Pools

24 Mar 2011

Maine Public Radio interviewed Aram Calhoun, a UMaine professor of wetland ecology, about a proposal before the Maine legislature to loosen restrictions on development near vernal pools. Calhoun told the interviewer a reduction of buffers could wipe out pool-breeding amphibians in Maine. She added that since 2006 no permits have been denied because of a significant vernal pool.

Business Expert Comments On Effects Of Japan Disaster

24 Mar 2011

Comments from UMaine business Professor John Mahon were included in a [Bangor Daily News](#) story about the ongoing economic effects of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan earlier this month. Mahon said food prices have started to rise on speculation, and the cost of borrowing may also rise as the Japanese are forced to borrow on international markets in order to rebuild the nation. The economic effects in Maine could be both positive and negative, Mahon added, as Japan will need a lot of construction materials such as wood in order to rebuild, but factory shutdowns in Japan could lead to rising prices in sectors such as electronics.

Labor Historian In New York Times

24 Mar 2011

A New York Times [article](#) about Gov. Paul LePage's plan to take down a mural in the state Department of Labor offices included comments from UMaine labor historian Charles Scontras. He told the newspaper removing the mural would be an example of an attempt to erase history. Scontras was also quoted in the Waterville Morning Sentinel.

Students Interviewed for NESN Reality Game Show

24 Mar 2011

Several UMaine students who turned out for a casting call for the new reality quiz show "Schooled," to begin airing on the New England Sports Network in the fall, were interviewed for a Wednesday evening news report on Channel 2 (WLBZ).

Sandweiss Comments in Science Magazine Story

25 Mar 2011

Comments from Prof. Dan Sandweiss of the UMaine anthropology faculty are included in a Science Magazine story about new findings -- reported this week in Science -- about the earliest settlement of the Americas. Lead author Michael Waters of Texas A&M University writes about a discovery in Texas that "tells us once and for all that we can abandon" the belief that people from the Clovis culture were the first to arrive in the Americas, from Asia, some 13,200 years ago. Waters' new findings, near Buttermilk Creek, Texas, provide evidence of pre-Clovis hunter-gatherers 15,500 years ago. Sandweiss points out in the story that archaeologists have been noticing evidence of pre-Clovis presence but that the evidence had not previously been strong enough to fully support those theories. Waters lectured at UMaine last fall as part of a Climate Change Institute seminar, and he discussed the site featured in this story and his publication. Heather Pringle, who wrote the news story with Sandweiss' comments, will be UMaine's Phi Kappa Phi lecturer on April 19. Sandweiss also discussed this story with a Chronicle of Higher Education reporter on Thursday.

Harper Lee Biographer at UMaine April 12

25 Mar 2011

Mary McDonagh Murphy, the film and television producer whose documentary "Hey, Boo: Harper Lee and 'To Kill a Mockingbird'" celebrates the 50th anniversary of that novel's 1960 publication, will visit UMaine on Tuesday April 12. Murphy will participate in a screening of the film and a discussion during a session scheduled for 12:30-2 p.m. in 100 Nutting Hall. The film and discussion coincide with the Penobscot Theatre Company's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" (March 30-April 17), the theatre company's book discussion with Margery Irvine (April 5), its screening of the film (April 9) and Humanities Night at the Penobscot Theatre with Mary McDonagh Murphy and playwright John Cariani (April 13). The April 12 UMaine event is supported in part by grants from UMaine's Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, the English Department's Lloyd H. Elliott Fund, and UMaine's Humanities Initiative.

News Reports About Bird Migration Workshop

25 Mar 2011

WLBZ and WVII reported Thursday's meeting of the Northeast Regional Migration Monitoring Network at UMaine. UMaine ornithologist Rebecca Holberton, one of the coordinators of the network, was interviewed about the need for monitoring the patterns of migrating birds in the Gulf of Maine.

Business Professor Comments On Maine Census Data

25 Mar 2011

Comments from UMaine's John Mahon were included in a USA Today story which analyzed 2010 Census numbers for the state of Maine. Mahon, a business expert, said the north-south population split revealed in the numbers reflects real regional tensions in that southern Maine residents resent money that goes to northern areas for social services, but appreciate the northern region for its vacation and recreation resources.

Coverage Of Reality TV Series Tryouts

25 Mar 2011

NESN.com covered the tryouts held Thursday at UMaine for "Schooled," NESN's new reality series. Three UMaine students will be selected to take part in a battle of intelligence-based challenges against students from other New England schools. NESN has a video of some of the potential contestants on its website. WLBZ also reported on the tryouts.

Researchers Use Sensor Technology to Improve Athletic Performance

25 Mar 2011

Contacts: Thomas Ordelt, (207) 581-2328; George Manlove (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- A University of Maine track and field coach has teamed up with exercise science and mechanical engineering researchers to improve the performance of his athletes. A study being conducted on the UMaine campus is employing scientific methods to identify the timing and magnitude of muscle activation during a variety of weight room exercises, as well as movement during competition. The data being collected will help determine the relativity and effectiveness of current training methods and aid in their modification to increase effectiveness. Study results will have a profound impact on the training techniques employed by track athletes, sprinters in particular, the researchers say. Already, preliminary findings have better informed assistant UMaine track coach David Cusano about which muscle groups need to be the focus of off-track strength and power training sessions in the weight room. He has modified his weight room program so it specifically supports the athletes' explosiveness on the track, helping to shave precious hundredths of a second off their times. According to exercise science graduate student Thomas Ordelt, seventy percent of the sprinters participating in the research are consistently improving their personal bests in the weight room week by week, but more importantly, they continue to run faster and faster on the track. Ordelt is conducting the research as part of his master's thesis under the supervision of professor Robert Lehnhard, an exercise physiologist in the College of Education and Human Development, and mechanical engineering assistant professor Ashish Deshpande. The researchers brought together state-of-the-art technology to study the movement and force-generation patterns of the athletes during their block starts on the track, and various weight-training exercises. These included a high-speed motion capture system to precisely record whole body movements, electromyograph (EMG) sensors to measure real-time neuromuscular activity, in-shoe sensors that pinpoint pressures on the sole of the foot and an in-ground force plate that helps calculate the athletes' power. Similar motion-capture equipment is used for replicating human movement in animated movies such as Avatar, Deshpande says. "This is really a cutting-edge study since this is the first time all these separate sensing technologies have been coordinated together for the purpose of studying human performance," he says. Prior to a series of weight-training exercises and block-starts, Ordelt and another exercise science graduate student and co-researcher, Nabil Salim, attached 40 reflective tracking beads from head to toe on 17 men and women athletes. High-speed filming of the markers during movements led to computer models of the athletes performing the exercises. The computerized figures were then be used to calculate a wide range of physics variables that directly apply to sprinting. In addition, eight EMG sensors were placed on muscle groups in the legs to correlate their "firing" to the acceleration modeled by the computerized figures. A force plate and in-shoe sensors measured ground forces generated by the athletes. Direct-force output data was integrated into the analysis. Preliminary results have allowed Cusano's sprinters and hurdlers to modify and improve training techniques. Practice sessions have become more efficient and productive, the athletes say. Sprinter Jillian O'Brien, who participated in the study, says the information she received from Ordelt and Salim, even during the data collection phase, helped her qualify for America East finals in the 60- and the 200-meter dash events. O'Brien, a junior exercise science major from Buffalo, N.Y., believes the knowledge also will help her in the future as a coach and fitness professional. She and fellow study participants Jesse LaBreck and Cearha Miller all qualified for the recent 2011 NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships. "All three of them set personal bests during the study," Cusano says, "and all three continue to set personal bests. This study has helped them make very effective adjustments in their training, which helped them qualify for this prestigious meet." A review of the data collected so far also has improved the athletes' lifting techniques says Cusano. For example, the 115-pound O'Brien increased her power clean from 125 to 150 pounds, and her maximal back squat is more than 300 pounds. Others' performances also improved. Another runner trimmed her personal best 400-meter dash time by a significant 2 seconds. She also shaved a half second from her 60-meter personal best. In a race where the difference between winning and losing can be 100th of a second, sprinting a full half second faster is a tremendous achievement, says Lehnhard. "The correlation between our weight room work and our performance on the track is exactly what we are looking for," Cusano says. "A study such as this will help further ensure that we are being smart about our off-track training practices." Although athletes have been the focus of this particular

study, the successful synchronization of these technologies used in the research will lead to the study of human movement in a wide range of other groups. "Children with degenerative muscular or neurological diseases, older people with loss of balance and people of all ages needing rehabilitation from injuries can benefit from this technology," Ordelt says. "We can provide mathematical data for building assistive devices for handicapped people," he adds. "Our methods provide a deeper understanding of how the body moves. It's unique that we have so many sensors synched at one time." Deshpande, whose research interests include design of prosthetics and rehabilitation robotics, agrees. "We're creating novel, interesting scientific methods for human movement analysis," he says. "This goes beyond athletes. We are pushing the technological envelop to understand human movement and apply that understanding toward improving the quality of life for many, many people. It's important for everyone." Part of the funding for the sensors and camera equipment came from a \$25,000 Maine Technology Institute grant. Deshpande hopes the research will be a stepping-stone to creating a comprehensive rehabilitation lab at UMaine for analyzing whole body movement patterns.

Segee Featured in Mainebiz Computing Story

25 Mar 2011

Comments from Bruce Segee of the UMaine electrical and computer engineering faculty are included in a front-page Mainebiz story about efforts to leverage cyberinfrastructure and supercomputing resources to assist in statewide economic development efforts. The story notes that a University of Maine System-led initiative, Cyberinfrastructure Investment for Development, Economic Growth and Research (CIDER) recently received a \$250,000 Maine Technology Institute grant. Jeff Letorneau, executive director of the system's Networkmaine initiative, is also quoted in the story.

ORSP Compliance Workshop April 1

25 Mar 2011

UMaine's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) will present a workshop "ORSP 201: Compliance Part 1," Wednesday April 13 from 9-10:30 a.m. in Soderberg Lecture Hall, Jenness Hall. Designed for anyone who conducts or manages extramurally funded research programs, the workshop will provide investigators with an overview of federal regulations that may apply to research programs. Topics will include fiscal accountability, human and animal subjects, infectious agents, safety and environmental management and radioactive materials. A second workshop, to cover intellectual property and Export Control Regulations, will be scheduled for May. To RSVP for the April 6 workshop, email [Amanda Ashe](mailto:Amanda.Ashe@umaine.edu).

UMaine Assisting Students Affected by Fire

27 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr, (207) 581-3571 or joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- More than a dozen University of Maine students are displaced by a Saturday evening fire at an Orono apartment complex. University personnel are in close contact with those students and their families, providing assistance as needed. "Above all, we are thankful no one was injured," says Robert Dana, UMaine's vice president for student affairs and dean of students. "We are currently focused on making sure that the affected students have everything they need to continue their studies uninterrupted." As of Sunday morning, it appears that as many as 16 UMaine students are affected by the fire, reported just after 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Stillwater Village apartments. Eight students moved immediately into campus housing, while the others made alternate living arrangements. Dana and his staff will coordinate further assistance related to housing and dining, along with the replacement of lost books, computers and other academic necessities. Five weeks of classes remain in UMaine's spring semester, followed by a week of final exams leading up to commencement on Saturday May 7.

UMaine Museum of Art Announces Spring Exhibitions

28 Mar 2011

[University of Maine Museum of Art](http://www.umaine.edu/museumofart) news release. Images are available upon request

(kathryn.jovanelli@umit.maine.edu) **SHADOW PLAY:** Works by Brian Shure Brian Shure exhibits a series of realist landscapes and cityscapes rendered primarily in ink on paper. The subjects of these works are locations in Japan, Italy, the United States and China. The bustle of activity and architectural diversity in urban environments is often the subject of Shure's compositions. For example, 55th and 5th and Union Square Skateboarders capture the congested streets and ever-changing nature of the city. Shure states, "My subjects are continually evolving: the most obvious examples are the continually changing light and the moving people and cars." While the city is certainly a source of inspiration for Shure's drawings, so is the tranquility of the landscape. Several drawings of locations in Nara and Kyoto, Japan depict forests of cedars and bamboo rendered in indigo and gold ink on paper. The horizontal format of these works, repetitive lines of the flora and dramatic lighting evokes the serenity of being immersed in nature. Shadow Play is presented as part of the statewide collaboration, Where to Draw the Line: the Maine Drawing Project, which celebrates drawing at Maine museums and art venues throughout 2011. Shure received a BA in Printmaking and Painting from Antioch College and worked as a professional lithographer for 15 years. He is on the faculty of the Rhode Island School of Design and is represented by Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery, NYC and Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence.

IMPLEMENTS: Recent Sculpture by J.T. Gibson Maine-based artist J.T. Gibson has created a new series of sculptures for this exhibition in the Leonard Gallery. Gibson's sculptures are abstract, warm-toned forms that are loosely inspired by tools and machinery. The large-scale floor work End Game brings to mind the exaggerated profile and posture of Easter Island Moai figures or an enlarged handgrip. Three of the works featured are created using a process of stacked lamination. After carving the forms, the artist then hand paints the sculptures using artist oil paint, tung oil and a tinted waterproof pine tar finish. In addition, Gibson debuts a new wall installation titled Operation Milkweed consisting of rust-orange forms that may reference seed pods or bombs. The curved work is created out of weathering steel with contrasting seams of stainless steel. Drift, a highly finished piece carved from black walnut, offers both man-made and organic associations such as the horn of an anvil, a thorn or perhaps a bird's talon. Gibson is constructing a new site-specific outdoor work that will be featured this summer at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art. His works were included in a recent exhibition at the Messler Gallery at the Maine Center for Fine Furniture in Rockport as well as UMMA's I-95 Triennial exhibition. **HANGING DRAWINGS:** Nancy Murphy Spicer Nancy Murphy Spicer, who lives and works in the United Kingdom, often blurs the boundaries between two and three dimensional art in her conceptual-based works. Her expansive view of the process of drawing and questioning traditional mark-making materials is reflected in her Hanging Drawing installation. During the course of the exhibition Murphy Spicer's wall drawing, which is constructed out of stripped and plied electrical tape and 50 pins, will be altered at several creative sessions. During these sessions, students and museum visitors are invited to create their own wall drawing and then document their composition through photography or with drawing paper supplied in the gallery. Visitors may also view a video depicting several previously exhibited spontaneous and successive wall drawings. The Boston Globe comments that the artist's work is, "spare, oblique, and lacking in narrative. They don't expect the viewer to make sense of them; rather, they invite you to engage and discover what the art provokes within you." Murphy Spicer's works are presented as part of the statewide visual arts initiative, Where to Draw the Line: The Maine Drawing Project. Murphy Spicer has exhibited in many solo and group exhibitions and has taught at the University of West of England, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Art Institute of Boston. She is represented by Carroll and Sons Gallery, Boston. Admission to the Museum is FREE in 2011 thanks to Machias Savings Bank in honor of Ted Leonard.

UMaine Math Students in International Competition

28 Mar 2011

University of Maine math students Joshua Scripture, Ellen Moriarty and Eric Sawyer represented the university in the 71st Putnam Competition, held in December 2010. Described by UMaine math professor David Bradley as being "widely known as the world's toughest math contest," the event featured 546 institutions and nearly 4,300 students from across North America. Scripture excelled in the competition, ranking in the top 28 percent among all participants. Ali Ozluk of the UMaine math faculty recruited team members, coached the team and served as the competition's local supervisor.

FY12 Budget Forums this Week

28 Mar 2011

Provost Susan Hunter, Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, and Director of Budget and Business Services Claire Stickland will present two Fiscal Year 2012 public budget forums this week. These sessions, which will be identical, will provide preliminary information about the next fiscal year budget for interested members of the UMaine community. The forums are scheduled for Tuesday March 29 from 1-2:30 p.m. and Wednesday March 30 from 10-11:30 a.m. Both are scheduled for Wells Conference Center Room 1.

Sandweiss in LA Times Report on Archaeological Find

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UMaine anthropology professor Dan Sandweiss is quoted in a [Los Angeles Times story](#) about a discovery shedding new light on the earliest settlement of the Americas. Texas A&M professor Michael Waters, who spoke at UMaine last fall, is the lead author of a Science article that calls into question the belief that people from the Clovis culture were the first to arrive in the Americas, from Asia, some 13,200 years ago. Waters' new findings, from a discovery near Buttermilk Creek, Texas, provide evidence of pre-Clovis hunter-gatherers 15,500 years ago. Sandweiss points out in the story that archaeologists have been noticing evidence of pre-Clovis presence but that the evidence had not previously been strong enough to fully support those theories.

Newspaper previews Tuesday UMaine talk

28 Mar 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a [story](#) previewing a Tuesday UMaine talk by climate change activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier. Currently spending a year as a teaching scholar at Bowdoin, Watt-Cloutier is a member of the Inuit tribe who was nominated for the Nobel Prize in 2007. After a Tuesday 2 p.m. session with UMaine students, Watt-Cloutier will give a 7 p.m. Wells Conference Center talk, "'Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century.'" She is noted for adding human rights issues to the discussion of climate change. The Tuesday UMaine sessions are presented by the university's Canadian-American Center.

Stack Comments in Spring Gardening Column

28 Mar 2011

Comments from Lois Berg Stack of UMaine Cooperative Extension are included in a [Portland Press Herald column](#) detailing steps that one can take now to prepare for spring gardening. Stack and other experts provide a series of practical tips in the column.

Orono Fire News Coverage

28 Mar 2011

A Sunday [Bangor Daily News story](#) about a Saturday evening Orono includes comments from Vice President Robert Dana. Several UMaine students living at the Stillwater Village apartments were displaced. UMaine student affairs personnel were on the scene and quickly provided those students with access to food, housing and other necessities.

Media Coverage Of Researcher's Book On Climate Change

28 Mar 2011

Curt Stager, a paleoclimatologist and adjunct research faculty member of UMaine's Climate Change Institute, was interviewed for a [Toronto Star story](#) about his new book, "Deep Future: The Next 100,000 Years of Life on Earth." The book, which was released earlier this month, focuses on the current era of the earth's history, when humans have come to dominate and define the planet, and how humans' dependence on fossil fuels will shape the planet in the deep future. The book was reviewed on [Faster Times](#), which called it a "clear, concise and thought provoking work." CBC radio

program "Quirks and Quarks" also [mentioned the book](#), as did Boston-based radio station [WBUR](#), which broadcast the interview nationally on NPR.

Coverage Of Nature Observing Program

28 Mar 2011

The Portland Press Herald has a [story](#) about "Signs of the Seasons: A Maine Phenology Project," a Maine Sea Grant and UMaine Cooperative Extension initiative. The project asks volunteers across the state to help track and document the effects of climate change on common plants and animals.

UMaine Surveying Students Place Second in National Event

28 Mar 2011

Carlton Brown, 581-2781 ORONO -- The University of Maine's team of surveying engineering students recently won second place in the National Society of Professional Surveyors' 10th annual student competition in Las Vegas. As part of the competition, held in conjunction with the California Land Surveyors and Nevada Association of Land Surveyors joint conference, seven student teams were given four months to develop a project in the field of hydrographic surveying, write a 30-page paper, prepare a wall poster and give a 20-minute presentation. The annual competition is open to schools with baccalaureate degree programs in surveying, surveying engineering technology or surveying engineering. Members of the UMaine team were Samuel Suorsa, Clark Chattin, Anthony Mazzarella, Andrew Piccirillo, Andrew Strout, Brian Moore and Daniel Menard. Team adviser Carlton Brown, assistant professor in the Surveying Engineering technology Program, accompanied the students to Las Vegas. First, second and third place winners were Troy University, Troy, Ala.; UMaine; and Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls. Honorable mentions went to California State University, Fresno; Michigan Technological Institute, Houghton; New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark; and the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. The National Society of Professional Surveyors is the national organization representing the land surveying profession in the United States. Its aims and objectives include advancing the sciences and disciplines within the profession, supporting new practical methods of surveying, promoting public faith and confidence in the profession, encouraging high standards of ethical and professional behavior, and seeking improvements in higher education curricula for surveyors.

2010 Nursing School Graduates to Visit Class of 2011 Candidates

28 Mar 2011

Contact: Nancy Fishwick, 581-2607 Members of the UMaine School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner Class of 2011 will hear from several of last year's graduates on Thursday, March 31 about transitioning from registered nurse family nurse practitioner, and the credentialing requirements ahead. Two of the eight graduate students who received degrees and national certification last year, Lori Towne and Karen Longfellow, will serve on a panel for students about to receive FNP master's degrees in May. They'll visit the class taught by Mary Shea from 2-4 p.m. in Dunn Hall and offer tips about professional life after graduation, according to Nancy Fishwick, director and associate professor of the UMaine School of Nursing. Fishwick says the May 2010 graduates continued a UMaine tradition of excellent pass rates on the national certification exam and all are employed as primary care providers in a variety of clinical settings in Maine, filling a role that increasingly is in demand for health promotion, illness and injury prevention, in addition to management of common acute and chronic conditions. The eight 2010 graduates' aggregate FNP certification examination scores were 640, well above the national average of 574, according to Fishwick, who received the news this month. In addition to Towne, of Dover-Foxcroft, and Longfellow, of Waterville, the other graduates were Ruth Tainter of Ellsworth, Laurie Farley of Blue Hill, Elizabeth Martins of Detroit, Martha Eastman of Bangor, Linda Crowell of Bar Harbor and Ann Ohlin of Steuben.

Abbott Accepts Two-Year UMaine Athletic Director Appointment

28 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu To arrange interviews with Steve Abbott, contact Laura Reed at (207) 581-3646 ORONO -- University of Maine President Robert Kennedy announced today that Steve Abbott has agreed to accept a two-year appointment as UMaine's athletic director. Abbott has served as UMaine's interim athletic director since last August. Over the past seven months, Kennedy says, Abbott has shown the leadership skills, vision and commitment that make him ideally suited to continue leading UMaine's 17-team Division I program. "I have been most impressed with Steve's performance in this important leadership role," Kennedy says. "He has proven to be an effective manager in a complex environment, an exceptionally capable fundraiser who inspires support, and a dynamic leader who fosters the appropriate balance in the lives of our student-athletes." An Orono native whose father, Walt Abbott, is a former UMaine professor and football coach, Abbott was the 1984 football captain during his senior year at Harvard. He is a former practicing attorney who graduated from the University of Maine School of Law and also studied sports management in the University of Massachusetts graduate program. Abbott served as Sen. Susan Collins' chief of staff for 12 years before stepping down to pursue the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 2010. The two-year appointment takes effect on June 1, 2011. It is subject to formal approval by University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenau. "I am really enjoying this opportunity and I look forward to continuing as part of the UMaine community," Abbott says. "I'm convinced that the program's future is very bright. I intend to work with my UMaine colleagues and our many supporters to build on the traditions and the enthusiasm for UMaine sports that have given us such a great statewide fan base." Kennedy, who is stepping down as president after seven years at the end of June, says that the two-year appointment will give Abbott the opportunity to continue building on the experiences and successes of the past seven months while providing steady leadership as UMaine's incoming president, Paul Ferguson, transitions into his new role and determines his long-term plan for the athletic director's position. Kennedy also says he has spoken with Ferguson, who is supportive of Abbott's appointment. "I appreciate Steve's willingness to continue in this role," Kennedy says. "His outstanding work during this academic year gives me confidence that this fixed-length appointment is in the best interests of the university, our student-athletes and the athletic program in general. We are fortunate that Steve's capabilities and his commitment to the University of Maine allow us to move in this direction at this time." Note: in university human resources parlance, the word "interim" does not apply to a person serving a fixed-length appointment.

Manev Column in Saturday Newspaper

29 Mar 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a guest column by [Dean Ivan Manev](#) of UMaine's College of Business, Public Policy and Health. In the column, "Making I-95 a Maine innovation highway," Manev explains some of the factors that make economic development clusters successful and offers suggestions about ways in which Maine can deal with related geographic and infrastructure challenges.

FY12 Budget Forums March 29 and 30

29 Mar 2011

Contact: Kathleen McIntyre at (207) 581-1541 Provost Susan Hunter, Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, and Director of Budget and Business Services Claire Strickland invite you to attend the Fiscal Year 2012 public budget forums. These sessions, which will be identical, will provide preliminary information about the next fiscal year budget. The forums are scheduled for today, March 29, from 1-2:30 p.m. and tomorrow, Wednesday, March 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in Wells Conference Center Room 1.

Bangor Daily News Story About Potential Lab Closure

29 Mar 2011

The Bangor Daily News had a [story](#) about a U.S. Department of Agriculture research laboratory located on the UMaine campus that could be closed and 18 jobs eliminated due to the federal budget impasse. The USDA's New England Plant, Soil and Water Laboratory is the only one of its kind of the region. The lab's employees, including scientists and support staff, work for the Agricultural Research Agency, which is the USDA's chief research agency.

Coverage Of UMaine Athletic Director Announcement

29 Mar 2011

Several news organizations covered Monday's announcement that UMaine and Orono native Steve Abbott agreed on a contract to keep Abbott, who was serving as the interim athletic director, in the position for two more years. The [Portland Press Herald](#) and Bangor television station WABI both had stories about the hiring, while a Bangor Daily News [column](#) called Abbott's hiring a positive step.

Chancellor to Present "State of the University" Speech to Maine Legislature

29 Mar 2011

On Wednesday, March 30, University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude will provide a presentation to a joint session of the Maine State Senate and House of Representatives. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the Chancellor will present the "State of the University" address as part of the Legislature's ["State of the Education" session](#). Live audio and video streams will be available at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/>. The full text of the chancellor's presentation will be posted at www.maine.edu/news/ following the presentation.

UMaine Dismisses Women's Basketball Coach Cindy Blodgett

29 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr (joe.carr@umit.maine.edu) ORONO -- The University of Maine has relieved women's basketball coach Cindy Blodgett of her duties, effective immediately. Blodgett, an iconic UMaine student-athlete who graduated in 1998 and played professionally for four years before becoming a coach, has been the Black Bear coach for the past four seasons. "All of us who care about UMaine and Black Bear sports owe Cindy Blodgett a debt of gratitude for her her contributions as both a player and a coach," says UMaine Athletic Director Steve Abbott. "I wish Cindy the best in all her future endeavors." As outlined in her employment contract, Blodgett will receive one year's salary -- \$109,772 -- to terminate that agreement. Money to fund that buyout will come from private sources, with no tuition or taxpayer funds to be used. Abbott says he plans to launch a national search for a new coach right away.

UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center to Celebrate National Recognition for Bridge-in-a-Backpack

29 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu, 207-581-3571 Roberta Lavery, Roberta.lavery@umit.maine.edu, 207-581-2110

ORONO -- The Advanced Structures and Composites Center at the University of Maine has scheduled a Friday April 1 event in recognition of a prestigious national award for innovation. University personnel and their business and industry partners will gather to celebrate the Pankow Award for Innovation, to be presented Thursday night in Washington D.C. for development of the Bridge-in-a-Backpack™. The Friday UMaine event is scheduled for the AEWB building, 11 a.m.-12 noon. The Pankow Award, one of the engineering profession's highest honors, will be presented to Advanced Structures and Composites Center Director Habib Dagher at the American Society for Civil Engineering (ASCE) outstanding projects and awards gala in Washington D.C. on March 31. ASCE, founded in 1852, is America's oldest national engineering society and represents over 140,000 members. The Charles Pankow Award for Innovation was established by ASCE to celebrate collaboration in innovative design, materials, or construction-related research and development transferred into practice in a sustainable manner. As a follow-up to that event, the Friday UMaine celebration will provide an opportunity for all of those who have worked developing and commercializing the technology to be acknowledged and thanked for their critical role in the success of the Bridge-in-a-Backpack™. As part of the April 1 celebration, Peter Vigue, president and CEO of Cianbro Corporation, who nominated Bridge-in-a-Backpack™ for the award, will recognize the collaboration which made this honor possible – the partnership of the

University of Maine, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), and Advanced Infrastructure Technologies (AIT), the Orono-based company commercializing the technology. MDOT Chief Engineer Kenneth Sweeney and AIT President and CEO Brit Svoboda will represent Maine DOT and AIT, respectively. "UMaine's Composites Center is truly humbled to receive this prestigious national award from ASCE. The award goes to the many students and staff who have worked on this new technology at UMaine including professors Roberto Lopez-Anido, William Davids and Eric Landis, along with professional engineer Larry Parent, and our partners at the Maine DOT and Advanced Infrastructure Technologies. At a time where national and state budgets are tight, this new technology reduces the cost of bridges, and allows for faster construction. One bridge that was recently built in North Anson was completed in less than two weeks, including removing the existing bridge," Dagher says. The UMaine-patented Bridge-in-a-Backpack™ technology uses carbon fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) composite arch tubes that serve as superstructure components to efficiently carry bridge design loads. A 70-foot tube can fit in a "hockey bag," can be inflated on site using an air compressor running off a pick-up truck, can be bent to any shape, infused with a resin, and becomes stronger than steel in about three hours. FRP tubes provide several functions. They act as lightweight external reinforcement for concrete, provide a form for the concrete, and protect the concrete from corrosion/spalling. This system of structural reinforcement eliminates the need for steel rebar inside the structure. Bridge-in-a-Backpack™ arches are a lightweight, long lasting, alternative to steel and precast concrete. The system is easily transportable and do not require the heavy equipment or large crews needed to handle traditional construction materials. A 70 ft arch span weighs about 200 lbs, compared to over 40,000 lbs for conventional bridge girders, "We believe that new technologies are critical to repairing and/or replacing deficient infrastructure with a more cost effective, longer lasting product compared to traditional construction," said Brit Svoboda, president and CEO of AIT. "This award reinforces the positive response we received from the marketplace for our current bridge systems. In the field this technology has proven to be highly customizable, safe, cost competitive composite bridge system. We thank the ASCE for recognizing this technology with this prestigious award."

10th Annual Geddes W. Simpson Lecture Schedule April 4

29 Mar 2011

Contact: Judith Round, 581-5104 The 10th annual Geddes W. Simpson Lecture, with a special program in honor of the tenth year of the series, is scheduled for Monday, April 4 in the McIntire Room of the Buchanan Alumni House. The program will begin at 2 p.m. with a lecture by Elizabeth S. Bast, granddaughter of Professor Simpson. Bast is managing director of Oil Change International, Washington, D.C. The topic of her lecture is, "Energy Access for the Poor: How clean energy can help solve global development and climate challenges." At 3:15 p.m., following a reception in Leadership Hall, the 2011 Geddes W. Simpson distinguished lecturer, Joseph T. Kelley, chair and professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Maine, will speak. His talk will highlight his research on beaches and the mutual interactions between beach systems and human societies through time. The Geddes W. Simpson Lecture Series was established in 2001 at the University of Maine Foundation by family and friends in honor of Professor Simpson, a distinguished entomologist, researcher and teacher who began his career at the University of Maine in 1931. The award is given annually in April to an individual who has provided significant insight into the area where science and history intersect. The public is invited to attend this special event. For more information, contact Judith Round at 581-5104 or by e-mail round@maine.edu

Former Commissioner Albanese at UMaine April 4

30 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO — Former Maine education commissioner J. Duke Albanese will visit UMaine on Monday April 4, as part of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow Program. Albanese currently serves as senior policy adviser in Maine's Great Schools Partnership. Albanese will spend the day at UMaine, meeting with students, faculty members and staff members. He will also offer a 3 p.m. colloquium, "The Elusive Pursuit of Education Reform: Prospects for Change." That talk is scheduled for the Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium in Barrows Hall. UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, its College of Education and Human Development and its Maine Center for Research in STEM Education will co-sponsor the colloquium. The Distinguished

Maine Policy Fellows Program, which began in the spring of 2006, brings Maine elected officials and senior policymakers to UMaine for intensive one-day programs through which they can learn more about UMaine, the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, and the work of the university's faculty members and students. It is also intended to provide opportunities for UMaine students to have access to high-level public officials, through whom they can learn more about government and the development of public policy. A Rhode Island native, Albanese earned both a master's degree and a certificate of advanced study from UMaine. He served for several years as superintendent of the Oakland-based Messalonskee School District. He served as Maine's education commissioner from 1996-2003. Several news coverage possibilities exist, in addition to the 3 p.m. colloquium. Albanese will learn more about UMaine initiatives related to enhancing the use of laptop computers in Maine schools when he visits with UMaine professors Bruce Segee and Yifeng Zhu between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. at the Foster Center for Student Innovation. He will also meet with Prof. Susan McKay to discuss the new Maine Center for Research in STEM Education (Maine RISE Center) from 10:15-11:15 a.m., also in the Foster Center for Student Innovation. *Note: this visit was originally scheduled for Dec. 6, 2010, but a snowstorm forced postponement.*

Cooperative Extension Hosts Robotics Event For Kids

30 Mar 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension was one of the hosts of the Second Annual Washington County 4-H Robotics Expo, held at ine-Machias, according to a [Bangor Daily News story](#). Twenty teams of Washington County children in grades 5-8 competed in the event.

Column On UMaine Alumna Surviving On 'Survivor'

30 Mar 2011

The Morning Sentinel has another in its weekly series of columns about UMaine nursing alumna Ashley Underwood, who is a cast member on the CBS reality show "Survivor." After five episodes of playing under-the-radar, according to the column, Underwood has gained a nemesis on the show, which should make for some interesting fireworks. The Sentinel columns are being written by Zach Dionne, a UMaine alumnus who is now an entertainment editor at AOL's PopEater.com.

WLBZ Story About Lobster-Shell Golf Balls

30 Mar 2011

Bangor television station WLBZ has a story about a new golf ball made of lobster shells which was developed by UMaine bioengineer David Neivandt. UMaine junior Alex Caddell of Winterport, who also worked on the project, was interviewed along with Neivandt for the story.

UMaine Researchers Use Lobster Shells to Create Biodegradable Golf Ball

30 Mar 2011



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ORONO, Maine — Golfers on the high seas can breathe a little easier — and so can the marine life around them — thanks to researchers at the University of Maine. In conjunction with The Lobster Institute, UMaine Biological and Chemical Engineering Professor David Neivandt and undergraduate student Alex Caddell of Winterport, Maine, have developed a biodegradable golf ball made from lobster shells. The ball is intended for use on cruise ships. Carin Poeschel Orr, who earned a master's in marine bio-resources at UMaine, suggested the idea to Bob Bayer of The Lobster Institute. Bayer turned to Neivandt, who is known on campus as an innovative problem-solver. Though biodegradable golf balls already exist, this is the first to be made with crushed lobster shells with a biodegradable binder and coating, creating value from waste material. “We’re using a byproduct of the lobster canning industry which is currently miserably underutilized — it ends up in a landfill,” Neivandt says. “We’re employing it in a value-added consumer product which hopefully has some cachet in the market.” And that cachet doesn’t come with a higher price tag. Biodegradable golf balls that are now on the market retail for a little under \$1 per ball. The raw materials for the lobster shell balls cost as little as 19 cents per ball. Caddell, a golfer, says the balls perform similarly to their traditional, white-dimpled counterparts. And they can be used with both drivers and irons. “The flight properties are amazing,” Caddell says. “It doesn’t fly quite as far as a regular golf ball, but we’re actually getting a similar distance to other biodegradable golf balls.” UMaine has filed a provisional patent for the lobster-shell mixture, which can also be used for such products as plant pots that decompose in the ground, surveying stakes and other applications. For Caddell, a junior Biological Engineering major and Honors student, the opportunity to do research that has a real-world application has been a highlight of his UMaine experience. “I didn’t really think it would turn out to be this fruitful,” Caddell says. “I think what really makes UMaine great is that there is a lot of funding available here, as opposed to private schools where it’s hard to get research opportunities. Here, all sorts of professors are willing to take on students. You’re not just taking classes, you can be surrounded by engineering by doing research, as well.”

Coverage Of Women's Basketball Coaching Move

30 Mar 2011

Several Maine media outlets covered the announcement Tuesday that UMaine women's basketball coach Cindy Blodgett had been relieved of her coaching duties. It was a front-page story in the [Bangor Daily News](#), and several UMaine players [spoke](#) with the BDN on Tuesday. The Portland Press Herald also ran a [story](#) along with a [Steve Solloway column](#) about Blodgett's coaching career at UMaine. Several Maine television stations, including WCSH in Portland, also covered the story. ESPN.com ran an Associated Press version of the [story](#).

Channel 5 Interviews Dana on Orono Fire

30 Mar 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) broadcast a Monday report on UMaine's reaction to a weekend Orono fire that displaced more than a dozen UMaine students. Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students described the university's response, which included providing various services and access to materials those students need to continue their studies uninterrupted.

Anderson Column in Monday's Newspaper

30 Mar 2011

Monday's Bangor Daily News included an [opinion column](#) by Mark Anderson of the UMaine School of Economics faculty. Titled "More information needed before we fall for the latest energy fad," the column examines government-supported energy solutions since the middle of the 20th century, while also raising questions about the viability of wind power as a long-term answer to the world's energy needs.

U.S. Marine Band Director to Conduct UMaine Band, Offer Conducting Clinic

30 Mar 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- U.S. Marine Col. Michael J. Colburn, a Vermont native who serves as director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, will visit the University of Maine for a series of activities Saturday April 2-Tuesday April 5. The highlight of Colburn's visit will be a Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. University of Maine Concert Band and University of Maine Symphonic Band concert. He will serve as guest conductor for the symphonic band. That concert is scheduled for the Collins Center for the Arts. Colburn will offer a conductors clinic and open symphonic band rehearsal from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday April 2 in Room 100 of Class of 1944 Hall. He will rehearse with the band on Sunday April 3 from 6-8 p.m. in that same room. Dress rehearsals are scheduled for Monday April 4 from 4:10 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts. Colburn joined "The President's Own" in May 1987 as euphonium player, advancing through the ranks to the director's role in July 2004. The band, which plays at all presidential inaugurations and at executive mansion events, is in its third century of existence.

Cruise Industry Article Cites Gabe, McConnon Research

31 Mar 2011

An article in the April 2011 edition of [Portland Monthly magazine](#) about the economic outlook for the coming cruise ship season cites research by UMaine economists Todd Gabe of the School of Economics and Jim McConnon, a Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics, that estimated typical spending ranges by visiting cruise line passengers.

Researcher's Work On Whales Mentioned in Story

31 Mar 2011

The Working Waterfront website has a [story](#) about right whales in the Gulf of Maine that mentioned the work of UMaine biological oceanographer Andrew Pershing. The article focuses on the winter habits of right whales, which Pershing has studied in relation to the presence of tiny shrimp-like zooplankton upon which the whales feed.

UMaine Bodwell Gala 2011 Celebrates Community Engagement

31 Mar 2011

Contact: Samantha Kane, 581-1796 ORONO - The Bodwell Center for Service & Volunteerism at the University of Maine will host its annual Community Engagement Gala on April 25 to celebrate and honor university members and community organizations for their commitment to service. During the event, the Bodwell Center will recognize individuals and groups that have demonstrated a strong commitment to service during the past year. Awards include the Active Citizenship Award for a student or student group who has dedicated many hours to service to the university or local communities. In addition, the Barbara Bodwell Award will be presented to a member of the Greek community at UMaine who has participated or planned innovative service projects that have reached the off-campus community. A third award, the Community Partner Award, will be given to a business, individual or community agency that has contributed significantly to a UMaine student service project. A fourth award, the Dean Lucy Award, will recognize a faculty or staff member who has gone out of his or her way in service to the local community through community-

engaged research, support of student engagement or citizenship, or volunteer involvement in community organizations. To find out more details about these awards or to get a nomination form, email [Samantha Kane](mailto:Samantha.Kane@umit.maine.edu) or call 581-1796. Since this year's theme is "green initiative," materials and favors used for the gala will be recyclable or reusable -- which coincides appropriately with the forthcoming announcement of the new partnership between the Bodwell Center and the Green Campus Initiative. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers and socializing, followed by the program from 7-8 p.m. The celebration of service gala is open to all, and local community members, in addition to UMaine students, faculty and staff, are encouraged to attend. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Samantha Kane at samatha.kane@umit.maine.edu or call 581-1796 by April 18.

Wire Service, English Newspaper Notes UMaine's Lobster Shell Golf Ball

31 Mar 2011

The science page on the website of English newspaper [Daily Mail](#) is carrying reports about a biodegradable golf ball made out of lobster shells that was developed at UMaine by bioengineer David Neivandt and undergraduate Alex Caddell. [Wire service UPI](#) also had a story on its website.

Nursing Students Visit Brewer High Health Fair

31 Mar 2011

Several UMaine nursing students visited Thursday's health fair at Brewer High School, which was covered by the [Bangor Daily News](#). Bangor's WLBZ television interviewed nursing student Erin Iandoli for its story. Iandoli said in the interview a group of UMaine senior nursing students had put together [a website with information about sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, and other issues](#).

Opening Nears For Regional Learning Center In Falmouth

31 Mar 2011

The Falmouth Forecaster newspaper [website](#) has a photo of Maine Department of Transportation workers on Monday posting signs directing travelers on Interstate 295 to UMaine's new Regional Learning Center at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. The center, which is scheduled to open the first week of May with a grand opening on May 14, will include offices for admissions, Cooperative Extension, development, fundraising, and the nonprofit UMaine Foundation, along with classrooms and a demonstration garden.

April 1 Substance Abuse, Older Adults Colloquium Postponed

31 Mar 2011

UMaine News advisory - March 31, 2011 Contact: Len Kaye, (207) 262-7922 Because of the severity of winter weather conditions expected Friday, April 1, the University of Maine Center on Aging and collaborating partners are postponing the Substance Abuse and Aging Colloquium scheduled April 1 at Point Lookout in Northport. "We are working to reschedule the event, which will likely be during the first week in May," Center Director Len Kaye says. Registrants and participants will be notified when a new date is confirmed.

2011 Annual Juried Student Exhibition Opens April 1

31 Mar 2011

Contact: Department of Art, 581-3245 The UMaine Department of Art's Annual Juried Student Exhibition 2011 will be April 1-29 at the Lord Hall Gallery. An opening reception and award ceremony are scheduled Friday, April 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. The exhibit includes about 90 works by art students at all levels, whose work was determined by a selection jury to be most interesting or noteworthy. The works include sculpture, drawings and paintings. Further information is available by calling the Art Department at 207 581-3245. Lord Hall is an accessible

building.

WABI Features UMaine Tax Return Assistance Program

31 Mar 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) recently featured UMaine business and accounting students helping area residents with 2010 tax returns. Maine Business School accounting professor Steve Colburn, who oversees the annual service, and an accounting student, Joe Rosenwasser, were interviewed for the story.

New Online Franco-American Virtual Resource Launched

31 Mar 2011

Contact: Susan Pinette, (207) 581-3791; Yvon Labbé, (207) 581-3790; Jacob Albert, (207) 581-3795 ORONO -- Teachers, researchers, historians, genealogists and Franco-Americans, among others, have a new online bibliographical website to connect them to references and resources about everything Franco-American. Created through and collaboratively managed at the University of Maine Franco-American Centre, the new [Franco American virtual Library](#) contains lists and links to journal articles, published papers, dissertation, biographies, fiction and non-fiction, periodicals, artwork and audio and video materials about Franco-American life, culture and history. The project is a unique endeavor, according to Franco-American Centre Director Yvon Labbé, because it is designed for use by members of all communities, in addition to Franco-Americans, and scholars, who are invited to add to the website anything they believe to be of relevance to Franco-American culture and history. It becomes a much more diversified, collective and open-ended resource, he says. "What's unique here isn't just the content," Labbé says, "it's the process, as well. I find this whole thing very exciting, because Maine has not always been successful in mirroring Maine for Maine." A third of the state's population is Franco-American, according to Labbé and senior faculty associate of the Centre Tony Brinkley, also an English professor. Brinkley says the new website is a significant transition for the Franco-American Centre because it is taking 40 years worth of work at the Centre and putting it online, where it is universally accessible. "As things go out and are accessible, it will have an impact on teachers and students in public schools," Labbé adds -- a much quicker dissemination process than revising and publishing printed material like textbooks. A catalog of resources for Franco-American studies that's linked to URSUS and to the Maine State library, the website categorizes annotates in a virtual collection of items by genre and theme, assigns each item geographic tags, and indicates in which library or public collection each item might be found. "Up until now, there has been no way to find things written about Franco-Americans," says Susan Pinette, director of Franco-American studies at UMaine. "This resource has been sorely needed by everyone -- both academic and community-based researchers." The Library of Congress recently came up with a subject heading a few years ago, Pinette says, but even so, "if you type in 'Franco American' into most library catalogs, you get books written about French-U.S. diplomacy. There is no way to find Franco-American authors. Even with the Library of Congress designator, it is tough to find Franco-American fiction." Pinette, Labbé and Brinkley have worked for the past year with independent researcher and website architect Jacob Albert of Augusta to create the comprehensive online bibliography. The Québec-based Centre de la Francophonie des Amériques provided the funding. The Québec centre is dedicated to developing a promising future for the Maine French language in the context of cultural diversity by enhancing relationships among Francophones and Francophiles of Québec, Canada and the Americas, according to its mission statement. Albert says the resource currently is populated by materials relative to Franco-American interests in Maine, New England and pushing west, but will grow nationally through public use and user submissions. "Once this becomes more public, we hope folks will get excited about it and help us add to it," he says. Its production also was made possible by the support of Chez Nous, a chapter of Royal Arcanum-ACA, formerly known as Association Canado-Américaine.

Labor Historian Quoted On Blog

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The blog [Working in These Times](#) quoted UMaine labor historian Charles Scontras regarding the removal from the Maine Department of Labor of a mural about labor history. Scontras equated the decision to remove the mural to a

totalitarian regime attempting to erase history.

Press Herald, Examiner Web Site Cover Lobster-Shell Golf Balls Story

31 Mar 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) and Boston Examiner [website](#) both have articles about new UMaine-developed biodegradable golf balls made out of lobster shells. UMaine bioengineer David Neivandt and undergraduate student Alex Caddell provided the research for the golf balls, which are the brainchild of Carin Poeschel Orr, who earned a master's degree in marine bioresources from UMaine.

Snowe Recognizes UMaine Innovation

01 Apr 2011

A Sen. Olympia Snowe news release recognizes UMaine and its collaborators for innovation excellence. Representatives from UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center, the Maine Dept. of Transportation, Advanced Infrastructure Technologies and KlienfelderS/ E A Consultants were recognized in Washington, DC with a prestigious award. The award, from the American Council of Engineering Companies, for Bridge-in-a-backpack technology.

Wind Energy Meetings In Newspaper

01 Apr 2011

The Rockland-based weekly newspaper [Free Press](#) covered last week one of a series of meetings about UMaine's efforts to research deepwater offshore wind energy. Presenters at the meeting, which was held in Port Clyde, included Bob Lindyberg of UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center which is leading the research effort, and Paul Anderson, the director of the Maine Sea Grant Program, which works with UMaine Cooperative Extension on issues of concern to Maine's coastal communities.

MSNBC, Bangor Daily News Cover Announcement Of UMaine's Lobster-Shell Golf Balls

01 Apr 2011

MSNBC's Innovation and Technology website featured an Associated Press story about the biodegradable golf balls, made out of lobster shells, developed by UMaine bioengineer David Neivandt and undergraduate Alex Caddell. The [Bangor Daily News](#) also reported on the golf balls, as did Bangor television station WABI.

Graduate Earns Principal Of The Year Award

01 Apr 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) is reporting that Carol Hathorne, the principal of Hope Elementary School, has been named the Maine 2011 Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the Year. Hathorne received a master's degree in educational administration from UMaine in 1990, according to the article.

Art Department Postpones Today's Events

01 Apr 2011

The UMaine Department of Art is postponing two events scheduled for today. This evening's opening reception for the Annual Juried Student Exhibition at the Lord Hall Gallery is postponed until Friday, April 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. due to the snowstorm. The department's ArtWorks after-school children's program this afternoon will not be held, but resumes Friday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Bridge-in-a-Backpack Wins Award

04 Apr 2011

The Bangor Daily News published a [Saturday report](#) on a national award given to UMaine for bridge-in-a-backpack technology developed at the Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The American Society for Civil Engineering recognized the technology with its annual Pankow Award Thursday in Washington, DC. UMaine received the recognition along with the Maine Dept. of Transportation and Advanced Infrastructure Technologies, an Orono-based company working to commercialize the technology. The story was also covered by WABI, WLBZ and WVII.

Hess in News Report on Radiation

04 Apr 2011

Prof. Tom Hess from the UMaine physics faculty was interviewed for a Friday WLBZ television story about trace amounts of radiation observed by UMaine monitors since the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. UMaine is part of a national network monitoring radiation, with reports to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sunday Opinion Pieces Examine Blodgett Issue

04 Apr 2011

UMaine's Tuesday dismissal of women's basketball coach Cindy Blodgett led to a series of opinion pieces in Sunday's Maine newspapers. Lewiston Sun Journal columnist Kalle Oakes [wrote](#) about the situation, as did Maine Sunday Telegram publisher [Richard Connor](#). The Sunday Telegram also published an [editorial](#) about the story.

Lobster Shell Golf Balls News Reported

04 Apr 2011

Golf balls made from lobster shells, created by faculty and students in UMaine's Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering, in partnership with the Lobster Institute at UMaine, are the subject of widespread news coverage. Prof. David Neivandt was interviewed for a Saturday National Public Radio [story](#). Other reports on the golf balls, intended for use on cruise ships where passengers can drive them into the sea, are posted on dozens of sites including those of Daily News and [Analysis](#), [Newstrack India](#), [AOL News](#), [NBC Sports](#), the [Daily Mail in London](#), and [UPI](#).

Brewer, Palmer in AP Story on LePage

04 Apr 2011

Brewer, Palmer in AP story on LePage Comments from Mark Brewer and Kenneth Palmer of the UMaine political science faculty are included in an Associated Press story on numerous news Web sites, including that of Washington D.C. radio station [WTOP](#). The story looks at Maine Gov. Paul LePage's "bluntness" and reaction among various constituencies to some of his comments. Other postings include the Asbury Park Press, Forbes and the AP's own Web site.

Newspaper Features Visiting Conductor

04 Apr 2011

The Bangor Daily News [reports](#) on U.S. Marine Col. Michael Colburn, conductor of The President's Own Marine band. Colburn is at UMaine for several days for a series of workshops and performances, including a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday concert featuring the UMaine Symphonic Band and the UMaine Concert Band. More information is available in a [UMaine news release](#).

Martha Stewart Magazine Quotes Bushway

04 Apr 2011

Alfred Bushway, food sciences professor at UMaine and authority on fiddlehead ferns, is quoted in the April 2011 edition of Martha Stewart Living magazine about whether one of Maine's iconic wild-grown delicacies contains a toxin that can make people sick. Bushway told the magazine that he's seen no evidence of toxins in fiddleheads.

Orcutt Interviewed in New Ag Commissioner Profile

04 Apr 2011

Amos Orcutt, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, was interviewed for an article in the [Kennebec Journal](#) profiling Walt Whitcomb, the new Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture. Orcutt, a member of the national Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, like Whitcomb, recalled the new commissioner as being patient and thoughtful, with character. Whitcomb earned a degree in animal science at the University of Maine in 1970, according to the article.

Liz Downing to Receive 2011 Hartgen Award

04 Apr 2011

Contact: Danny Williams, 947-4801; Liz Downing, 581-1558 ORONO -- The University of Maine Patrons of the Arts board members have selected Elizabeth Liz Downing, senior associate director of New Student Programs and a member of the university's music faculty, as the 2011 Vincent A. Hartgen Award recipient. The awards ceremony will be Friday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Buchanan Alumni House. The public is invited to join UMaine faculty, staff, friends and students in paying tribute to Downing. The Hartgen award is given each year in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of the arts at the university. Vincent Hartgen was a famous Maine artist and founding member of the University of Maine Department of Art and what is now the University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor. Downing, a flutist, is an instructor of flute and performs as a soloist, chamber musician and is a member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. She has served on its board of directors and the boards of the American Folk Festival and the Arcady Music Society. She also has taught classes in innovative engineering and has served in multiple capacities in the Admissions Office, including admissions counseling, the Visitors Center, Telecounseling and enrollment management events like open house programs and new student orientation. She has performed as a soloist with members of the New York Philharmonic in the Arcady Music Festival, the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra and with the Haydn Festival Orchestra under Claude Monteux. Downing has appeared on Boston's WGBH public radio program "Morning Pro Musica" and on several Maine Public Broadcasting Network programs. She also has held master classes or performed with popular recording artists James Galway, Paul Sullivan and Phish. She has organized and served as an adjudicator for many youth music competitions and festivals throughout New England. Downing has taught music at several Maine high schools and the Northern Conservatory of Music in Bangor, among other places. The range of nearly 50 boards or committees she has served on while at UMaine runs from multiple music and arts groups to volunteer initiatives, student life and several university facilities planning panels. She holds a master of music in flute performance from the University of Colorado, and bachelor of arts in German and a bachelor of music in flute performance from the University of Maine. Downing also has studied German and music in Salzburg, Austria. Daniel Williams, chair of the Patrons for the Arts, says this year's selection of Downing for the Hartgen award was a unanimous choice. Downing's diverse interests all converge to more than meet the criteria for the prestigious award, he says. Fourth-year music education major and flute player Joshua Bosse says Downing has been a great flute teacher and friend. "From the first time I met Liz, I knew my life would be better because of her ability as a teacher and mentor," he says. "After 4 years of lessons, she continues to inspire me to be a better person and player. When I leave UMaine, Liz will be a part of my heart and my flute playing, for I know I have made a friend for life." Downing is married to music professor and director of choral music programs Dennis Cox, who received the Vincent A. Hartgen Award in 2000, a year after the inception of the Hartgen award.

Excellence in Teaching Awards Announced

04 Apr 2011

Contact: Jeffrey St. John, (207) 581-3477 ORONO -- Nicole Heller, a doctoral student in developmental psychology in the Department of Psychology, and Artur Palacz, a doctoral candidate in oceanography in the School of Marine Sciences, are winners of the University of Maine Center for Excellence in Teaching and Assessment (CETA) Graduate Teaching Awards. They were selected in two categories by a faculty review panel from among a highly competitive pool of applicants. Winning the Solo Instructor category award, Heller, who earned a B.A. in psychology and English at Wittenberg University in Ohio in 2008, now works under the advisement of psychology faculty member and researcher Marie Hayes. "As is sometimes found in the highest caliber of truly exceptional graduate students, Nicole has a deep and abiding desire to inspire the next generation of undergraduate psychology scholars at the University of Maine," Hayes wrote in a letter of endorsement for Heller. Heller has served as a solo instructor for Psychology of Childhood and as a teaching assistant for Child Study Laboratory I & II. She intends to join the professoriate with a focus on teaching. Winner of the Teaching Assistant category award, Palacz earned a B.Sc. at Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany in 2006. He now works under the advisement of marine sciences professor Fei Chai, who co-wrote -- with professors Mark Wells and Emmanuel Boss -- a sterling letter of support. "I've no doubt that Artur will become an exceptional educator, and this award is a well-justified assessment of his talents and capabilities at this early stage of his career," Chai's letter reads. Palacz has served as a teaching assistant for multiple offerings of Integrative Marine Sciences III and is active in the school's graduate student organization. Heller and Palacz will receive their awards at a public ceremony during the April meeting of the Graduate Board in Stodder Hall, according to CETA Director Jeffrey St. John.

Farley Column Published in the Guardian

04 Apr 2011

Jonathan Farley of the UMaine computer science faculty wrote a [column](#), "Confessions of a minion of the military-industrial complex, or how I learned to stop worrying about where my academic research funding came from and love Raytheon," in the April 1 edition of The Guardian. In the column, Farley uses his own experiences as the basis of commentary about "leftwing American academics" in the context of the current political environment.

Fried Interviewed for AP Story

04 Apr 2011

Amy Fried of the UMaine political science faculty spoke on Saturday with an AP radio reporter for a story about President Obama's re-election bid.

Program Moves Offices to East Annex

05 Apr 2011

[UMaine's Explorations](#), Foundations and Academic Recovery programs have relocated from Alumni Hall to the first floor of East Annex. Contact information for the offices and staff remains unchanged.

Falkow to Speak on the Impact of Infectious Disease on Human History

05 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 or joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- Renowned microbiologist Stanley Falkow, Stanford University School of Medicine's Robert W. and Vivian K. Cahill Professor of Cancer Research, will visit the University of Maine for a series of activities the week of April 18, 2011. The highlight will be a Thursday April 21 public lecture, "The Impact of Infectious Disease on Human History." That talk is scheduled for 4 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall. A University of Maine graduate, Falkow is a groundbreaking scholar whose expertise has advanced understanding of human biology in significant ways. His honors include the 2008 Lasker-Koshland Award for Special

Achievement in Science. Those awards are sometimes called "America's Nobels." "I consider him the father of research into the mechanisms that germs use to cause disease," Peter Hotez, president of the Sabin Vaccine Institute at George Washington University, told USA Today for a 2009 profile story about Falkow. During his week at UMaine, Falkow will also interact with students and faculty members, conducting a department seminar on Tuesday. His wife, Lucy Tompkins, a Stanford professor of infectious diseases and of microbiology and immunology, will also present a department seminar on the subject of influenza.

Northwestern Professor Set for UMaine Lecture April 25

05 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- John Lynn, Distinguished Professor of Military History at Northwestern University, will present a Monday April 25 lecture at the University of Maine. The author of several books on European history and warfare, Lynn will speak at 3:45 p.m. in the Bodwell Lounge, Collins Center for the Arts. He served as president of the United States Commission on Military History (2003-2007) and vice-president of the Society for Military History (2005-2007). Lynn's April 25 subject will be "The Reports of My Death Are Greatly Exaggerated: The Apparent Demise and Surprising Resurrection of Academic Military History." Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP [Suzanne Moulton](#) by April 15.

Professor Quoted In Story About Unusual Chinese Lamb

05 Apr 2011

UMaine Professor Irv Kornfield was interviewed for a story on [AOL News](#) about a lamb, born on a farm in China, that happens to resemble a dog. The birth has given rise to rumors that the lamb is the result of the mating of a sheep and dog. Kornfield, who is also the director of the Molecular Forensic Laboratory, told AOL the chances of a sheep giving birth to a puppy were impossible because dogs and sheep have been isolated genetically for so long that they differ greatly in their chromosome numbers.

Organic Farmer Lauds Cooperative Extension In Article

05 Apr 2011

A Waterville Sentinel [article](#) about an organic farmer from Skowhegan had a mention of UMaine's Cooperative Extension services. Sarah Smith of Grassland Farm in Skowhegan, who is going to speak to members of Congress later this week about organic farming issues, said organic farmers in Maine are fortunate to have the support of the various UMaine cooperative extension offices.

UMaine Students, Faculty Rally On Campus

05 Apr 2011

The Bangor Daily News covered on Monday a [rally](#) in UMaine's UMaine Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Memorial Plaza. The rally, which was held to express disapproval with proposed federal and state spending cuts, was scheduled to coincide with the anniversary of King's assassination on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. UMaine student Jennifer Zabko and philosophy professor Doug Allen were pictured in the BDN speaking to the crowd. Channel 5 (WABI) also covered the rally.

Retired Dean Cobb to Chair UMaine Basketball Search

05 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO -- Robert Cobb, retired dean of the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development, will chair the seven-member committee leading the search for UMaine's next women's basketball coach. "Bob is a leader of unquestioned integrity and commitment who truly appreciates the

important role of intercollegiate athletics within an academic community," says Black Bear Athletic Director Steve Abbott. "I am pleased and thankful that he is willing to take on this important responsibility." Cobb retired in 2007 after 38 years of service to the university, including 30 as dean. He is a former college athlete who starred on the Springfield College football team as an undergraduate. In addition to Cobb, the members of the search committee are: - Scott Atherley, women's soccer coach - Josette Babineau, field hockey coach - Emily Ellis, Black Bear Hall of Fame basketball player from UMaine's Class of 1985 - Evie Smith, UMaine Class of 1959 and a member of the Black Bear Board of Advisers - Prof. Robert Strong, UMaine NCAA Faculty Representative - Prof. David Townsend, chair of UMaine's Athletic Advisory Board and a member of the Class of 1974 Abbott also notes that the three women's basketball team members who will be seniors next year -- Samantha Baranowski, Samantha Wheeler and Brittany Williams -- will serve as team liaisons to the committee. They will be actively involved in shaping the search and completing the process. "This is a terrific committee representing linkages to the women's basketball program's great traditions, to our academic community and to the Black Bear athletic department," Abbott says. "We all have high expectations as we launch a national search to find the coach who will lead this program and its student-athletes to fulfill our high expectations in the classroom, on the court and in the community." The process should take four to eight weeks from the time the job is posted, according to Abbott. The job became vacant on Tuesday March 29 when UMaine dismissed Cindy Blodgett after four seasons as coach.

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Contact: Len Kaye, (207) 262-7922 The University of Maine Center on Aging and collaborating partners have rescheduled the Substance Abuse and Aging Colloquium, postponed from April 1 because of heavy snow, to Monday, May 2 at Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center in Northport. An earlier UMaine [news release](#) listed conference details.

Cox to Receive Nebraska Alumni Achievement Award

05 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 Dennis Cox, UMaine music professor and director of the university's choral music program, will receive an Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Nebraska. On Friday of this week that university will make a short biographical video, "Put Yourself on the Map," one in a series designed to highlight the reach and literacy of graduates, faculty, staff and students.

Markides Selected for European Authors' Festival

05 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 The government of Cyprus has selected UMaine sociology professor, researcher and author Kyriacos Markides to represent it at a four-day authors' festival from April 14-17, sponsored by Hungary, the current head nation of the European Union. Each member nation of the EU was asked to nominate and send to the festival one of its authors whose books have been published in Hungarian. The festival will feature various presentations by the authors. Hungary and Cyprus will pay for his travel and lodging expenses. For the last 20 years, Markides has been exploring the lives and teachings of Christian mystics, healers, and miracle workers and monastics around the world. He has written six acclaimed books on the subject, which are published in English and in eight other languages.

'Engaging the Muslim World' Author to Speak at UMaine

05 Apr 2011

Contact: Peter Fandel, (207) 581-1835 ORONO -- The University of Maine School of Policy & International Affairs (SPIA) has invited University of Michigan history professor Juan R. I. Cole, an expert on Middle East history, to speak at 4 p.m., Monday, April 11 in Room 117 of the D.P. Corbett Business Building. The lecture, "Engaging the Muslim World," is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For three decades, Cole has sought to put the relationship of the West and the Muslim world in historical context. He has been a regular guest on PBS's Lehrer News Hour, and has appeared on ABC Nightly News, Nightline, the Today Show, Charlie Rose, Anderson Cooper 360, Countdown with Keith Olbermann, Rachel Maddow, the Colbert Report, Democracy Now! and many others. Cole, who is the Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History at Michigan, also is the author of Engaging the Muslim World and Napoleon's Egypt: Invading the Middle East. Professor Cole's thoughts on Middle Eastern and American politics may be found on his weblog, Informed Comment (<http://www.juancole.com/books-on-mideast>). He has written widely about Egypt, Iran, Iraq and South Asia. He has commented extensively on al-Qaeda and the Taliban, the Iraq War, the politics of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Iranian domestic struggles and foreign affairs. He has a regular column at Truthdig. Cole continues to study and write about contemporary Islamic movements, whether mainstream or radical, whether Sunni and Salafi or Shi'ite. Cole commands Arabic, Persian and Urdu, reads some Turkish and knows both Middle Eastern and South Asian Islam. He lived in various parts of the Muslim world for nearly 10 years, and continues

to travel widely there. For more information, call (207) 581-1835, or visit the SPIA website (www.spia.umaine.edu).

Drug Mail Back Program a Model for Wisconsin

05 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 Wisconsin's Ashland Current newspaper carried a story about a new pharmaceuticals mail-back program in that state, designed to keep prescription and other drugs out of the environment or wrong hands. Modeled after the University of Maine Center on Aging's "Safe Medicine Disposal for ME" program, Wisconsin's "Get the Meds Out" allows residents to send unused, unneeded or expired medicines to a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency processing site in Maine, the only one in the nation created to receive discarded drugs.

BDN Covers Albanese Talk on Change in Education

06 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove at (207) 581-3756. The Bangor Daily News [reported](#) on remarks UMaine alumnus and former Maine Education Commissioner Duke Albanese delivered Monday during a visit to campus. Albanese stressed the importance of creativity, diversity and versatility in increasing educational opportunities for Maine youth.

Newspaper Advances Upcoming Lectures, Events

06 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch at 207-581-3777 Several upcoming lectures and events at UMaine were noted in a series of briefs in the [Bangor Daily News](#), including the 2011 Life Cycle Assessment Event, a daylong event on April 15 during which the public can meet with UMaine students and faculty about sustainability and the environment. Also noted were an April 21 talk by renowned microbiologist Stanley Falkow and an April 25 lecture on military history by Northwestern Professor John Lynn. The BDN briefs also contained information about Liz Downing, senior associate director of New Student Programs at the UMaine and a member of the university's music faculty, who was named the 2011 Vincent A. Hartgen Award winner.

Press Herald Columnist Calls Attention To UMaine Innovation, Research

06 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch at 207-581-3777 Portland Press Herald columnist Bill Nemitz called attention in his [Wednesday piece](#) to several UMaine projects, including the announcement last week that UMaine bioengineer David Neivandt and student Alex Caddell had come up with a golf ball made of crushed lobster shells which is being marketed to the cruise-ship industry, as examples of the research and innovation being done at UMaine. Nemitz also mentioned the Advanced Structures and Composites Center's Bridge-in-a-Backpack technology, which won a prestigious award from the American Society for Civil Engineering. Jake Ward, UMaine assistant vice president for research and economic development, was interviewed for the column and told Nemitz about UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation, an on-campus economic incubator for students from all academic disciplines.

University Singers, Oratorio Society to Perform with Bangor Symphony

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includes Bruckner's Psalm 150, Bach's Christ Lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4, and Richman's "In the Day When I Cried Out," which is based on the Psalms of David. Richman, who is in his first year as the music director for the Bangor Symphony, won a Grammy Award in February for conducting the album "Calling All Dawns" by composer Christopher Tin. "Calling All Dawns" was named Best Classical Crossover Album. The song "Baba Yetu," which is a track on the album, also won a Grammy. "Baba Yetu" is a Swahili version of the Lord's Prayer and is best known as the theme music for the video game "Civilization IV." The rest of the program includes Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 (Reformation) and Richman's arrangement for string orchestra of "O Filie Israhel," a work by 12th century composer Hildegard von Bingen. The University of Maine Singers is a select choir whose members come from all disciplines across campus, nearly half of which are from areas outside music. Under the direction of Dennis Cox, Singers performs multiple concerts on campus throughout the academic year, tour New England for one week each spring, and perform abroad every four years. Auditions are open to any student and are held at the start of every fall semester. The Oratorio Society, which is directed by Ludlow Hallman, is a mixed choral ensemble comprised of members of the community and university students who perform large choral-orchestral masterworks. No auditions are required. "We have a great tradition of working with the University of Maine Singers and Oratorio Society," said David Whitehill, executive director of the Bangor Symphony. "Our new music director is particularly excited about the opportunity to work with the UMaine groups." For more information about the UMaine ensembles, contact Dennis Cox, director of the University Singers, or Ludlow Hallman, director of the Oratorio Society. For more information about Sunday's concert, contact David Whitehill, executive director of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, at (207) 942-5555, ext. 1 or david@bangorsymphony.org.

Press Herald Reports on Basketball Search Committee

06 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove at 207-581-3756 The [Portland Press Herald](#) was among several news organizations to report on the formation of a search committee to find a new women's basketball coach for the University of Maine. Robert Cobb, the retired dean of the College of Education and Human Development, will lead the seven-member committee.

Wind Energy News Report Cites UMaine Leadership

06 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove at 207-581-3756 Channel 2 (WLBZ) and its Channel 6 affiliate in Portland (WCSH) carried a wind energy news report Tuesday featuring UMaine graduate student Heather Martin of the UMaine AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, Maine Maritime Academy students and MMA professor Richard Kimball, who are collectively leading the way in offshore windmill research. The team will test a 1/50 scale model wind turbine in the Netherlands in the coming weeks to prepare full size turbines for harsh oceanic conditions.

Middle East Focus of Schonberger Peace, Social Justice Lecture

06 Apr 2011

Contact: Alexander Grab, (207) 581-1928 A scholar of international reputation and specialist on the modern history of the Middle East is the Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture Series speaker scheduled April 14 at the University of Maine. Ian Lustick, the Bess W. Heyman Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, will present "Time, Israel, and the Demise of Developed States: The 'Solutions' that History Provides," at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Neville Hall. Lustick also will deliver a luncheon talk earlier in the day, "American Foreign Policy and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union as part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series. Both talks are free and open to the public. Lustick has written six books and dozens of articles that appeared in major academic journals. He's received numerous prestigious awards and grants including from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace. Lustick is known for his 2006 book, Trapped in the War on Terror, in which he argues that the War of Terrorism is an irrational policy for fighting America's enemies. Lustick maintains that the war on Terrorism was initially conceived of by neoconservatives determined to shift the direction of U.S. foreign policy towards unilateralism. But, because of political

features unique to the U.S. system, Lustick believes, the war on Terror has ultimately turned into something beyond anyone's control. Lustick is the founder and past president of the Association for Israel Studies. He serves on the advisory board of FFIPP-USA (faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace-USA), a network of Palestinian, Israeli and International faculty and students working for an end of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories and just peace.

UMaine Museum of Art Announces Spring Exhibitions

06 Apr 2011

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SHADOW PLAY: Works by Brian Shure Brian Shure exhibits a series of realist landscapes and cityscapes rendered primarily in ink on paper. The subjects of these works are locations in Japan, Italy, the United States and China. The bustle of activity and architectural diversity in urban environments is often the subject of Shure's compositions. For example, 55th and 5th and Union Square Skateboarders capture the congested streets and ever-changing nature of the city. Shure states, "My subjects are continually evolving: the most obvious examples are the continually changing light and the moving people and cars." While the city is certainly a source of inspiration for Shure's drawings, so is the tranquility of the landscape. Several drawings of locations in Nara and Kyoto, Japan depict forests of cedars and bamboo rendered in indigo and gold ink on paper. The horizontal format of these works, repetitive lines of the flora and dramatic lighting evokes the serenity of being immersed in nature. Shadow Play is presented as part of the statewide collaboration, Where to Draw the Line: the Maine Drawing Project, which celebrates drawing at Maine museums and art venues throughout 2011. Shure received a BA in Printmaking and Painting from Antioch College and worked as a professional lithographer for 15 years. He is on the faculty of the Rhode Island School of Design and is represented by Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery, NYC and Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence.

IMPLEMENTS: Recent Sculpture by J.T. Gibson Maine-based artist J.T. Gibson has created a new series of sculptures for this exhibition in the Leonard Gallery. Gibson's sculptures are abstract, warm-toned forms that are loosely inspired by tools and machinery. The large-scale floor work End Game brings to mind the exaggerated profile and posture of Easter Island Moai figures or an enlarged handgrip. Three of the works featured are created using a process of stacked lamination. After carving the forms, the artist then hand paints the sculptures using artist oil paint, tung oil and a tinted waterproof pine tar finish. In addition, Gibson debuts a new wall installation titled Operation Milkweed consisting of rust-orange forms that may reference seed pods or bombs. The curved work is created out of weathering steel with contrasting seams of stainless steel. Drift, a highly finished piece carved from black walnut, offers both man-made and organic associations such as the horn of an anvil, a thorn or perhaps a bird's talon. Gibson is constructing a new site-specific outdoor work that will be featured this summer at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art. His works were included in a recent exhibition at the Messler Gallery at the Maine Center for Fine Furniture in Rockport as well as UMMA's I-95 Triennial exhibition.

HANGING DRAWINGS: Nancy Murphy Spicer Nancy Murphy Spicer, who lives and works in the United Kingdom, often blurs the boundaries between two and three dimensional art in her conceptual-based works. Her expansive view of the process of drawing and questioning traditional mark-making materials is reflected in her Hanging Drawing installation. During the course of the exhibition Murphy Spicer's wall drawing, which is constructed out of stripped and plied electrical tape and 50 pins, will be altered at several creative sessions. During these sessions, students and museum visitors are invited to create their own wall drawing and then document their composition through photography or with drawing paper supplied in the gallery. Visitors may also view a video depicting several previously exhibited spontaneous and successive wall drawings. The Boston Globe comments that the artist's work is, "sparse, oblique, and lacking in narrative. They don't expect the viewer to make sense of them; rather, they invite you to engage and discover what the art provokes within you." Murphy Spicer's works are presented as part of the statewide visual arts initiative, Where to Draw the Line: The Maine Drawing Project. Murphy Spicer has exhibited in many solo and group exhibitions and has taught at the University of West of England, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Art Institute of Boston. She is represented by Carroll and Sons Gallery, Boston. Admission to the Museum is free in 2011 thanks to Machias Savings Bank in honor of Ted Leonard. Images are available upon request.

Alpha Phi's 'Move Your Phi't 5k Run/Walk' to Benefit Cardiac Care

06 Apr 2011

Contact: Emma Morrison, (207) 351-6404 or emma.morrison@umit.maine.edu The women of the Delta Nu chapter of

Alpha Phi International Women's Fraternity will host their 9th annual Move Your Phi't 5k run/walk in support of women's cardiac care and research on April 17. The race will begin and end at the Buchanan Alumni House on the University of Maine campus. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the race starts at 11 a.m. Alpha Phi invites all community members to participate and show their support. There is no fee for the event, but a \$5 donation is requested. Free Subway sandwiches and other healthy snacks will be provided after the race. Prizes for the first-place male and female runners will be awarded, in addition to raffle prizes. Proceeds from the event will go to the Alpha Phi Foundation to benefit women's cardiac care and research. The Alpha Phi Foundation empowers and encourages women to be generous givers. It raises and awards funds for programs that advance leadership development, encourage academic excellence, improve women's heart health, support sisters in need and educate about the value of philanthropy.

Underwood Continues On Survivor

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch at 207-581-3777 UMaine graduate Ashley Underwood is in fantastic standing, according to a [Waterville Sentinel column](#) about her adventures on this week's episode of the CBS reality series, "Survivor." The column, which runs twice a week for as long as Underwood remains on the show, is being written by fellow UMaine alumnus Zach Dionne, an entertainment editor at AOL's Popeater.com.

Pest Website Announced

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch at 207-581-3777 The Lewiston Sun Journal has a [story](#) about a collaborative effort, of which UMaine Cooperative Extension is a part, to start a website about pests and pest management, aimed at low-risk management. The website, which can be seen here (www.gotpests.org) is intended for Maine homeowners and gardeners and is designed to help anyone easily identify common pests found in and around the home, garden and yard.

OSRP Director Interviewed About Government Shutdown

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch at 207-581-3777 Michael Hastings, director of UMaine's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, was interviewed by Maine Public Radio for a [story](#) about how Maine would be affected by potential government shutdown due to a budget standoff in Washington, D.C. Hastings told MPBN that UMaine researchers are not worried about losing federal grant funds because they have signed agreements with the federal agencies that granted them the money.

Student Art Exhibit Opens with April 8 Reception

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Department of Art, 581-3245 UMaine art students are displaying through April 29 at the Lord Hall Gallery some 90 works of art done throughout the year and deemed by a panel of judges to be the most interesting or noteworthy that students submitted for consideration. An opening reception, postponed from April 1 because of heavy snow, is rescheduled for Friday, April 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. The UMaine Department of Art's Annual Juried Student Exhibition 2011 is free and open to the public. The exhibit includes sculpture, drawings and paintings. Further information is available by calling the Art Department at 207 581-3245. Lord Hall is an accessible building.

Bear Brook Watershed Research Receives Funding Support

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Ivan J. Fernandez, (207) 581-2932 or ivanjf@maine.edu The University of Maine's ongoing research at the

Bear Brook Watershed has received another funding boost from the National Science Foundation to study nitrogen cycling in the watershed. UMaine has received \$370,646 for the first year of funding from a \$1.2 million National Science Foundation grant to a group of scientists who are examining how nitrogen moves from the atmosphere through ecosystems. The research will study nitrogen cycling through trees, soils, microbial communities, and streams, including feedbacks to the atmosphere. At 25 years old, the Bear Brook Watershed in Maine, located in eastern Maine about 26 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, is one of the longest-running, whole ecosystem chemical manipulation experiments in the world. It is designed to study the effects of atmospheric deposition of pollutants and climate change on forests and streams. The Bear Brook study has brought more than \$11 million in external funding to UMaine since its founding. UMaine soil science Professor Ivan J. Fernandez is the lead researcher on the study, with UMaine researchers Jean MacRae, Kevin Simon, Sarah Nelson Stephen Norton and Tsutomu Ohno involved as co-investigators on the Bear Brook project. Bear Brook is designed as two side-by-side watersheds, one of which has been experimentally enriched with nitrogen for more than 22 of the 25-year study period. The current grant will look at the fate of a nitrogen stable isotope, ^{15}N , that occurs naturally in the environment, in both the treated and untreated sections of the watershed to better understand the effects of treatment and climate on nitrogen cycling. Nitrogen is the most commonly limiting nutrient in forests, and nitrogen cycling is altered by acid rain and other sources of nitrogen pollution. Changes in nitrogen cycles are also one of the key ways in which climate change alters forest growth, health and composition. The future health and composition of forested landscapes is growing in importance as the human population depends more and more on ecosystem services provided by forests, lakes and streams. The project will also involve partnerships with the Schoodic Education and Research Center in Acadia National Park and the Physical Science Teachers Collaborative to develop curricula for students in grades K-12, as well as a public information display in partnership with the national park.

'GirlsaskGuys' Website Features UMaine Adolescent Love Research

07 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 Research into potential emotional pitfalls inherent in adolescent romance, by UMaine doctoral research fellow Jessica Fales, was featured on the popular GirlsaskGuys.com [website](#), an interactive website that helps girls and guys answer questions about relationships. The site receives 2 million monthly visitors with 6 million monthly page views, a spokesperson says. Among the conclusions in the [study](#) is that "greater excessive reassurance seeking, co-rumination, and poor romantic relationship quality each uniquely predicted depressive symptoms for young women."

UMaine Commencement Scheduled for May 7

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 ORONO — The University of Maine will award degrees to its Class of 2011 at the university's 209th commencement ceremonies, scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at Harold Alfond Arena in Orono. A 10 a.m. ceremony is for graduates in the College of Business, Public Policy and Health; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and the Division of Lifelong Learning. Graduates in the College of Education and Human Development; the College of Engineering; and the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture will receive their degrees at a 2:30 p.m. ceremony. UMaine's commencement is the state's largest graduation. With an expected total of more than 14,000 people in attendance, it is also one of the state's largest annual single-day events. Sen. Susan Collins will deliver the commencement address at both ceremonies. "From modest beginnings in Caribou, Maine, Susan Collins has risen to a prominent leadership role in our nation's government," says UMaine President Robert Kennedy. "We encourage our students to pursue high aspirations, and Senator Collins' example should help inspire members of the Class of 2011 to set ambitious goals as they move into the next stage of their lives." The university will award honorary doctorates to Collins and to Peter Vigue, a business and economic development visionary who serves as chair and CEO of Cianbro, Inc., a Pittsfield-based construction company. Kristopher Robert Cooper, a biology major and Honors College student from Winthrop, is the Class of 2011 valedictorian. Rachel Ann Ventrella of Fayette, an elementary education major, is the class salutatorian.

UMaine Regional Learning Center to Open at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth May 14

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Doug Babkirk (doug.babkirk@maine.edu) *Initiative to engage children, families and communities in year-round educational programs* FALMOUTH -- The University of Maine Regional Learning Center grand opening is scheduled for Saturday May 14, 11 a.m. at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. Through its Cooperative Extension programs, UMaine will offer sustainable living education programs for children, families and home-based business owners at the new facility. The center represents an innovative public-private partnership among the University of Maine, the Cumberland County Extension Association and the Tidewater Conservation Foundation. It will occupy a nearly 5,000 square foot space in the Tidewater Village Commercial complex next to Tidewater Farm. The space will include University of Maine Cooperative Extension offices for Cumberland County and a large meeting room for public, non-credit Extension programs and events. The center will also be home to the southern Maine offices of University of Maine admissions and development, along with the University of Maine Foundation. Three acres of land at nearby Tidewater Farm will be used for Cooperative Extension's teaching and demonstration gardens. The grand opening will also honor the memory of Stanley Bennett, late CEO of Oakhurst Dairy and chair of the Regional Learning Center Capital Campaign, which helped fund this new facility. In his honor Extension staff will plant an oak tree and install a sitting bench overlooking the estuary at the historic Tidewater Farm. Bennett believed in the Regional Learning Center and its planned programs and was a generous supporter of UMaine Cooperative Extension, particularly 4-H. UMaine President Robert Kennedy and UMaine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude will offer brief opening remarks at the May 14 event. The Regional Learning Center Capital Campaign needs to raise \$150,000 to reach its goal. Area businesses, individuals and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension have contributed just over \$800,000 to purchase the complex at 75 Clearwater Drive. For more information about the center, to make a donation to the campaign, or to RSVP to the May 14 event, please contact Lois Elwell at the Extension Office in Cumberland County at (800)287-1471 or lois.elwell@maine.edu

BDN Advances UMaine Mideast Speaker Events

07 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-4756 The Bangor Daily News advanced several talks coming this month by several experts on Middle East history and politics, including one April 11, "[Engaging the Muslim World](#)," and two lectures April 14 on "[Time, Israel, and the Demise of Developed States: The 'Solutions' that History Provides](#)."

Extension's Harvest for Hunger Program Reported

07 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 The coastal Village Soup newspaper group carried a UMaine Cooperative Extension news release soliciting volunteer gardeners throughout the state to grow extra vegetables to donate to food pantries. Harvest for Hunger coordinator Barbara Murphy says the Extension's Master Gardener Volunteers Program generated 200,000 pounds of produce last year and hopes this year to produce 225,000 pounds.

Bicycle Coalition of Maine's Great Orono Bike Swap May 1

07 Apr 2011

Contact: Nancy Grant, (207) 623-4511 or (207) 400-6558 The annual Bicycle Coalition of Maine's Great Orono Bike Swap is scheduled May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center, offering people a chance to buy affordable used mountain bikes, road bikes, classic cruisers, kids' bikes and hybrids, or to sell bicycles they no longer need. Admission is \$3, and free for UMaine students. Visit www.bikemaine.org/events/bike-swap or call (207) 623-4511 for more information.

Fifth-Graders to Visit Campus for Healthy Lifestyle Program

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Jason Hoyt, (207) 581-4121 The first annual “Black Bears of Tomorrow” program, sponsored by Weight Watchers of Maine in conjunction with Black Bear Sports Properties, is being held Friday, April 8, with as many as 200 fifth-graders from around Maine visiting UMaine to tour the campus with a focus on academics, athletics and the arts, and learn about promoting healthy lifestyles, physically and educationally. Many of the Black Bear head coaches will be on hand to discuss with the boys and girls the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, using positive role models and exciting educational displays. Events begin at 10:30 a.m. at Morse Football Field.

Ferguson Hiring Noted On Website

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The website InsideHigherEd.com listed incoming UMaine President Paul Ferguson as one of several academics to gain new positions as provosts or presidents. Ferguson is the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and a professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Choral Ensembles, Faculty Featured In Symphony Preview

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 UMaine's Oratorio Society and University of Maine Singers were featured in a Friday Bangor Daily News [story](#) about Sunday's Bangor Symphony Orchestra 3 p.m. concert at UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts. The ensembles, led by UMaine faculty members Dennis Cox and Ludlow Hallman, will perform several pieces with the symphony.

BDN Business Column Cites Bridge Technology

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 In a [column](#) on the Bangor Daily News business page, Eastern Maine Development Corporation President Michael Aube points out the bridge-in-a-backpage technology developed at UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center as an example of the combination of the innovation, creativity and ingenuity needed to advance the Maine economy. The bridge technology recently won an award from American Society for Civil Engineering.

Commencement Activities Advanced

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 Portland television station WGME has an Associated Press story about the upcoming UMaine commencement. The 209th commencement ceremonies, which are expected to draw a combined 14,000 people to Orono for a morning and afternoon ceremony, will be held Saturday, May 7. U.S. Sen. Susan Collins will give commencement addresses during both ceremonies.

BDN Advances Cardiac Care Benefit Run, Walk

08 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 The Bangor Daily News [this week](#) advanced a UMaine sorority cardiac care research benefit run and walk planned April 17 and the request from University of Maine Cooperative Extension for gardeners in Maine to plant extra vegetables to donate to local food pantries again this summer.

Republican Journal Reports on Lobster-Shell Golf Balls

08 Apr 2011

Contact: Kristen Andresen, (207) 581-3742 The Midcoast's Republican Journal published an article Thursday about the novel biodegradable lobster-shell golf balls created by University of Maine researchers who say the balls are an environmentally friendly way for cruise line passengers to hit a few balls off the decks.

Climate Change Institute Director Mentioned In Story On Climate History

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 Dr. Paul Mayewski, the director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute, was mentioned in a story on the website Physorg.com about the importance of collaborations between the fields of history and science, particularly climate science. Mayewski was mentioned as having been part of such a collaboration with a Harvard historian, which was considered the first of its kind.

Berry Talk Previewed On Website

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The Village Soup website has a preview of an April 19 UMaine Cooperative Extension talk about growing blueberries and raspberries. David Handley of Cooperative Extension will speak about proper berry-growing techniques, including variety selection, planting, pruning, trellising, and pest management.

News Report on Visit by Fifth Graders

11 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a [story](#) about a Friday visit to UMaine by 200 area fifth graders as part of the "Black Bears of Tomorrow" program organized by Black Bear Sports Properties. The youngsters toured facilities and interacted with coaches Steve Trimper (baseball), Jack Cosgrove (football), Ted Woodward (basketball), Bob Corkum (hockey) and others including band director Chris White, student-athletes and faculty members.

Sunday Telegram Profiles Aquaculture Business

11 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 The April 9 Maine Sunday Telegram included a [feature story](#) about Sea and Reef Aquaculture, developed by Soren Hansen -- now the company's president -- when he was a doctoral student in UMaine's School of Marine Science. Headquartered at UMaine's Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin, the successful business raises tropical fish for wholesalers and retailers nationwide. The story notes that Prof. Dave Townsend encouraged Hansen and his business partner who helped him get the company started, Chad Callan. Except for a those raised by a small number of businesses like this one, virtually all the tropical fish sold for aquariums are harvested from coral reefs in the Pacific Ocean.

Hunter Gives Talks to Professional Organizations

11 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3751 Prof. Malcolm Hunter spoke on the subject of "Designing refuges to maintain biodiversity in the face of climate change" at the Tuesday March 29 meeting of the National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy Team in Washington, D.C. That audience was made up of about 100 scientists and managers from 19 federal agencies. He also spoke at the University of Georgia on March 31, discussing "Maintaining forest biodiversity in a period of uncertain climate change."

Pulp and Paper Foundation Elects New Officers, Announces Awards and Scholarships

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jack Healy, 207-478-9070 (cell); 207-989-1267 (home); 207-581-2298 (office) The University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation, NE TAPPI/PIMA, and the Maine Pulp and Paper Association elected new officers and announced award and scholarship recipients during its 61st annual Paper Days held this week at the University of Maine. Hampden resident Barbara Hamilton of Emerson Process Control was elected chair of the foundation and John Wolanski, vice president of Savage Safe Handling was elected president. John Donahue, vice president of Sappi North America was elected secretary. Dennis Castonguay, manufacturing support manager of Verso Paper was appointed to the executive committee. Those elected to the foundation's board of directors were Lee Cyr, manager- customer service, production Planning of Twin Rivers Paper; Luke Czarnecki, national sales manager of Bercen; John Desjardins, New England sales manager of Buckman USA; Michael Reider, general manager of Katahdin Paper; and Tom Ramundo, president of New England Controls. Paper Days is a two-day event attended by paper industry executives and employees, industry suppliers, UMaine professors and students. More than 300 people attended the meetings. "The record attendance of more than 300 at Paper Days this year is more evidence that Maine's pulp and paper industry is revitalized and continues to be a viable economic engine for the State," said John Wolanski, president of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. "And Paper Days at the University of Maine in Orono is the premier event where the industry meets to share new ideas, present innovative technologies, engage the engineering students and network with industry professionals." The foundation recognized 23 graduating UMaine engineering students who have had full-tuition scholarships from the Pulp and Paper Foundation. The foundation currently supports full scholarships for 90 students with an interest in pursuing technical and management careers in the paper industry. Donors provided \$742,000 in scholarships last year. This year's budget includes \$750,000 for scholarships. Orono residents Ted and Rose Marie Curtis presented the foundation's 223rd named scholarship, which will also be used to support students interested in a career in the pulp and paper industry. UMaine chemical and biological engineering Professor Douglas Bousfield received the Dr. Joseph Genco Award for industry support. Teacher of the Year awards were presented to Annette Giardin of Jay High School and Sasha Alcott of Bangor High School. Jeff Dutton, president and CEO of Twin Rivers Paper in Madawaska, and former president and chairman of the foundation, was the recipient of the foundation's Honor Award. The theme for this year's meeting was "Maine on Paper." Speakers included Bob Byrne, president of Flambeau River Biofuels; Carlisle McLean, Maine's senior natural resources advisor and a representative of the Governor's office; Larry Montague, president of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry; UMaine College of Engineering Dean Dana Humphrey; Monty Henderson, director of paper technology at Kennebec Valley Community College; Mark Libby, chair of engineering at Maine Maritime Academy; Mark Doty, the manager of community affairs for Plum Creek; and Guy West, vice president of Ashland Hercules Water Technology. Verso Paper President and CEO Mike Jackson was a keynote speaker. Jackson noted in his talk Verso has invested more than \$62,000,000 in energy projects in Maine in the past two years, reducing Verso's dependence on foreign oil, as well as the company's carbon footprint. Jackson challenged the students present to consider degrees in engineering and careers in the U.S. paper industry, which he said employs more workers than the auto industry and is 65 percent energy self-sufficient – by far the highest percentage of any industry in the U.S. Paper Days activities, included a panel during which students discussed their experiences applying for jobs; an engineering research exchange Birdie Googins, a comedian and storyteller noted for starring in commercials for the statewide chain Marden's Surplus and Salvage, provided entertainment during one of the evening events. For more information about this event or the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation, go to www.maineulpaper.org. Jack Healy, the executive director of the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation, can be reached at 207-478-9070 (cell), 207-989-1267 (home) or 207-581-2298 (office).

Comins Helps Student with Investigation

11 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 A University of Phoenix student from North Carolina wrote a Maine Sunday Telegram [column](#) detailing his efforts to fulfill a class assignment by finding the location of Maine's Apollo 11 moon rock, presented to Gov. Curtis in the early 1970s. Prof. Neil Comins from the UMaine Dept. of Physics and Astronomy took a call from the student and helped direct him to the Maine State Museum, which has custody of the artifact.

UMaine to Showcase Undergraduate Research Projects

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Nancy Hall, (207) 581-2404 University of Maine undergraduate students will present more than 50 research projects all day on Wednesday, April 13 at the Wells Conference Center for the second annual Undergraduate Research & Academic Showcase. The research represents disciplines from across campus. The public is invited to stop by between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to see and hear about the sophisticated and relevant projects students have worked on in the past year. Undergraduate research often is regarded as a defining experience, the pinnacle of one's academic career, says Nancy Hall, a communication sciences and disorders faculty member and director of the UMaine Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR). "Those who had research experiences as undergraduates years later will remark on the significance of the experience, how it shaped their thinking and decision making," Hall says. "CUGR's Undergraduate Research and Academic Showcase shows the breadth and depth of inquiry pursued at the University of Maine, making it unique in the state." Following opening remarks by Provost Susan Hunter at 9 a.m., posters and exhibits will be available for viewing throughout the day. From 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., visitors can see seven oral presentations or performances by students on using technology for a wide range of applications, including storytelling, using technology in the classroom and the design of a "servicebot" to assist people with disabilities in cafeterias. Wells Conference Center is an accessible building. The event is free.

Cathy Pratt, Director of Indiana Resource Center for Autism, Named UMaine Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- The University of Maine College of Education and Human Development has named Cathy Pratt, director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at Indiana University's Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, as the Mark R. Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor for the spring and fall semesters of 2011. A board-certified behavior analyst, past board chair of the Autism Society of America (ASA), and co-author of teacher preparation standards for the Council for Exceptional Children, Pratt will work with the special education faculty from the University of Maine and with faculty from other University of Maine System universities who prepare teachers to work with students with autism. She will provide training on infusing autism content into their curriculum and on identifying evidence-based strategies and solutions to the growing number of students identified with autistic spectrum disorders. Recipients of the annual appointment, which is named for Mark R. Shibles, dean of the college from 1947-1971, are recognized experts in various fields of education and serve as consultants to the college in its statewide work to provide professional teaching and leadership training, applicable research and direct services to Maine schools and communities. Renowned for their scholarship and research, Shibles professors bring intellectual and professional stimulation to students and faculty and provide a national perspective and expertise. They have contributed to the college's efforts in areas such as aspirations, educational leadership, human intelligence and motivation, and the implication of school restructuring for teacher preparation and professional development. "I am honored to have been selected as the Shibles Professor and to be among the incredibly talented group of individuals from various disciplines who have previously been given the award," Pratt says. Currently serving on numerous advisory boards, Pratt has been honored by the Autism Society of America with the Individual Achievement Award. She received the Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education in 2008 and the Princeton Fellowship Award in 2005, as well as other awards through NYFAC (New York Families for Autistic Children, Inc.), including recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives, the New York State Senate, and the New York City Council. Professor Pratt has written articles and gives presentations on topics including autism spectrum disorders, behavior assessments, instructional approaches, systems change, and policy. With a doctoral degree in special education from Indiana University, Pratt has a master's degree in special education from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in special education from Indiana University. She has worked as a classroom teacher for students across the autism spectrum and with other disabilities. College of Education and Human Development Professor of Special Education Walter Harris, who helped facilitate Professor Pratt's appointment, says the university was interested in learning how to better prepare special education personnel to work effectively with children with autism, especially since the rate of autism has increased 111 percent since 2004. "We're looking at an increased need for trained personnel who can apply a variety of evidence-based practices to the unique needs of children

with autistic spectrum disorders. With Prof. Pratt's experience and national perspective we will assess what we're doing and how we can improve," he says. Pratt also will serve as a guest speaker at numerous events, including at the June meeting of the Maine Association of Administrators of Special Education, he said.

SPIA Lecture to Highlight U.S. Navy Energy Efficiency Strides

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Peter Fandel, (207) 581-1835 or Jim Settele, (207) 581-3153 ORONO -- The University of Maine School of International Affairs has invited the chief of staff for the U.S. Navy's Energy and Environmental Readiness Division to present and discuss steps the Navy is taking to utilize more efficient alternative energy sources for newly designed equipment. Jason Greenawalt is responsible for development and oversight of the Navy's energy and environmental policies and protecting Navy's interest against incompatible commercial development that could affect training and military readiness. He manages a staff of more than 50 civilian and military personnel. His talk, "Navy Initiatives, Challenges and Successes: Leading the Nation toward an Energy Secure Future," Thursday, April 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Little Hall, Room 130 is free and open to the public. Greenawalt's leadership in crafting and executing a \$4 billion energy strategy is credited with making the Navy a driver of innovation in the private sector and an advocate for and early adaptor of game-changing energy efficiency technologies. Those improvements enhance Navy's combat capabilities, reduce long-term costs, and provide an off-ramp to dependence on conventional fuels sources. Greenawalt also is responsible for managing the Navy's environmental protection program, ensuring that operations afloat and ashore protect the natural environment while supporting the Navy's national defense mission. Among the Navy's energy goals are: - To demonstrate a Green Strike Group in local operations by 2012 and sail it by 2016 with nuclear ships, surface combatants using biofuels with hybrid electric power systems and aircraft flying on biofuels; - By 2020, to Department of Navy produce at least 50 percent offshore-based energy requirements from alternative sources, utilizing solar, wind, ocean and geothermal energy sources; - And by 2020, to see that 50 percent of total Navy energy consumption comes from alternative sources. Greenawalt graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in history from Campbell University. He also holds a master's in public policy (budget and finance) from George Washington University and is a 2008 graduate of the Elliot School of International Affairs DoD Senior Management Course in National Security Studies. In 2010, he received the Navy Meritorious Civil Service Medal. For more information call (207) 581-1835, or visit the website www.spia.umaine.edu. SPIA lectures are free and open to the public.

2011 Winners of Maine Studies Research and Creativity Awards Announced

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Carol Toner, (207) 581-3147 The Maine Studies Program has announced the 2011 winners of the Maine Studies Research and Creativity Awards. Graduate student winners are Rosemary Cyr, a Maine Studies/MALS (Master of Arts in Liberal Studies) student, for her paper "The Passamaquoddy Wampum Records," and Wynne Guglielmo, a MALS student, for her project "Bloodworm Digger: Arguing with the DMR." Undergraduate student winners are anthropology major Kristine Syrjala, "Identifying Archaeobotanical Remains from Machias Bay, Maine," and geology major Robin Arnold, "Using GIS to locate preliminary areas for further investigation of potential submerged archaeological sites along the Central Maine Coast. Thanks to the generosity of the University of Maine Foundation, each student will also receive a \$125 monetary award. The Maine studies programs website has additional information.

UMaine Food Science Students Win Regional College Bowl

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Denise Skonberg, (207) 581-1639 A team of University of Maine food science and human nutrition students won first place at the regional Institute of Food Technologists (ITF) College Bowl Competition at Rutgers University and now are preparing for national competition in New Orleans this summer. The UMaine team beat Cornell, Rutgers, University of Massachusetts and Penn State over the weekend and now will represent the North Atlantic region at the Institute of Food Technologists national competition in June. Team members include graduate students Suzanne Agro, Joe Galetti and Alison Lacombe, and senior Valerie Antonio, sophomore Rafael Garcia and senior Shaun Verrier, the

team captain. The "Jeopardy"-style competition tests students in areas of food science and technology, including food chemistry, microbiology, processing, engineering and food law.

International Youth to Explore Campus, Programs

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Karen Boucias, (207) 581-3433 The UMaine Office of International Programs and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are bringing about 40 international high school students from John Bapst, Orono High School and Lee Academy to campus for tours of some of the university's facilities and programs Thursday, April 14. The group will be broken into four groups of about a dozen students each to tour the chemistry labs in Aubert Hall, the music facilities in the Class of 1944 Hall and the Lord Hall Art Gallery, and they'll visit physics labs and see demonstrations at Bennett Hall. Tours will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Broader campus-wide tours are planned after lunch.

Philosophy Professor in Bangor Daily News Story

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777 UMaine philosophy Professor Douglas Allen was one of about 100 people who protested in Bangor on Sunday the U.S. military budget, the Bangor Daily News [reported](#). Allen told the crowd if the money spent fighting overseas could be brought back to the U.S., it would eliminate the debt of all 50 states.

UMaine Student Announces Run For Biddeford Mayor

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777 UMaine student Ryan Gavin announced Sunday he intends to run for mayor of Biddeford, according to a story on the Portland-based WCSH television website. Gavin, who is taking online courses while living in Biddeford, has served two years on the school committee there.

Newspaper Covers New Shows at Art Museum

11 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777 The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) the new exhibitions that opened last week at the UMaine Museum of Art in Bangor. The exhibitions will be on display until June 11. More information about the museum can be found here (www.umma.umaine.edu).

UMaine Designer Recognized with New York Times Award

12 Apr 2011

[caption id="attachment_10704" align="alignright" width="248" caption="Division of Lifelong Learning Dean Bob



White (r) shares the award certificate with Senior Designer Carol Nichols."]

[/caption] UMaine Senior Designer Carol Nichols has earned prestigious recognition from the University and Professional Continuing Education Association (UPCEA), for her work in designing the fall and spring UMaineOnLine promotional postcard. The organization announced a bronze award for this effort, in the University Continuing and Distance Education Division, during a conference in Toronto last week. The New York Times sponsors the award.

Traditional UMaine Day of Service Events Scheduled for April 27

12 Apr 2011

Contact: Kevin Taschereau, kevin.taschereau@umit.maine.edu. ORONO -- Maine Day, a University of Maine tradition now in its 76th year, is scheduled for Wednesday April 27. President Arthur Hauck started the Maine Day tradition in 1935, setting aside one day late in the spring semester for campus clean-up activities. Over the years, the format has evolved to include more generalized community service projects, a parade, a barbecue and "oozeball," which is volleyball played in a mud pit. The parade begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilltop complex, with service projects scheduled for the morning leading up to the noon barbecue at the Steam Plant parking lot. UMaine's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism staff members handle many of the planning details for Maine Day. Members of the UMaine community are encouraged to pre-register on the [Maine Day Web site](#). A full schedule is also available at that Web site.

Student Newspaper Wins Regional Award

12 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 The Society for Professional Journalists has [recognized](#) The Maine Campus, UMaine's student newspaper, as 2010's top non-daily student newspaper in Region 1. That includes New York, New Jersey, New England and part of Pennsylvania. The Maine Campus won the same award in 2001. The nine other regional winners, which include those from Marquette, Central Michigan and the University of South Carolina, will compete with the Maine Campus for national recognition in the non-daily category, with results to be announced in May.

Spring Gardening Tips Available from Extension Educators

12 Apr 2011

Contact: Lois Berg Stack, (207) 581-2949; Mark Hutchinson, (207) 832-0343 ORONO -- With the ground beginning to thaw and dry out, gardeners will be anxious to begin tilling and planting. University of Maine Cooperative Extension educators have several tips to help gardeners make the most of their pre-season preparations. Number one, says Extension ornamental horticulture specialist Lois Berg Stack in Orono, "don't start your spring gardening activities too quickly." Soil needs to dry out before it can bear the weight of being walked on. Running garden equipment, lots of walking, and digging can destroy soil structure, she says. Wait until the soil dries out. "If you're not sure whether your soil is fertile enough, test it," she advises "Your soil may be perfectly capable of providing enough of many plant nutrients. Adding them without knowing what you're soil already has is a waste of time, effort and money. And over-

fertilizing can pollute our surface waters." If the garden soil is heavy with, say, too much clay, or light with too much sand, gardeners can improve soil's ability to grow crops by adding organic matter like compost, manure, or composting in place or growing cover crops. "You may in fact use all of these methods in your garden," she says. "Learn which works best in specific situations." Extension Educator Mark Hutchinson in the Knox-Lincoln counties office says many gardeners add washed up seaweed to add nutrients to the soil, but there are some things to keep in mind when harvesting and applying seaweed, he says. "Seaweed provides trace elements and organic matter to the soil," he explains. "Seaweed can be collected from the shoreline, but laws prohibit the taking of attached and growing seaweed without permits. Seaweed can be used as a mulch around plants or incorporated in the soil. It can also be added to your compost pile."

Old Town Train Derailment Reported

12 Apr 2011

University of Maine police report that a train derailment in Old Town may cause commuting issues for members of the UMaine community. The accident currently blocks all entry to French Island. Initial reports indicate no concerns about hazardous materials or other dangers.

News Report On Student Running For Biddeford Mayor

12 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777 The Portland Press Herald has a [report](#) about a UMaine sophomore who is running for mayor of Biddeford. Ryan Gavin, 20, is a political science major who lives in Biddeford and is taking classes online.

Newspaper Notes Upcoming Tourism, Economic Development Talk

12 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777 The Waterville Sentinel is [advancing](#) a UMaine Cooperative Extension talk Thursday evening about tourism and economic development in western Maine. Marc Edwards, an Extension tourism and economic development professional, will give a presentation on the organization's role and resources for tourism development.

Old Town Derailment Update

12 Apr 2011

University of Maine police report progress in clearing up the train derailment in Old Town. Front Street, which is normally a one-way street, is now open for two-way traffic allowing access to French Island.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Announces Outstanding Faculty Awards

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Kristin Sobolik, 207-581-3583 Three professors in sociology, chemistry and classical languages have been named recipients of the 2011 Outstanding Faculty Awards in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine. Amy Blackstone, an associate professor of sociology, is the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching and Advising Award. Brian Frederick, an associate professor of chemistry, is the recipient of the Outstanding Research and Creative Achievement Award. Kristina "Tina" Passman, associate professor of classical languages and literature, is the recipient of the Outstanding Service and Outreach Award. Blackstone's teaching and research interests include the sociology of gender, work, families, social movements and research methods. Her current research focuses on workplace harassment experiences across the life cycle and childfree adults. Blackstone is an exceptional teacher who receives top of the line student evaluation scores and high praise from her students for her caring, concern, and ability to engage students in any subject matter. She has involved a large number of students on independent studies, internships, work merit projects, senior thesis projects and honors theses. With Blackstone's mentoring, many students have won

awards and are included in her numerous research publications. Blackstone involves herself in many advising and teaching roles. She has co-edited and contributed teaching materials published by the American Sociological Association; co-organized a session on teaching the sociology of gender for the 2008 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association; co-advises the UMaine Sociology Club; served on the advisory board to the Center for Undergraduate Research; and advised Students for a Safe Campus, a university group that raises awareness about sexual violence. She has participated in Center for Teaching Excellence workshops, an Interdisciplinary Learning Circle on undergraduate research, a "boot camp" for instructional development in Colorado, and a two-day symposium on teaching introductory sociology classes in Florida. Frederick's research is in physical and theoretical chemistry. He is internationally known for his work on characterizing surfaces at the molecular scale using instrumentation in the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology, including photoelectron spectroscopy, vibrational spectroscopy and adsorption porosimetry, as well as neutron scattering at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Current work in developing oxide and metal catalysts for conversion of woody biomass into transportation fuels is in collaboration with members of the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, an interdisciplinary team consisting of chemists, physicists, chemical engineers, forest scientists, and economists focused on creating value-added products from waste wood in a sustainable way. Frederick is the author or co-author of 60 refereed articles, 12 patents or patent applications and more than 100 presentations. He has consistently supported his work with external funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy and the Office of Naval Research. He has been the PI or co-PI on grants totaling more than \$10 million in the last decade. Frederick also has served as a major advisor for 14 Ph.D. students, three M.S. students, five undergraduate thesis students, and several gifted high school students through the Maine MERITS Scholar program. Passman's research and teaching center on Latin, ancient Greek, classical studies and literature in translation. She is devoted to service to her students, the University of Maine, and to the belief that education is important and should be accessible to all. Passman is considered a pioneer in online teaching and the application of Universal Design principles to instructional design and delivery. Her commitment to teaching is not limited to students in her daytime classes; she has also tutored high school students whose schools were unable to offer Latin at an advanced level. In addition, she schedules independent studies late in the day to meet the needs of in-service teachers who must learn Latin to retain their positions. Passman has served on dozens of service committees. She currently chairs the Faculty Senate's General Education Assessment Committee and recently co-chaired the Provost's Committee on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment to help ensure that all courses and programs move toward assessment of learner outcomes. She has served on and chaired the Academic Council within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the university-wide Undergraduate Program and Curriculum Committee. Passman also helped craft the initial iteration of the *Maine Learning Results* (outcomes assessment for K-12 education) in the areas of Bilingual Education and Modern and Classical languages.

UMaine Reaches Fundraising Campaign Goal of \$150 Million

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- The University of Maine has raised more than \$150 million from private sources since 2005, reaching the ambitious goal associated with the largest fundraising campaign in Maine public university history. Known as Campaign Maine, the effort was launched in 2005 shortly after Robert Kennedy was named UMaine's president. "This is a great UMaine success story," says Kennedy. "The generosity of our alumni and friends reflects the pride and enthusiasm that have been so apparent throughout this campaign. The support has been overwhelming since the day we started the campaign, and it is immensely gratifying to consider the permanent impact this effort will have on the university's academic programs, research enterprise and outreach capacity." The current campaign total -- \$152,300,000 -- includes gifts and documented pledges. Campaign chairs Allen and Sally Fernald, prominent UMaine alumni who live in Camden, announced that total at a Tuesday night dinner hosted by the UMaine Board of Visitors in honor of Kennedy, who is stepping down from the presidency at the end of June. A comprehensive campaign, this effort is aimed primarily at providing scholarships for qualified students; providing resources for a first-rate faculty; bolstering the university's academic programs; and funding capital construction and renovation priorities. "This campaign continues through the end of June, and we will work hard to add to the total and maximize the campaign's long-term impact on the university," says Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Eric Rolfson. "Moreover, this campaign reflects an overarching vision for UMaine's future which will depend on an ongoing, robust private fundraising effort." At Tuesday's dinner, UMaine officials praised the institution's private fundraising partners: the University of Maine Alumni Association, the University of Maine

Foundation, the 4-H Foundation and the Pulp and Paper Foundation, all of which worked with the university's development office staff to achieve this milestone. "Campaign Maine will have a long-lasting impact on the University of Maine for a number of reasons," says James Goff, chair of the Board of Visitors. "Campaign gifts are already funding scholarships, professorships and campus upgrades helping the university serve its students and its statewide mission. It has also catalyzed cultural and systemic changes that will make ongoing and future fundraising efforts more successful. Bob Kennedy's leadership has been instrumental in fostering a new approach to private fundraising, which will be an important and enduring element of his legacy."

Onward Program Session April 14

13 Apr 2011

Contact: June Carter (207) 581-2312 june.carter@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- The University of Maine's Onward Program, which helps people facing economic or academic challenges obtain four-year degrees, will host an information session on Thursday April 14 at 2 p.m. The program is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 academic year. Visitors will tour the offices, meet the staff, enjoy light refreshments and hear from a panel of current students. Contact Lori Watson (207) 581-2320 or TTY (207) 581-2325 if you plan to attend or want more information or an application packet. Created in 1970, the Onward Program has helped hundreds of students gain access to the University of Maine by offering small, customized college classes, peer tutoring and counseling support in a positive academic environment. Onward is on Facebook (search "The Onward Program at the University of Maine.")

Research Expo Highlights UMaine Graduate Student Work

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Kurt Klappenbach at kurt.klappenbach@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- The University of Maine's 2011 GradExpo (Graduate Academic Exposition) scheduled April 21-22 at the Wells Conference Center will exhibit a wide range of physical and natural sciences, technology, social science and humanities research being done at advanced levels at the university. The annual two-day showcase for students across the spectrum of graduate programs at UMaine provides a platform for them to display and explain the fruit of their explorations and research, in addition to their innovations and creations. "The GradExpo has been revitalized this year," says Kurt Klappenbach, vice-president of the Graduate Student Government (GSG) and chief organizer of this year's expo. "I and Graduate Student Government have been working very hard to make the new GradExpo a major drawing power to the University of Maine campus." Participant entries may consist of an academic poster presentation, art installation or performance, or oral presentation. This year the event includes PechaKucha for those who wish to try an exciting new way of presenting information, according to Klappenbach. On Thursday, April 22, invited commercial exhibitors -- Maine companies or companies with a Maine presence -- will exhibit. They are companies that have a partnership in research on campus, actively hire UMaine graduate students, or both. Some of the companies that have accepted include Boeing, PenBay, VWR, CES, Lonza, Thermo, Lonza, Pierce and KPL. The GradExpo provides a forum for graduate students, especially those new to academia, to practice the fine art of displaying and defending the efforts of their research and inquiries. From the entry process, to the preparation of abstracts, to actually preparing and presenting an academic poster, paper, art installation and, this year, PechaKucha, they go through a formal judging procedure and could win one of more than \$4,000 in awards for innovation and academic excellence. "The GSG sees the GradExpo as an excellent way to promote graduate studies and their utility to the University of Maine," Klappenbach says. "We are actively encouraging undergraduates -- future graduate students -- to see just what it is we do here at the university and in the process, hopefully pique their interest in graduate studies." Maine's U.S. Senators and Representatives, their state of Maine counterparts and Gov. Paul LePage have been invited to attend and see what the university's graduate population has accomplished. University of Maine undergraduates and students from all Maine institutes of higher education also are invited. Klappenbach says the event is a good way to see what a vital interest graduate education plays in the university system and to the economy of the State of Maine. "Commercial exhibitors are invited to not only benefit the graduating students, but, in addition, to become aware of the entire scope of our graduate programs," he adds.

Cooperative Extension Receiving Grant for Military Family Adventure Camp

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Jon Prichard, Springvale, (207) 324-2814 ORONO -- Whether it's kayaking down a river, backpacking through the forest or racing high-adventure style, military family teens with a thirst for adventure will have a greater number of options this summer thanks to an expanded federal summer camps program run by the country's university Cooperative Extension System. The U.S. Defense of Department, with the U.S. Agriculture Department and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, in addition to Extension offices at 11 other land-grant universities, have teamed up to offer military teens low-cost, high-adventure camps at 50 locations, including one in Alaska and two in Europe, in addition to Maine. The USDA, land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System will work with local communities to offer the camps. Military teens ages 14 to 18 can pick their adventure -- from a five-day kayaking trip through Washington's San Juan Islands to a four-day adventure racing course in the Northeast to a one-week backpacking trip through Alaska's Denali Forest. The DoD and USDA, through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), has awarded 12 grants for the program, which expands and broadens existing summer camp opportunities for military family children that has been administered in Maine and other states by Cooperative Extension offices for about five years, according to Jon Prichard of the Extension office in Springvale. Prichard and Extension Director John Rebar in Orono say at least 272 Maine youths will benefit. Nationally, the combined 12 projects approved by the NFIA will make camp opportunities available for more than 2,800 youth. The camps will offer military youth experiences not readily available through traditional programs, according to the American Forces Press Services. Due to frequent moves, military parents and youth may be unaware of local opportunities; the camps are intended to fill that gap. Previously, youths attended camps in their respective states. "Now it's a national program," Prichard says. "We will be attracting kids from around the country. The kids can go any place from Alaska to Arkansas. Hopefully, we'll have a mix of Maine kids and kids from around the country." The Maine Military Adventure Camps will occur at Extension's 4-H Camp and Learning Centers at Bryant Pond and Tanglewood/Blueberry Cove. "The opportunity for children in military families to experience the outdoors in this way is fantastic," says Doug Babkirk, Extension's associate director. Purdue University, designated to make selections on behalf of the DoD and USDA, received 25 applications and approved projects at the universities of Alaska, Arkansas, California - Davis, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire and Colorado, Ohio and Washington State universities. "This is a great opportunity for our military youth to leave their comfort zones and challenge themselves in a variety of ways," Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, says. "The skills they learn through these camps will remain with them for the rest of their lives." The Cooperative Extension website for Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Centers has additional information.

Spring Concerts Offer a Musical Array of Performances

13 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove (207) 581-3756 The UMaine School of Performing Arts is winding up its spring schedule of performances on a high note, as more than eight concerts take place in Hauck Auditorium or Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall through the end of April. Men's and women's choruses, a faculty violin recital, a percussion performance, opera, jazz and a spring dance concert are just some of the events listed in the SPA online calendar. Tickets range from \$7-\$12, or are free for students with a MaineCard. The Collins Center for the Arts box office at 581-1755 has other details and ticket information.

Engineering's Maguire Interviewed for Gas Prices, Efficiency Report

13 Apr 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 UMaine associate professor of mechanical engineering technology Chuck Maguire was interviewed for a Channel 2 (WABI) report Tuesday on ways consumers can maximize fuel efficiency as gasoline prices reach and exceed \$4 a gallon. The former engine designer for General Motors in Detroit says today's newer vehicles have the most energy-efficient systems available because of intense sales competition, and the best way to stretch performance is to maintain correct tire pressure, remove unnecessary weight and drive conservatively when starting and stopping.

Fogler Library Extending Hours for Finals

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Gretchen Gfeller, 581-1696 Fogler Library will be open beyond its normal hours April 27 through May 6 to accommodate student final exams. Exams period hours are: Wednesday, April 27, 8 a.m. – Thursday, April 28, 2:30 a.m.; Thursday, April 28, 8 a.m. – Friday, April 29, 2:30 a.m.; Friday, April 29, 8 a.m. – Saturday, April 30, 2:30 a.m.; Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – Sunday, May 1, 2:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. – Monday, May 2, 2:30 a.m.; Monday, May 2, 8 a.m. – Tuesday, May 3, 2:30 a.m.; Tuesday, May 3, 8 a.m. – Wednesday, May 4, 2:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 4, 8 a.m. – Thursday, May 5, 2:30 a.m.; Thursday, May 5, 8 a.m. – Friday, May 6, 2:30 a.m.; and Friday, May 6, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Weekly Newspaper Carries Master Gardener Story

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The Maine Edge weekly newspaper has a story about UMaine Cooperative Extension's master gardener program. The Edge interviewed Extension horticulturalist Kate Garland about the program, which helps residents learn how to better grow sustainable gardens.

News Coverage Of Fundraising Milestone

13 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr, 207-581-3571 Several news outlets had coverage of Tuesday evening's announcement that UMaine's Campaign Maine fundraising initiative had reached its goal of raising \$150 million from private sources since 2005. The Bangor Daily News had a [story](#) Wednesday of the announcement, made at a UMaine Board of Visitors dinner in honor of outgoing UMaine President Robert Kennedy, as did Portland-based television station WGME and the Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

Engine Design Expert Offers Efficiency Tips

14 Apr 2011

Contact: Chuck Maguire, (207) 581-2797; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 Gasoline prices have reached or exceeded \$4 a gallon in Maine and across the country, leaving many consumers wondering how to cut transportation expenses to cope with rising prices. University of Maine associate professor of mechanical engineering technology, Chuck Maguire, a former engine designer with General Motors in Detroit, is available to discuss ways to squeeze maximum efficiency out of our motor vehicles. Maguire says that the automotive industry is so competitive that manufacturers are already doing all they can to make cars and trucks as efficient as possible, which is reflected in the sophisticated computerized fuel-use and efficiency displays standard on many new vehicles today. As far as commercially available, expensive after-market devices touted as gas-savers, Maguire says "if the factory could put on a device for \$20-\$30 that will improve fuel economy, they certainly would." Save the money and pay attention to things that really make a difference -- driving style -- he advises. Maguire recommends keeping tires properly inflated and checking tire pressure about once a month, removing any excess weight from the car, and accelerating gently when starting out, and taking advantage of factory-installed driver information centers to monitor fuel economy. Because cars and trucks are engineered so precisely these days, driving at 65 miles per hour on the highway is probably more efficient than slowing to 55 mph, since that's the recommended highway standard and vehicles are designed to work best at that speed. Maguire advises against tricks like over-inflating tires or putting the vehicle in neutral when cruising down hills, as both can compromise safety. Maguire can be reached at (207) 581-2797.

Graduate School Expo Advanced

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The UMaine 2011 Graduate Academic Exposition was [advanced](#) in Friday's Bangor Daily News. The expo, which is scheduled for April 21-22 at the Wells Conference Center, showcases research being done by graduate school students in the physical and natural sciences, technology, social sciences and the humanities.

News Coverage of Stolen Pride Flag

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 Several media outlets covered the disappearance from the campus of a flag in honor of Pride Week, a celebration of the gay, lesbian, and transgendered community. The flag was raised Monday, but on Tuesday it was noticed the flag was gone. UMaine Senior Associate Dean of Students Kenda Scheele told WABI Pride Week is a way for UMaine to show support for the community. The blog [LezGetReal.com](#), which provides commentary on issues affecting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community also mentioned the incident on its website.

Huffington Post, Other Outlets Feature Lobster Shell Golf Balls

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Kristen Andresen, 581-3742 The Huffington Post has on its HuffPost Green [website](#) a feature story about the lobster shell golf balls developed by UMaine engineer David Neivandt and his undergraduate student Alex Caddell. The posting said UMaine is the most fitting institute in the world to create the golf balls, which are made of biodegradable lobster shells. The Toronto Star also featured the invention in a [story](#) in which Bob Bayer, executive director of the UMaine-based Lobster Institute, said in the story the golf balls have the same feel as a normal golf ball. An Australian website that is part of the Fox networks also picked up the story, as did the website [Technabob](#).

International High School Students Tour Campus

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The Bangor Daily News has a [report](#) about international students from three area high schools who toured the UMaine campus on Thursday. The students, who were from Asia, Africa and Europe and are attending John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor, Lee Academy and Orono High School, visited chemistry labs in Aubert Hall, music facilities in Class of 1944 Hall, physics labs in Bennett Hall, and the art gallery in Lord Hall. Karen Boucias, the director of UMaine's Office of International Programs, was interviewed for the story, and David Batuski, the chair of the UMaine physics and astronomy department, appeared in a photograph.

UMaine Vice President Offers Reward In Vandalism Case

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- UMaine Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Robert Dana is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the identification and punishment of vandals who have twice this week damaged a flag pole on the Mall in front of Fogler Library. Part of Pride Week, an annual series of events supporting UMaine's LGBTQ community, the flagpole and rainbow-colored flag were put in place Monday afternoon. Vandals struck on Monday night and again on Thursday night, causing significant damage in each case. "This is unacceptable behavior and I encourage anybody with information to step forward and help us find those responsible," Dana says. "Vandalism is a threat to student safety and well-being and we will not tolerate it in our community." Those with information on these incidents are asked to contact the UMaine Police Department at 581-4040.

UMaine Portland Event to Recognize Business Leader, Detail Research Expedition

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu ORONO -- A presentation by University of Maine Professor Paul Mayewski, an internationally acclaimed climate scientist who has led research expeditions to some of the world's most remote locations, will highlight a Tuesday April 19 event at the Portland Museum of Art. Mayewski's multimedia presentation will detail the recent Garrand Andes Expedition, made possible by the generous support of Brenda Garrand of Portland. Chief executive officer of the Portland-based integrated marketing firm Garrand, she is an active supporter of Maine's Orono-based flagship university and its Climate Change Institute (CCI), which Mayewski heads. Tuesday's event begins at 6 p.m. with a brief reception leading to a 6:30 program in the museum's auditorium. UMaine President Robert Kennedy will introduce Mayewski, whose presentation, "Exploration and Discovery" will include anecdotes about his remarkable career that began with his first research visit to Antarctica in 1968. Garrand will also offer her perspectives on the Climate Change Institute and its impact. UMaine students will be on hand to display and demonstrate some of the equipment they use when conducting research in extreme weather conditions. Guests will receive a small vial of 400,000 year old melted ice collected during a CCI expedition.

Rolfson on Public Radio for Campaign Story

15 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr 207-581-3571 UMaine Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs Eric Rolfson was interviewed for a Thursday Maine Public Radio story about UMaine's success in private fundraising. The university [announced](#) this week that the \$150 million overall goal of Campaign Maine, a six-year private fundraising effort, has been reached.

Hutchison Interviewed for Television Story

15 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr 207-581-3571 WVII television interviewed Prof. Keith Hutchison of the UMaine biochemistry faculty on Tuesday for a story localizing a national report about the genetics of coffee consumption. A team of researchers representing the National Cancer Institute, Harvard School of Public Health and other institutions has published a report identifying two genes related to high levels of coffee consumption. Prof. Hutchinson provided clarification of what this report means.

Equality, Privilege Are Topics for April 19 Forums

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Judith Josiah-Martin, (207) 581-1437 ORONO -- "Beyond Blame, Shame & Guilt - Thinking rather than feeling about privileged systems" is the title of public and student forums at the University of Maine on Tuesday, April 19, featuring internationally known activists Peggy McIntosh and Victor Lewis. The public forum, free and open to the public, is scheduled at 12:15 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium. A student forum is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. in D.P. Corbett Business Building's Room 100. The Division of Student Affairs, the Counseling Center and Peer Education Program and UMaine's Multicultural Center are presenting the speakers. Judith Josiah-Martin, director of multicultural programs at UMaine, says the forums are particularly helpful for society because of the opportunity to look at privilege "without getting bogged down in the blame-shame thing, which paralyzes us and prevents us from taking responsibility to change things." "That's why I think it's not just for students," she adds. Peggy McIntosh, a lecturer and writer on white privilege, male privilege and equitable curricula, is the associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. She consults with higher education institutions throughout the United States and the world on creating multi-cultural and gender-fair curricula. McIntosh is the author of many influential articles on curriculum change, women's studies and systems of unearned privilege. She is best known for authoring the groundbreaking article "White Privilege and Male Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming to See Correspondences through Work in Women's Studies." Her analyses have been instrumental in putting the dimension of privilege into discussions of gender, race and sexuality. Victor Lewis, a leader in the field of anti-oppression diversity work and alliance-building, is an internationally recognized educator, trainer and activist. He has conducted keynote speeches, seminars, workshops and "train the

trainer" programs throughout the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Germany. Lewis is currently co-director of the Center for Diversity Leadership, a human relations training and consulting firm. He is best known for his inspiring and catalytic leadership role in the award-winning race relations documentary, "The Color of Fear." Lewis is co-author of a four volume curriculum to be used in conjunction with the film. He also is a contributor to the anthology, "Crash Course: Reflections on the Film 'Crash' for Critical Dialogues about Race, Power and Privilege."

BDN Reports On Alfond Arena, Memorial Gym Projects

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The progress of renovations to UMaine's Alfond Arena and the ongoing fundraising efforts for renovations to Memorial Gym were the subject of a Bangor Daily News [story](#). Alfond Arena renovations are set to begin after UMaine's May 7 commencement activities. Athletic Director Steve Abbott told the BDN fundraising for the Memorial Gym renovations has just begun.

Wind Consortium Member Receives Grant

15 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 The Kennebec Journal has a [story](#) about a firm currently working with UMaine's AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center which was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Maine Technology Institute. WindFloat Maine, a subsidiary of Seattle-based Principle Power Inc., received the grant to help fund the development of the company's WindFloat, a floating foundation for deepwater off-shore wind turbines. Principle Power is a member of DeepCwind, the UMaine-led consortium of private and nonprofit companies working on deepwater off-shore floating wind technology.

Blackstone, Frederick, Passman Recognition Reported

18 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 The Bangor Daily News [reports](#) on recognition afforded to three UMaine professors recognized with this year's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Awards. Amy Blackstone (sociology) received the Outstanding Teaching and Advising Award; Brian Frederick (chemistry) received the college's Research and Creative Achievement Award; and Tina Passman (classical languages and literature) received the Outstanding Outreach and Service Award.

Daniel Column Examines Tourism and Technology

18 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 Saturday's Bangor Daily News business section included a [column](#) by Prof. Harold Daniel of the UMaine business faculty. In the column, Daniel provides analysis on the relationship between technology and Maine's tourism industry. He notes that northern and eastern Maine destinations would benefit from improved technology infrastructure and coordinated online marketing.

National Guard Ceremony News Coverage

18 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 Saturday's Bangor Daily News included a [report](#) about a Friday evening ceremony at UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts, welcoming home Maine's 1136th Transportation Company. The unit, with 173 Maine National Guard soldiers, was deployed to Afghanistan for ten months. Sen. Olympia Snowe, Sen. Susan Collins and Gov. Paul LePage all spoke at the ceremony.

Author/Journalist Heather Pringle Set for Tuesday UMaine Presentation

18 Apr 2011

Contact Joe Carr at 207-581-3571 Freelance journalist and author Heather Pringle (www.heatherpringle.com) will visit the University of Maine for a Tuesday April 19 presentation. Pringle, who is the author of the April National Geographic cover stories on the Inca civilization, will speak at the university's Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony, which starts at 7 p.m. at Buchanan Alumni House. Her topic will be "What Mummies Tell Us About Ourselves." She specializes in writing about archaeology. A resident of Canada, Pringle is the author of three books related to that discipline. Phi Kappa Phi, one of the major national academic honor societies, was founded at the University of Maine in 1897.

Museum Activities Mentioned In Column

18 Apr 2011

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 A genealogy [column](#) in the Bangor Daily News noted activities planned for Wednesday at UMaine's Page Farm and Home Museum. The 10th History Fun Day, an event in which children in grades kindergarten through six can learn about Maine's agricultural heritage, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

Brawley Receives Prestigious Award

18 Apr 2011

Susan Brawley of the UMaine School of Marine Sciences and botany faculty received the Northeast Algal Society's Frank Shipley Collins at the organization's 50th annual meeting over the past weekend. The award honors exceptional and meritorious contributions to phycology and the Society. Collins was an authority on North American algae in the 19th/20th century. The Northeast Algal Society, which met April 15-17 at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., is composed of several hundred scientists in the northeastern U.S. and Canada who study some aspect of algae. Contact: Joe Carr (joe.carr@umit.maine.edu)

Employee Coffee Breaks April 27 and 28

18 Apr 2011

UMaine's annual employee coffee breaks have been scheduled for the last week in April. A gathering for those who work at night is scheduled for 9-10 p.m. Wednesday April 27 at Wells Conference Center. A morning coffee break is set for 7-9 a.m. Thursday April 28 at the same location. Brief recognition events are scheduled for 9:15 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday, during which the names of employees who have reached 15 years of service in the past year will be announced and recognized. Contact: Joe Carr joe.carr@umit.maine.edu

Annual 4/20-4:20 Race, Walk Set for April 20

18 Apr 2011

April 18, 2011 The fourth annual Healthy High Race/Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at the University of Maine, with a 5K and a 10K run/walk scheduled to start at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center at 4:20 p.m. The race promotes a healthy lifestyle and celebrates healthy choices, according to organizer Rebecca Davison, the graduate assistant in the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs Office. Registration begins at noon at the fitness center. Entry fees are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. The first 500 to sign up will receive a T-shirt. Additional information is on the Alcohol and Drug Education Program website (<http://www.umaine.edu/aod/>). "In the past we have had about 500 people either participate or support the race," Davison says. "We have added the 10K component this year to open the race up to runners and walkers looking for more of a challenge." The Alcohol and Drug Education Programs Office coordinates the race with support from Residence Life, Student Affairs, Hannaford, The Natural Living Center, the University of Maine Bookstore, CASE, Campus Recreation and S.A.A.C. Contact: Rebecca Davison, (207) 581-1430

Kinnison Interviewed for 'New Science' Article

18 Apr 2011

UMaine faculty member Michael Kinnison of the School of Biology and Ecology and the School of Marine Sciences, who researches evolutionary biology, was quoted extensively in the cover story, "Evolution in the Fast Lane," of the April 2 edition of New Science magazine (<http://www.newscientist.com/issue/2806>). In the article on the rapid evolution of some species, Kinnison says that more and more species are adapting to changing environmental conditions faster than once thought. April 18, 2011 Contact: Michael Kinnison, (207) 581-2575

Student Interviewed At MoveOn.org Protest

19 Apr 2011

Ed Lachowicz, a sociology student at UMaine, was interviewed Monday for a Morning Sentinel [story](#) about a MoveOn.org tax day protest in Waterville. Lachowicz, who is 29, said there were few young people at protest because many are not aware of issues with large businesses and taxes. He told the reporter he wants to be a social worker. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blueberry Video Featured On BDN Site

19 Apr 2011

A UMaine-produced video about the health benefits of blueberries was [featured](#) Tuesday on the Bangor Daily News Health and Fitness website. UMaine food scientists Mary Ellen Camire and Al Bushway appear on the video, as do research scientist Kristen McGovern and Cooperative Extension specialist Dave Yarborough. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sponsors, Participants Sought for Youth Fitness Camps at UMaine

19 Apr 2011

A University of Maine football player from Washington, D.C. serving as the athletic program director for the national youth health and fitness initiative is bringing a message about youth inactivity and obesity to Maine through a 2011 Wellness and Nutrition Summer Youth Camp program this summer. Roosevelt Boone, a senior scholar athlete on the Black Bear football team and an employee of City Sports, Gallery Place Store in Washington, D.C., serves as athletic program director for Strong Mind – Strong Body, Inc., which is presenting four week-long Wellness and Nutrition Summer Youth Camps for adolescents ages 10 through 17. Camps begin July 1 on the University of Maine Campus. The program offers physical education training, sports fundamentals, arts and crafts, personal hygiene and nutrition to Maine youth. UMaine athletes serving as youth trainers and counselors during the four-week period will provide instruction in the fundamentals of a wide range of sports to include baseball, football, tennis, track, rock climbing and swimming. In addition, certified experts offer instruction in nutrition, health, wellness and personal hygiene. Healthy foods and refreshments will be provided to all students, and free transportation to the camp will be provided to students in need. "Two of the biggest problems facing our youth today are obesity and poor health habits," Boone says. "This problem is of such significance that First Lady Michelle Obama has identified these two issues as national priorities to address through her program 'Let's Move.'" The youth summer camps will give youths an excellent start in combating obesity, establishing healthy eating habits, and physically getting in shape, he says. Boone says the program is in need of business and individual sponsors, in addition to guest speakers and presenters who feel they can share a testimony, render instruction to youth, provide life skills coaching, or just stop in and make new friends. More information is available by calling Boone at (202) 375-8033 or Strong Mind -- Strong Body Executive Director Alice Boone at (202) 489-1936. Strong Mind -- Strong Body, Inc. is a registered and certified non-profit organization with roots originating in Washington, D.C. Boone asks that prospective sponsors support the program with a tax-deductible donation, partnership, in-kind contribution, or volunteer time for the 2011 Wellness and Nutrition Summer Youth Camp at UMaine. Donors can reference "Strong Mind -- Strong Body, Inc. SMSB-8033" on the memo line. Gifts will be processed through the university Conference Services Division program and can be sent to the University of Maine,

Attn: Bruce G. Stinson, Director – Conference Services Division, Chadbourne Hall – 1st Floor, Orono, ME 04469-5713. Stinson can be reached by telephone at (207) 581-4091. Contact: Roosevelt Boone, (202) 375-8033

Jonathan Rubin to Work in Africa as Fulbright Scholar

19 Apr 2011

Jonathan Rubin, a faculty member in the UMaine School of Economics and member of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to work at the Center of Study in Renewable and Sustainable Energy at Sub-Saharan Africa's University of Botswana, Gaborone, during the 2011-2012 academic year. Rubin will assist with development, research and education capacity of the center and will help plan and implement an interdisciplinary graduate degree program in clean energy technologies, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty or professionals who will travel and work in more than 155 countries through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2011-2012. The program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Primary funding for the program is the U.S. Congress, through the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program has enabled some 300,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and scientists opportunities to study, teach, research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Fulbright alumni have a record of achievement and distinction in multiple disciplines. Forty-three Fulbright alumni from 11 countries have been awarded the Nobel Prize and 75 alumni have received Pulitzer Prizes. Additional information about the Fulbright Program is available on the Fulbright Program website (<http://fulbright.state.gov>). Contact: Jonathan Rubin, (207) 581-1528

New Media Capstone Exhibition Today to Showcase Creativity

19 Apr 2011

Several of this year's most popular capstone themes, the integration of education and gaming and the integration of technology in the classroom, will be among the student exhibits and presentations at today's 2011 New Media Capstone Night at the Collins Center for the Arts. The public is invited to the free event, scheduled 7-9 p.m. John Mondor's study of teaching geopolitics via gaming technology was judged to be among the best projects recently at the annual Center for Undergraduate Research and Undergraduate Showcase, along with Jonathan Simpson and Zev Eisenberg's "Kinesthetic Computing" project. Ian McClure's and Joel Martin's capstones also examine technology's encroachment into educational settings, while Elysa Woodhead has already launched a career teaching technical skills to older people before she's even graduated college. Shared creativity is another theme of this year's capstones, as seen in Chloe Lapointe's innovative comic book publishing platform, Corey Butler's peer-to-peer photography network, and Zack Glidden and Jade Damboise-Taplin's "Indie Maine" music and art label. The New Media website (<http://newmedia.umaine.edu/feature.php?id=957>) has additional details about the exhibits. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Halog Receives Fellowship for Sustainability Research in Finland

20 Apr 2011

Anthony Halog, assistant professor in Industrial Ecology and LCA in the School of Forest Resources, recently received a prestigious Organization for Economic Cooperation Development Research Fellowship in biological resource management for sustainable agricultural systems and will work at the Finnish Forest Research Institute this summer. His ensuing project is on sustainable forest bioenergy, titled "Integrated Sustainability Assessment of Forest Biofuels Supply Chain." Halog also recently co-published an open-access article (<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/3/2/469/>) in the journal Sustainability titled "Advancing Integrated Systems Modeling Framework for Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment." Halog's Research Group for Industrial Ecology, LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) and Systems Sustainability

(IELCASS) in the School of Forest Resources has been successful in securing a series of small competitive grants to support the participation of his students in conferences, symposia, training and summer school on life cycle assessment, industrial ecology and sustainability assessment both nationally and internationally. Halog and his students recently organized a successful Environmental Life Cycle Assessment event at UMaine. LCA is a standardized method of evaluating the “greenness” of a product. It is about quantifying resource consumptions and environmental emissions to effect environmental performance improvement throughout the product supply chain, Halog says. Contact: Anthony Halog, (207) 581-2944

MBA Program In Newspaper Report

20 Apr 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [brief](#) about a marketing research project being performed by UMaine MBA students. The students are conducting a survey regarding the potential target market and market opportunities for Moosehead Furniture Co. Click [here](#) to take the survey online. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

News Coverage Of Green Business Report

20 Apr 2011

Several media outlets covered the release Tuesday of "Safer by Design: Businesses Can Replace Toxic Ingredients Through Green Chemistry" at UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation. The report, which was commissioned by the advocacy group Environment Maine, looked at 14 businesses using environmentally friendly green chemistry in their work. [Maine Public Radio](#) included comments from Steve Taylor of the Environmental Health Strategy Center who pointed about UMaine programs such as the Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative and AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composite Center are well-developed programs that use the principles of green chemistry. The Maine Insights website interviewed UMaine engineering graduate student Travis Wallace, who has started a business for the marketing of thermoelectric power to the maritime industry, who noted a connection between safer products and boosting Maine's economy. The Bangor Daily News also [covered](#) the release of the report. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Geek Website Highlights Lobster Shell Golf Balls

20 Apr 2011

The website [Geek.com](#) noted the lobster shell golf ball project that UMaine engineer David Neivandt and student Alex Caddell worked on recently. The golf balls are made discarded lobster shells and are entirely biodegradable. Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742

Financial Aid Director Comments in Student Debt Report

20 Apr 2011

UMaine's Director of Student Financial Aid Peggy Crawford was interviewed along with a University of Maine student for a Maine Public Broadcasting Network [report](#) Tuesday on college student loan debt. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

'World Sportswire' Advances UMaine Bone Marrow Drive

20 Apr 2011

The Boxscore World Sportswire website Tuesday carried the announcement of the Jeff Cole Memorial Bone Marrow Drive, being held Thursday, April 21 at the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Jeff Cole was a popular UMaine football coach before he died of cancer in 2004. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension 4-H Environmental Education Collaboration Cited

20 Apr 2011

The Times Record newspaper in Brunswick carried an [article](#) Tuesday about collaboration among the Wiscasset-based Chewonki Foundation, the Ferry Beach Ecology School and the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Centers at Bryant Pond and Tanglewood. The collaboration will launch the Environmental Living and Learning for Maine Students (ELLMS) Project on Friday, Earth Day. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Opportunity to Dispose of Unused Medication on Wednesday, April 27

20 Apr 2011

Members of the UMaine community -- students, faculty members and staff members alike -- may avail themselves of an opportunity to safely dispose of unused prescription medicines on Wednesday, April 27, Maine Day at UMaine. Police officers will be stationed in the steam plant parking lot from 1-4 p.m. to assist those who are interested in getting rid of medicines they no longer need or want. This initiative is part of a statewide program involving the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and police organizations. Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu

UMaine Earns Princeton Review Acclaim for Sustainability Efforts

20 Apr 2011

ORONO -- A new Princeton Review guide ranks the University of Maine as one of the nation's most environmentally responsible colleges and universities. "The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition" was released earlier today. Available for download at <http://www.princetonreview.com>, the guide was developed in collaboration with the U.S. Green Building Council. It recognizes 308 U.S. institutions and three in Canada for outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability. UMaine was also included in Princeton Review's first version of this guide, created in 2010. "The University of Maine is deeply committed to environmental stewardship, and this recognition from Princeton Review affirms the effectiveness of our efforts," says UMaine President Robert Kennedy. "This commitment is reflective of UMaine's traditional land-grant mission in a state that deeply values its natural environment. Our students, faculty and staff all deserve great credit for helping achieve this recognition through their day-to-day efforts that make a meaningful difference in properly stewarding our precious natural surroundings." Kennedy was one of the original signers of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007, and the university has successfully met its goals related to the Governor's Climate Challenge here in Maine. Numerous on-campus initiatives are aimed at enhancing sustainability. Those include the promotion and use of public transportation, the ongoing conversion of energy systems to environmentally friendly fuels, environmental design standards for new construction, and dining hall initiatives that reduce food waste and water usage. In addition to UMaine, six other Maine institutions are included in the guide. They are Bates College, Bowdoin College, Colby College, College of the Atlantic, Unity College and the University of Maine at Farmington. Contact: Joe Carr, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu (207) 581-3571

Museum of Art Offering Gallery Talk, Tour April 21

20 Apr 2011

[The University of Maine Museum of Art](#) in Bangor invites members of the public to its free ART@NOON gallery talk and tour Thursday, April 21, hosted by UMMA Education Coordinator Gina Platt. She'll discuss Brian Shure's exhibition "Shadow Play," in addition to Nancy Murphy Spicer's interactive exhibition "Hanging Drawings." Contact: Kathryn Jovanelli, (207) 561-3350

ESPN Reports On Former Athletic Director Nero

21 Apr 2011

ESPN's website has [an Associated Press story](#) about former UMaine athletic director Patrick Nero, who was named the athletic director for George Washington University. Nero was most recently the commissioner of the America East conference, to which UMaine sports programs such as basketball, track and field, baseball and softball belong. The [Washington Post](#) also ran a story about Nero's hiring. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage Of Princeton Review Environmental Ranking

21 Apr 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) covered the announcement that UMaine has been named for the second year in a one of the nation's most environmentally responsible colleges and universities by the Princeton Review. The story included comments from UMaine President Robert Kennedy, who was one of the original signers in 2007 of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition, which was released Wednesday, recognizes 308 U.S. institutions and three in Canada for outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Archaeological Research Mentioned in Article

21 Apr 2011

Research done in the 1970s by UMaine archaeologist David Sanger was mentioned in a Village Soup website story about the excavation of a shell midden in Acadia National Park. Sanger excavated the site in the late 1970s, according to the article, and the items found in the midden are currently being examined by a team of researchers including Dr. Arthur Spiess, who is the lead archaeologist for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Sanger is now emeritus professor of anthropology and quaternary studies. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former Baseball Coach To Be Honored

21 Apr 2011

Former UMaine baseball coach John Winkin, who led the Black Bears to six appearances in the College World Series, will be honored in Bangor Friday at Husson University, according to [a Bangor Daily News article](#). Winkin, who was coaching at Husson when in 2007 he suffered a stroke and is now in a long-term care facility in Waterville, will be at Husson as part of the baseball team's Seniors Day events. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Undergraduate Research Award Winners Announced

21 Apr 2011

The University of Maine Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) has announced winners of this year's second annual Undergraduate Research & Academic Showcase held last week. Nine awards were made after consideration of more than 50 research projects presented as end-of-the-year capstone exhibits or displays. The research represents disciplines from across campus. Poster winners were: 1st - Samantha Bond (Marine Sciences, Adviser - Lee Karp Boss), "Effects of Nutrient Availability on Growth and Chain Length of Diatoms" 2nd - Madeline Peek (Marine Sciences, Adviser - Andrew Thomas), "Environmental Factors Linked to Interannual Variability in Shellfish Toxicity in the Gulf of Maine" 3rd - Peter Strand (Earth Sciences, Adviser - Scott Johnson), "Earthquake Interactions and Seismic Forecasting in the north Anatolian Fault Zone" Exhibits winners were: 1st - John Mondor (New Media, Adviser - Mike Scott), "Technology and Education: The Integration of Technology in the Classroom" 2nd - Jonathan Simpson and Zev Eisenberg (New Media, Adviser - Mike Scott), "Kinesthetic Computing" 3rd - Peter Drown and Rachel Joyce (Economics and Civil Engineering, Adviser - Elizabeth Viselli), "The Maine Plan Documentary Project" Presentations winners were: 1st - Aaron Perreault (Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, Adviser -- Carol Kim), "Establishing Zebrafish as a Model Organism for Pseudomonas aeruginosa Biofilm Formation" 2nd - Thomas Leeuw (Marine Sciences, Adviser - Emmanuel Boss), "Spectral Reflectance as a Method" 3rd - Kara Sarver (Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, Adviser - Mary Rumpho), "Expression of Algal Nuclear Genes in the Sea Slug Elysia chlorotica." Undergraduate research often is regarded as a defining experience, the pinnacle of one's academic career, says Nancy

Hall, a communication sciences and disorders faculty member and director of CUGR. Contact: Nancy Hall, (207) 581-2404

Depoy Running Device Featured on Channel 5 News

21 Apr 2011

Elizabeth Depoy, Professor, Interdisciplinary Disability Studies and Social Work, was featured in a Channel 5 (WABI) news report Wednesday trying out an assistive jogging device built for her by UMaine mechanical engineering students. Depoy, who has a spinal cord injury, had designed the ZG Jogger and used it late Wednesday in a 5K run on and around the campus. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Native American Writers Scheduled for Presentation, Workshop

22 Apr 2011

Four well-known Native American writers will visit the University of Maine for a Friday April 29 roundtable discussion and reading. They will also participate in a Saturday, April 30 emerging writers' workshop at the Indian Island School. Both events are open to the public with no admission charge. The Friday event is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. at UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation. It will feature authors Lisa Brooks, Daniel Heath Justice, Cheryl Savageau and Craig Womack. Brooks (Harvard University), Justice (University of Toronto), and Womack (Emory University) are all university professors. Savageau is a Pulitzer Prize nominee who has taught at several colleges and universities. Brooks, Justice, Savageau and Womack will facilitate the Saturday session, scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Indian Island School. An "inter-generational" workshop, it is designed for people who wish to improve their writing skills or polish current writing projects. Those who wish to participate are asked to [register by email](#). April 21, 2011 Contact: Margo Lukens at 581-1401 Joe Carr (joe.carr@umit.maine.edu)

UMaine Women in Science Honored

22 Apr 2011

Three University of Maine students were named winners of the 2011 Edith Patch Award at an Earth Day Reception honoring the life and legacy of the university's first woman scientist. Vanessa Coats, Haley Viehman and Alyssa Freitag were honored for distinguished work they have done while at the University of Maine, and in recognition of their promise for future contribution to the fields of science, agriculture, engineering or environmental education. The ceremony was held April 17 at the Thomas Lynch University Club, in the Raymond Fogler Library. The event is an annual collaboration between the Friends of Dr. Edith Marion Patch and the Friends of Fogler Library. It also includes poster presentations featuring the work of women scientists who are carrying on Patch's legacy through their work at the university. Coats is a third-year doctoral student in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Her research, which focuses on the symbiotic relationships between the Japanese barberry plant and other organisms, may help to provide strategies for preventing the spread of this invasive ornamental plant species. Viehman is a master's degree student in the School of Marine Sciences. In her work at the University of Maine, she utilizes her undergraduate training as an engineer to investigate the impact of tidal power technology on marine life, thus contributing to Maine's leadership in economically and environmentally important research and development of renewable energy. Freitag is an undergraduate in the School of Marine Sciences, where her research has focused on the bonnethead shark and the bacteria to which it is exposed in both wild and natural environments. In addition to the three Edith Patch Awardees, there were four distinguished nominees honored at the reception. Casey Levasseur is a senior in the baccalaureate in Nursing program, who also serves as Cadet Battalion Commander in the University of Maine's Army ROTC. In the words of her nominator, Levasseur "is poised to make significant contributions to improvement of human health through the application of scientific evidence in nursing care." Susan Priest is an undergraduate in the Ecology and Environmental Sciences program. Her research and development of a permaculture garden serves as a model for the region, and her environmental education efforts have helped make the Orono Bog Boardwalk a valued community resource. Allison Byrd is a master's student in the School of Biology and Ecology. Her research on the productivity of common loons provides a tool that will enable conservation biologists to understand and predict the effects of climate change on

wildlife. Rachel Palmer is a doctoral student in the Department of Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, whose toxicological research investigates the potentially harmful effects of the antibacterial agent, triclosan, which is used in many household products. The Edith Patch Award was created in 2006 by the Friends of Dr. Edith Marion Patch. It is given annually in order to recognize her contributions to the university. She arrived in Orono in 1903 to start the entomology department and establish its research agenda. She had to work for a year without salary, however, in order to prove that, as a woman, she was capable of doing the job. She passed the test and remained at UMaine for the rest of her professional career. She became one of the world's leading aphid specialists, and was so respected by fellow entomologists that she was elected president of the Entomological Society of America, at a time when few women were permitted even to be members of such organizations. She also reached out to a broader audience, publishing natural history articles, stories, books, and poetry for farmers, foresters, gardeners, families, and schoolchildren. In addition, she was an early and strong advocate for ecologically-based approaches to management of insect pests and invasive plant species, delivering speeches on the topic as early as 1906, the year before Rachel Carson was born. April 21, 2011 Contact: Mary Dickinson Bird Chair, Friends of Dr. Edith Marion Patch mary.bird@umit.maine.edu or 866-2578 Contact: Gretchen Gfeller Fogler Library Web and Public Relations Specialist gretchen.gfeller@umit.maine.edu or 581-1696

Public Bicycle Education Sessions at UMaine April 22

22 Apr 2011

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine in conjunction with the UMaine Sustainability Office is holding several free and [public bicycle education training sessions \(PDF\)](#) Friday, April 22 - Earth Day - in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union. Sessions include "Bicycle Education and Pedestrian Safety Education Basic Training" from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., "Get Back on a Bike Presentation/Bicycle Question and Answer" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and "Basic Bike Tech," from 2-3:30 p.m. One goal of these talks is to get people excited about getting back on their bikes for the season, whether it's been months or years since they've ridden," says Lori Lommler, Sustainability coordinator. "We will be giving away prizes, like bike bells, bike lights, detachable fenders, tire patch kits, etc., to help people ride safely and comfortably." Prizes to be given away are from Rose Bike Shop in Orono. Lommler says students or visitors coming from off campus to any of the events are encouraged to park in either of the public parking lots in downtown Orono and catch the free Black Bear Orono Express Shuttle to campus. The shuttle stops on Mill Street in front of The Store & Ampersand and is free for everyone, with or without university affiliation. Its schedule can be viewed at <http://umaine.edu/shuttle/about/>. Those wishing to park on campus should stop at Public Safety on Rangeley Road to obtain a visitor's parking permit if they don't already have one. In addition, on Sunday, May 1 at 11:30 a.m., starting at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center is the first annual green ride for individuals and families in the UMaine and surrounding communities. [Details are available on the Sustainability website \(PDF\)](#). Contact: Lori Lommler, (207) 581-1571

Lobster Shell Golf Balls Featured In Mental Floss

22 Apr 2011

The website Mental Floss is featuring in its Number of the Day section a story about UMaine-engineered lobster shell golf balls. The web post says there were 100,000 golf balls discovered submerged in Scotland's Loch Ness in 2009, and links that number to the lobster shell golf balls, which are completely biodegradable and designed for use on cruise ships. UMaine engineer David Neivandt and his student Alex Caddell spearheaded the project. The blog Plastics News also ran a story about the golf balls. Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742

Ellsworth American Covers Sea Urchin Research

22 Apr 2011

UMaine's Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research, which is performing research about sea urchin harvesting, was highlighted in [a story on the website of the Ellsworth American](#). The research involves determining whether sea urchins can be raised in a recirculating tank system for sale to markets in Japan.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Alumnus Who Participated In Bay Of Pigs Mission Featured In Newspaper

22 Apr 2011

The Bangor Daily News marked the 50th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs mission to Cuba with [a story about Houlton, Maine, attorney Torrey Sylvester](#). According to the story, Sylvester graduated from UMaine on June 1, 1959, and joined the U.S. Navy the next day. He was a gunnery officer on board the USS Conway, which escorted a ship carrying Cuban rebels seeking to overthrow the government. Sylvester helped search Cuban beaches for survivors of the failed coup.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Art Museum Recognized For Photography

22 Apr 2011

In [a Portland Press Herald story](#) about a photography exhibit in Boothbay, the UMaine Museum of Art was noted for its photography holdings. The story said the museum is one of a few in Maine that specialize in photography exhibitions.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Russell Osgood of Cape Neddick Chosen Northeast 4-H Volunteer of the Year

22 Apr 2011

Russell Osgood of Cape Neddick has been named Northeast U.S. 4-H Volunteer of the Year by the National 4-H Council. The council selects honorees each year to represent each of the four regions of the country. The award comes one week after Osgood was honored as Maine's Volunteer of the Year at a separate event held in Augusta. "Russell is an extraordinary volunteer who exemplifies the qualities we are trying to instill in Maine's youth through 4-H," says John Rebar, executive director of University of Maine Cooperative Extension, which oversees the Maine 4-H program. In 2006 Osgood founded the Coastal Clovers 4-H Club in Cape Neddick. The club quickly grew to more than 20 members, with many committed parent volunteers. Through Osgood's leadership, the club developed a sustainable worm composting system to support healing birds at a local wildlife center, used donated fleece to make hundreds of blankets and hats for the homeless. They have also grown and harvested more than 9,000 pounds of fresh produce for Maine food pantries. A community volunteer for over 25 years, Osgood has served in many roles, ranging from volunteer service with local ambulance and fire departments to traveling on medical and agriculture education missions in Guatemala. Cooperative Extension Educator Jon Prichard calls Osgood the consummate volunteer, with public service is at the core of his life. "The wonder is his service so clearly comes from a place of joy and love for other people and gratitude that he is able to serve them in whatever way might make their lives a little easier," Prichard says. "Russ is highly respected by 4-H parents and by the youth he serves as a teacher and mentor. The youth clearly enjoy being in the club, engaging with Russ, and providing valuable service to the community and people in need. This is a very high honor for the Maine 4-H Program and one which Russ truly deserves," Prichard said. Osgood has also served as president of the York County Extension Association, University of Maine Cooperative Extension Futures Task Force, and on the Boards of Directors of the Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation and Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. April 22, 2011 Contact: Jon Prichard, Extension Educator (207) 324 2814 or jon.prichard@maine.edu

Hudson Museum Climate Change Lecture April 26

22 Apr 2011

On Tuesday, April 26, Hudson Museum will present Michael McCormick, the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History at Harvard University, whose research and teaching focuses on the archaeology and history of the fall of the Roman Empire and the origins of medieval civilization. In "Climate Change and the Fall of the Roman Empire," McCormick will explore what bio-molecular evidence and climate change data suggest about the impact of volcanic events on the collapse of the Roman Empire and the rise of Carolingian Europe. Climate cooling caused by eight volcanic events resulted in nine major winter anomalies that affected food production and human survival, McCormick

hypothesizes. The lecture, at 7 p.m. in Hutchins Hall, Collins Center for the Arts, is free and open to the public. Details about the Hudson Museum lectures, including sponsors, are available on the museum website. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581-1904

Barkan Named to National Sociology Society Post

22 Apr 2011

Steve Barkan, professor of sociology, been elected to a three-year term as the Region I Representative on the Council of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society for undergraduate students. The Council meets annually the day before the beginning of the American Sociological Association conference in August. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMMA Hosting Children's Concert with 'Mr. Harley'

22 Apr 2011

As part of "The Month of the Young Child" celebration, the [University of Maine Museum of Art](#) will host a concert for kids and their parents with Maine artist "Mr. Harley" on Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m. The concert is free and caps off a month of activities focused on early childhood education at the museum. Mr. Harley has delighted children with his lively guitar throughout New England for six years. In the tradition of The Wiggles, Laurie Berkner and Dan Zanes, Mr. Harley weaves a musical experience that is both entertaining and educational. His shows have just the right blend of classic children's songs and original pieces such as "I Wanna See You Jump" and "Stegameganoodlefudanappysaurus." Mr. Harley's music emphasizes the importance of healthy eating, exercise and using the imagination.

Gina Platt, museum education coordinator, can be reached at (207) 561-3360 or gina.platt@umit.maine.edu for additional information. UMMA is located at 40 Harlow St., Bangor. Contact: Gina Platt, (207) 561-3360

Newspaper Advances 5K Run to Aid Ugandan Orphans

22 Apr 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) this week reported on a 5K race May 1 organized by UMaine student and former Bangor High School track athlete Dee Wilbur to raise funds for an orphanage in Uganda. The race begins at 2 p.m. at the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Wilbur took a year off between high school graduation and college to travel and do volunteer work in Uganda, where she met children at the New Grace orphanage. Registration information is on the on-line registration website. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Phi Beta Kappa Ceremony, Lecture April 27

25 Apr 2011

The University of Maine Phi Beta Kappa chapter's annual initiation will take place Wednesday, April 27 at 3 p.m. in the McIntyre Room of Buchanan Alumni House. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest scholastic honor society, and UMaine has one of only four chapters in the state. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes exceptional academic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences and initiates current juniors, graduating seniors and August and December graduates of the preceding year. Following the initiation, Professor Michael McCormick will give a talk intended for a general audience. McCormick is Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History and chair of the Standing Committee on Archaeology at Harvard University. An expert on medieval history and climate change, McCormick is a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. The public is welcome to attend this free event. For information, please contact chapter president Howard Segal at 581-1920 or at howard.segal@umit.maine.edu. April 24, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr, joe.carr@umit.maine.edu (207) 581-3571

Public Radio Lobster Golf Ball Report

25 Apr 2011

Maine Public Radio broadcast a [report](#) about golf balls made from lobster shells, a UMaine innovation that's getting widespread international news media attention. The story includes comments from Engineering Prof. David Neivandt, his student Alex Cadell and Lobster Institute Executive Director Bob Bayer. The story notes that those involved with the project envision the cruise ship industry as a primary market. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

News Site Reports on Extension Volunteer Recognition

25 Apr 2011

Foster's Daily Democrat has posted a UMaine [news release](#) announcing that Russell Osgood of Cape Neddick has been named the Northeast U.S. 4-H Volunteer of the Year. The story includes comments from John Rebar, executive director of UMaine Cooperative Extension along with Extension Educator Jon Prichard. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

UMaine Sources Included in iPad story

25 Apr 2011

Bonnie Blagojevic, a research associate at the University of Maine's Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, along with Mary Ellin Logue and Gail Garthwait of the UMaine College of Education and Human Development faculty were included in a Saturday Bangor Daily News [story](#) about the use of iPads to help teach young children. Auburn plans to give iPads to kindergarten students this fall, and a UMaine pilot program is already testing the concept. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

News Story on Rubin Fulbright

25 Apr 2011

A Bangor Daily News [story](#) reports that Prof. Jonathan Rubin of UMaine's School of Economics and Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center has received a Fulbright Scholar grant. He will work at the University of Botswana, Gaborone, in the 2011-2012 academic year. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

Maine Today Media Profiles Libby

25 Apr 2011

A Sunday Maine Today Media (Maine Sunday Telegram, Kennebec Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel) story profiled Maj. Gen. John "Bill" Libby, the leader of the Maine National Guard and a member of Gov. Paul LePage's cabinet. Maine's Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Libby is the only person to serve in LePage's cabinet after being in Gov. John Baldacci's. The story details Libby's days as a UMaine student, where he met his wife and played on the Black Bear football team. Libby will join UMaine's Board of Visitors later in 2011. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

Moran Set for Camden Presentation

25 Apr 2011

Rena Moran of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty will give a Camden presentation on Tuesday May 3. An expert on fruit trees, Moran will speak on subjects related to growing fruit varieties in Maine's climate. The talk, detailed in a Village Soup story, is scheduled for 12 noon at Merryspring Nature Center. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

Lobster Shell Golf Balls in Boston Globe Report

25 Apr 2011

The Boston Globe ran on Monday a [story](#) linking the lobster shell golf balls engineered at UMaine with the revival of the practice of hitting golf balls off of cruise ships, which was banned in around 1988. The Globe story included interviews with UMaine engineering professor Dave Neivandt and UMaine-based Lobster Institute Executive Director Bob Bayer. Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742

Climate Change Lecture, Other Talks Advanced In Report

25 Apr 2011

Tuesday's lecture on climate change and the fall of the Roman Empire was advanced in the [Bangor Daily News](#). Michael McCormick, the Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History at Harvard University will speak on the subject at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Collins Center for the Arts on the UMaine campus. McCormick will also speak at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 in the McIntyre Room of UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House, following the annual initiation of UMaine's Phi Beta Kappa chapter. The advance also included notice of a roundtable discussion and reading being held Friday and Saturday with Native American authors Lisa Brooks of Harvard University, Daniel Heath Justice of the University of Toronto, Craig Womack of Emory University and Pulitzer Prize nominee Cheryl Savageau. See a [news release](#) for more information on the schedule. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

May MBA Graduate Named to Brewer Post

25 Apr 2011

Friday's Bangor Daily News [reported](#) that Nicole Goggin has been named Brewer's economic development specialist. Goggin will graduate from UMaine on May 7 with an MBA. Chosen from a field of 43 applicants, she supplemented her UMaine course work with involvement in the Knowledge Transfer Alliance, an interdisciplinary effort that brings UMaine expertise to bear in helping businesses address issues and create strategic direction. Contact Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

Mechanical Pill Crusher Competition to Lead Engineering Exhibits

25 Apr 2011

ORONO -- Six teams of UMaine mechanical engineering technology (MET) students will square off for competition Wednesday, April 27, to see which of six distinctive pill-crushing devices work best, as part of an annual Senior Design Competition. The exhibition of design projects by MET seniors begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Barrows Hall Engineering and Science Research Building lobby. Design presentations will be held in Barrows' Hill Auditorium starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited to see and hear about research by UMaine MET students at the free event, showcasing a year of student creativity in mechanical engineering technology. The pill-crushing devices were designed to be used in homes, hospitals or nursing homes and long-term care facilities, according to MET Professor Herb Crosby. At 10 a.m., a panel of nurses and professional engineers will evaluate the four pill crushers, followed by a pill-crushing competition at 10:45 a.m. Awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m. The object of the pill crushers is to pulverize pills into the tiniest particles to facilitate dissolving in liquids for people or patients who have difficulty swallowing pills. "The MET capstone projects in particular are often aligned to improve a specific product for handicapped individuals with limited mobility, loss of extremities, or a number of other various products designed to improve the quality of life for members of society," says Ryan Keezer, the student whose wife suggested the pill crushers. "The capstone projects are what the MET program is all about." Crosby's students determine their project at the beginning of the school year, when they select a topic from the pool of ideas Crosby receives from the public and class members. Ideally, Crosby says, each project has a real-life client who can be consulted to help students understand the need. "You have to think, 'There must be a better way,'" says Crosby, whose hope is for his students not just to build something for a grade but to build something that works and has a real-world application. Students agree. "That act of providing a product which is designed to help others feels great and is very motivating, knowing that someone is excited to see what the teams create," says Justin Hagelin, an MET senior in Crosby's capstone class. "It gives teams experience dealing with the consumers and users of its product,

which is often the hardest obstacle to overcome in a design.” And if the projects help students gain a greater understanding of the world around them, all the better, adds Crosby. With the 2009-10 tricycles for land mine victims in Mozambique, for instance, Crosby says developing and testing the designs helped students put their own struggles in context. “We tend to feel sorry for ourselves,” he says. “Well, we have no problems at all. “I think it speaks well of the students to pick something like this,” Crosby says of the humanitarian projects. Class members care more about the projects because they have final say on the topic. “Often, these are underserved people who the big companies don't cater to.” Companies do offer, however, offer support in the form of donations. In the past, such businesses as NH Bragg of Bangor, Lemforder of Brewer, GE Bangor, Old Town Canoe, Rose Bike of Orono, Lane Supply and Home Depot have donated materials for the projects. For the Mozambique tricycles, Walmart even donated bicycles that students could dismantle and reconfigure. With a \$200 budget goal the past two years and no taxpayer money involved, the students rely on donations, and each group does all the work in soliciting its own materials. The groups then list sponsors on brochures detailing their projects. “I’m amazed at the generosity,” Crosby says. “Part of it is that the projects are worthwhile.” Detailed designs of some of the pill crushers and a list of prior year projects are listed on the mechanical engineering technology [website](#). Contact: Herb Crosby, (207) 581-2134; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 Photographs of students working on their projects are accessible in a Picasa web album.

Graduate Student Op-Ed About Extended School Year

25 Apr 2011

An [op-ed piece](#) written by a UMaine graduate student was published in the Bangor Daily News. Elissa Rowe, who is also a social worker, advocated for support of LD 18, An Act to Extend the School Year in which the school year would go from 180 days to 185 days. Rowe writes that Maine is behind other states and countries in terms of length of school year, and that some special children regress during longer summer vacations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Education Magazine Picks Up iPad Story

25 Apr 2011

The Digital Directions blog on the Education Week website is running a Bangor Daily News story about iPad use among kindergartners, featuring comments from UMaine researchers Bonnie Blagojevic and Mary Ellin Logue. Blagojevic, a research associate at UMaine's Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, said the iPad can be a game-changer for education, but there needs to be balance and intentionality in its use. Logue, an associate professor of early childhood education, was quoted as saying the iPad can help children think deeper but should not be used as a substitute for teaching or play. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Reports On President's Discretionary Fund

26 Apr 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) has a Tuesday story about two UMaine funds, the President's Gift Account and the UMaine Priorities Account, to which the UMaine president has access in order to fund unforeseen situations that arise or activities such as private fundraising initiatives. President Robert Kennedy recently announced he would use the gift account to pay the salary of former UMaine basketball coach Cindy Blodgett for the final year of her contract. Money in the gift account comes from endowment income and the University of Maine Foundation, while the priorities account is funded by donors but are not designated for a specific purpose. Contact: Joe Carr, 207-581-3571

Forbes Magazine Notes Lobster Shell Golf Balls

26 Apr 2011

A Forbes Magazine blogger has [a post about the lobster shell golf balls](#) developed at UMaine by engineering professor David Neivandt and his student, Alex Caddell of Winterport. Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742

Wind Contract

26 Apr 2011

A Camden firm which is a member of the UMaine-led DeepCwind Consortium received earlier this month a \$500,000 grant from the Maine Technology Institute, the Village Soup website noted. WindFloat Maine LLC will use the grant to help fund the development of a floating foundation for deepwater offshore wind turbines, a project being developed at UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

HOPE Festival Previewed

26 Apr 2011

The Weekly newspaper has [a preview of the upcoming HOPE Festival](#), which will take place Saturday at UMaine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center. The UMaine festival sponsors include the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program, the Women In Curriculum and Women's Studies program, and student groups Maine Peace Action Committee, Sustainable Agriculture Enthusiasts, and Green Team. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

News Report on Sustainability Efforts

26 Apr 2011

WLBZ television broadcast a Monday report about recognition UMaine recently received for its sustainability efforts. The story, which includes comments from Elaine Clark and Laura Lommler, describes infrastructure and transportation initiatives that are aimed at environmental stewardship. Princeton Review recently named UMaine to its [green colleges list](#).

College Announces Annual Award Winners

26 Apr 2011

At its April 20 awards ceremony, UMaine's College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture announced its annual recognition of students, faculty and others. Online photos and writeups describe the award winners and their accomplishments. Awards include the [2011 Agriculture Award](#), the [G. Peirce and Florence Pitts-Webber Award for Outstanding Research in Forest Resources](#), the [NSFA Outstanding Public Service Award](#), the [2011 Graduate Student Awards](#) and the [2011 Undergraduate Student Awards](#).

Grad School Barbecue Friday

26 Apr 2011

UMaine Graduate School Government (GSG) is planning a Friday April 29 barbecue for all grad students, graduate faculty and graduate school staff members. The event, which will occur rain or shine, is scheduled from 12 noon-2 p.m. in the Stodder Hall quad. Since this is a "green" event, those attending are asked to bring their own eating utensils. Plates and napkins will be provided.

UMaine Students Test Wireless Sensors on Rocket

26 Apr 2011

Five University of Maine students participated in a recent launch process as a rocket loaded with wireless sensors the students developed in a UMaine lab blasted off in California's Mojave Desert. The students, working under UMaine electrical and computer engineering Associate Professor Ali Abedi, collaborated on the NASA-funded project with faculty and student researchers at California State University at Long Beach and Garvey Spacecraft Corporation (GSC), a Long Beach, Calif.-based R&D company that focuses on cost-effective development of advanced space technologies and launch systems. The UMaine payload, which was integrated into a rocket known as the Prospector 18B, included

sets of wireless sensors that detect acceleration in three dimensions to determine the amount of vibration of the rocket before and during liftoff. The vibration levels are crucial because even the most miniscule amount of vibration before launch could throw off a rocket from its intended path and reduce engine performance. The sensors sent back data to a laptop on the ground during the launch, and also stored data on board the payload when the sensors went out of range of the laptop. Abedi and his students will hand over their data to Cal State Long Beach, GSC and NASA so that those organizations can continue refining their models. The launch allowed the UMaine researchers real-world experimentation on the sensors. “This is an opportunity to test our wireless sensors on board a rocket in a harsh environment, at high altitudes, and to test the robustness and reliability of our wireless links,” said Abedi, who runs UMaine’s Wireless Sensor Networks Laboratory, known as the WiSe-Net Lab. “We knew theoretically it was going to work, but testing in the field is a different story.” The launch took place on April 16 at the Friends of Amateur Rocketry test site in the Mojave Desert. The 27-foot, 500-pound Prospector 18B rocket, which was built in part by Cal State Long Beach students under the management and sponsorship of GSC, was launched and reached a height of nearly 2,100 feet before falling back to the earth on a 1,000 square foot parachute. The entire launch took about two minutes. The rocket came down a few hundred feet away from the launch site. The rocket had three payloads worth of UMaine’s wireless sensor technology, each about the size of an adult’s hand, on board in case one failed. UMaine’s role in the project was funded by a \$24,950 grant from NASA by way of the Maine Space Grant Consortium. In all, the project cost amounted to a little more than \$80,000 with contributions from California Space Grant. “We’re trying to show NASA that with a small amount of funding, you can do high-quality space experiments,” Abedi said. “And it’s a very good opportunity for the students at a low cost.” Abedi also directed a group of UMaine students on a similar project in 2009. He is hoping to continue in the future. “The amount of excitement it creates for the students and the training opportunities they get is very interesting,” Abedi said. “When the students build the wireless sensors in the lab, it works in the lab. Then they take it from the lab to the field, and they have to go through all the issues they would encounter in a real-world situation. They go there, stand on the field, integrate the sensors into the rocket, they need to take care of redundancy if anything goes wrong, that sort of thing.” The students who worked on the project were seniors Zachary Janosik of Windham, Adam Marsano of Saco, John Murray of Raymond, and Joel Castro of Winslow. All four are electrical and computer engineering majors. Fred Schwaner of Hebron, who is pursuing a doctorate under Abedi and managed the project this year, participated as a UMaine undergraduate in 2009. The students trained to design wireless sensors for more than a year in order to be able to design and build payloads for this project, which took about two months. The short lead time was one of the reasons that the UMaine team chose to work with Cal State and GSC, as typical aerospace projects frequently require years before getting to flight. “It was pretty awesome. I’d never seen a rocket launch, and we were pretty close, 150-200 yards away,” Janosik said. “It was a really amazing opportunity to do this and we’re so glad the University of Maine offered this to us.” Contact: Ali Abedi (207) 581-2231 or abedi@eece.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Destination Imagination Team to Visit UMaine Laboratory Thursday

26 Apr 2011

The Kandy Kids, a team of seven Brewer fifth graders, will visit with researchers at UMaine’s Advanced Structures and Composites Center, Thursday, April 28, from 3:45 – 4:30. They will work with UMaine engineers to testing a structure they built on the way to winning the State of Maine Destination Imagination Challenge. Destination Imagination is a national educational program in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the challenges. The Kandy Kids progressed to the Maine state championships, where they won first prize. Now they are advancing to the global Destination Imagination competition to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., May 25-28. The team’s structure is made only from foil, wood and glue. It weighs 20.4 grams (.04 pounds) and supported 605 pounds. In anticipation of the global competition, the Kandy Kids will be using testing equipment at the Advanced Structures and Composites Center to assess the structure’s strength. This is the same testing equipment that is used by university researchers to test components for bridges, wind blades and other large structures. R & D Program Manager Jake Marquis will assist the team. Team managers are parent volunteers Deb Demaso and Kay Duplissie, both of Brewer. Contact: Roberta Laverty, Advanced Structures and Composites Center 207-581-2110 roberta.laverty@umit.maine.edu

UMaine Bike Paths Temporarily Closing for Reconstruction

27 Apr 2011

ORONO -- After 34 years, the University of Maine bicycle paths will temporarily close to allow for major reconstruction for approximately 11 weeks beginning May 31. The areas of phased closures include all paved path areas from the campus to Witter Farm Road, Stillwater Avenue and Jefferson Street in Old Town. The phased closures will be organized into three sections, with individual sections each closed for three to five weeks. During each closure period, one section of the bike path will be closed to all pedestrian and bicycle traffic to allow the work. Signs will designate path sections where detours are available. Members of the UMaine campus and surrounding communities are asked for safety reasons to respect posted signs and not use or enter any part of the bike path marked as closed. The bike path was constructed in 1976. The reconstruction will generally replace the bike path in kind, with improvements to restore appropriate grades, drainage and wearing surfaces. Funding for the project is provided by the Maine Department of Transportation and the University of Maine. Upon project completion, the bike path will serve for another 30 years or more without a similar interruption. Three phased closures are planned: - Gannett Road to Witter Farm Road, with a pedestrian/bike detour on Crossover Road to maintain access from Jefferson Street to campus. - Witter Farm Road to the railroad bed section and railroad bed section from Stillwater Avenue, including the parking lot, to the bunker road, providing a pedestrian/bike detour on the gravel Farm Road through the farm to maintain access from Jefferson Street to campus. - And the railroad bed section from the bunker road to Jefferson Street, with no detour from Jefferson Street, but access maintained access from the Stillwater Avenue parking lot to campus. Questions or comments regarding the bike path reconstruction project may be directed to Jeffrey T. Aceto, assistant director of Facilities Management for Construction Administration at UMaine at (207) 581-2669, or by e-mail to jeffrey.aceto@maine.edu. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Student, Maliseet to Offer Drum-Making Workshop

27 Apr 2011

David Slagger, a UMaine student and member of the Houlton Band of Maliseets, will present a Native American drum-making workshop Saturday, April 30 at the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge in Alton. Adults and children of all ages are invited to the free workshop, from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Parker Reed Shelter. The shelter is located at the end of a dirt road from Gate 1 on Route 43. Through song and stories, Slagger, whose Native American name is Ta'pit, has presented Maine's First Nation people's culture for 20 years to students of all ages throughout the state. Both an educator and a student, Ta'pit finalizes his studies in May and will receive a Master of Arts and Liberal Studies with a concentration in Wabanaki Studies. While at UMaine, Slagger was selected for an internship at the Smithsonian National Museum with The American Indian in cultural arts and public program. He also served as a tribal liaison and ranger for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and as a tribal specialist for the tribal nations in Maine, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Participants are asked to please bring their own hoops if possible. Deer and moose hide will be provided. Space may be limited, so people planning to attend are encouraged to call 944-9259 or 827-2230 to reserve a space, or send an email to web@hirundomaine.org. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Business Student, Fulbright Scholar Helping Bangladesh Poor Access Microloans

27 Apr 2011

University of Maine business and economics student Rachel Hathaway, who spent a summer internship in 2009 helping impoverished people in Bangladesh access small business loans, will return to the country to continue her work this summer and in 2012 as a Fulbright Scholar. The Millinocket native will spend three months this summer in intensive study in Bangladesh for her thesis. In February 2012, she'll return under the Fulbright Program to continue microfinance research with the Grameen Bank and BRAC microfinance institution in Bangladesh, and working to help street children and orphans in the city of Dhaka in Bangladesh for a year and a half. Hathaway studies the phenomenon of entrepreneurial micro-loans from microfinance institutions as a way to extend business opportunities to millions of people who lack access to traditional financial markets, "thus allowing them to rise above the cycle of abject poverty," she says. Microfinance institutions are providing a new business structure, which takes the standard for-profit model and marries it with agendas for societal betterment according to Hathaway. Micro-loans are empowerment tools that help poor people start small businesses, operating on the assumption that lack of opportunity is the main barrier to creating a

better and solvent life, she says. In Bangladesh, where nearly half of the population of 160 million lives in poverty, microfinance institutions, specifically the Grameen Trust bank, have provided microloans to more than 8.3 million people, the vast majority of them women. The bank was started in Bangladesh by Muhammad Yunus, considered the founder of the microfinance movement. Yunus is a 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner and in 2009 received the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom. Hathaway's academic research will include an in-depth study of three established microfinance institutions, Grameen, BRAC and ASA, to see what underlying drivers are most successful in terms of borrower outreach. Then, through qualitative analysis and econometric modeling, she aims to create a MFI hybrid model that incorporates the best mix of financial and social intermediation principles. During her first visit to Dhaka, the ninth largest city in the world with 12 million residents, Hathaway and a companion provided food, education and doctor visits for impoverished children living in the slums and on the streets. In continuation of these efforts, she has founded a non-profit consulting firm, Seeds of Change, whose mission is to generate social change through education, empowerment and economic development. "Our aim is to extend opportunities to at-risk street children and women in the developing world so that they might overcome the barriers created by poverty and oppression," says Hathaway, who learned this month about her Fulbright scholarship. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Business Student In Story About Library Fundraiser

27 Apr 2011

UMaine business major James Gilmore is the featured act in a concert, according to a [story](#) in Foster's Daily Democrat newspaper, that will serve as a fundraiser for a new library in South Berwick. "Sobopalooza for the Library" is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at Marshwood High School, of which Gilmore is a 2008 graduate. Gilmore will close the show with songs from his new pop-rock CD, "Free Questions for Answer." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report On NOAA Fisheries Announcement

27 Apr 2011

The Ellsworth American's Fenceviewer website has a [report](#) about an announcement made this week at a meeting of the New England Fishery Management Council in Connecticut, during which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced it will immediately begin an effort to improve collaboration between UMaine and other academic institutions in the region that conduct fisheries research, and the NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole, Mass. The plan also calls for an immediate review of ongoing fisheries research to establish clear priorities for research funding during the coming fiscal year. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Substance Abuse, Older Adult Drug Abuse Is Colloquium Focus May 2

27 Apr 2011

NORTHPORT -- The Sixth Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium planned Monday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center in Northport will explore "Substance Abuse in Older Adults: An Invisible Epidemic." The conference will bring together experts in geriatrics as well as substance abuse to examine how older adults become addicted, how to recognize the problem, and what treatment programs need to do to better serve older Mainers. It is intended for social workers, counselors, nurses, physicians, psychologists, substance abuse treatment professionals, and other professionals working in the field of aging. Presenters will include experts in the field of aging and substance abuse as well as those individuals addressing the needs of older adult substance abusers on the state level. Event organizers, which include the UMaine Center on Aging and the UMaine School of Social Work, originally scheduled the event for April 1, but postponed it because of heavy snow that day. A copy of the full program and registration materials are available on the Center on Aging website. Contact: Lenard Kaye, (207) 262-7922

McConnon Comments in Population Growth Article

27 Apr 2011

Jim McConnon, UMaine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics, was interviewed for a recent article in the [Bangor Daily News](#) about the substantial population growth in communities surrounding Bangor. Citing multiplier effects, McConnon says the population increase has coincided with an increase in the number of jobs and economic opportunity in and around Bangor over the past decade. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Students Plan May 1 Run, Walk to Benefit Ugandan Orphans

27 Apr 2011

A 5K race and family fun walk Sunday, May 1 at the University of Maine is one of several fundraising activities two students have planned to raise money for children at a Ugandan orphanage. The race, organized by friends and former high school runners Dee Wilbur and Ben Brennan, starts at 2 p.m., beginning and ending at the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Donations collected will help pay for children's school uniforms, additional teachers, books and classroom materials at the New Grace School and Orphanage in Iganga, Uganda, where Wilbur spent time doing volunteer work and teaching between high school and college in 2009. A small amount of money goes a long way in Uganda, she says. For example, an additional teacher can be hired for \$150 per year. Wilbur, of Bangor and an international affairs, anthropology and secondary education triple major, says seeing the 700 children, ages 3-14, living in poverty at the orphanage inspired her to take steps to help in any way she could. UMaine classmates Ben Brennan, a business major from Freeport, and political science major Chris Pederson of Hampden joined the cause. "The orphanage and school operate on a very small budget," Wilbur says. "The children are allowed only two meals per day. The classrooms are very crowded and there is no money for furniture; the children sit on the floor. There are very few supplies and books are even rarer. The concrete walls serve as a chalkboard. "Bunk beds are stacked three high in the dormitory and the children have one small trunk in which to house all of their belongings," she adds. "Despite these conditions, the children are very loving and are often smiling." Wilbur and Brennan founded a non-profit organization called SONG (Sponsorship of New Grace) as a vehicle to raise money. They plan to travel to Uganda in August to oversee the purchase and delivery of school supplies and to volunteer time and labor renovating the school. Late registration the day of the race and name and number pick up will be at the Recreation Center from 12-1:30 p.m. on May 1. Runners must be there by 1:30 p.m. Online registration forms, entry fees and other details are available on the web. Questions can be addressed and emailed to Sponsorshipofnewgrace@gmail.com. In addition to the race-walk, a "Book and a Buck" campaign, a "letters to New Grace" campaign and a talent show May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, featuring youth and young adults from the Greater Bangor, area are planned. Donations also can be made at the Bangor Redemption & Beverage Center and at Burby & Bates in Orono. Contact: Dee Wilbur, (207) 570-3454

UMaine Researchers Make Key Discovery in War on Sea Lice Infestations

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University of Maine researchers have published a paper in which they demonstrate that the blue mussel can eat larvae of the sea louse, a parasitic pest that has recently made a comeback on fish farms, decimating populations of farmed finfish. The findings were published recently in the journal *Aquaculture* and have implications for the farmed salmon industry in Maine. If further analysis in the field holds up, the use of mussels on salmon farms could be another disease management strategy for reducing the infectious pressure of sea lice in a finfish farm. Postdoctoral researcher Sally Molloy, a microbiologist in UMaine's School of Marine Sciences, made the discovery last summer along with graduate student Michael Pietrak. Ian Bricknell, the Libra Professor of Aquaculture Biology and director of UMaine's Aquaculture Research Institute, and Debbie Bouchard, manager of the Maine Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory at UMaine, provided research support. The paper also has implications for the development in Maine of a concept called integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA), an alternative approach to the standard mono-culture aquaculture. IMTA is believed to reduce the environmental impacts of commercial aquaculture systems by combining the cultivation of fed species, such as salmon, with extractive species, such as mussels. "Extractive species are filter-feeding so they're taking in all the phytoplankton and zooplankton and whatever's in the water column, but they're also taking in excess fish food and feces and removing all those organics from the water," Molloy said. "The idea is hopefully IMTA practices reduce the amount of nutrients that are going into the ecosystem because of the fish farm. It's sort of a greener version of farming. There are all kinds of other benefits because you're diversifying your product." The research that went into the

sea lice findings and other IMTA-related work is being funded by about \$1.6 million in grants from organizations such as Maine Sea Grant, the Maine Technology Institute, Maine Technology Asset Fund, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center. The sea louse, which feeds on the skin and tissue of its host, has a life cycle consisting of 10 stages. Most research to eradicate sea lice infestations has focused on the stages of the louse when it has already infected its host. Farmers of finfish such as salmon and trout had for the last 10 years used a drug called SLICE against the louse, but the parasite has shown resistance to the drug. The UMaine research focuses on eradicating the sea louse in its larval stage. To conduct the experiment, the researchers collected sea lice egg strings from an infected commercial salmon farm in Maine. The eggs hatched and were reared to the copepodid stage. Meanwhile, the team obtained mussels from a local commercial mussel farmer and placed the mussels in a system with artificial seawater. The mussels were exposed to the sea lice copepods for either 30 or 60 minutes, after which time the contents of the mussels' stomachs were removed and DNA analysis was performed. The analysis determined the mussels had ingested the sea lice copepodids. The UMaine team will continue its research later this year, taking its work out of the laboratory and into the field. Although the date and exact location have not yet been determined, the researchers will insert a mussel raft into the waters of a salmon farm on the Maine coast to find out if their results from last summer hold up on a larger scale. The populations of mussels, salmon and sea lice will be monitored for several years to determine what effect they have on each other. "In our preliminary experiments we exposed mussels to some number of sea lice and we could see they were capable of eating them," Molloy said. "But we need to get a better understanding of disease dynamics on a farm." The farm, with its combination of species, will be the first of its kind in Maine. Should the mussel raft prove effective against sea lice infestations in salmon farms, the IMTA technique could be used on a wider scale in combination with other methods, including drugs known as chemotherapeutics. "Historically sea lice is probably the greatest economic pathogen that has affected the salmon farming industry worldwide, over the history of salmon farming," Pietrak said. "One of the things we have always strived for in the state of Maine with our sea lice management is the use of integrated pest management. So while we don't say no to chemotherapeutics, we try to minimize their use. IMTA represents a possible new management strategy." Salmon has for at least the past 10 years been the third-most consumed seafood behind shrimp and canned tuna, according to statistics from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Contact: Ian Bricknell, (207) 581-4380 or ian.bricknell@umit.maine.edu; Sally Molloy (207) 581-4337 or sally.dixon@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

May 1 Green Ride Bicycle Event Now Free

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To highlight the money-saving aspect of commuting by bicycle, there will be no registration fee for the 1st Annual Green Ride Sunday, May 1, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the UMaine Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Two ride courses are available, a family-friendly 3-mile and a scenic 10-mile ride. The group rides are open to the public. Donations are welcome, and proceeds will go toward the purchase of covered bike racks for the UMaine campus, according to sponsoring organizations, UMaine Sustainability, Campus Recreation and Auxiliary Services. Participating riders can RSVP to the event on Facebook.com by searching for '1st Annual Green Ride.' They can also register at MaineBound Adventure Center or at the recreation center, or just show up on Sunday. Email laura.lommler@umit.maine.edu with questions or to volunteer to help organize and assist during the rides. All riders will receive a free day pass to the recreation center and MaineBound Adventure Center for May 1. Light snacks will be available at the finish line and participants will be entered in a drawing for prizes from Rose Bike Shop in Orono. Co-organizer Laura Lommler says helmets are required for all riders and children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Riders also are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing and bring a water bottle. Also on Sunday, May 1, the Great Maine Bike Swap takes place before and after the rides, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the recreation center. Bike swap information is available on the [Bicycle Coalition of Maine website](#). Contact: Lori Lommler, (207) 581-1571

Study Says Elusive Industry Input Critical for Squid Management

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If you want to know how the fishing is, ask a person who fishes. That's the gist of a University of Maine study of cooperative research efforts in the nation's Illex squid fishery. Teresa Johnson, an assistant professor of marine policy in

the University of Maine's School of Marine Sciences, concludes in a recent research paper that the preservation and protection of both the species and those who catch squid for a living depends on cooperation among scientists and those who do the fishing. The *Illex* squid (*Illex illecebrosus*) is a comparatively small but important resource for the Northeast. The northeastern fishing fleet consists of only about 70 vessels, of which 15-20 fish regularly, and catch quotas since 2000 have been set at 24,000 metric tons, a somewhat arbitrary number based on a lack of specific information, according to Johnson. In 2009, the National Marine Fisheries Service reported *Illex* squid landings, about half of the total squid catch, in the Northeast, was worth more than \$9.6 million. Accurately assessing and projecting stock populations and locations are particularly important in the squid fishery since population variables are many. *Illex* squid lifespan is short -- one year -- and the females die within a few days of mating and spawning. "The species' life history and poor data availability make it difficult to conduct a reliable population assessment," Johnson says, citing the Northeast Fishery Science Center. Johnson, whose research includes the human dimensions of marine fisheries, says in her analysis of the tenuous relationships between scientists and fishermen that input from those who fish has been largely absent from previous regulatory efforts. That's made documenting where squid populations are plentiful or not, the size of the small soft, cephalopods and catch-forecasting difficult. To improve the accuracy of stock assessment, Johnson emphasizes the importance of "boundary spanning," or melding of the interests of all stakeholders in the discussion of stock assessment, management and regulation. A relatively new concept, largely because of distrust of government by many fishermen, an on-and-off-again willingness by fishermen to share actual catch data with government scientists, boundary spanning has brought elusive details to the table. It has resulted in much more accurate, real-time reports on how the industry is really doing, Johnson says. The collaboration is part of a growing trend for scientists to consider and accept experience-based knowledge along with research-based knowledge, she notes. "Although there are many cases where citizens are involved in identifying research priorities, collecting data, or interpreting research results for policymaking, they are typically not active participants in all phases of scientific research," Johnson says. The value of the "participatory paradigm," Johnson says, should not be underestimated. "The benefits of collaboration, including the sharing of expertise and boundary spanning, are by no means guaranteed," she cautions. Conflict mediation is also important, albeit difficult, because "extraneous events can quickly erode trust and impede collaboration despite results of considerable value." Gaining the trust of those on the boats is a slow and fragile process because of the perception among fishing communities that industry regulation is heavy-handed and arbitrary. The few instances where scientists have been allowed to tag along on fishing vessels and record when, where and how squid are caught have been productive, according to Johnson. It's been educational for both scientists and fishermen, she says. "The boundary-spanning seen in cooperative research is expected to reduce conflicts between fishermen and scientists and thus create 'buy-in' to science-based management," Johnson concludes. Johnson's research was funded by the National Science Foundation and published in a recent edition of the *Society and Natural Resources* journal. Contact: Teresa Johnson, (207) 581-4362; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Forestry, Wildlife Students to Assist Fifth Graders in Water Analysis Project

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University of Maine forestry and wildlife ecology students will team up with a public school chemistry teacher, fish, wildlife authorities and some 90 students from the Old Town Elementary School for a service-earning project in Hirundo Wildlife Refuge in Alton the week of May 2. The students, fifth-graders, will collect terrestrial and aquatic data as part of a service-learning project. Land-based data collection includes inventory of different forest communities, with the students identifying trees, shrubs and herbaceous layers, where applicable, and collecting tree age, height, density and general health information. Simultaneously, other pupils will collect fresh water mussel shells from three studies sites along Pushaw Stream to measure, age and prepare them for mercury concentration analysis. Mercury analysis will be done at the Sawyer Environmental Chemistry Research Laboratory at UMaine. Results returned to the fifth graders. In addition, students will collect water data such as temperature, pH and dissolved organic carbon to aid mercury analysis. The fifth-graders will be supported by the environmental chemistry students of Old Town High School and their teacher Ed Lindsey, along with UMaine forestry and wildlife ecology students and professionals in the field. They include former Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Bucky Owen, a former UMaine professor and chair of the Department of Wildlife Ecology, and biologists Dick Andren and Dianne Kopec, who is working on the Penobscot River Mercury Study. Penobscot River Keepers have volunteered the use of their 28-foot canoes for the project. The collaborative effort will continue the legacy that Oliver Larouche dreamed of and established at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge, according to Hirundo naturalist Gudrun Keszöcze. Larouche founded Hirundo Wildlife Refuge in 1965

after expanding the original 3-acre family camp property to the present 2,400-acre refuge with a generous endowment from Parker Reed as a “haven for wildlife in which to grow and be protected, an area in which they can live and survive.” In 1983, the Larouche family donated the refuge to the University of Maine, cementing a long-term collaboration. Larouche funded research on fish, birds and mammals, making Hirundo a living laboratory for the university. Scientific studies at Hirundo span 40 years. With the passing of Larouche, the collaboration between the refuge and university weakened. In 2010, however, Hirundo resumed its outreach efforts with renewed vigor and has been rewarded with community support. To keep in the spirit of Oliver Larouche and to honor his life-long effort Hirundo is once again organizing scientific studies to establish a data baseline for the flora and fauna at the refuge. Contact: Gudrun Keszöcze, (207) 944-9259; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Report On Students Arrested For Breaking Into Restaurant

28 Apr 2011

Three UMaine students were arrested Tuesday for breaking into the building that housed the former Oronoko Restaurant in Orono, according to [a Bangor Daily News report](#). Orono police told the BDN they believed the students planned to take commercial pots and pans, bar memorabilia and other items from the restaurant, which has been closed since late 2003. Contact: Joe Carr, 207-581-3571

Maine Day Coverage

28 Apr 2011

Several media outlets provided coverage of Maine Day, which was held Wednesday. WLBZ (Channel 2) covered the UMaine Circle K Club's head-shaving event, during which 100 people had their hair shaved off, raising around \$15,000 for pediatric cancer research. The [Bangor Daily News website](#) has a video story about the event. WABI also filmed the fundraiser along with a flash mob choreographed dance sequence that took place during the Maine Day barbecue inside the field house. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Story About UMaine Students Participating In Rocket Launch

28 Apr 2011

The website [Physorg.com](#) has a story about five UMaine students who recently participated in a rocket launch in California's Mojave Desert. The students, who were working under Professor Ali Abedi, developed wireless sensors that could measure the amount of pre-launch vibration in the 27-foot rocket built by students at California State University Long Beach. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Anthropology Student In Story About Fiddling Fundraiser

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Comments from UMaine anthropology major Elizabeth Detwiler were included in a Bangor Daily News article about an upcoming performance by the group Penobscot Fiddles which will raise funds for scholarships to Maine Fiddle Camp. Detwiler, an Old Town resident, said she has been playing violin since she was 5 years old and enjoys participating in Penobscot Fiddles because there is more room for improvisation with the group than in classical music. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Hampshire Website Features Student's Wedding

28 Apr 2011

[Seacoastonline.com](#) has a feature story about Michelle Comeau of Alfred, a UMaine kinesiology student who was married last weekend before her now-husband, a private in the U.S. Army, leaves for Iraq. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](#)

Channel 7 Covers UMaine Pill-Crushing Competition

28 Apr 2011

Channel 7 ([WVII](#)) on Wednesday covered the pill-crushing device competition among six teams of UMaine mechanical engineering technology students in Barrows Hall. After being rated by professional nurses and engineers for efficiency, ease of use, noise and safety, students in professor Herb Crosby's class who designed and constructed the devices ground up vitamins and other pills to see which did the best job. Pill crushers can be helpful for hospitals and nursing homes, where staff grind up medications to mix with food for patients adverse to swallowing pills whole. The station's website also carried a text version of the story. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Deepwater Offshore Wind Technology Tests Proceeding in the Netherlands

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University of Maine engineering students and researchers working at a facility in the Netherlands are now into the third week of testing scale models of deepwater floating offshore wind platforms for wind turbines. The team from UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, is testing 1/50th-scale models at an offshore wind basin owned by a Dutch company called Marin. Three different types of floating platforms are being tested 16 hours a day and are being subjected to different wind and wave intensity levels that mimic conditions in the Gulf of Maine in side-by-side comparison tests. The first week or so of testing involved some troubleshooting due to instrumentation issues but testing has proceeded smoothly since then, said Heather Martin, a graduate research assistant at the Advanced Structures and Composites Center who returned last Friday from a two-week trip to the Marin basin. Martin designed the blades and turbine on the prototype. "It was difficult at first but we made it through, and the testing results we're getting right now are what we expected," said Martin, a graduate student in UMaine's civil and structural engineering department who returned last Friday from a two-week trip to the Marin facility. "Things are progressing well. We're following a pretty tight schedule and keeping to it, which is promising." Testing in the Netherlands will last a total of six weeks. The scaled-down model is an early part of Phase 1 of the Maine Deepwater Offshore Wind Plan, which aims by the year 2030 to have a commercial floating wind farm in the Gulf of Maine generating 5,000 megawatts of energy. Maine Maritime Academy also has a representative working with the UMaine group. Contact: Elizabeth Viselli, (207) 581-2831 or elizabeth.viselli@umit.maine.edu; jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AB4kSq7yAOg>

Engineer's Bioproducts Research Featured On Website

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UMaine Associate Professor Peter Van Walsum of the department of chemical and biological engineering and the Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative was featured in a video on the Mobile Maine News website. The video includes an interview with Van Walsum about his work on converting forest waste products into biofuels. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Column Highlights Upward Bound Fundraising Efforts

29 Apr 2011

A [column](#) in the Bangor Daily News focuses on the efforts of UMaine's Upward Bound to raise funds to support the federally funded program which assists qualified students with improving their skills in high school and to prepare to end and succeed in college. The program includes a six-week residential summer experience on the UMaine campus in Orono. Upward Bound will team up with the motorcycle group STAR Touring and Riding Chapter 483 of Bangor for a two-day fundraiser beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at the University of Southern Maine campus in Portland, and will stop at all seven UMaine System campuses. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

News Report On Bone Marrow Drive

29 Apr 2011

WLBZ (Channel 2) has a news story on this week's bone marrow drive in memory of Jeff Cole, a UMaine assistant football coach who died of cancer in 2004. The UMaine football team is running the drive in the UMaine Student Fitness and Recreation Center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

GradExpo Research Poster Winners Announced

29 Apr 2011

The Graduate Student Government has announced the names of winning presenters at last week's 2011 GradExpo, a showcase of end-of-the-year research summaries and presentations from 128 graduate students this year. In the intermedia category, winners were: First place: Pieter Tryzelaar for his piece "Monsanti'Os" Second place: Carolyn Spies for her piece "Duck and Cover" Third place: Richard Corey for his piece "The Gorsedd" The oral presentation division: First place: Emma Schultz (forest resources) for her presentation "Analyzing Growth Dynamics of Eastern Pine Advance Regeneration" Second place: Rebecca White (history) for her presentation "Comparative Materialism: Mother's Pensions in Maine and New Brunswick 1910 - 1945" Third place: Megan Patterson (ecology and environmental science) for her presentation "Negative Effect of Phostrol on Colorado Potato Beetles" The PechaKucha division: First place: Ann Speers (resource economics and policy) for her presentation "Is Knowledge Linked with Action? Evidence from Household Conservation Behavior" Second place: Megan Wibberly (resource economics and policy) for "Mainer's Power Up: Tradeoff's Between Wind and Water" Third place: Patrick Spinney (electrical engineering) for his presentation "Next Generation DNA Sequencing" In the Poster presentation division: First place: Monoj Raja (spatial engineering) for "Indoor Navigation for Low Vision and Blind Users" Second place: Jeffrey Earles (forest resources) for "Assessing the Environmental Performance of Ethanol, Acetic Acid and Wood Panels Co-Produced in a Forest Biorefinery" Third place: Yosef Manik (forest resources) for "Attribution Life Cycle Assessment of Palm Bio-Diesel" Participants included 66 in the poster division, 41 in the oral presentation division, 12 in the Intermedia/Fine Arts division and 9 in PechaKucha. More than 50 faculty members participated as judges, and an estimated 400 faculty, staff and graduate students attended over the two-day period. The expo represented the broad spectrum of research and innovation at UMaine according to Kurt Klappenbach, vice president of the Graduate Student Government and chief expo organizer. Klappenbach expressed appreciation for major financial sponsors of the GradExpo, which included the Graduate Student Government, President Robert Kennedy's office, the Offices of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Vice President for Administration and Finance, the Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and VWR, Lonza, Pierce, KPL and Thermo as business sponsors. Contact: Kurt Klappenbach at kurt.klappenbach@umit.maine.edu

Murphy Quoted in Morning Sentinel Report

02 May 2011

Comments from Barbara Murphy were included in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel story about efforts at a Manchester greenhouse to develop environmentally friendly ways to manage pests that damage plants. Contact: Joe Carr (207) 581-3571

Sunday Telegram Reviews Art Museum Show

02 May 2011

The May 1 Maine Sunday Telegram included a [review](#) of the current exhibits at the UMaine Museum of Art in downtown Bangor. "Although not large, (the museum) has one of the nicest gallery spaces in the state," the review says Contact: Joe Carr (207) 581-3571

Godfried Comments in Freedom Rider Story

02 May 2011

Nathan Godfried of the UMaine history faculty was quoted in a Lewiston Sun Journal [story](#) about Gordon Harris, 73, an Auburn man who was arrested in Mississippi as a Freedom Rider in 1961. Freedom Riders traveled to the Deep South to challenge segregation laws. Gottfried provided context about the Freedom Riders and the role they played in the civil rights movement. Harris will be on the Oprah Winfrey Show on May 4. Contact: Joe Carr (207) 581-3571

Singleton in Globe Story on Documentary

02 May 2011

A Boston Globe report features UMaine student and basketball player Raheem Singleton, discussing the Boston premiere of the documentary film "Push: Madison vs. Madison." Singleton is prominent in the film, which followed the 2007 Madison Park basketball team, on which Singleton was described in the Globe report as an "instrumental player." Contact: Joe Carr (207) 581-3571

UMaine Groundbreaking Tuesday at 1 PM

02 May 2011

The University of Maine Forest Bioproducts Research Institute (FBRI) will host a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating plans to build a 3,300 square foot addition to UMaine's Jenness Hall. The event is scheduled for Tuesday May 3 at 1 p.m. at Jenness Hall. UMaine President Robert Kennedy will provide greetings from the university, while Maine Technology Institute President Betsy Biemann and UMaine Prof. Hemant Pendse will also offer remarks. Pendse is a chemical engineering professor who serves as FBRI's director. The addition will include space for various uses, including areas where FBRI technical staff will work with visiting researchers and industrial collaborators on bioproducts and the processes necessary to develop them. Training space, videoconferencing facilities and office space will also be included. Funding for the project comes from the Maine Technology Asset Fund, a competitive award program funded by voter-approved bonds. MTI judges proposals and awards those funds. [FBRI](#) works to find innovative uses for wood harvested from Maine forests. Research areas include the development of transportation fuels, wood-based chemicals and consumer products. Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 joe.carr@umit.maine.edu

NSF Website Posts UMaine Squid Research Article

02 May 2011

A news release about recent research on the squid-fishing industry by Teresa Johnson of the UMaine School of Marine Science was posted today on the National Science Foundation's Science360 News Service [website](#). Johnson concludes after reviewing some of the regulatory history on how Northeastern quotas and fishing territories are established that the most accurate stock assessment methods include input from fishermen, as well as marine scientists. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension Insect Pests, Ornamental Plants Talk Advanced

03 May 2011

In today's edition, the Herald Gazette, part of the coastal Village Soup newspaper chain, advanced an upcoming talk by University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and educator Clay Kirby. On May 10, Kirby will discuss insect pests and ornamental plants at noon at the Merryspring Nature Center in Camden. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Student Interviewed for Bin Laden Death Article

03 May 2011

Portland native Muna Abdullahi, a UMaine political science major and president of the UMaine Muslim Student Association, was interviewed by the Bangor Daily News for an [article](#) about local reactions to the May 1 killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Symposium on Elders, Substance Abuse Covered

03 May 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) interviewed Len Kaye, director of the UMaine Center on Aging Monday for a report on the 6th Annual University of Maine Geriatric Colloquium held in Northport. The focus of the event was substance abuse among elders in Maine. Contact: George Manlove (207) 581-3756

Science News Site Reports on UMaine, Netherlands Wind Energy Tests

03 May 2011

The Physorg.com science news website Monday carried a [report](#) on deepwater offshore wind technology testing being done in the Netherlands by UMaine researchers with a Dutch wind-energy development company. Research with 1/50 scale model wind turbines will lead to development of full-size wind turbines off the coast of Maine. Contact: George Manlove (207) 581-3756

UMaine Faculty Members Joining E-Book Movement

03 May 2011

ORONO -- At least four University of Maine faculty members are joining the growing open textbook movement, and have or are publishing new texts that are available free online or in low-cost print and digital formats. Steve Barkan, sociology professor and chair of the Sociology Department, recently published "Sociology: Understanding and Changing the Social World" through Flat World Knowledge, a major publisher of free and open college textbooks. Barkan, the author of five textbooks with traditional publishers, says he decided to publish with Flat World as a way to help students who are increasingly burdened by rising textbook costs. "Students get high-quality textbooks from Flat World for free or at a low cost," says Barkan, who has another text in progress with the publisher. "As an author, I earn a higher royalty rate, and sales of my book won't drop off due to used book sales and rentals." His new sociology text, for undergraduate introduction to sociology courses, is published under a Creative Commons open license, which lets anyone read the complete book online for free. Students who prefer a physical book can buy a print copy for \$39.95, a fraction of the cost of a traditional textbook, according to Barkan and Flat World Knowledge Other options are e-books that can be downloaded to an iPad, Kindle, iPhone, Nook, Sony Reader; audio books; print-it-yourself PDF downloads; and interactive study aids, according to Flat World. Other UMaine faculty members also are publishing through Flat World. Sociologist Amy Blackstone is writing "Research Methods for Everyday Life: A Qualitative and Quantitative Approach" for research methods courses in sociology and other social sciences. Spanish professor Kathleen March is writing an "Elementary Spanish" textbook and assistant professor of German Madelon Köhler-Busch is writing an "Elementary German" text. March and Köhler-Busch like the online publishing options because they represent a "greener" approach to publishing and text can be more easily updated in a digital format, according to March, who adds she is planning to publish an intermediate Spanish textbook through Flat World later this year. Earlier this month, Random House, Inc., the world's largest trade book publisher, announced it has invested in Flat World Knowledge. Contact: Steve Barkan, (207) 581-2383

Annual Black Bear Beauties Plant Sale May 6-7

03 May 2011

The second annual Black Bear Beauties Plant Sale takes place Friday and Saturday, May 6-7 at the University of Maine Lyle E. Littlefield Ornamental Trial Garden in the Rangeley Road from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The sale is an opportunity for the public to buy rugged, often native, plants suitable for Maine gardens. They are grown by UMaine students and faculty in the greenhouses in Orono. Funds raised from the sale benefit the UMaine Environmental Horticulture

Program by supporting internships and infrastructure for the program and the historic Littlefield Garden, according to Stephanie Burnett, a member of the plant soil and environmental sciences faculty and chief organizer of the plant sale. Burnett can be reached at 581-2937 for additional information. Contact: Stephanie Burnett, 581-2937

Newspaper Website Has Obituary For Alumnus, Former Vermont Legislator

04 May 2011

An obituary for Elbert George "Al" Moulton Jr., a UMaine graduate and native of Brooks, Maine, appeared in the Village Soup's website. Moulton served several terms in Vermont state government, and was the first director of development and secretary of commerce and community affairs. He was the state's chief economic development leader under four governors and ran successful campaigns for two governors. Moulton, who also served as chair of the Vermont Republican Party in the late 1960s, earned his degree from UMaine after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Features UMaine Wind Turbine Testing In The Netherlands

04 May 2011

The website Marine Executive has a report about the wind blade testing currently ongoing at the Marin testing facility in the Netherlands. Faculty and student engineers from UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center are testing three types of floating wind turbines in Marin's wave tank. The findings will help UMaine move forward in its goal of putting floating deepwater offshore wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine. Other websites, including [Environmental Protection Online](#), also have stories about the testing. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Dean's Comments On New Wave Of Farmers

04 May 2011

Comments from Ed Ashworth, the dean of UMaine's College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, were included in a MaineBiz story about a new crop of young farmers who are running smaller farms with more of a focus on locally sourced goods. Ashworth said despite the fact that putting together the capital investment to start a farm is difficult, the college is seeing rising enrollment in its sustainable agriculture program. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Survivor's Underwood Under The Radar

04 May 2011

UMaine alumna Ashley Underwood is one of the final six remaining on the CBS reality show "Survivor," according to a column in the Waterville Sentinel. Zach Dionne, also a UMaine alum who is now an editor at AOL's PopEater, writes that Underwood has not factored into many major strategic decisions, decisive challenge victories, or memorable moments. Dionne believes Underwood is in a good position to shake things up on the show.

Lobster Shell Golf Ball Noted In Column

04 May 2011

A Business Week website [column](#) about intellectual property noted that UMaine has applied for a patent for the lobster shell golf ball developed by engineer David Neivandt along with student Alex Caddell. Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742

Engineering, Marine Sciences Research Featured At Bangor Center

04 May 2011

The Weekly newspaper had [notices](#) from the Challenger Learning Center in Bangor about programs with UMaine connections. The first, a Space Day open house, was held recently and featured students from UMaine's College of Engineering who demonstrated wireless robotic sensors. The second took note of the "Connecting Climate to Curriculum" program, which involves scientists in improving earth and climate science curricula. The program, which will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Challenger Learning Center, will feature a talk by UMaine School of Marine Science research professor Lee Karp-Boss, who recently led a leg of the Tara expedition. The program is a 3-year partnership with the center, UMaine's School of Marine Science, Climate Change Institute, and Center for Research in STEM Education, and other community groups. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV News Covers FBRI Groundbreaking

04 May 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) aired coverage Tuesday of the groundbreaking ceremony at UMaine for a Forest and Bioproducts Research Institute addition at Jenness Hall. The 3,300-square-foot addition will give technical staff room to work with visiting researchers and collaborators. It also will include training areas and videoconferencing facilities. Channel 7 (WVII) also covered the event. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

English Professor Interview on Quebec Poetry Website

04 May 2011

An interview with UMaine professor of English Ken Norris, author and poet who teaches Canadian literature and creative writing, is currently featured in the "EXpats" section of the online journal "Poetry Quebec." Norris discusses his writing, life and how he became enamored with Montreal and Quebec as a young man in 1971. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Football Coach Cosgrove in Magazine Profile

04 May 2011

UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove was featured in a Lifestyle profile in the April 2011 issue of Bangor Metro magazine. The Black Bear coach shares a Bangor home with his wife Marilyn and four children and their friends. The family frequently invites prospective UMaine football recruits and their families to dinner to get to know them better, Cosgrove says. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Website Notes 2011 Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor

04 May 2011

The website of the AUCD about UMaine's 2011 Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Education and Human Development. Cathy Pratt, the director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at Indiana University's Indiana Institute on Disability and Community will be at UMaine during the fall 2011 semester. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

UMaine Class of 2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

04 May 2011

ORONO -- Kristopher Cooper of Winthrop has been named valedictorian of the University of Maine Class of 2011. The salutatorian is Rachel Ann Ventrealla of Fayette. Both will graduate during UMaine's 209th commencement, scheduled for Saturday May 7 at Alford Arena. Cooper is a biology major with a minor in business. During his time at UMaine, Cooper has received numerous awards and honors including a Top Scholar Award, an Edward and Grace Cutting Scholarship and the School of Biology and Ecology Book Award. He has taken advantage of opportunities to

be involved in scientific research as an undergraduate student, working with Prof. Stellos Tavantzis on potato disease management, including fieldwork in Aroostook County and extensive laboratory research on campus. As a member of MEDLIFE at UMaine, Cooper participated in a weeklong medical mission to Ecuador the summer before his junior year. He also coordinated the Dental Outreach Program of the Health Professions Club, taking presentations on oral health to local elementary schools, and for three years was a child mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters. On campus, he was a biology and chemistry tutor in UMaine's Tutor Program, a volunteer EMT with University Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and a Dirigo Tour Guide with the Admissions Office. In the fall, Cooper will attend the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. His parents are Anne and Robert Cooper. Ventrella, the salutatorian, will graduate with an elementary education degree and a concentration in liberal arts. A Livermore Falls High School graduate, Ventrella participated for two years in UMaine's Alternative Spring Break, first as a volunteer at Boys & Girls Clubs in Jacksonville, Fla., then as a co-site leader at Project Lazarus in New Orleans, La. In her junior year, she coached second- and third-grade coed soccer and fourth- and fifth-grade girls basketball for the Orono Recreation Department. For nearly three years, Ms. Ventrella worked at Treasured Tots Preschool in Glenburn, Maine, first as a daycare assistant, then as an educational technician. On campus, she also was active in the Newman Center, intramural basketball and coed softball, and the UMaine chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. Ms. Ventrella did her student teaching in grade 6 at Leonard Middle School and grade 4 at Eddington Elementary School. She is pursuing a career teaching grades K-6 in Maine. Her UMaine scholarships include the John Chabot Scholarship, the Galen Cole Family Foundation Education Scholarship and the Servant Heart Scholarship. She also received a Presidential Scholar Award and Praxis II, ETS Recognition of Excellence. Ventrella's father, Michael, earned a UMaine chemical engineering degree in 1981. Her mother, Janet, teaches at Livermore Falls Elementary School. Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571
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Employee, Retiree Recognition Banquets Scheduled

05 May 2011

The University of Maine's annual employee achievement, recognition and retirement banquets are scheduled May 16 and May 19. Both begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Wells Conference Center. The Employee Recognition and Achievement Banquet Monday, May 16 will honor employees who have achieved 25, 35 and 45 years of continuous, regular service, along with the recipients of the 2011 Outstanding Employee and Outstanding Faculty awards. The Retiree Recognition Banquet Thursday, May 19 honors employees who have retired or will be retiring this academic or fiscal year. The deadline for ticket purchases for the employee achievement and recognition banquet is May 9. The deadline for retirement banquet registration and tickets is May 11. Tickets for each event are \$25 and can be ordered online at the Employee Recognition and Achievement Banquet website. The website has an updated RSVP list and additional information. Jamie Taylor or Meghan Collins in the Office of Human Resources can be contacted with questions through FirstClass or by calling 581-2374. Contact: Jamie Taylor or Meghan Collins, 581-2374

Students in Bangor Daily News Report On Assault Incident

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Two UMaine students were charged with assault after an incident that took place at the Orchard Trails housing complex, according to a Bangor Daily News [report](#). Orono police told the BDN the incident happened early Sunday. Contact: Joe Carr, 207-581-3571

Glaciologist Comments Included In Story On Arctic Ice

05 May 2011

Comments from glaciologist Gordon Hamilton of UMaine's Climate Change Institute were included in a Voice of America story about a report released Wednesday that says Arctic ice is melting at a much faster rate than previously thought. Hamilton said the previous estimate for sea level rise is a very large underestimate and it is probably double the upper end of the estimate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bog Walk Story Features Faculty Members

05 May 2011

The Maine Edge has an article about the Orono Bog Walk, which was founded by Professor Emeritus Ron Davis. The article includes comments from Davis as well as Justin Poland, a bog walk volunteer and associate professor of mechanical engineering at UMaine.

Underwood Back In Sentinel Column

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UMaine alumna Ashley Underwood survived another week on the CBS reality show "Survivor," and is now one of five remaining contestants. A Waterville Sentinel column, written by UMaine alumnus and AOL PopEater editor Zach Dionne, said Underwood's days on the show could be numbered. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Reports Wind Turbine Testing Wrapping Up

05 May 2011

Testing on UMaine-designed wind turbines at a facility in the Netherlands is nearly complete, according to the website [The Engineer](#). UMaine faculty and student engineers have been testing three different types of turbines at the Marin complex, where the turbines have been subjected to different conditions of wind and waves. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Donates Apple Trees

05 May 2011

The keepMEcurrent website has a story about a project at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham that involved the planting of 20 apple trees, which were donated by UMaine Cooperative Extension, in an old orchard on campus. The orchard will become an outdoor classroom for environmental studies and biology students. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

BDN Covers Jenness Hall, FBRI Groundbreaking Event

05 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News published an [article](#) about the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday at UMaine for a Forest and Bioproducts Research Institute addition at Jenness Hall. The 3,300-square-foot addition will give technical staff room to work with visiting researchers and collaborators. It also will include training areas and videoconferencing facilities. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Commencement Schedule in Graduations Article

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The Bangor Daily News Wednesday carried an [article](#) about college graduations in Maine that included the schedule of May 7 commencement ceremonies at UMaine. Again this year, UMaine will hold two ceremonies at the Alford Sports Arena, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. U.S. Sen. Susan Collins is this year's keynote speaker. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Discovery Canada Program Features UMaine's Lobster Golf Balls

05 May 2011

Discovery Canada has aired a segment on the biodegradable lobster shell golf balls developed by University of Maine researchers as a way to create a value-added use for discarded lobster shells. With commercialization and mass production, the golf balls could be used by cruise line passengers who enjoy whacking golf balls into the ocean, among others, since the golf balls break down harmlessly within a few weeks in the water. Contact: Kristen Andresen, (207) 581-3742

Tips for Those Attending UMaine's Commencement on Saturday

05 May 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine's 209th commencement, scheduled for Saturday May 7, will fill Alford Arena with graduates and spectators for each of its two sessions. One of Maine's largest single-day, indoor annual events, UMaine commencement celebrates the accomplishments of those graduating from Maine's flagship university. Traffic will be exceptionally heavy, especially coming from the south. Those traveling to Orono for either session are asked to allow a good deal of extra time and plan on arriving early. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Backpacks and strollers are not allowed in Alford Arena, according to UMaine police. The commencement floor level is not accessible by spectators for any purpose, including photos. Shuttle buses will provide transportation to Alford Arena from the Steam Plant Parking Lot, the Belgrade Parking Lot, the Collins Center for the Arts Parking Lot and the Hilltop Parking lot. Additionally, the Black Bear Shuttle bus will run on its normal pattern from downtown Orono through campus, providing another way to get to Alford Arena.. The ceremonies will be broadcast on video monitors in Memorial Gym in the event that Alford Arena reaches its legally allowable capacity. Visitors are also asked to note that the University of Maine is a tobacco-free campus. Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 joe.carr@umit.maine.edu

UMaine to Continue Studying Effects of Dam Removal on Sea-Run Fish Species

05 May 2011

University of Maine researchers have received funding to continue to examine the impact of dam removal on freshwater systems and populations of sea-run fish such as Atlantic salmon, alewife, sea lamprey, rainbow smelt and American shad, and also begin new research on the effects of restoration of sea lampreys to waterways where sea-run fish can be found. Stephen M. Coghlan Jr., an assistant professor of freshwater fisheries ecology in UMaine's department of wildlife ecology, is leading the research, which includes monitoring changes in fish populations in the area of the Sedgeunkedunk Stream flowing through the Maine municipalities of Brewer and Orrington. Sea-run fish, also known as anadromous fish, are migratory species that live mostly in the ocean but spawn in freshwater. Dam removal has become a popular tool in Maine for rehabilitating runs of fish species and restoring marine-freshwater connections. In 2008-09, one dam along the Sedgeunkedunk was bypassed with a rock-ramp fishway and one dam was removed entirely. This has allowed sea-run fish to regain access to about 3.7 miles of stream habitat and 1,300 acres of pond habitat. UMaine has been monitoring changes in the resident fish community since 2007 and changes in sea-run fish since 2008. "The effects of the dam removal were very apparent within a few days of the removal," Coghlan said. "We've gone back three times since then and what we're finding from looking at our data is there is a pulse of fish moving upstream and fish densities are distributing themselves more evenly in the stream. It's almost like the stream is functioning more as an integrated whole than a couple of different sections isolated from each other." The grant award of \$33,582 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) also provides funding to test for the effects of sea lamprey colonization on changes in the condition of streams to the potential benefit of other species. The researchers' hypothesis, which is supported by results from their 2010 field research, is that the nest-building activities of sea lamprey, and the decomposition of the carcasses of dead sea lampreys, will improve conditions for salmon and other species. Historically, Maine's rivers, lakes, and streams provided spawning and nursery habitat for sea-run fishes, which likely provided important services to freshwater systems, such as transporting large quantities of marine-derived nutrients and energy (MDNE) that fertilized otherwise nutrient-poor habitats (primarily alewife but also sea lamprey), and removing fine sediment from streambeds during nest-building activities (primarily Atlantic salmon and sea lamprey). Dams severed the link between marine and freshwater systems, causing a significant decline in most sea-run species and cascading effects onto freshwater and even terrestrial habitat. Other UMaine researchers involved in the project are Joseph Zydlewski, an assistant professor of wildlife ecology and member of the USGS Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, and Kevin Simon, an assistant professor of biological sciences. Contact: Stephen M. Coghlan Jr., (207)

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Bangor Library Declaration of Independence Event Includes UMaine Professor

05 May 2011

UMaine associate professor of history Liam Riordan, an early American history authority with expertise on the Revolutionary era, will give a talk and PowerPoint presentation titled "Does the Declaration of Independence Matter Today? The Dunlap Broadside in 2011" at 2 p.m. in the Story Room of the Bangor Public Library Saturday, May 7. The free and public presentation is part of a library program on the Declaration of Independence that also includes a video featuring Morgan Freeman, Reese Witherspoon, Kathy Bates, Michael Douglas, Ed Norton and other Hollywood stars. A copy of the Declaration of Independence, one of only 26 of the original Dunlap Broadside printed the night of July 4, 1776, will be displayed in the Stairwell Gallery at the library throughout the day. The library website has additional information. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Museum of Art Events Scheduled During May

05 May 2011

ART @ NOON: Artist J.T. Gibson will discuss his current installation Implements. May 12, 12-1pm FREE ART FACTORY: FREE Family Fun Day May 14, 11am-3pm Bring the whole family to a spring art-making event! Drop by anytime between 11am and 3pm; different stations will be set up, each offering the chance to participate in various art projects. The museum is proud to partner, once again, with the Penobscot River Restoration Project who will be here offering additional activities focused on birds and fish. All the supplies are FREE and instruction will be given throughout the day. TALKING ART MUSEUM: May 20, 6-7:30pm FREE Have you ever wondered while looking at a work of art..."What was the artist thinking? What was his or her life like? How did he or she paint this?" The 5th grade students of Bangor Christian School are presenting an opportunity for you to meet and talk with world famous artists. This year's annual "Talking Art Museum" will be held at UMaine Museum of Art. Students have researched the lives of famous artists and created PowerPoint presentations to display. Each student also recreated a famous work from his or her artist; however, the exciting part comes in the presentation. Some students will be dressed as the artist and others will be painted to be a talking part of the painting. You will learn about the artists and the paintings directly from the "source!" This year's featured artists include Jackson Pollock, Paul Signac, Mary Cassatt, Vincent Van Gogh, and many, many more. Please join us for this spectacular night of art, history and entertainment! This event is FREE and open to the public! For more information please contact Bangor Christian School teachers Erin McDonald or Carol Kutz at 947-7356. Contact: Gina Platt at 561-3360 gina.platt@umit.maine.edu

UMaine Faculty Members and Students Participate in Maine Neuroscience Conference

06 May 2011

The newly-formed Maine chapter of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) held its first annual meeting at Bates College on April 23, 2011. More than 75 neuroscience faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduates from around Maine participated in the daylong event. Guoping Feng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, delivered the external keynote address on his work on the neurobiology of compulsive behavior, obsessive-compulsive disorder and autism. Marie Hayes, University of Maine and Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health, presented the internal keynote lecture on her work on early neurobehavioral and brain development in normal and high-risk infants. In addition, the program comprised 11 submitted short talks and about 40 posters. UMaine's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was well represented at the meeting, which included research presentations from GSBS-affiliated laboratories at UMaine, the Jackson Laboratory, the University of New England and the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. The day ended with a business meeting that more formally established the chapter and started planning future meetings and K-12 outreach programs associated with SfN's Brain Awareness week. For additional information on the Maine SfN chapter please contact Alan Rosenwasser <alanr@maine.edu> or Edward Bilsky <ebilsky@une.edu>.

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Lobster Shell Golf Ball Featured on Audubon Blog

06 May 2011

An Audubon Magazine blog is featuring the biodegradable lobster shell golf balls developed at UMaine by engineering David Neivandt and his student, Alex Caddell. TMCNet's Green Technology World site also has [an item about the golf balls](#).

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Women's Basketball Coaching Search Continues

06 May 2011

Two finalists for the position of UMaine women's basketball coach have visited campus, according to reports from the Portland Press Herald and [Bangor Daily News](#). UMaine Athletic Director Steve Abbott told the BDN an announcement could be forthcoming soon.

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Article Notes Museum Involvement In Kids' Day

06 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News has [a story about downtown Bangor's first Kid Central Festival](#), in which the University of Maine Museum of Art is participating with a scavenger hunt and activities in its galleries. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hamilton Comments In Time Magazine Online Report

06 May 2011

Comments from Gordon Hamilton of UMaine's Climate Change Institute were included in [a Time Magazine online report](#) about findings that Arctic ice melt is accelerating. Hamilton said parts of Greenland have started to change in ways that are shocking to researchers, and that both the extent of melting and the length of the melting season have increased a lot. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Football Players Quoted In Story

06 May 2011

A story in the Buffalo News included comments from UMaine football players Jeremy Kelley and Desmond Randall, who both played wide receiver for the Black Bears. Kelley and Randall, who are both natives of West Seneca, N.Y., went undrafted in last week's NFL draft and are waiting to see if they sign free-agent contracts. Kelley told the newspaper he got a contract offer from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football Team, but chose to pursue a career in the NFL. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Valedictorian, Salutatorian Noted

06 May 2011

The Kennebec Journal ran a story Friday about UMaine valedictorian Kristopher Cooper and salutatorian Rachel Ann Ventrella, who are both from the newspaper's coverage area. Cooper, of Winthrop, is a biology major with a minor in business, while Ventrella, who is from Fayette, will graduate with an elementary education degree with a minor in liberal arts. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Editorial Lauds Advanced Structures and Composites Center

06 May 2011

[An editorial in the Times Record newspaper](#) of Brunswick cites UMaine's AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center as a place where Maine people are acquiring and applying new skills in 21st-century jobs and cutting-edge innovations. The editorial had a number of examples of international companies that have chosen to locate offices in Maine because of the brand identity of the hard-working Mainer.

Commencement Information In BDN Brief

06 May 2011

Basic information about UMaine's commencement activities, which are being held Saturday, is available in [a Bangor Daily News brief](#). For more information, [see a news release here](#).

Citizen Science Symposium May 12-13 at UMaine

06 May 2011

ORONO – Scientists, educators and other interested professionals are invited to the 2011 Citizen Science Symposium at the University of Maine, May 12-13, a symposium designed to share information about environmental citizen science, where volunteers assist scientists with monitoring and data collection. Paper, poster, panel presentations and field trips will provide members of environmental organizations, volunteer managers, science teachers and others an opportunity to share their citizen science or environmental volunteer experiences and highlight the types of volunteer research being conducted with an environment-monitoring focus. The Citizen Science Symposium is a project of the Center for Research on Sustainable Forests and the School of Forest Resources at UMaine. The goals of the symposium are to advance the understanding of environmental citizen science in the United States and to encourage an atmosphere of improved communication and collaboration among citizen science practitioners. Invited research presentations will focus on both the scientific research and human dimensions of citizen science research and projects, citizen science implementation, citizen science evaluation, and scientific analysis of scientific data. The two-day event will conclude with three field trips. Field trips include a vernal pool community-monitoring demonstration at the University Forests with Aram Calhoun, a wetland ecologist on the UMaine faculty; a "GET WET!" (Groundwater Education Through Water Evaluation and Testing) presentation to explain local environmental changes and public health promotion through safe drinking water, with John Peckenham, assistant director of the Sen. George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research at UMaine, and doctoral student Teresa Thornton. The symposium will be at the Wells Conference Center on the University of Maine campus. Continuing education credits will be available for educators. To pre-register and learn more about the 2011 Citizen Science Symposium, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/umainecitizensciencesymposium/> or contact Christine Paluga at christine.paluga@umit.maine.edu or 207-266-5451. Contact: Christine Paluga, Symposium Coordinator, (207) 266-5451

SUNY News Release Advances Lecture by UMaine's Comins

06 May 2011

The Real Media news service carried [a State University of New York, Potsdam news release](#) about an upcoming lecture and two public physics seminars there by UMaine professor of physics and astronomer Neil Comins. Comins will discuss misconceptions in astronomy and subject matter from several of his 14 published books. Contact: George

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Volunteers Sought for UMaine, Penobscot Nation Greenhouse Project

06 May 2011

INDIAN ISLAND - AmeriCorps members and the UMaine Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, in conjunction with members of the Penobscot Nation, are looking for volunteers from the university and surrounding communities to help with a high-tunnel greenhouse gardening project on Indian Island this month. In addition to allowing members of the Indian Island community to grow fresh, nutritious food, the high-tunnel greenhouse will provide protection for crops and plants, and will provide a longer growing season. AmeriCorps members invite students and community members to help with the construction of the greenhouse and other community gardening projects. Volunteers can sign up for one or more days between May 15 and May 22. If area residents are unable to donate time, the project also needs gardening tools. The Bodwell Center will hold a Tool Drive May 9-14. New or used gardening tools can be dropped off at 5732 Hannibal Hamlin Hall between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Penobscot volunteers will begin preparation on May 15 for construction of the high-tunnel greenhouse. Bed preparation, construction and planting will continue through the week. The project is a way for AmeriCorps VISTA members and others to volunteer as part of National AmeriCorps Week. The Penobscot Nation high-tunnel greenhouse is part of an ongoing tradition of spring planting on Indian Island that area AmeriCorps workers are enthusiastic to work on during the 2011 AmeriCorps Week. "We are extremely excited to bring the high tunnel greenhouse project to Indian Island," says Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis. "Planting and living in a self-sustaining way has been part of our heritage for thousands of years. This project will provide opportunity for that connection to our young people and community and serve as a great educational tool to the importance of knowledge and health in being able to grow your own produce in a natural way." AmeriCorps Week is a nationwide celebration of AmeriCorps members and their contributions to communities across the state of Maine, as well as the nation. AmeriCorps members' work includes helping students learn to read, mentoring at-risk youth, providing health services, building homes for low-income families and helping nonprofits recruit volunteers and achieve their missions. Prospective volunteers are asked to contact Lauren Wagner at lauren.wagner@umit.maine.edu, Erin Lennon at erin.lennon@umit.maine.edu or call 581-1796 for details or to sign up. Maria Girouard at maria.girouard@penobscotnation.org or at 817-7471 also is available to answer questions.

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Farley Interviewed on BBC Program

06 May 2011

Jonathan Farley from the UMaine computer science faculty was part of a discussion on the BBC program "World Have Your Say" on Tuesday May 3. Farley, who is a regular contributor to the program, joined in the discussion related to the death of Osama bin Laden. His appearance occurs just after the 20:30 mark on the program, [which is online here](#).

UMaine Annual Faculty Award Winners Announced

06 May 2011

Four University of Maine professors were recognized this afternoon for outstanding contributions to the university's mission of teaching, research and public service. Professors Alfred Bushway, John Mahon, Kathleen March and Douglas Nangle received UMaine's top annual faculty awards at today's Academic Honors Convocation. The ceremony was held at the Collins Center for the Arts. Alfred Bushway, a 1968 UMaine graduate who has been a faculty member for 33 years, is the 2011 Distinguished Maine Professor. Established by the University of Maine Alumni Association in 1963, the Distinguished Maine Professor Award is UMaine's top faculty honor, recognizing outstanding contributions in all aspects of the university's mission. Bushway, who is in the Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition, is an acclaimed classroom teacher who teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses while serving as an accessible, trusted and valued student adviser. He has been instrumental in shaping UMaine's food science curriculum and he is

noted for effectively using technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Bushway is an expert on food safety and processing methods, applying the results of his research to serving the public, particularly through his extensive service as a resource for Maine's food industry. He is a highly productive scholar who has published more than 75 academic articles during the course of his career, while also bringing in research grants totaling more than \$1 million. John Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy, was announced as winner of the 2011 Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. A UMaine faculty member since 2001, Mahon has also served as UMaine's interim provost and as dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Health. An internationally renowned expert in the discipline of business and organizational development and behavior, Mahon is a prolific scholar whose work is acclaimed by colleagues for its quality and insights. In the past three years alone, Mahon has received 12 national awards for writing and research. One of his papers, written in 2009, is the most cited paper in the 50-year history of the journal *Business and Society*. Douglas Nangle, a Professor of Psychology who joined the UMaine faculty in 1994, is the 2011 recipient of UMaine's Presidential Outstanding Teaching Award. In nominating him for this award, his colleagues noted Nangle's ability to engage and inspire students, at both the undergraduate level and graduate level, through his exemplary teaching and advising work. Nangle serves as director of UMaine's clinical psychology doctoral program, a role through which he has led efforts to strengthen diversity education, effectively assess educational goals and outcomes, and to evaluate the program annually. He also has a national profile in his field, serving in a leadership role in the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. Kathleen March, a UMaine faculty member since 1984 and a Professor of Spanish, was honored with UMaine's 2011 Presidential Public Service Achievement Award. Dedicated to helping others and engaging her students in projects that apply university expertise in meaningful ways, March is having a positive impact in Maine and beyond. She has been noted for her work as an interpreter assisting defendants in court. Her school-based initiatives in Old Town, Lubec and other places have improved language proficiency while also serving to inspire public service efforts. March has also led five trips to Honduras, bringing UMaine students including engineers, nurses and others providing assistance to rural residents dealing with health, literacy and infrastructure concerns. "It is a great honor to recognize these four truly outstanding UMaine faculty members," says President Robert Kennedy. "They exemplify the creativity and commitment that characterize our wonderful faculty. Their efforts on behalf of our students and the people of Maine exemplify the approach that makes UMaine, as the state's land-grant university, an indispensable resource that is having a wide-ranging and positive impact. I congratulate Al, John, Doug and Kathleen on these honors and I commend them for their incredible contributions to achieving the UMaine mission." These professors will all be recognized at Saturday's commencement ceremonies. May 6, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571

Newspaper profiles graduating student

07 May 2011

Robin Arnold, a long-time UMaine staff member who graduates Saturday with a bachelor's degree, is profiled in a [Saturday Bangor Daily News story](#). An administrative associate in the School of Social Work, Arnold started course work 12 years ago on her way to a degree in Earth Sciences. The story, which includes comments from her adviser, Prof. Joe Kelley, details Arnold's academic work including a research expedition to Antarctica. Her extensive community service contributions include, as the story reports, helping to start the Black Bear Exchange food pantry and thrift shop.

More than 2,000 graduate from the University of Maine

07 May 2011

ORONO, Me. -- The University of Maine awarded degrees to some 2,123 graduates at a pair of commencement ceremonies held at Alford Arena today. U.S. Sen. Susan Collins addressed the Class of 2011, offering remarks at both events. Sixty-eight of those graduates earned doctorates, 361 earned master's degrees and 24 earned certificates of advanced study. Collins, who told the graduates she hopes they "apply (their) talent, energy and enthusiasm right here in (Maine)," brought a message encouraging civility and community engagement. She used the example of Alex Haley, the grandson of slaves who authored "Roots: The Saga of American Family." Haley's personal motto, "find the good and praise it" could be adapted by this year's graduates as "find the good, praise it, and join it," Collins said, noting the decline of civility in our society and the need for unified, community-based efforts to change the tone of public

discourse. "We each have a responsibility to turn back this destructive tide," she said. "We all have a stake in a society that can work together to solve problems. We all must do our part to elevate the tone and respect each other as part of our greater community." UMaine awarded Collins and honorary doctorate at the morning ceremony. Peter Vigue, the board chair and CEO of Cianbro, Inc., a Pittsfield-based construction company, received an honorary doctorate at the afternoon event. UMaine President Robert Kennedy, who presided over the ceremony, praised Collins for her "extraordinary life, career and contributions" in presenting her degree. Calling Vigue a "Maine business leader and economic development visionary," Kennedy noted that Vigue has also "done much to encourage and inspire Mainers to pursue excellence and focus on our state's great potential and unmatched attributes." University of Maine System Board of Trustees member William Johnson of Saco, a 1956 UMaine graduate, delivered greetings from that board at the morning ceremony. Trustee Charles O'Leary of Orono, a 1960 UMaine graduate, delivered that message at the afternoon ceremony. Kurt Marston, chair of the University of Maine Alumni Association Board of Directors, shared his perspectives and welcomed the new graduates to the ranks of the more than 100,000 living University of Maine alumni. Marston, who lives in Standish, earned a UMaine engineering degree in 1974 and a master's degree in 1979. A total of nearly 14,000 people attended the two ceremonies. Kennedy, who is stepping down from the UMaine presidency at the end of next month, told the graduates that he feels a "special connection" to the Class of 2011. He offered encouraging comments during the ceremonies, telling the graduates that "the UMaine experience, in the classroom and beyond, rivals that of any of our nation's great universities and it exceeds most." He said that those graduating today should be inspired by the example of generations of UMaine graduates who have become leaders around Maine and beyond. "Your predecessors today have exemplified the UMaine ideals of work ethic, integrity and commitment," he said. "You will leave here today emboldened by their example and enriched by your experiences, prepared to achieve at the highest levels. I have no doubt whatsoever that you are destined for great success in life, and I wish each of you the best." Prof. Alfred Bushway, a 1968 UMaine graduate who serves on the Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition faculty, represented the UMaine community of scholars in presenting the traditional "Celebration of Academe" address. The winner of the 2011 Distinguished Maine Professor Award for exemplary contributions in support of UMaine's teaching, research and public service mission, Bushway noted that "much has changed, yet much remains the same" as compared to his time as a UMaine undergraduate. "Have confidence that your training has prepared you to address the relevant and emergent issues of our day," Bushway said. "You have the tools. And those generations who came before you and those who follow will look to you as tomorrow's educators, artists, nurses, social workers and leaders of industry to impact our world in significant and positive ways. Use what you have learned here to think creatively while facing the challenges of the modern world." During the ceremony, Kennedy also recognized three faculty members honored, along with Bushway, at Friday's Academic Honors Convocation with the university's annual faculty awards: - John Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy and Professor of Management, winner of the 2011 Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award - Kathleen March, Professor of Spanish, winner of the 2011 Presidential Public Service Achievement Award - Douglas Nangle Professor of Psychology, winner of the 2011 Presidential Outstanding Teaching Award Kristopher Cooper of Winthrop, a biology major with a minor in business who will attend the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in the fall, received the first Class of 2011 diploma in recognition of his status as class valedictorian. Rachel Ann Ventrella of Fayette, who graduated with an elementary education degree and a concentration in liberal arts, is the class salutatorian. *May 7, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 joe.carr@umit.maine.edu*

Commencement news coverage

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Several news organizations covered Saturday's UMaine commencement ceremonies, with most of the reports focusing on Sen. Susan Collins' commencement address. Reports appear on the Web sites of the [Bangor Daily News](#), [Maine Sunday Telegram](#), WCSH/WLBZ television and WABI television. An Associated Press story was picked up by several news organizations, including some outside of Maine.

UMaine Ph.D. student in bird-banding center story

08 May 2011

Adrienne Leppold, a UMaine Ph.D. student, is one of the experts featured in a [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story](#) reporting

on the 50th year of work at the Powdermill Avian Research Center near Rector, Penn. Operated by the Carnegie Museum of Natural History as a research facility, the center is "one of the longest-running bird-banding stations in North America," according to the report. Leppold is a former director of the center.

Brewer comments in Tea Party group story

08 May 2011

Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was quoted in a Saturday [Bangor Daily News report](#) about the Conservative Patriot Tea Party of Midcoast Maine, which celebrated its one-year anniversary recently. Brewer commented that he believes the Tea Party "has moved the overall political climate in Maine to the right," while also motivating more people to participate in the political process.

Extension experts in planting season story

08 May 2011

Comments from UMaine Cooperative Extension agriculture experts Rick Kersbergen, David Handley and David Yarborough were included in a Saturday [Bangor Daily News report](#) on the potential impact of cool, wet spring weather on the Maine agriculture industry.

Manev column in Saturday newspaper

08 May 2011

The Saturday Bangor Daily News included a column, "[Maine has a lot to offer businesses.](#)" by Dean Ivan Manev of the UMaine College of Business, Public Policy and Health. Manev and the deans of the Husson and University of Southern Maine business schools provide regular columns on business issues for the BDN. In Saturday's column, Manev offered perspectives on tactics and initiatives to help draw businesses to the state.

Center In Genealogy Column

09 May 2011

UMaine's Franco-American Center was mentioned in a Bangor Daily News' Family Ties [column](#) about Franco-American roots in Quebec. The genealogy of the family of a man born in Quebec in 1759 was featured in the spring-summer 2011 issue of Le Forum, the center's journal. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fiddlehead Advice In New York Newspaper

09 May 2011

The Press Republican of Plattsburgh, N.Y., included advice from UMaine's Cooperative Extension in a [report](#) about the current fiddleheads season. The story included Extension's recommendations for preparing fiddleheads for consumption. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Office Featured In Press Herald

09 May 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's new Cumberland County office in Falmouth was featured in a Portland Press Herald [article](#). Douglas Babkirk, associate director of the Extension, who was among the Extension employees quoted in the story, said the new center will big help in hands-on teaching programs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Hazing Research Cited In Stories

09 May 2011

The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., has a [story](#) about a fraternity that has seeking to rebuild its reputation and ranks on the campus of Washington State University after allegations of hazing four years ago. The story mentioned a 2008 study by UMaine researchers Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden, who found 55 percent of college students involved in clubs, teams and organizations experience hazing. The research was also noted in the [website](#) of the Bakersfield Californian. Cal State-Bakersfield is currently dealing with a hazing issue, according to the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Notes Student Award

09 May 2011

A UMaine business student has won an award for his work in the area of options, according to the Kennebec Journal. Paul Brown, a financial economics major from Mount Vernon, received the Chicago Board Options Exchange Award of Excellence in the Study of Options. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Arlene Thomson Art Auction, Sale to Benefit Honors College

09 May 2011

ORONO -- An art auction and sale by the estate of late artist and former University of Maine designer and illustrator Arlene Thomson is being held Friday, May 20 and Saturday May 21 to benefit the UMaine Honors College. Scheduled on Friday, from 5-8 p.m. are a first look, an art sale, a reception, a silent auction, and a live auction. Scheduled on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is an art sale. The events will be at the Buchanan Alumni House on the UMaine campus and are supported by the University of Maine Foundation. Thomson, the recipient of the University of Maine's 2007 Vincent A. Hartgen Award, bestowed by the university's Patrons of the Arts for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the arts at UMaine, died last fall, two days short of her 98th birthday. Beginning in the early 1960s, she worked as an artist, graphic designer and illustrator for the UMaine Department of Public Affairs, Central Services and University Press, retiring in 1985, but continuing on an as-needed basis until 1994. Thomson's journal entries and hundreds of pen and ink drawings she made in London were exhibited at UMaine, and were included in her book, "Discovering Elizabethan London." Additional information is available from Barbara Ouellette at (207) 581-3264. Contact: Barbara Ouellette, (207) 581-3264

Restorative School Discipline Institute Planned

09 May 2011

The University of Maine's Peace & Reconciliation Studies is co-sponsoring with the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast its third annual Summer Institute in Restorative School Practices, June 28-30, at the Augusta Civic Center. The three-day institute will introduce participants to restorative school practices and restorative discipline. Within a whole school approach, these practices build caring school communities that support students, staff and administrators in feeling connected and respected, which enhances learning outcomes, says Barb Blazej, a peace studies program lecturer at the University of Maine and director of the UMaine Youth Violence Prevention Project. Under restorative discipline practices, school discipline becomes part of a learning environment emphasizing accountability and support, rather than punishment and exclusion. The institute will include presentations, discussion, activities, hands-on practice, videos, a panel of teachers and administrators using restorative practices, and opportunities to experience the "community circle" process. Circles have been used frequently to address student and teacher relationships, according to Penny Linn and Mary Ann Nyman, teachers at Winslow Junior High School. They provide an opportunity to clarify communication by offering a forum outside of the classroom facilitated by a neutral individual, the women say. Last year, a student believed her teacher was not treating her fairly and became frustrated and disruptive in the classroom. She requested a circle, which successfully allowed the student to voice her feelings and point of view, and in turn, the student heard the same from the teacher. Jen Cyr of the Joseph A. Leonard Middle School in Old Town says the circles empower students and result in rich conversations and multi-faceted lessons. "Whether I'm observing or participating,

each time I walk away, I am more firmly convinced that restorative practices are more than a philosophy," Cyr says. "At LMS, the circle has come to symbolize our strength, respect and trust as a learning community. It has elevated our school both academically and behaviorally." Additional information is available on the Restorative School Practices website, or by calling Blazej at (207) 581-2625. The registration deadline is June 3. Contact: Barb Blazej, (207) 581-2625

New UMaine Physics Camp Taking Registrations

09 May 2011

The University of Maine is now taking registrations for its new summer Physics Camps, which will expose children to the wonders, mysteries, and facts of energy and space. The camps, which are being operated by UMaine's Department of Physics and Astronomy, will have three sessions with separate sections for ages 6-9 and 10-14. Camps will run each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the three sessions: June 27-July 1, July 11-15, and July 25-29. Campers will have access to a variety of UMaine facilities, including the Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, Jordan Observatory, and Physics and other laboratories, for activities in two different Physics Camp sections: Energy Theater and Space Camp. Demonstrations include liquid nitrogen ice cream, Tesla coils, motors, colors of the spectrum, light speed, and water-bottle rockets. "I think informal education like this can be very effective in allowing kids to learn at their own rate and to the depth of their own interest, and to be inspired by what they learn," said David Batuski, UMaine astrophysicist and chair of the UMaine physics and astronomy department who is one of a team developing curriculum for the new program. "I hope most of all that children will have great fun with science for a week, and that some will be so turned on by it that they will decide that they really want to grow up to do science." Energy Theater will allow campers to see energy in action, both in the lab and in the natural world. Activities will include both classroom demonstrations and explorations of alternative energy around the UMaine campus. Space Camp focuses on the backyard sky, telescopes, stars, planets, galaxies, and the history and future of rockets, missiles, and space travel. UMaine physics graduate students Kevin Roberge and Jayson Nissen will lead the campers, with curriculum developed by Roberge, Nissen, Batuski and David Sturm, a laboratory and lecture demonstration specialist in the physics and astronomy department. The cost is \$150 per child per week, with a 10 percent discount (\$135) for registration and payment received by May 15. Registration and payment are due by June 10. Registration forms can be picked up in person at Bennett Hall on the UMaine campus. Return forms via email at physicscamps@umit.maine.edu or regular mail at Physics Camps, 120 Bennett Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, 04469-5709. Payment can be included with the registration sheet or mailed separately. Early dropoff/late pickup is available for an additional \$10 per day. Healthy snacks are provided but campers are expected to bring lunch. Contact: David Batuski, (207) 581-1015 or david.batuski@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Barron named women's basketball coach

09 May 2011

[Richard Barron](#) has been named head coach of the University of Maine women's basketball team. Currently a North Carolina State women's basketball assistant coach, Barron was chosen following a national search. "Coach Barron brings a remarkable combination of experience, vision and energy to the University of Maine," says Athletic Director Steve Abbott. "He exemplifies all the characteristics we were looking for in a head coach, particularly a track record of success at top-quality academic institutions competing at the Division I level." Barron will travel to UMaine for a Tuesday news conference and opportunity to meet with fans community members. Members of the community are invited to that event, scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday at UMaine's Memorial Gym. Barron has been on Kellie Harper's North Carolina State staff for two years, following a two-year stint as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Baylor, one of the top women's basketball programs in the country. He also spent six years as head coach at Princeton, where his Tigers team won the 2006 Ivy League championship. A Kenyon College graduate, Barron is married and has three children. His wife, Maureen, is a former Princeton softball coach. UMaine had more than 70 candidates for the position. Abbott noted his appreciation for the outstanding work of the search committee, chaired by retired UMaine Dean Robert Cobb. Barron's annual salary will be \$110,000, contingent on approval by University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude. *May 9, 2011 Media Contacts: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571 [Laura Reed](#) at (207) 581-3646*

Bangor Daily News Reports On New Basketball Coach

09 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News posted a [story](#) Monday afternoon about the hiring of a new coach for the UMaine women's basketball team. UMaine athletic director Steve Abbott made the announcement Monday that Richard Barron, who spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach at North Carolina State, will be the Black Bears' new head coach. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former Bangor Savings Bank President, UMaine Alum, Dies

10 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News had an [obituary](#) for Malcolm E. Jones, a UMaine graduate who eventually became president of Bangor Savings Bank.

Brewer Comments On Bill Aimed At Easing Town Clerk Duties

10 May 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer told the [Portland Press Herald](#) a Republican-backed bill in the Maine legislature that seeks to ease town clerks' duties around elections by eliminating same-day voter registrations and some absentee voting has a partisan edge. In recent decades, he said, Democrats want fewer restrictions on registration and voting because that party has in recent decades been the party of the "have-nots," while Republicans want tighter registration and voting requirements because they have been the party of the "haves." Studies have show, Brewer added, that the easier it is to register and vote, the higher the turnout and the more likely that people with lower education levels and lower incomes will vote.

Media Advances Trial In Student Death

10 May 2011

The trial of Garrett Cheney, a 23-year-old who is facing manslaughter and other charges in the Jan. 30, 2010 car crash that killed UMaine student Jordyn Bakley of Camden, is scheduled to begin in July, according to the [Bangor Daily News](#). Cheney's lawyer met with officials in court Monday. The Boston Herald had an AP version of the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777

Coverage Of New Women's Basketball Coach

10 May 2011

Maine and national media picked up Monday's announcement by UMaine athletics director Steve Abbott that Richard Barron, an assistant coach at N.C. State, has been hired to coach the UMaine women's basketball team. The Portland Press Herald had a [story](#) and Bangor television station WABI (Channel 5) also ran a story. Blue Ridge Now, the website of the Times-News of Hendersonville, N.C., ran an Associated Press [article](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Composites Group Gets MTI Grant

10 May 2011

The Maine Composites Alliance, which works closely with UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, has won a \$489,468 grant from the Maine Technology Institute to organize, promote and expand Maine's ocean and wind energy cluster, according to a story on the Composites World [website](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mahon Comments In Report On Business Climate

10 May 2011

Comments from UMaine business professor John Mahon were included in an MPBN [report](#) about the news that Maine's tax climate for new business investment was ranked No. 1 in the nation in a report from Ernst & Young done for the Council on State Taxation, a trade group representing multi-state corporations. Mahon said the report may cause corporations to give Maine a second look when considering where to do business. However, Mahon said, the report leaves out too many factors, including account excise taxes, worker's compensation, health care costs, unemployment insurance taxes, cost of labor or utility costs, to be useful. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

National champion coach, others weigh in on UMaine coaching choice

10 May 2011

The University of Maine's choice of Richard Barron to coach its women's basketball team is drawing praise from the national women's basketball community. [UMaine announced the choice of Barron on Monday](#). He will be introduced at a news conference and fan event -- open to the public -- on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Memorial Gym. Barron is leaving North Carolina State, where he is an assistant coach. He has also served as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Baylor University and as head coach at Princeton University. Here is what others are saying about UMaine's selection: "Richard is well-respected coach that has been successful at every level. On the east coast he was very successful at Princeton and produced championships. He then left a good job to go to a great program at Baylor where he helped orchestrate the number one recruiting class in the country...At North Carolina State came the chance to return to the east coast where family and recruiting ties are strong...He is a winner, a tremendous family man and a friend that I can count on." *Gary Blair Head Coach Texas A&M 2011 NCAA National Champions* "First of all I am very excited for the opportunity Coach Barron has in front of him. He has a great basketball mind and a super rapport with players. He will work very hard to bring top-notch players and people to the University of Maine. The community, the University, and the athletic department are truly blessed to have Richard as a part of their family. I thank him for his time spent with our staff at NC State. While we are all happy for him and his family, he will be missed." *Kellie Harper Head Coach North Carolina State University* "When Richard Barron took over a down Princeton program, he successfully turned it into an Ivy League Champion in a few short years. I would expect that the Maine women's basketball program will see significant steps forward in a short period of time under his leadership. He is the right choice for the Black Bears and he and his family will be great additions to the Orono community!" *Michael Cross, Ph.D. Director of Athletics Bradley University* "The University of Maine has made a great choice in hiring Richard Barron. Not only is he a seasoned pro, but he has always been successful in every facet of his career. Few have his 'toolbox of experience.' Another thing that distinguishes Richard is that he always gives back to the game through his service in the WBCA." *Beth Bass CEO Women's Basketball Coaches Association* May 10, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571

Science Now reports on Belknap discovery

10 May 2011

A weekend report on Science Magazine's Science Now Web site covers a discovery by UMaine anthropology graduate student Sam Belknap. As reported in an American Journal of Physical Anthropology article, Belknap's discovery provides evidence of the earliest domesticated dogs in the New World. The piece was written by [Heather Pringle](#), a well-known science journalist who specializes in archaeology stories. She became aware of Belknap's work when she visited UMaine last month to speak at the university's annual Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony.

Bayer Comments on Lobster Platter

10 May 2011

UMaine's Lobster Institute is selling a recently developed lobster platter that captures the unwanted liquid from lobsters, according to an Associated Press story on the Connecticut Post website. Lobster Institute Executive Director Bob Bayer

was quoted in the story, telling the AP the platter provides a "no-glop approach" to eating lobster. The institute received a portion of sales of the platter, which was invented by a New England native now living in San Francisco. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Birdfeeder Tips On Website

10 May 2011

The Village Soup website has a story about and list of UMaine Cooperative Extension tips for cleaning wild bird feeders. UMaine veterinarian Anne Lichtenwalner says spring means an increase in birds congregating at feeders, which can carry diseases and should be sanitized and cleaned. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Planetarium Listed As Top Travel Bargain

10 May 2011

UMaine's Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium was listed in [Yankee Magazine](#) as one of Maine's Best Bargains for 2011. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Barron introduction news coverage

11 May 2011



[caption id="attachment_11268" align="alignright" width="175"] Coach Richard Barron[/caption] Several news organizations covered Tuesday's news conference and fan event introducing UMaine women's basketball coach Richard Barron. President Robert Kennedy and Athletic Director Steve Abbott offered remarks, while Black Bear Hall of Famer and search committee member Emily Ellis introduced Barron to the approximately 200 people in attendance at the Memorial Gym event. News stories appear on the Web sites of the [Portland Press Herald](#), [Bangor Daily News](#), and WCSH/WLBZ television. WABI television, Blueberry Broadcasting Radio and WVII television also covered the story. Barron will be a live guest Wednesday morning just after 7:30 on WVOM radio, 103.9 FM.

Glaciologist Quoted In Report On Arctic

11 May 2011

A story on the Voice of America website includes comments from UMaine glaciologist Gordon Hamilton, who told VOA conditions in the Arctic have changed dramatically since a 2007 United Nations report on climate change. Estimates on sea level rise, Hamilton said, have been underestimated and could be at least twice as large as the upper end of the estimate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fogler Staff Chronicle Library Modification Process

11 May 2011

Several members of the Fogler Library staff have coauthored an article that appears in the monthly news magazine College and Research Library News 72, no. 5 (2011) and on its [website](#). In "Imagine: A Student-Centered Library," coauthors Gretchen Gfeller, Desiree Butterfield-Nagy and Hansie Grignon describe the process undertaken by Fogler's marketing team of engaging students directly in a conversation about the library and including their ideas in the library's

decision-making process. The initiative led to changes designed to make library services and facilities more convenient and accessible to students. Contact: Gretchen Gfeller, (207) 581-1696

Page Farm & Home Museum Plant Sale May 20-21

11 May 2011

The Page Farm and Home Museum will hold an heirloom plant and seedling sale, rain or shine, Friday and Saturday, May 20 & 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds support the museum's spring planting, garden programs and materials. The Kitchen Garden sale features a variety of heirloom, open-pollinated and hybrid, healthy seedlings, according to museum Director Patty Henner. All seedlings are locally farm-grown from seed. The sale will offer a broad variety of plants for a Cook's Garden, including plants for dye or fragrance, culinary, cutting or everlasting, and medicinal herbs and heirloom vegetables. Varieties include: lavender, thyme, sage, dill, cat nip, parsley, Calendula, celery, chamomile, chives, broccoli, cilantro/coriander, Echinacea, lemon balm, anise, marjoram, marigold, penny royal, rosemary, savory, morning glory, nasturtium, statice, cayenne pepper, jalapeno peppers, cosmos, basil, angelica, tomatoes, lettuce, eggplant, Chinese lanterns, love-lies-bleeding, pansies, love-in-a-mist, bell pepper, Florence fennel, cabbage, bachelor buttons, leeks, onions, cauliflower, Nicotiana and cherry tomatoes. Contact: Patty Henner, (207) 581-3756

NSF Website Highlights Ice Core Research

11 May 2011

The National Science Foundation website Science360 posted a [UMaine-produced video](#) featuring students Bess Koffman and Eliza Kane, who are shown melting ice cores stored at UMaine's Climate Change Institute facility. The cores, which represent about 2,500 years of ice, were from western Antarctica. Koffman is a Ph.D. student in earth science and Kane is an undergraduate earth science and anthropology major. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine Summer Transportation Institute Accepting Registrations

11 May 2011

The University of Maine is accepting registrations until May 30 for its Maine Summer Transportation Institute, July 11-22, for area middle school students. The institute will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the two weeks and is free. As participants in the annual transportation institute, up to 20 students from the greater Bangor area will get a close look at careers in engineering and transportation. The event is cosponsored by the Maine Department of Transportation, the UMaine College of Engineering, and the Federal Highway Administration. It is designed to introduce students at an early age to jobs and careers available in Maine's transportation industry. Accepted students will participate in field trips, leadership and team-building activities, and a series of age-appropriate workshops, with hands-on laboratory experiences all related to transportation mode, safety and products, alternative fuels, construction materials, and computer-aided design. Students also will participate in recreational activities at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. The majority of the daylong activities will take place at the Bion and Dorain Foster Student Innovation Center, at different engineering labs and at various off-campus locations. Application and required documents can be mailed to: MSTI, Dean's Office, College of Engineering, 213 AMC Building, University of Maine, Orono, 04469. Contact: Sheila Pendse, (207) 581-2225

Report On Possible UMaine Hockey Game At Fenway

12 May 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) is reporting that there is a chance the UMaine hockey team could play an outdoor game at Fenway Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox. Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna said the league has been in negotiations with the Red Six for more games since the BU and BC men's teams and New Hampshire and Northeastern women's teams played at Fenway in 2010. A UMaine-New Hampshire men's matchup would be a marquee game, Bertagna said.

Coverage Of UMaine Alumna Underwood On Survivor

12 May 2011

National entertainment media reported on Wednesday night's episode of CBS' "Survivor"Redemption Island," noting that Ashley Underwood, who is a UMaine alumna, has made the final round of the popular reality show, and is one of nine players still vying for a \$1 million prize. The season finale will be Sunday night. WABI (Channel 5) noted won her first immunity challenge of the series. Zach Dionne, a UMaine alumnus now working as an entertainment editor in New York for AOL's PopEater, wrote in the latest in his series of Kennebec Journal columns on Underwood's "Survivor"appearance that her performance Wednesday night was her best yet. The [New York Daily News](#) also recapped Underwood's win as did [E Online's blog](#), which said Underwood delivered an immunity smackdown.

UMaine Hosts Young Professionals Group

12 May 2011

UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House hosted Wednesday the first meeting of the Maine Young Professional Exchange, a group of professionals from networking groups such as Realize Maine, Fusion Bangor and Momentum Aroostook. The [Bangor Daily News](#) covered the event which drew around 55 people discussed best practices for communities, businesses, schools and other groups to attract young people to Maine.

British Newspaper Features UMaine Ice Core Video

12 May 2011

The Guardian newspaper's [Punctuated Equilibrium blog](#) has a story and video about ice core research being performed at UMaine's Climate Change Institute. UMaine Ph.D. student Bess Koffman and undergraduate Eliza Kane were interviewed for the UMaine-produced video, which was featured Wednesday on the Science360 website.

Website Has Story About Wind Blade, Windstorm Competitions

12 May 2011

The website [North American Windpower has a story](#) in advance of Friday's Wind Blade and Windstorm Challenges for middle and high school students. The challenges are being held on the UMaine campus. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Alum Starts Cross-Country Walk

12 May 2011

The story of UMaine alum Spencer Morton, who graduated in 2010 with a journalism degree and has decided to walk across the country, was featured in several media outlets, including the [Bangor Daily News](#) and the website MediaBistro. Morton intends to walk from Maine to California, where he will edit a documentary, write a book, and record a spoken word album detailing his story and the stories of people he meets along the way.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Event to Explore Franco-American Identity

12 May 2011

The public is invited to attend a cultural roundtable discussion and colloquium May 20-22 in Soderberg Auditorium in Jenness Hall, at which more than two dozen of the leading voices of the Franco-American experience will share their

work and discuss cultural identity. "The Living Past: Franco-American Identity in the Modern World" event will explore the contemporary expression of Franco-American culture through roundtable conversations, storytelling, dramatic performances, music and art. It will address questions concerning the significance of Franco-American culture today and what a Franco-American identity is, how it is experienced and how it is shared. In addition to scheduled events, numerous opportunities for informal exchanges during the weekend get-together will arise. "It is our goal to build new foundations for the future of Franco American communities," says Susan Pinette, director of [Franco-American studies at UMaine](#) and associate professor of modern languages. The gathering is being organized by UMaine's Franco-American programs and generously funded by the Centre de la Francophonie des Amériques (Québec), the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture fund, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Franco American Studies, and the Royal Arcanum. Further details about registration, cost and a list of participants are available on [the event website](#). Members of the public are welcome to participate in the conference by registering in advance. Attendance for evening events is free. Teachers can receive continuing education credit for participation. Contact: Susan Pinette, (207) 581-3791

Students Heading to Arab Emirates for Islam-West Civility Conference

12 May 2011

Eight graduate students and the directors of the University of Maine's School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA) will leave May 14 for a conference in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) designed to improve mutual understanding and communication between Islamic and Western cultures. SPIA is co-hosting with the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) in Abu Dhabi, and the University of Maine, a two-day conference, May 16-17, "Islam and the West... A Civilized Dialogue." The ECSSR is paying the expenses for the UMaine delegation to attend and participate in the conference, and to enjoy a cultural experience in the Middle East. More than 50 students from the UAE also will participate in the conference, along with UAE university professors and policymakers. SPIA Director Mario Teisl also is part of the UMaine delegation. "This is an immense opportunity for these students and all are ready to bring a piece of the University of Maine to the Middle East," says Jim Settele, deputy director of SPIA and chair of the educational outreach program and the Bangor Foreign Policy Forum. "It'll be eye-opening, certainly in the context of what's going on in the Middle East right now." Among the issues to be discussed are the role of historical heritage in civilizational dialogue, dialogue and the current situation, citizenship and integration, bridging the gap between East and West, and moving toward coexistence. The conference also will address media perceptions and misperceptions about Western and Islamic perspectives. SPIA is UMaine's major source of international policy programming designed to enlighten the university and state about internationally related issues and policies. The school offers a Master of Arts in Global Policy, an international service degree, with concentrations in international environmental policy and international trade and commerce. It also will offer in the fall of 2011 a recently approved concentration in international security and foreign policy. Settele says student interest in international and global affairs is rising rapidly, "more than we realized," as Maine and the nation are increasingly affected by international affairs, cultures and economies. Because of growing student interest, SPIA soon will offer a certificate program on-line and a four-plus-one graduate degree program with the Political Science Department. Contact: Jim Settele, (207) 581-9542; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Graduate to Appear Sunday in "Survivor" Finale for Shot at \$1 Million

12 May 2011

University of Maine graduate Ashley Underwood has made it to the finale of "Survivor: Redemption Island," a CBS reality show and is one of the remaining players who are vying for a \$1 million prize. The "Survivor" champion will be announced Sunday, May 15 during the final episode, which starts at 8 p.m. EST. A live reunion show will follow at 10 p.m. As a player on the show, Underwood is also a contestant for the "Survivor" Fan Favorite contest. The winner receives \$100,000. To vote for Underwood by phone, text 2 to the phone number 81818. You will get a response text from "Survivor" and you can vote up to 10 times a day. To vote online, go to [www.cbs.com](#), click on "Shows," then click on "Survivor," and then click on "Player of the Season" in the rotating banner on the screen. Voting closes at 2:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, May 15. Underwood, a 25-year-old Benton, Maine native, earned a nursing degree while playing on the UMaine women's basketball team. Following her graduation she played professional basketball in Europe and also represented Maine in the 2009 Miss USA competition. Contact: Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777

Extension Educators Offer Vegetarian Diet, Gardening Tips

12 May 2011

Contact: Kate Yerxa, (207) 581-3109; Barbara Murphy, (207) 743-6329 ORONO -- As many consumers look to their backyard gardens to counter rising grocery prices, many people may be looking to bring more hearty vegetables to the table and cut back on pricey meats. Two University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialists are available to advise how to get the most nutritional produce out of a garden by selecting naturally fortified plants. Choosing vegetarian meals is the perfect way to eat well with out spending a lot of money, according to Kate Yerxa, Extension's Orono-based statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, and Barbara Murphy, a gardening expert and Extension educator in the Oxford County office. Increased dependence on vegetables also reduces our carbon footprint by cutting back on meat consumption, and can reduce cardiovascular health risks, they say. People become vegetarians for several different reasons, including health benefits, economical reasons, ethical reasons, religious reasons and ecological reasons. In general, a vegetarian diet is low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber, according to Yerxa and Murphy. Different types of vegetarian diets include: lacto-ovo-vegetarians (plant foods, milk, milk products and eggs); lacto-vegetarians (plant foods, milk and milk products); ovo-vegetarians (plant foods and eggs); pesco/pollo-vegetarians (meats like seafood and chicken); and vegan (only plants), according to Yerxa. Planning meals to meet nutrient needs can take practice, and there are some key nutrients to pay special attention to. These include choosing vegetables rich in protein, calcium, vitamin D, iron, vitamin B12 and zinc. One crop that can be grown in Maine that is a large part of a vegetarian diet are dried beans. Dried beans have a long history in Maine and nothing speaks louder than a Bean Hole Bean Supper. Dry beans are relatively easy to grow and have similar shape and size as standard green beans. They require a long growing season (90-110 days) and do best in full-sun in well-drained soils. When the soil is warm, around 70 degrees, plant the seeds 2-inches apart, 1-inch deep and in rows 24 inches apart, Murphy says. Harvest when at least 90 percent of the leaves have fallen and pods are dry. For small quantities, the beans can be separated by hand, or placed in a pillowcase or burlap bag and gently stepped on to shattering the pod and releasing the beans. Some popular varieties include yellow eye, soldier beans and black beans. Extension offers a comparison of the cost of an ounce equivalent of dry beans to animal proteins: - A quarter cup of cooked dry beans costs 6 cents per 1-ounce equivalent. - A quarter cup of canned beans costs 18 cents per 1-ounce equivalent. - An ounce of chicken breast costs about 21 cents. - An ounce of London broil is about 31 cents, and an ounce of lean ground beef costs about 26 cents. A family of four that substitutes dry beans for ground beef for one meal a week can save \$2.40 a week or \$124.80 a year. Dry beans can improve health while keeping more money in the pocketbook, according to Yerxa and Murphy. Yerxa can be reached at (207) 581-3109; Murphy is available at (207) 743-6329.

Maine Physical Sciences Partnership Summit

12 May 2011

Approximately 70 people -- including middle school and high school teachers, school administrators, University of Maine faculty members and experts on STEM education, will meet at Point Lookout in Northport Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14. Organized by the Maine Physical Sciences Partnership (PSP), the summit runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 8:45 a.m.-noon on Saturday. A full schedule is available online. Maine PSP involves the University of Maine, 48 rural Maine schools, three Maine non-profit organizations and state officials working on initiatives aimed at enhancing the teaching and learning of physical sciences in grades 6-9, while also preparing science teachers at UMaine. The summit will feature a Friday morning presentation by UMaine Prof. Susan McKay, the director of the Maine Center for Research in STEM Education (RiSE Center), beginning at 9:15 a.m. A 9:45-10:30 a.m. panel discussion will focus on the links between STEM education and economic development in Maine. *May 12, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571*

Senate confirms Johnson board nomination

12 May 2011

The Maine Senate has confirmed retired U.S. Navy Admiral Gregory "Grog" Johnson for a spot on the University of Maine System Board of Trustees. An Associated Press story reports on the 34-0 vote in favor of Gov. Paul LePage's

nomination of Johnson, an Aroostook County native who graduated from UMaine in 1968. A resident of Harpswell since his 2004 retirement from the Navy, Johnson is active in UMaine alumni organizations and he has served for several years on the UMaine Board of Visitors.

Public Administration Student Comments In News Story

13 May 2011

Comments from Scott Laflamme, a UMaine public administration student who serves on the Old Town city council, were included in a BDN story about the sudden resignation of Old Town's city manager. Laflamme voted against accepting Peggy Daigle's resignation during a meeting Thursday Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Farley Column in Press Herald

13 May 2011

Jonathan Farley, an associate professor of computer science and a former visiting Libra Diversity Professor at UMaine, had an [opinion piece](#) in the Portland Press Herald in which Farley wrote about recent public remarks made by Phillip Congdon, the former Maine commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development about affirmative action. In his column, Farley writes Congdon's complaint that affirmation action lowers standards is disingenuous, and also that the largest group of beneficiaries of affirmative action are white women. He pointed to an example of UMaine's ADVANCE program to improve the status of female faculty, a program funded by a \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Column Features UMaine Graduate, Black Bear Star

13 May 2011

A Bangor Daily News [column](#) featured Emily Ellis, a UMaine graduate and former Black Bear women's basketball star who was on the search committee for the recently filled basketball coaching vacancy. Ellis, now a Bangor real estate agent, was the first UMaine women's basketball player to have her number retired. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Students Design, Test Mechanical Pill Crushers

13 May 2011

ORONO -- Six teams of UMaine mechanical engineering technology (MET) students who squared off for an unusual engineering Senior Design Competition recently found that sometimes simplicity is best. The students, as part of their capstone projects, designed and built six distinctive pill-crushing devices to see which one might have commercial potential. The annual exhibition of newly designed projects by MET seniors is an annual event with an eye toward creating something that helps people, according to Herb Crosby, professor of mechanical engineering technology, who organizes and oversees the projects for his students. The design presentations represent a year of student creativity in mechanical engineering technology. The pill-crushing devices were designed to be used in homes, hospitals or nursing homes. A panel of nurses and professional engineers evaluated and graded the six pill crushers for noise, efficiency, ease of use and other characteristics that could help or hinder nurses or staff at residential institutions. The pill-crushing competition followed. After motorized or hand-powered grinders and choppers ran the gamut, the small, quiet little pulverizer with a small hand crank won the day. The object of the pill crushers is to reduce pills to a dust to facilitate dissolving in liquids or food for people who have difficulty swallowing pills. "The MET capstone projects in particular are often aligned to improve a specific product for handicapped individuals with limited mobility, loss of extremities, or a number of other various products designed to improve the quality of life for members of society," says Ryan Keezer, the student whose wife suggested the pill crushers. "The capstone projects are what the MET program is all about." Crosby's students determine their project at the beginning of the school year when they select a topic from the pool of ideas Crosby receives from the public and class members. Ideally, Crosby says, each project has a real-life client who can be consulted to help students understand the need. "You have to think, 'There must be a better way,'" says Crosby,

whose hope is for his students not just to build something for a grade but to build something that works and has a real-world application. Students agree. “That act of providing a product which is designed to help others feels great and is very motivating, knowing that someone is excited to see what the teams create,” says Justin Hagelin, an MET senior in Crosby's class. “It gives teams experience dealing with the consumers and users of its product, which is often the hardest obstacle to overcome in a design.” If the projects help students gain a greater understanding of the world around them, all the better, adds Crosby. About the 2009-10 adaptive tricycles for landmine victims in Mozambique, for instance, Crosby says developing and testing the designs helped students put their own struggles in context. “We tend to feel sorry for ourselves,” he says. “Well, we have no problems at all. “I think it speaks well of the students to pick something like this,” Crosby says of the humanitarian projects. Crosby says the top tricycle design, for landmine victims in Mozambique, are about to be sent to aid groups there for production. Information about the "orange team's" winning design is available on the [MET website](#). Detailed designs of some of the pill crushers and a list of prior year projects are listed on the mechanical engineering technology [website](#). Contact: Herb Crosby, (207) 581-2134; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Fogler Special Collections Closing May 23-30

13 May 2011

The Special Collections Department at Fogler Library will close for the week of Monday, May 23 to Monday, May 30, while the department receives new carpeting. It will re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31. Contact: Gretchen Gfeller, (207) 581-1696

Sen. Snowe Praises UMaine Student Intern

13 May 2011

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe is praising the efforts of UMaine student Nate Wildes, a junior from Cumberland who worked as an intern in her Washington, D.C. office during the spring semester. UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences manages the Congressional Internship Program that afforded Wildes this opportunity. “I cannot thank Nate enough for his extraordinary work for me and the people of Maine as an intern,” said Senator Snowe. “Time and again, Nate went above and beyond what was asked of him and he has truly been an outstanding asset for me and my staff. He certainly epitomizes Maine’s hallmark work ethic and can-do spirit many times over.” A political science major and an innovation engineering minor, Wildes also serves as the president of the UMaine Class of 2012. He is the son of Bruce and Nancy Wildes of Cumberland.

Bike trail construction report

15 May 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included [a brief report](#) about UMaine bicycle path reconstruction work, planned for 11 weeks beginning May 31.

Nova Scotia paper reports on lobster shell golf balls

15 May 2011

The Vanguard, a Nova Scotia newspaper, is the latest to report on the lobster shell golf ball initiative of UMaine's Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering and its Lobster Institute. The story includes comments from engineering Prof. David Neivandt, who is working on the project with student Alex Caddell and Lobster Institute Executive Director Prof. Bob Bayer.

Wind power challenges covered by news organizations

15 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News [published a Saturday report](#) about the Windstorm Challenge, held Friday at UMaine's Field House and Wallace Pool. Teams from high schools around Maine participated in the challenge, which involved creating and demonstrating 1/100th scale models of floating turbine platforms, similar to an extensive R&D project underway in UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The Windstorm Challenge was added this year, in conjunction with the third annual Wind Blade Challenge, a similar competition involving high school teams. Stories on Friday's activities also appeared on WLBZ television and WABI television.

McKay in report on STEM education

15 May 2011

Prof. Susan McKay of the UMaine physics faculty and director of the Maine Center for Research in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education (RISE Center) was interviewed for a Friday Maine Public Radio story about initiatives related to improving STEM education in Maine. Part of the story was based on the Maine Physical Sciences Partnership (PSP) Summit, held Friday and Saturday in Northport. UMaine manages Maine PSP, which also involves 48 rural schools and three non-profits, working to enhance STEM teaching and learning in grades 6-9, while also developing science teachers through UMaine educational programs.

Students Develop Android Phone App for UMaine Navigation

16 May 2011

ORONO -- As use of cell phones is banned in some university classrooms, one course at the University of Maine requires them. In a course offered in the spring of 2011 by the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, students developed a mobile application for smart phones to better manage their academic life on campus. The application, freely available through the online Android Market, is an open-source application that allows students and others to view weekly class schedules, class locations, textbooks, and contact information for instructors. It provides information of parking, building map, directory of all faculty and staff, which could be particularly helpful to new students and visitors, according to Yifeng Zhu, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, who taught the class. Seniors Jason Monk of Pittsfield, Maine and Robert King of Richmond, Maine -- who are now computer engineering graduate students working as research assistants on projects funded by the National Science Foundation -- and computer science undergraduate Jerry Zhu from China were in the class. They created their own database for information retrieved from several University of Maine online databases and then wrote a script to collect data ranging from student, faculty and employee contact information and maps showing buildings and parking lots to university calendars, classes and sports and special events. Separate from the university servers, they say their independent server will not cause any security conflicts with university servers. With GPS technology, the app can guide a person to a parked car or classroom. "This one is very helpful for new students," Professor Zhu says. "They want to visit different buildings but don't know where they are. It's a great tool for visitors and news students, and even for me, and I have been here for some years." The app is compatible with Android operating systems, the designers say, such as Droids, Nexus or Galaxy, but is being modified for expanded use. "Our goal is to make a similar version that will run on Apple iPhone and iPad," Professor Zhu says. The class was offered as an independent study course, which included working with both hardware and software, designing tiny circuit boards and developing software applications for cell phones. Zhu says he'll offer the class at different skill levels alternating from small independent study groups to a larger, lecture-based format. Future features for the UMaine application include a GPS locator to identify where BAT buses are at any given time and adding campus dining service menus. Zhu says he and future students will continue development of the application, temporarily labeled "University of Maine Beta." Zhu says the design and development experience both prepares UMaine graduates for careers in the latest computer technology fields, but also addresses a critical need for computing technicians in Maine, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the chancellor of the University of Maine System. University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude recently announced a new collaborative effort to double the number of graduates in information science and technology over the next four years. UMaine itself is reorganizing academic departments to create a School of Computing, merging its Dept. of Computer Science and its Dept. of Spatial Information Science and Engineering. "As laptops, smart phones, and social networking websites have become a part of young people's daily lives, more students are curious about computer technologies and become interested in pursuing studies in computing," Zhu says. The latest annual survey by the Computing Research

Association also shows that the enrollment of new students in fall 2009 from the computer science, computer engineering and information departments of 185 universities increased 8.5 percent over the previous year, according to Zhu. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects computing occupations will grow by 22.2 percent between now and 2018, adding a total of 785,700 jobs, making it the fastest growing cluster of all professional occupations. Contact: Yifeng Zhu, 581-2499; George Manlove, 581-3756

Coverage Of Underwood On 'Survivor'

16 May 2011

Several news outlets had reports Monday morning about the outcome of "Survivor," the CBS reality show of which UMaine alumna Ashley Underwood was a cast member this season. Underwood finished in fourth place. Zach Dionne, a UMaine alumnus and editor at AOL's PopEater who wrote a column for the Kennebec Journal during the "Survivor" season, watched Sunday night's finale in New York City. The Portland Press Herald [reported](#) Underwood and her family, along with her boyfriend Chris Markwood, also a UMaine graduate and assistant coach for the UMaine men's basketball team, traveled to New York City last weekend to film the final episode of the show. Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777

Feature On Former UMaine Hockey Player Bellamy

16 May 2011

The Portland Press Herald had a feature [story](#) on Rob Bellamy, a former UMaine hockey player who is trying for a music career in addition to playing professional hockey. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Holding Annual 'Clean Sweep' Sale May 20-21

16 May 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine will hold the annual "Clean Sweep" sale on Friday, May 20, from noon-7 p.m. and Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Stewart Commons on Hilltop Road near the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Items being sold in the sale were left behind by students who moved out of residence halls in the beginning of May. Items include couches, desk chairs, shelving, TVs, small refrigerators, clothing, shoes, lamps, rugs, small appliances, fans and more. The Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism is coordinating the sale with assistance from Auxiliary Services and Facilities Management. Additional information is available through the Bodwell Center at 581-3091. Contact: Lisa Morin, (207) 581-4194

Communications, Journalism Professor Receives Service Learning Award

16 May 2011

Associate professor of communications and journalism Claire Sullivan recently received a faculty award from a statewide coalition of 18 Maine higher education institutions dedicated to promoting service learning and community engagement. The Maine Campus Compact gave Sullivan the Donald Harward Award for Faculty Service-Learning Excellence, which recognizes faculty members who integrate public service into their teaching and advocate service learning and community action. Donald Harward is the founder of the Maine Campus Compact and a former board member of national and Maine Campus Compacts. Sullivan has been integrating public service and applied principles into her courses at UMaine for nearly two decades. "Rather than working with community partners based on a need that fits the course, Claire allows the community partners to determine and present their need to the class," the Campus Compact said in a news release. "Students then have the opportunity to develop products ranging from brochures to videos and websites with ongoing feedback and approval from community partners." Sullivan also helped obtain a grant to sponsor a learning circle of faculty, directors, students and community partners, which meets bi-monthly to discuss ways to promote service learning on campus. She co-chairs the Faculty Senate Service and Outreach Committee, which works to create a uniform definition and principles of service learning for the university. Other award winners were Charles Dorn of Bowdoin College, Elizabeth Jabar of the Maine College of Art, Heather Lindkvist of Bates College and

Ben Towne of the University of Southern Maine. Contact: Claire Sullivan, (207) 581-1936

Newspaper Advances UMaine Restorative Discipline Institute

16 May 2011

The coastal Village Soup newspaper group on Saturday published a University of Maine news release about the Restorative School Practices institute planned in June in Augusta. The institute is a collaboration of the UMaine Peace and Reconciliation Studies program and Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast and instructs school teachers and staff about shifting from a punishment-based disciplinary system to one of reconciliation and community-building. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

UMaine Graduate Student Receives Prestigious Park Service Grant

16 May 2011

A University of Maine graduate student has received a prestigious National Park Service grant to study climate change in Glacier National Park. Krista Slemmons, a Ph.D. student in ecology and environmental sciences and the Climate Change Institute, was one of 11 nationwide recipients of the 2011 National Park Service George Melendez Wright Climate Change Fellowship. Slemmons will use the \$12,372 grant to investigate how climate-induced changes in alpine glaciers alter phytoplankton communities and lake habitats in Glacier National Park, which is located in northwest Montana. In the first year of the grant, she will examine historical aerial photos of glaciers from the park's archive to identify lakes in watersheds that have lost glaciers. In July 2012, Slemmons will spend 10 days in the park taking lake sediment core samples and looking at the changes in algae over time to determine if algal changes are related to the loss of glaciers. The goals of the fellowship program are to support new and innovative research on climate change impacts to protected areas, such as national parks, and to increase the use of scientific knowledge to further resource management in parks. National Park Service and non-federal experts reviewed the proposals. Slemmons' doctoral research involves the influence of glacial meltwater runoff, nitrogen in the atmosphere, and climate change on communities of microscopic organisms in alpine and arctic lakes. An advisee of UMaine associate professor Jasmine Saros, Slemmons examines how aquatic biodiversity in these lakes has changed through time. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Denison University and master's degrees from Wright State and Miami University of Ohio. Contact: Krista Slemmons, krista.slemmons@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Vachon joins women's basketball staff

16 May 2011

[The Portland Press Herald reports](#) that former Black Bear basketball standout Amy Vachon will be an assistant to new women's coach Richard Barron. A two-time UMaine captain who played on four NCAA tournament teams, Vachon coached McAuley High School to a Class A state championship last season. A similar story appears in the [Bangor Daily News](#).

Neivandt set for radio interview

17 May 2011

Prof. David Neivandt of the UMaine Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering will discuss the lobster shell golf ball project on a pair of WVOM radio (103.9 FM) interviews this week. He'll be the guest on Deb Neuman's Back to Business segment during the George Hale/Ric Tyler Show from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday. The interview will then be broadcast on the Back to Business program at 2 p.m. Sunday. Neivandt and his colleagues in engineering and UMaine's Lobster Institute have devised a way to create biodegradable golf balls from lobster shells. Potential customers for such a product include the cruise ship industry.

Farley column in the Guardian

17 May 2011

Prof. Jonathan Farley of the UMaine Dept. of Computer Science wrote an [opinion column](#) in the May 14 edition of the Guardian, offering his perspectives on the Black Panthers. Farley wrote the column in response to the "conservative outrage" over last week's White House appearance by the rapper Common, who once wrote a song about Black Panther Assata Shakur.

Tidal Power Research Mentioned In Report

17 May 2011

The Christian Science Monitor examines tidal power research in Eastport a [report](#) on its website. UMaine research into the potential effect of the tidal turbines on marine life was mentioned in the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Purcell Featured In Blog Posting

17 May 2011

Former UMaine hockey player Teddy Purcell was featured in a [blog post](#) on the Los Angeles Times website. Purcell, who played one season at UMaine, is now playing for the Tampa Bay Lightning in the NHL. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Underwood Discusses Post-Survivor Life In Column

17 May 2011

UMaine alumna Ashley Underwood, who finished fourth in the recently completed season of the CBS reality show "Survivor: Redemption Island," discussed her future plans in a Kennebec Journal column. Underwood told Zach Dionne, also a UMaine graduate who is an entertainment editor for AOL's PopEater, she plans to gain a fitness certification and will soon launch an Ashley Underwood website. A former nursing student, Underwood said she intends to keep up her certifications in order to return to the medical field someday. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brief On Relay For Life

17 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [brief](#) about the Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society fundraiser which UMaine is hosting beginning Friday at Morse Field. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Carries Release About New Smart-Phone App

17 May 2011

The website Smart Grid ran a UMaine [news release](#) about a smart phone application developed by students in the classroom of Yifeng Zhu, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering. The app, which is available for free through the online Android Market, is an open-source application that allows users to view weekly class schedules, class locations, and textbooks, along with parking information, building maps, and a directory of faculty and staff. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Kirby Interviewed on Black Flies

17 May 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension educator and entomologist Clay Kirby discussed black flies and the pending black fly

season in a Channel 5 (WABI) news broadcast Monday. Chilly, wet weather may delay the emergence of black flies, he says, but it won't reduce the number of the annoying, biting pests. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Mahon blogging during Russia trip

17 May 2011

John Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy in UMaine's business school, is leading a group of MBA students on a trip to Russia. [Mahon's blog](#), which features a number of photos, details the experience including visits to Russian businesses and cultural attractions. Angie Bohovich, one of the trip's participants, [is also blogging from Russia](#).

Counihan comments in editorial

17 May 2011

The Bangor Daily News published [a Monday editorial](#) based on an interview with Patty Counihan, director of UMaine's Career Center. In the editorial, Counihan provided insights relative to the current job market for graduating seniors and the strategies that are most effective during challenging economic times.

Myer Reporting on Japan Visit in Blog

17 May 2011

Paul Myer, executive in residence in the Maine Business School, is [reporting daily](#) on the UMaine MBA travel-study trip to Japan. Myer and students are visiting Tokyo and Kyoto. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Grad Students Selected for NSF Green Chemistry Travel Grants

17 May 2011

Two graduate students, members of the Research Group for Industrial Ecology, LCA and Systems Sustainability (IELCASS) at UMaine, have received National Science Foundation travel grants to present research projects at the 15th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference and 5th International Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry in June. Yosef Manik and Mason Earles were selected from a competitive pool of highly qualified applicants in this year's NSF Scholars Program, according to professor Anthony Halog, who teaches IELCASS classes and oversees the research group. The conferences are June 21-23 in Washington, D.C. Manik and Earles were selected because they represent the "best of the best" in advancing green and sustainable chemistry, according to Joyce Kilgore, staff liaison for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, which organizes the conferences. Manik, from Indonesia, and Earles, from Oklahoma City, also won the second and third prizes in poster competition during the GradExpo 2011 at UMaine. Further details about the conferences are available at <http://www.acs.org/gci>. Contact: Anthony Halog, 581-2944

Newspaper Advances Cultural Round-Table

17 May 2011

The Weekly section of the Bangor Daily News has posted a UMaine news release on its [website](#) advancing the round-table discussion about Franco-American cultural identity May 20-22 in Jenness Hall at UMaine. The event is organized by UMaine's Franco-American programs. The same edition also included a notice about a performance of Franco-American music at the Foster Center for Student Innovation from 8-11 p.m., May 21. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Conference Covered By UAE Website

18 May 2011

UMaine's participation earlier this week in a two-day conference in the United Arab Emirates designed to improve mutual understanding and communication between Islamic and Western cultures was [noted](#) on the website of The National, the Abu Dhabi Media company's first English-language publication. Eight UMaine students and the directors of UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs attended "Islam and the West: A Civilized Dialogue." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Student Competing For Miss Maine Title

18 May 2011

UMaine sophomore Hillary Hoyt of Frankfort will represent the Penobscot Valley region of Maine when she competes in the Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant next month, according to the Village Soup website. Hoyt is an elementary education major with a liberal arts concentration and a minor in dance. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Art Professor Quoted In Seattle Times Story

18 May 2011

UMaine art professor Owen Smith was quoted in a Seattle Times story about a statue created in the 1970s by his father, the late Charles Smith, in Spokane, Washington. The City of Spokane had been considering moving the statue, which is located in a playground, because of its condition and because it is not an accredited piece of play equipment, but has put the plan on hold. Owen Smith said he was glad the city was reconsidering the move because in recent decades cities have been too quick to dispose of architecture and structures that have links to the past. Charles Smith taught for more than four decades at the University of Washington. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Thomson Auction, Watershed Research, PechaKucha In Weekly

18 May 2011

The Weekly has a series of [briefs](#) about several upcoming UMaine projects and events, including a student poster session next Tuesday at John Bapst High School in Bangor to highlight local high school students' research on mercury in watersheds. The students have been working with researcher Sarah Nelson of UMaine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, and also with the Maine Sea Grant which is based at UMaine. The Weekly also noted that weekend will be an art auction and sale by the estate of the late artist and illustrator Arlene Thomson to benefit the UMaine Honors College. Also Friday night is a PechaKucha event sponsored in part by the UMaine Museum of Art. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Alumnus Going Into Sports Hall Of Fame

18 May 2011

The Kennebec Journal has a story about Harold "Tank" Violette, a UMaine alumnus and former football player who will be inducted Sunday into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Violette, who was inducted in 2003 into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame, was a longtime football coach at Belfast and Winslow high schools, and also coached ice hockey at Winslow. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cumulus News Reports on Campus 'Clean Sweep' Sale

18 May 2011

Cumulus radio station I-95 (95.7 FM) aired a news report today about this year's Clean Sweep sale of household appliances and other property left behind in residence halls by students earlier this month. The sale is Friday and Saturday at Stewart Commons. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Website Carries Student Navigational App Report

18 May 2011

The website CaaS (Software as a Service) has [posted](#) a UMaine news release about an informational application for Android phones and operating systems developed by students in a computer engineering class taught by associate professor Yifeng Zhu. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Kirby Interviewed for White Grub Story

18 May 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension educator and entomologist Clay Kirby was interviewed for a Channel 2 (WLBZ) news broadcast Monday on precautions homeowners can take to guard against lawn-damaging white grubs. He recommends contacting Extension pest-management specialists for advice if grubs appear prolific. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Maine Beaches Conference July 15

18 May 2011

Sandy beaches cover only about two percent of Maine's vast coastline, but generate significant economic impact through tourism, recreation, and coastal living. On Friday, July 15, these diverse interests will gather at Southern Maine Community College for the Maine Beaches Conference. Now in its eighth year, the biennial Maine Beaches Conference serves as Maine's keystone event for public discussion of the state's beaches. It is the place where surfers, beach monitors and managers, and private property owners learn together about the latest scientific findings on beach erosion and water quality, and share their different views on the culture, economy, and policy of Maine's beaches. Highlights of the 2011 event include an art show featuring paintings, drawings, sculpture, and photography of the Maine coast, an historical perspective on Maine beaches, and a live intercollegiate debate about whether Maine's environmental regulations are achieving a balance between coastal protection and private property rights. "As is often the case with finite resources, decisions about managing Maine's beaches have been controversial. Coastal property owners, recreational beach users, state and federal agencies, teachers, researchers, and beach monitors all serve on our conference steering committee," said coordinator Kristen Grant of Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension. "Our members design and implement the conference, contributing both time and funding to make this collaborative event possible." Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information and to register, call 207-581-1435 or visit the [conference Web site](#). *May 17, 2011 Contact [Kristen Grant](#), (207) 646-1555 x115.*

Bachelorette Hebert Featured On Website

19 May 2011

The website Hollywood Life has a [story](#) about 2006 UMaine alumna Ashley Hebert, the star of the upcoming reality series "The Bachelorette." According to the story, Hebert had dated UMaine alumnus Joe Olszewski, a sociology major who graduated in 2005, following her graduation. The two broke up and he moved to California, but Olszewski died in September 2010 from complications from pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome just weeks before Hebert began taping "The Bachelor," a companion show to "The Bachelorette." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Dagher Talk Advanced

19 May 2011

Habib Dagher, director of UMaine's AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, is scheduled to give a talk at the Belfast City Boathouse on Tuesday, May 31, according to the Village Soup website. Dagher will be speaking to elected officials from Searsport, Belfast and Stockton Springs, as well as members of the public, about the center's role

in offshore deepwater wind power efforts. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New UMaine Coach Profiled

19 May 2011

Head coach Richard Barron, who has taken over the UMaine women's basketball program, was [profiled](#) in the Bangor Daily News on Thursday. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Student Interviewed For Story On Credit Unions

19 May 2011

UMaine alumnus Seth Poplaski was interviewed for a story in the Waterville Sentinel about a Maine Credit Union League effort to attract young people by providing financial education. Poplaski, a 2009 graduate with a journalism degree, was one of 26 people who applied for a year-long position with the league as a spokesperson promoting Maine's credit unions through social media and videos, promotional events, and accessibility to Maine's youth. The final three candidates will be announced Friday at www.youngfreemaine.com. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Student Blogging from Honduras Service Learning Trip

19 May 2011

Twenty UMaine students, along with Spanish professor Kathleen March, are currently in Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras on a 16-day service learning study trip doing volunteer work. One of the students, Angela Bowen, is volunteering at an orphanage and describing her experiences [in a blog](#). Contact: Angela Bowen (angela.bowen@umit.maine.edu)

Passamaquoddy Basket-Making Demonstration June 3

19 May 2011

Passamaquoddy basketmaker Gerald "Butch" Jacobs will conduct a free public basketmaking demonstration Friday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the [UMaine Hudson Museum](#) in the Collins Center for the Arts. Jacobs is the grandson of Angela Barnes, a member of the renowned Neptune basketmaking family from Pleasant Point. He learned to make baskets from Dennis Lewey, who taught him how to make traditional Passamaquoddy fish scale baskets. Jacobs harvests brown ash, pounds it and creates a wide variety of work and fancy basket forms. The program is one in series of three events that the public, Maine school students and area visitors are invited to watch. They also can interact with Maine Indian basketmakers. Each demonstration will be held in the Hudson Museum's Maine Indian Gallery. Participants can learn about Maine Indian brown ash and sweetgrass basketry, how it has been passed down within their communities and families, and the challenges to passing on the tradition in the midst of cultural, economic and environmental change. The program is supported by grants from the Betterment Fund, Maine Community Foundation, and a partnership of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance and the Hudson Museum. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, 581-1904

Graduate Student Publishes Financial 'Attitudes' Book

19 May 2011

ORONO -- University of Maine master's student and personal financial planner Sarah Morehead has recently published a book, *I Hate Money! Understanding Your Financial Attitude*, presenting the basics of finance and consumer attitudes that can interfere with sensible handling of money and credit. As a lecturer in the Household Financial Education, Morehead has spent the past few semesters teaching and counseling hundreds of UMaine undergraduates and middle and high school students about the psychology of economics and basic budgeting. The research assistant in the School of Economics outlines in easily understood language and simple examples the principles of personal economics, credit,

investing and money and the world of money tomorrow. Morehead says she wrote the 108-page book with young people in mind. A book-signing is scheduled Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor, and is free and open to the public. People who are uneasy about financial management need a more elementary introduction, starting with preconceived notions, Morehead says. "Many people either love or hate money, depending on whether they successfully manage it or whether it manages them," she says. Chief among the messages is that helping students understand their "financial personality" leads to a more successful structure for managing household finances. Morehead explores the "psychology of money" and the "emotional hang-ups and personal values -- the barriers people don't often address." Morehead's approach is more fundamental than many community-based household finance programs, which often present financial information to audiences with a working knowledge of finance. "High school and middle school students are really our targets," she says of the Household Financial Education Program. The book is ideal for graduating seniors "as they set out into the unknown," Morehead says. *I Hate Money! Understanding Your Financial Attitude*, which is available in an e-book format, can be purchased at Lulu.com. Contact: Sarah Morehead, (207) 951-4551

UMaine Veterinarian Offers Precautions against Rodents, Hantavirus

19 May 2011

University of Maine veterinarian Anne Lichtenwalner, director of the UMaine Animal Health Laboratory, is available to discuss precautions people can take to reduce or avoid exposure to rodents that could be carrying the potentially fatal respiratory disease, Hantavirus, which was discovered in Maine for the first time recently. "Now that a human case of Hantavirus respiratory syndrome has been diagnosed in Maine, it's a good idea to review how to minimize any risk to humans due to this disease," says Lichtenwalner. "It simply boils down to keeping rodents out of your house, barn or camp." Lichtenwalner can discuss methods to reduce or eliminate the presence of rats and mice that could be carrying the virus. "If you are going into a camp, shed or other building that may have rodents living in or around it, wear a mask," she says. "Open the door and let it air out for 30 minutes before you go in. Then, spray things down with a dilute bleach solution, then mop or sponge all surfaces to remove the solution. " Avoid breathing the dust and don't sweep or vacuum, which is what can carry Hantavirus into your respiratory system. Lichtenwalner can be reached at (207) 581-2789 for additional information. She also recommends the [Maine Center for Disease Control website](#) for details about cleaning areas where mice may have been. Contact: Anne Lichtenwalner, (207) 581-2789; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UAE News Reports on UMaine Conference Collaboration

19 May 2011

The [gulfnews.com](#) website in the United Arab Emirates carried an [article Thursday about the conference](#) in Abu Dhabi sponsored jointly by the UMaine School of International Affairs (SPIA) and the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) in Abu Dhabi. The two-day conference, May 16-17, "Islam and the West: A Civilized Dialogue," brought together experts from Eastern and Western cultures to explore ways to improve relations. Eight UMaine students and SPIA leaders attended. Their travel expenses were paid by the ECSSR. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Upward Bound Math-Science planning summer research

20 May 2011

In a renewal of a long-standing annual tradition, high school students from rural Maine and urban Massachusetts will gather at the University of Maine for six weeks to participate in the Upward Bound Math-Science Program. One highlight of the intensive academic program is a group research project featuring experimental design and research taught in an inquiry-based setting. The program will run from Sunday June 26 through Wednesday Aug. 3. The 2011 summer research subject is food, nutrition and exercise. Participants will study the foods we eat, examining biochemistry and how food works in the human body. They will also investigate nutrients to learn more about whether typical diets provide sufficient health and energy benefits. By examining their own diets, and those of others in the

Upward Bound program, student researchers will develop questions and hypotheses, which they will test by collecting and studying data from food journals kept by program volunteers. "We will also be working with one of UMaine's athletic trainers, who will help us take baseline measurements related to flexibility, strength and speed," says Kelly Ilseman, assistant director of UMaine's Upward Bound Math-Science Program. "We will learn which training methods are most effective in improving performance." Each individual and group will set goals and design experiments to test their hypotheses related to flexibility, strength and speed, Ilseman says. A variety of options will be available to each group as they work to improve performance. Examples will include running, swimming, weight training and yoga. "The students will learn about ways to improve – simple things that can be done at home or in a residence hall room," she says. "As we consider what we eat and how we use our bodies, we will also discuss the journey from farm to plate and the environmental impact of our food choices." Jason Munster, former Upward Bound Math-Science student and staff member who is currently a Harvard doctoral student studying global climate change, will provide unique insights on the relationship between food and the environment, as it relates to climate change. Other experts who will speak during the program include Dr. Clifford Rosen, a UMaine graduate who serves as director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at Maine Medical Center Research Institute. He will also introduce a summer internship program available for Upward Bound alums (undergraduate college students) majoring in biomedical science-related fields. Dr. Rosen and Munster will provide their talks during a session scheduled for 8-11:30 a.m. Friday July 8. UMaine Professor Emeritus Katherine Musgrave, who still teaches UMaine classes at 90 years of age, will share the story of her personal and professional journey on Monday July 11, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Locations for these forums have not yet been determined. *Upward Bound (from the Dept. of Education Web site) Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education May 20, 2011 Contact: Kelly Ilseman (207) 581-3720*

Farley discusses math/counterterrorism book on radio program

20 May 2011

Jonathan Farley of the UMaine computer science faculty appeared recently on the Jamaican radio program "[Double Standards.](#)" He was a guest on the entire program, but engaged in a discussion of the 2009 Springer-Verlag book "Mathematical Methods in Counterterrorism" from 21:30-24:42. Farley and two others edited [that book](#).

Newspaper profiles tropical fish business

22 May 2011

A [Bangor Daily News story](#) describes Sea and Reef Aquaculture, a tropical fish-breeding business created by UMaine graduate Soren Hansen. Based at UMaine's [Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research](#) in Franklin, the company has grown from an idea created by Hansen and Chad Callan when they were UMaine graduate students. The story includes comments from Prof. Dave Townsend of the UMaine School of Marine Sciences, who worked closely with Hansen and Callan as they began to develop their ideas. Jake Ward, UMaine's assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations, also commented in the story, describing the business' economic development potential.

Dill in Sunday Telegram lawn pest story

22 May 2011

Jim Dill of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty provided comment for a [Maine Sunday Telegram](#) story about lawn pests. Dill described the behavior of grubs, which are causing damage to lawns around Maine.

Times-Record R&D editorial references UMaine

22 May 2011

Friday's [Brunswick Times-Record included an editorial](#) calling for a greater state investment in research and development, expressing support for the three R&D-related bond proposals currently under consideration by the Maine Legislature. The editorial makes reference to UMaine's leadership in the state's innovation economy, specifically in forest bioproducts and composite materials.

Home Budgeting Expert Offers Money-Saving Coupon Advice

23 May 2011

DOVER-FOXCROFT -- Consumers across the country are increasingly looking to blunt the effects of the slow economy recovery with retailer coupons. "Couponing," as it's known, is becoming a hugely popular and increasingly common strategy to cut costs. University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and family budgeting specialist Jane Conroy, however, is offering things to keep in mind to be sure extreme couponing actually pays off in the long run. Conroy can be reached in her Dover-Foxcroft Piscataquis County Extension office at (207) 564-3301 to discuss the topic and offer consumer tips for reporters or other news media representatives. Ask yourself a few questions before committing to this way of saving food dollars, Conroy suggests. Research shows that the smart use of coupons can be a savings -- but to what extreme should you go? Studies show that more affluent consumers -- those with incomes over \$75,000 a year -- are considered super-heavy coupon users, she says, along with large households with female heads of households aged 54 or younger, in addition to consumers in affluent suburban or comfortable country locations. Less likely to use coupons are low-income, single-member households, or residents in rural or struggling urban areas. Coupons typically are found in magazines or newspapers or distributed by store owners who print their own coupons spread them around the community. A newer trend is printing coupons from the Internet and obtaining them digitally from online coupon aggregators. But, where is the balance between the savings versus the time invested in extreme couponing? What we don't see with extreme coupon users, Conroy observes, is the amount of time spent researching and collecting coupons, money spent joining coupon sites or time spent researching store policies on redeeming them. "There is also concern about the quality of items, such as the nutritional or health value," she adds. Conroy offers the following tips to increase consumer savings: Don't buy something just because you have a coupon. Use your shopping list as a strategy to stay on budget. Use coupons for items that are on your shopping list. For a new product, use the coupon when the item is on sale. That could be a double savings as well as a chance for your family to try out a new item. Trade coupons with friends and family, and even involve your children. Compare prices. Another brand may be cheaper than the item with the coupon. Check unit pricing for the best deals. Also check coupons for expiration dates, product sizes and amounts you can buy. If it doesn't fit your needs, save your money. Some stores will accept expired coupons...it never hurts to ask. After checking out, check your receipt to be sure your coupons were properly credited. In addition, Conroy advises consumers getting free coupons online to consider how much personal information to give up in order to get them. "Be mindful of who you are sharing this information with or know how it will be used," she says. "Be aware, as you might start getting up solicited phone calls. Some coupon websites require consumers to download software and agree to individual licensing agreements. Read the details." Many times, shoppers don't realize they can use store coupons on top of manufacturers' coupons. Look for unadvertised specials and clearance prices. "Pair them up with coupons and you may find yourself racking up the free and cheap," Conroy says. Also, coupons are available for just about anything -- restaurants, haircuts, department stores, kids' activities, entertainment, auto care and more. Contact: Jane K. Conroy, (207) 564-3301 / 1-800-287-1491

UMaine announces \$5 million New Balance gift

24 May 2011

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDf39_YaDoY A \$5 million gift from New Balance will help fund a series of UMaine programs and initiatives, all of which have a significant impact on the university's service to its students and the greater community. The gift includes \$2 million that will be used as a challenge grant to fund renovations to its field house, an iconic structure that has served for generations as a focal point of athletic activity involving Black Bear varsity athletes, UMaine students, university faculty and staff members, high school student-athletes, summer sports camp participants and members of the community. The challenge grant will be matched by a \$2 million capital

campaign to raise money for the field house and by approximately \$1 million in previously approved state funding for hazardous materials remediation and improved ADA accessibility. The project is targeted to begin in 2012. The remaining \$3 million will support other university priorities including ongoing maintenance and facilities needs at the university's acclaimed Student Recreation and Fitness Center, which opened in 2007, and the renovation of the Memorial Gym. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees voted to accept the donation at its Monday meeting. It was formally announced today at a 10:30 news conference. The recreation center will be renamed "The New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center," effective immediately. When the field house renovations are completed, that facility will be known as the "New Balance Field House." The New Balance name will remain on each of those facilities for 20 years, with the possibility of extending that agreement if it is mutually agreeable at that time. "We are humbled and flattered by New Balance's generosity," says UMaine President Robert Kennedy. "With its strong Maine connections, commitment to environmental sustainability and focus on community partnerships, New Balance is an ideal partner for the University of Maine as we make investments in the future. Members of our community and those who depend on UMaine for recreation, fitness and community engagement will benefit from this generous gift for years to come and we are most thankful." Based in Boston, New Balance is one of the world's top athletics products companies. Its manufacturing facilities include factories in the Maine towns of Skowhegan, Norridgewock and Norway. It has a long history of providing high-quality equipment to runners and track and field athletes, creating a strong connection to the UMaine Field House, which is home to an indoor track that is used for both high school and college competition. "New Balance is proud to make a \$5 million contribution to the University of Maine to help revitalize one of the state's most used tracks," says Matt LeBretton, New Balance director of public affairs. "On behalf of our almost 1,000 associates in Maine we stand with the University of Maine to encourage student athletes to achieve success in all facets of their academic careers. New Balance has a long history of philanthropy in the state of Maine and with this gift we hope to reinforce our commitment as a statewide community partner and to domestic manufacturing in Maine. The University of Maine and New Balance both stand for excellence – together we make a powerful statement regarding the opportunities for public/private partnerships that benefit Mainers. Go Black Bears; Let's Make Excellent Happen." Steve Abbott, the Orono native who serves as UMaine's athletic director, points to the historical and wide-ranging significance of the field house facility. "All of us with long-term connections to Black Bear athletics recognize the essential nature of the field house as a training and competition facility," Abbott says. "With its universally recognizable "block M" and its prominent location at the primary entrance to campus, the field house also symbolizes the institution as Maine's flagship university and Black Bear sports as our state's Division I program. Thanks to New Balance and the generosity of others, we will soon restore the field house's lustre and make it ready to continue serving our students and others for many years." Kennedy also notes that thousands of high school student-athletes have used the field house for indoor track competition, through the Eastern Maine Indoor Track League, over several decades. As he points out, that experience represented the first exposure to UMaine for many high school students who would later decide to enroll at the university. Robert Dana, UMaine's vice president for student affairs and dean of students, hosted today's news conference. He oversees the division that operates the New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center which, he says, has transformed the UMaine student experience. "In less than four years, this facility has had an incredible, positive impact on this university community," Dana says. "It signifies quality and high aspirations in meaningful ways, and this gift will help us maintain this magnificent facility so that it may continue as a beacon on the hill for our students, our faculty, our staff and those who live nearby and wish to take advantage of the healthy recreational and social opportunities it provides. New Balance's gift is much-appreciated, and it will have a long-lasting impact on student life at the University of Maine." LeBretton echoed Dana's comments, noting the broad-based impact of the university's recreation facility. "As part of our commitment to advancing healthy lifestyles we are pleased to provide ongoing financial assistance to the newly renamed New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center. This fantastic center is used by students, faculty, administrators, alumni and outside groups and reflects our ongoing dedication to supporting athletes of all ages and abilities," he said. The New Balance gift, which is the largest corporate gift in UMaine history, is part of Campaign Maine, the university's ongoing comprehensive campaign. UMaine announced in April that it had met the campaign's \$150 million goal, six months ahead of the campaign's originally planned end date.

Musavi named associate dean

24 May 2011

The University of Maine College of Engineering has announced that Mohamad Musavi has been selected as associate

dean for academics and research. He will replace Chet Rock, who retired May 13, 2011. Prior to this appointment, Musavi served as chair of the college's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. "I am very excited that Mohamad Musavi will be our new associate dean at the College of Engineering. He brings a wealth of experience as a department chair, faculty member, and researcher. He will play a key role in advancing the College of Engineering's education and research missions," says Dana Humphrey, dean of the college. "At a time when our nation needs innovative engineering solutions to revive its economic prosperity, I am fortunate to be part of the College of Engineering team to work with Dean Humphrey in providing solutions through education, research, and development," Musavi says. "We will work with every school and industry to create pathways to rewarding employment and research opportunities for our young talented students. We will also rely on our alumni in supporting the Maine engine of economic vitality." Musavi will assume his duties as associate dean on July 1, 2011. In the interim, Scott Dunning, director of the School of Engineering Technology, is serving as acting associate dean. *Contact:* [Victoria Blanchette](#)

American Dietetic Association Honoring UMaine's Musgrave

24 May 2011

The American Dietetic Association's Honors Committee has selected Katherine Musgrave, professor emerita of foods and nutrition at the University of Maine, for a 2011 Medallion Award. The ADA's Medallion Awards, given each year since 1976, honor ADA members who have shown dedication to the high standards of the dietetics profession through active participation, leadership and devotion to serving others in dietetics and allied health fields. Several awards are given each year to those members whose dedication to the association and service to the profession serve as an example to all. Musgrave is scheduled to receive the award at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association in San Diego, Calif. Sept 24-27. Contact: Katherine Musgrave, (musgrave@umit.maine.edu)

Dill in story on bedbug-hunting beagle

24 May 2011

Comments from Jim Dill of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty are included in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about a beagle trained to find bedbugs. Modern Pest Services, a Brunswick-based company with offices in Bangor and other New England locations, recently brought the dog on board to help deal with bedbug issues. Dill says the animals are effective in finding those pests, and that he knows of several companies using them.

Press Herald profiles UMaine grad on reality television

24 May 2011

The [Portland Press Herald reported](#) on Ashely Hebert, the UMaine graduate starring in ABC television's "The Bachelorette." A contestant on the most recent season of "The Bachelor," Hebert is a Madawaska native who is studying to become a dentist.

Newspaper reports on \$5 million New Balance gift

24 May 2011

Tuesday's [Bangor Daily News included a front-page story](#) about a \$5 million gift from New Balance to the University of Maine. The story, based on an interview with UMaine athletic director Steve Abbott, describes UMaine's intended uses for the money, including the development of a challenge grant process to complete fundraising to renovate the 85-year-old UMaine Field House. Funds will also support maintenance and facilities needs at UMaine's Student Recreation and Fitness Center. The Field House and the Student Recreation and Fitness Center will both be named for New Balance, for a period of 20 years. The three Bangor television stations covered a Tuesday news conference providing more details about the donation and UMaine's plans.

Abbott scheduled for Wednesday interview

25 May 2011

UMaine athletic director Steve Abbott will appear on WVOM radio's George Hale and Ric Tyler program just after 7:30 a.m. Wednesday May 25. He will discuss the \$5 million [New Balance gift](#) announced by UMaine on Tuesday. WVOM is at 103.9 FM.

UMaine Graduate In Story About New Cookbook

25 May 2011

Organic vegetable farmer and UMaine alumna Lisa Turner was profiled in a [Portland Press Herald story](#) about a new cookbook, for which Turner wrote the introduction, about how to eat local. Turner, a New Jersey native, majored in soil science and civil engineering, and now owns a farm in Freeport. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Media Reports On \$5 Million Gift

25 May 2011

The Portland Press Herald [reported](#) on Tuesday's announcement of a \$5 million gift from New Balance to UMaine that includes funding to renovate Memorial Gym and the field house. Bangor television station WABI also had a story about the gift, and the Republic newspaper of Columbus, Ind., carried an Associated Press story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Reports On Researcher's Work With Local High Schoolers

26 May 2011

Two local television stations had news reports about a UMaine collaboration with students from Bangor, John Bapst, and Old Town high school. WABI and WLBZ featured a project being coordinated by researcher Sarah Nelson of UMaine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, who has been working with the students to determine mercury levels in local watersheds and assemble the data in a regional database. Acadia National Park and the SERC Institute are also collaborators on the project. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former Black Bear Hockey Star In Newspaper Column

26 May 2011

The development of Tampa Bay Lightning hockey player Teddy Purcell, who played one year for the UMaine hockey team before he left to sign a free-agent contract in the NHL, is the subject of a column in the St. Petersburg Times. Mike Lundin, Purcell's former Black Bear and current Lightning teammate, was also quoted about their paths to UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Graduate's Singing Career Featured

26 May 2011

The Worcester Telegram & Gazette has a [feature](#) about UMaine graduate Josee Vachon, a prominent Franco American folk singer-songwriter. Vachon graduated from UMaine with a degree in Romance Languages and told the newspaper about a concert she attended as a 20-year-old UMaine student during which she found herself singing along with the songs in French. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Center On Aging Director Quoted In Bloomberg Story

26 May 2011

Comments from Len Kaye, director of UMaine's Center on Aging, were included in an online Bloomberg News [story](#) about the aging of the U.S. population. According to U.S. Census Bureau data released Thursday, Maine has the highest median age in the nation, a fact Kaye attributes to its relatively safety and low cost of living. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine NEW Leadership Program Begins June 2

26 May 2011

ORONO, Maine – The Maine NEW Leadership program, a University of Maine initiative that aims to educate and empower women to become civic and political leaders, will be held June 2-7 on the UMaine campus and also in locations in Augusta and Skowhegan. Twenty-nine undergraduate college women from 18 different Maine institutions of higher education will participate in the intensive residential training program targeting the next generation of leaders. The nonpartisan program is offered through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, and is provided at no cost to participants. Participants are accepted to the program through an application process and must be from Maine or attend college in Maine. This year, 29 accepted students are enrolled in UMaine and 17 other public and private colleges and universities, including two-year and four-year institutions, from around the state. Designed to address the historic and contemporary under-representation of women in politics, the program offers participants interactive sessions on leadership development, networking, diversity training and the realities of holding public office. In addition, a trip to the State House — with a stop at Margaret Chase Smith's home and library in Skowhegan — is on the agenda. This year's Maine NEW Leadership participants will hear from a variety of men and women in academic, municipal, legislative, nonprofit and other public and private leadership roles. Laura Liswood, the secretary general of the Council of Women World Leaders, will give a keynote address at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3 at the Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono. The council, which Liswood co-founded in 1996 with former Iceland President Vigdis Finnbogadottir, is comprised of women presidents, prime ministers and heads of government, and seeks to promote good governance and enhance the experience of democracy globally by increasing the number, effectiveness and visibility of women who lead at the highest levels in their countries. Liswood is also a senior advisor to global investment firm Goldman Sachs. NEW Leadership began in 1991 at the Center for American Women in Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey. UMaine joined the program's national network in 2009. Contact: Hon. Mary Cathcart, 207-944-1411 or mary.cathcart@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Newspaper Report On Laptop Conference

26 May 2011

UMaine hosted the Maine Learning Technology Initiative Student Conference on Thursday, according to a [Bangor Daily News](#) report. The conference drew more than 1,000 middle and high school students, along with teachers and parents, and was held in the Collins Center for the Arts.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Mentions Municipalities' Interest In Wind Power

26 May 2011

The website [Offshore Wind Wire](#) cited a Bangor Daily News story about town officials from Belfast, Searsport and Stockton Springs who are working together to attract the offshore wind industry to their region. The website mentioned that Habib Dagher, the director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, is scheduled speak to the public on Tuesday, May 31 in Belfast, about the economic potential of wind power Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Children's Brain Development Bulletin Referenced

26 May 2011

In [a story about brain development in young children](#), U.S. News and World Report pointed its readers to [a bulletin](#), prepared by UMaine Cooperative Extension specialists Judith Graham and Leslie Forstadt, about our understanding of how children learn. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Alumnus Op-Ed About LURC

26 May 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) published an opinion piece by Ernie Hilton, who has an engineering degree from UMaine, about the future of the Land Use Regulation Commission. Hilton has an engineering and legal practice in Madison. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Economist Quoted In CNN Story

27 May 2011

UMaine economist Jim Breece was quoted in [a CNN Money story](#) about Census numbers that show Maine has the nation's highest median age. Breece told CNN the phenomenon has been happening for years, and is due to low birth rates and out-migration of young families looking for opportunities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Reports On Black Bears Baseball Win

27 May 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) covered the UMaine baseball team's 8-1 win over Stony Brook in the America East tournament. The Black Bears, now 2-0 in the tournament, need to win just one more game to take the America East championship and earn a spot in the NCAA regional tournament. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Tourism Center In Article

27 May 2011

UMaine's Center for Tourism Research and Outreach was mentioned in [a Portland Press Herald story](#) about the tourism forecast for the coming Memorial Day weekend and summer season. The article cited research from CENTRO that found revenue last summer was up two-thirds over 2009. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former UMaine Football Player Featured In Wall Street Journal

27 May 2011

NFL lineman Mike DeVito, a former UMaine football player now with the New York Jets, was the subject of a Wall Street Journal story about his efforts to spread faith in sports. DeVito is using the downtime during the NFL lockout to speak to New York-area churches and college football teams. Matt Mulligan, a former UMaine teammate who also plays for the Jets, was also quoted in the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

ADVANCE Center Announces First Round of Grants

27 May 2011

The University of Maine's ADVANCE Rising Tide Center has announced its first round of grants aimed at fostering the professional development of UMaine female faculty members in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines, along with social and behavioral science (SBS) disciplines. Nine grants totaling a combined \$76,455 were awarded to UMaine faculty members in a range of academic fields in one of four granting categories:

research seed, leadership development, unit climate award, and climate research award. There were 16 grant applications. The Rising Tide Center was founded in 2010 with a five-year, \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The goals of the center are to increase the number of female faculty members in the STEM and SBS disciplines, define the practices that attract and support the retention of female faculty, facilitate promotion through the academic ranks and to administrative positions, and provide professional satisfaction. Susan Hunter, UMaine's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, is a biology professor who serves as the principal investigator on the project. Three other current faculty members co-authored the ADVANCE grant: Amy Fried, associate professor of political science; Susan Gardner, associate professor of higher education; and Karen Horton, associate professor of mechanical engineering technology. Jody Jellison, former professor of molecular plant pathology and director of the School of Biology and Ecology, was also a co-author. Ellie Groden, professor of entomology, has replaced Jellison on the team and administers the Rising Tide grants program. Three different types of grants were awarded by the center: research seed grants, research awards, and unit climate awards. Awarded projects include speaker series, guest lecturers, and interdisciplinary research with faculty collaborators both within and outside UMaine. "We were happy with the proposals we received," said Horton, the interim director of the ADVANCE Rising Tide Center. "We were pleased to have heard from a broad range of departments and tenure-stream faculty members at all ranks, from assistant to full professor, so that was very positive." The awarded grants are as follows:

- "Translational Medical Research in Sleep and Brain Injury." Principal Investigator (PI): Marie J. Hayes, Professor of Psychology & Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.
- "Effect of Nitrogen Source and Light Intensity on Nitrate Accumulations in Greenhouse Grown Leafy Vegetables." PI: Marianne Sarrantonio, Associate Professor, Plant, Soil and Environmental Science
- External speaker visit by Dr. Joann Moody to discuss cognitive errors and how they influence gender bias in professional arenas. PIs: Kristin Sobolik and Virginia Nees-Hatlen, Associate Deans, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Distinguished Climate Scholars series, to bring five distinguished female scholars in the field of climate sciences to UMaine in the 2011-12 academic year. PIs: Jasmine Saros, Associate Professor, Climate Change Institute; Kristin Sobolik, Professor/Associate Dean, Climate Change Institute
- "Who Shatters the Glass Ceiling? Understanding Women's Success in the Face of Sexism." PI: Shannon McCoy, Assistant Professor, Psychology
- "Collaborative Research on the Lakes of East Greenland." PI: Jasmine Saros, Associate Professor, Climate Change Institute and School of Biology and Ecology
- "Re-examining Resource Management Practices Among Contemporary Amazonian Societies." PI: Constanza Ocampo-Raeder, Assistant Professor, Anthropology
- "Biologically Induced Weathering of Serpentinites on Earth and Mars." PI: Amanda Albright Olsen, Assistant Professor, Earth Sciences
- Research at University of Malaysia and the Indian Institute of Technology, and the establishment of a student support club for mathematics, statistics and actuarial science at UMaine; PI: Pushpa L. Gupta, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

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Mahon comments in tourism story

29 May 2011

Comments from John Mahon, UMaine's John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy, are included in an Associated Press story about the impact of the strong Canadian dollar on tourism in northern New England. Mahon points out that U.S. gasoline is significantly cheaper than Canadian fuel, as well. The story appears on the [Web site of the Washington Post](#), among many others.

Public Radio reports on aquaculture research project

29 May 2011

A Friday Maine Public Radio story detailed efforts at UMaine's Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin to develop viable sea urchin aquaculture techniques. Nick Brown and Steve Eddy from the center are heading up the project and they were interviewed for the story.

Mayewski on radio program

29 May 2011

Prof. Paul Mayewski, director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute, was interviewed for the May 28 edition of WZON-FM's "Maine Green Advantage" program. Mayewski and host David Neally engaged in a lengthy discussion about climate change, its impact on the environment and UMaine's research in that discipline.

Logue leaving UMaine for Massachusetts school

29 May 2011

UMaine College of Education and Human Development Associate Dean O.J. Logue [has been named](#) Director of Northampton School Programs at the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

Black Bear baseball team bound for North Carolina

30 May 2011

The UMaine baseball team will play the University of North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Friday at 1 p.m. The Tar Heels (45-14) are the #3 overall seed in the tournament and they will host the four-team regional that also includes Florida International and James Madison. [The Black Bears](#) (32-22) qualified for the tournament by winning the America East championship last week in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Camire in LA Times story

30 May 2011

Comments from Prof. Mary Ellen Camire of the UMaine Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition were included in a Saturday Los Angeles Times story about HMB, a dietary supplement said to help middle-aged people build muscle. Camire says the best solution for those looking to improve muscle strength is a balanced diet combined with strength training.

Black Bears In Look At NCAA Regional

31 May 2011

The UMaine baseball team, which won the America East championship last week and will play host North Carolina in an NCAA regional tournament game, was mentioned in [a Bleacher Report](#) capsule look at the lineup for the regional. The website said the Black Bears have a balanced offensive attack, solid pitching, and enough talent to scare other teams. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Engineer's Daughter Wins Water Prize

31 May 2011

A Bangor High School student whose father is on the UMaine engineering faculty has been named the Maine state winner of the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, according to a [Bangor Daily News](#) story. Leila Musavi is the daughter of Mohamad Musavi, the former chair of UMaine's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department who will take

over this summer as the associate dean for academics and research. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former UMaine Football Player In Associated Press Story

31 May 2011

The Portland Press Herald ran an [Associated Press story](#) about Mike DeVito, a former UMaine football player now on the roster of the New York Jets who has been using his extra time during the NFL's lockout to strengthen his faith as he plans to become a youth minister or pastor after he is finished playing football. UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove and former Black Bear player Matt Mulligan, who also plays for the Jets, were quoted in the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cathcart Interviewed About Maine NEW Leadership Program

31 May 2011

Mary Cathcart of UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center was interviewed Friday morning on local Cumulus Radio News about the Maine NEW Leadership program, which begins on June 2. The program seeks to increase the number of young women who participate and engage in politics. More information about the program can be found in [a news release](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hamilton Comments Included In Scientific American Website Story

31 May 2011

UMaine glaciologist Gordon Hamilton was quoted in a story on the [Scientific American website](#) about the links between climate change and social collapse of Greenland since 800 B.C. Hamilton commented on more recent ice melt, telling the magazine that the area of the Arctic around Greenland has warmed significantly since the 1990s, and the way in which the ice sheet responds will persist for decades to come. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cool Temperatures, Wet Weather Affecting Blueberry Crop

31 May 2011

ORONO, Maine – The recent cool, wet conditions in Maine may delay the state's blueberry crop for about a week, according to David Yarborough, University of Maine Cooperative Extension's blueberry specialist and UMaine professor of horticulture. Yarborough says the wet and windy conditions of May have increased the incidence of mummyberry disease and made it difficult to apply the necessary fungicides to protect the plants. The weather conditions have also hampered pollination, Yarborough says. Maine brings about 50,000 bee hives from Southern states in order to pollinate the blueberry crop, but colder temperatures mean bees stay in their hives. A few warm days are needed for adequate pollination. For more information or to contact Yarborough for an interview, leave a message at 581-2924 or 1-800-897-0757. Contact Jessica Bloch at 581-3777 for immediate assistance. Contact: David Yarborough, (207) 581-2924, 1-800-897-0757 ext. 1, or davidy@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Reports On Launch Of Lobster Habitat Mooring

31 May 2011

Several news outlets were on hand last week in Rockport Harbor for the launch of a lobster habitat mooring, which is a project involving the UMaine-based Lobster Institute and UMaine's School of Aquaculture. A story on the Village Soup website, which covers midcoast Maine, mentioned UMaine's involvement, including the work that graduate student Chris Roy is doing to monitor a similar structure in Seal Harbor on Mount Desert Island. New England Cable Network covered the deployment and interviewed Bob Bayer, executive director of the Lobster Institute. Bangor television station WABI also had a story about the moorings. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Canning, Pickling Workshops Offered in Lisbon Falls

31 May 2011

LISBON FALLS -- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Androscoggin and Sagadahoc county office is offering two workshops in the coming weeks on canning and pickling. The "Preserving the Harvest" workshops will be held Wednesday, June 29, with a focus on low-sugar jellies and jams, and Wednesday, July 13, on the topic of pickling. Both workshops will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the county office located at 24 Main Street in Lisbon Falls. The fee is \$10 per person. Participants will learn recommended methods for preserving foods, the latest and safest recipes, how to properly use equipment to insure safety, and how to check for properly sealed jars. Participants will receive a "Preserving the Harvest" food preservation packet. Please bring a potholder to the workshop. Contact Lois Elwell at (207) 781-6099, (800) 287-1471 or lois.elwell@maine.edu to register for either or both of the workshops. [More information about UMaine Cooperative Extension workshops is available here.](#) Contact: Lois Elwell, (207) 799-6099 or lois.elwell@maine.edu

Newspaper examines offshore wind project

01 Jun 2011

Wednesday's Bangor Daily News includes a [front-page story](#) looking at a variety of economic issues related to deepwater offshore wind power. UMaine Prof. Habib Dagher, who is leading efforts to develop that technology through the DeepCWind Consortium, is a primary source for the story, which also references comments from Dean Dana Humphrey of the UMaine College of Engineering. The same newspaper [includes a report](#) on Prof. Dagher's Tuesday meeting with community officials representing Belfast, Searsport and Stockton Springs. Those communities are interested in working together to bring jobs associated with deepwater offshore wind power to Waldo County.

Website Highlights Composites Education Initiatives

01 Jun 2011

The website [Composites World](#) has an article about efforts to include programs about composites in the U.S. educational system. The Windstorm and Wind Blade challenges, which were held last month at UMaine with coordination from the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, were mentioned as examples of programs that expose students to working with composite materials. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Profiles Former UMaine Football Player, Now Dolphins Executive

01 Jun 2011

Brian Gaine, a former UMaine football player who is now the director of player personnel for the Miami Dolphins, was the subject of a profile in the Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle. Gaine, a tight end who played under former coach Kirk Ferentz, recalled enjoying pregame scouting and video work he did to prepare for UMaine games. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Radio Report On Urchin Research

02 Jun 2011

Two researchers at UMaine's Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin were interviewed for a Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio story about work being done to revive the sea urchin industry in Maine. Nick Brown, the director of the center, and Steve Eddy, a station biologist, are examining the economic viability of farm-grown urchins on the market in countries such as Japan, where urchins are considered a delicacy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Units to move to College of NSFA

02 Jun 2011

Effective July 1, the Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the School of Social work will transfer to UMaine's [College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture](#). Earlier this year, the entire School of Economics was united in that same college.

Slagger schedules Native drumming workshop June 11

02 Jun 2011

Ta' pit/David Slagger, a UMaine graduate who earned a master's degree in Maine Studies with a concentration in Wabanaki Studies last month, will present a Native American drum-making workshop at [Hirundo Wildlife Refuge](#) in Alton Saturday June 11, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Slagger, a member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, has served in a variety of roles as a Native American educator and cultural liaison over the past 20 years.

Farmers' market mainstay Roberts dies at 58

02 Jun 2011

Paula Roberts of Swanville, a UMaine alum who was a fixture at the Orono Farmers' Market that is staged on campus, has died at the age of 58. The proprietor of Meadowsweet Farm in Swanville, Robert also served on the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association board of directors. A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday June 4 at the First Church in Belfast, with a reception to follow at the Unitarian Universalist Church in that same town. Several of the Orono market vendors plan to leave early on Saturday to attend the memorial service, so patrons are asked to please shop early.

Wellness Summer Camp Accepting Applications

02 Jun 2011

Strong Mind, Strong Body, a wellness and nutrition summer camp planned for July 11-15 at UMaine, is now accepting applications. The camp is specifically targeted at underserved children in Maine. The camp was founded in 2011 by Roosevelt Boone, a former UMaine football player and current graduate student in UMaine's College of Education and Human Development, and his mother, Alice Boone. Program Director: Roosevelt Boone Email : r.boone36@yahoo.com Phone : (202) 375-8033 Executive Director: Alice Boone Email : aliceb877@aol.com Phone : (202) 498-1936 PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO: attn: SMSB Inc. 20 Godfrey Drive Orono, ME 04473 Fax : (207)581-9393

Economic Development Specialist Singles Out UMaine

03 Jun 2011

In an op-ed piece in the [Bangor Daily News](#), Eastern Maine Development Corp. President Michael Aube lauded UMaine for embarking on development by using traditional sectors of Maine's economy, such as forestry, farming and fishing, to advance energy, composites and aquaculture. Aube also recognized UMaine as the state's premier postgraduate and research institution. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Labor Bureau Director Testifies During Labor Hearings

03 Jun 2011

William Murphy, the director of UMaine's Bureau of Labor Relations, gave testimony Thursday during a hearing at the State House during a hearing of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, according to an Associated Press story. Murphy told the committee that a right-to-work bill it is considering would weaken and

disrupt labor relations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bell elected to association leadership post

03 Jun 2011

Kathleen Bell of the UMaine School of Economics faculty has been elected president-elect of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). NAREA is an organization made up of resource and agricultural economists, and it publishes the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review. While many of its members live in the Northeast U.S. and Canadian Maritimes, NAREA has members from all over the world. More information is on [the association's Web site](#).

James Madison eliminates Black Bears

05 Jun 2011

James Madison University defeated the Maine Black Bears 5-2 on Sunday, eliminating Maine from the NCAA tournament and ending the Black Bears' season. The America East champion Black Bears, who defeated Florida International on Saturday, finish their season at 33-24. Coach Steve Trimper's team won 21 of its last 25 games and qualified for the national tournament for the first time since 2005.

Engineering Alumni, Business Owner Profiled

06 Jun 2011

The [Portland Press Herald profiled](#) Kenneth Priest II, the owner of Augusta-based composites manufacturer Kenway Corp., who graduated from UMaine with a degree in civil engineering. Kenway has worked with UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center on construction projects, including the center's Bridge-in-a-Backpack technology. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lewiston Newspaper Mentions UMaine Literacy Program

06 Jun 2011

In a story about the retiring superintendent of schools for Auburn, the [Lewiston Sun Journal mentioned](#) a partnership between Auburn schools and UMaine to literacy instruction professional development for teachers of students in kindergarten through third grade Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

2011 Summer Music Theatre Festival Featuring 'The Bat'

06 Jun 2011

Contact: Tom Mikotowicz, (207) 581-1965 The University of Maine School of Performing Arts is presenting its second annual Summer Music Theatre Festival with two exciting and gruesome tales to haunt summer nights. Kicking off its 2011 festival June 17 in the Cyrus Pavilion Theatre on the UMaine campus is Mary Roberts Rinehart and James Avery Hopwood's spine-tingling murder mystery "The Bat." It is a story about a small village searching for a stolen fortune and the identity of the illusive "bat," who murders women in the dead of night. No one knows who's responsible for the theft or the murders, but anyone and everyone is a suspect in the heart-pounding thriller. Fans of the long-running British mystery "The Mousetrap" will enjoy this "who done it" predecessor. Written originally in 1920, Rinehart's play was produced as a silent film in 1926, and then revived again in a 1959 version starring Vincent Price and Agnes Moorehead. The Bat is directed by Angela Bonacasa. Performances are June 17, 18, 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m. and June 19 & 26 at 2 p.m. Cyrus Pavilion Theatre is located behind Fogler Library and Winslow Hall. General admission tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students, and are available at the School of Performing Arts [website](#) or at the door. Discounts also are available when purchased at the same time with a ticket for "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," scheduled at Hauck Auditorium Aug. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 7 & 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets for both shows are

\$20, or \$10 for The Bat and \$14 for Sweeney Todd. The UMaine School of Performing Arts' Summer Music Theatre Festival started in 2010, premiering "Hello, Dolly!" and Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." The festival is intended to foster outreach to local communities, offering a unique opportunity for people of all ages to work on professional theatrical productions, while giving university students a chance to further their experience and education, according to Tom Mikotowicz, chair of the SPA Theatre Division.

Oregon Public Radio Includes Researcher In Report

07 Jun 2011

An Oregon Public Radio [feature](#) on algae blooms and their threat to Northwest salmon included UMaine Associate Professor of Marine Sciences Mark Wells, who is a member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's ECOHAB project. The research team is on San Juan Island in Washington State, trying to figure out what causes spikes in the population of heterosigma, a microscopic phytoplankton related to the algae blooms, which is lethal to salmon. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Advance On Summer Music Theatre Festival

07 Jun 2011

UMaine School of Performing Arts' second annual Summer Music Theatre Festival was [advanced in the Bangor Daily News](#). The festival starts June 17 with performances of "The Bat," followed by "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" in August. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Anthropologist In Newspaper Report On Skull

07 Jun 2011

Dr. Marcella Sorg, a UMaine anthropologist who also serves as the state forensic anthropologist, was interviewed for a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about a skull that was found in a gravel pit off Route 1 in Hancock. Sorg, who examined the skull, told the BDN she believes it likely came from an old cemetery, and that it is not unusual to find human bones in a gravel pit, because people often put family plots where it was easy to dig, such as sandy areas that are also gravel-mining sites. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Letter from engineering dean, chairs published

07 Jun 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News includes a [letter-to-the-editor](#) from UMaine College of Engineering Dean Dana Humphrey and the college's four department chairs. Written in response to a news article from last week, the letter expresses support for ongoing UMaine R&D efforts related to offshore wind power technology and other forms of renewable energy.

Newspaper opinion on offshore wind investment

07 Jun 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News [featured an editorial](#) about deepwater offshore wind power technology development in Maine, spearheaded by the UMaine-led [DeepCWind Consortium](#). The editorial references reports noting public discussion about the initiative's potential economic impact and long-term viability. The BDN says that "a little skepticism is healthy" but that the project has appropriate "built-in benchmarks." The editorial provides context relative to technology development through recent history, pointing out that "the DeepCWind project has high potential for ultimately being judged as successful," in part because "a new energy paradigm is imminent."

Bike Path Reconstruction Under Way June 20

07 Jun 2011

As the University of Maine reconstructs the bike path from the campus to Old Town this summer, including phased temporary closures of path sections to accommodate the work, the closure of the first section of the bike path -- from the campus to the Witter Farm Road -- starts Monday, June 20 for approximately 5 weeks. The closure includes all paved areas from the intersection of Gannett Road and Hilltop Road and extends to the Witter Farm Road. During reconstruction, the bike path will be closed to all pedestrian and bicycle traffic to allow the contractor to complete work in this section. Facilities Management asks the public to please respect posted signs and do not use or enter any part of the bike path marked as closed. A signed detour route will maintain the bike path connection from the campus to Old Town. The detour begins at the intersection of Gannett Road and Hilltop Road, goes along Hilltop Road to the Hilltop Parking Lot, and then uses a gravel road through the University forest to the Witter Farm Road. The detour will be clearly signed in both directions to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to continue to use a non-motorized path. University Park residents are encouraged to use College Avenue for pedestrian and bike access to the campus. Upon completion of this phase, additional sections of the bike path will close for periods of 3-5 weeks until the entire project is complete. Detour routes will be provided for these sections where detours are available. The bike path has served the greater campus community for more than 34 years. The reconstruction will essentially replace the bike path in kind, with improvements to restore appropriate grades, drainage, and wearing surface. Funding for the project is being provided by the Maine Department of Transportation and the University of Maine. Questions or comments regarding the project may be directed to Jeffrey T. Aceto, P.E., assistant director of Facilities Management for Construction Administration at (207) 581-2669, or via e-mail to jeffrey.aceto@maine.edu. Contact: Jeffrey T. Aceto, (207) 581-2669

Press Herald offshore wind story

08 Jun 2011

Wednesday's [Portland Press Herald includes a report](#) analyzing issues related to the development of deepwater offshore wind technology in Maine. The story includes a comment from Prof. Habib Dagher, who heads up the UMaine-led [DeepCWind Consortium](#), a group of 35 collaborating organizations working on this extensive R&D effort in the Gulf of Maine. The Press Herald report includes comments from representatives of the LePage administration and industry leaders discussing the technology, its potential and the related challenges. The story also notes that Portland will host EnergyOcean International conference June 14-16. Dagher and his colleagues are scheduled to make a presentation at that conference, scheduled for the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Tuesday June 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Fried Letter Published

08 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News published a letter to the [editor](#) written by UMaine political scientist Amy Fried, about the recent vote by the Maine House to do away with same-day voter registration. Fried wrote in her letter that taking away the ability to register to vote on Election Day is an example of a limitation on voting rights. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine NEW Leadership Program Featured

08 Jun 2011

The Maine NEW Leadership Conference, a program of UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, was featured in the [Bangor Daily News](#). The program, which wrapped up Tuesday, provides leadership development opportunities for female college students in Maine who are interested in becoming politically active. Former State Senator Mary Cathcart, a senior policy associate at the center, was interviewed for the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Trip Leaders Needed for August Welcome Weekend Day of Service

08 Jun 2011

More than 1,500 first-year UMaine students will volunteer at local community organizations Aug. 27, and organizers at the university's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism and First and Second Year Programs are appealing for faculty, staff and students to volunteer to help lead the projects. "Being a trip leader is a great way to get to know incoming students and to share your experiences at the University of Maine," says Lauren Wagner of the Bodwell Center. "Not only will this day help the community, but it will also benefit first year students by engaging them in service and getting to know each other." Last year, approximately 800 students volunteered at more than 40 organizations and logged 2,670 hours. Community members applauded the contributions. "Thank you so much for the wonderful, energetic, good-natured, community-spirited young people you sent our way-and their leaders.... you are keeping Maine Maine," Lucy Quimby, director of Bangor Land Trust, said. Responsibilities of a trip leader include becoming familiar with an organization and its project, keeping student volunteers engaged and motivated during the project, and initiating students in a discussion about the work they have completed. Trip leaders also must attend one training session at the end of July or August. To register to become a trip leader or for more information, contact Lauren Wagner or Lisa Morin at [mailto:Lauren.wagner@umit.maine.edu]Lauren.wagner@umit.maine.edu or lisa.morin@umit.maine.edu, or call 581-1796. Contact: Lauren Wagner or Lisa Morin, 581-1796

UMaine Museums Closed July 4

08 Jun 2011

The University of Maine's Hudson Museum will close over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Saturday, July 2 through Monday, July 4, and will reopen with normal hours Tuesday, July 5. The university's Page Farm and Home Museum will open as usual Saturday, but will close for July 4. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581-1904; Patty Henner, (207) 581-4100

UMaine Art Museum Announces Summer Exhibits

08 Jun 2011

The University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor has announced two summer exhibits opening June 24 through Sept. 24, one an exploration of early photographic processes practiced in the 1840s, and another, a national exhibit of photographs by fine art photographers from around the country, including several from Maine. In an exploration of early photographic processes, "New Dawn Fades: Photography by Thomas Hager" pays homage to, expands upon and re-examines historic practices used by photographers Sir John Herschel and Anna Adkins as he forges a path through new techniques and technology to achieve large-scale images. Hager looks to art history for inspiration. Works by Leonardo da Vinci, Andreas Vesalius and others are layered atop Hager's photographs of various models. At times Hager points the camera on himself, including a haunting self-portrait "Departure," in which the nude torso of the photographer is layered with an anatomical drawing of a skeleton. In "Photo National 2011: A Survey of Contemporary Photography," 76 works by 34 fine art photographers feature a considerable quantity of color images, which underscore the widespread practice of digital photography and archival inkjet printing. Works in a range of styles including historical photographic processes, photo-collage and assemblage, photo-documentary and abstraction are highlighted. Photo-documentary approaches are well represented in the exhibition, as well as the landscape, contemporary portraits and interior spaces. Maine-based photographers represented in the exhibition include Jeffery C. Becton (Deer Isle), Melonie Bennett (Gorham), Leslie Bowman (Prescott), Anne-Claude Cotty (Stonington), Julie K. Gray (South Portland), Sean Alonzo Harris (Portland), Robert Moran (Bar Harbor), Jim Nickelson (Camden), Dianna Rust (Camden), Sarah Sz wajkos (Rockland) and Shoshannah White (Portland). Additional information is available on the UMMA website. Contact: Kathryn Jovanelli, (207) 561-3350

Baseball players get national honor

09 Jun 2011

Black Bear baseball players Troy Black, Alex Calbick and Shaun Coughlin have all been named to the Freshman All-American Team, according to a [Thursday Bangor Daily News report](#). The America East champion Black Bears finished at 33-24 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

UMaine helps Auburn manufacturing company

09 Jun 2011

A Thursday [Lewiston Sun Journal story reports](#) on new technology being implemented at Falcon Performance Footwear in Auburn. The company is investing in custom-built equipment to manufacture toe caps for its boots. The story notes that UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center has played an important role in developing the new process, which the news story says may allow the company to add to its workforce of 54 employees.

Madden Named Director of ADVANCE Rising Tide Center

09 Jun 2011

ORONO, Maine – Mary Madden, University of Maine associate research professor in the Center for Education and Research, has been named the director of UMaine's ADVANCE Rising Tide Center. Madden will serve as the Rising Tide Center's first permanent director. Karen Horton, associate professor of mechanical engineering technology, has been the interim director since the center was founded in fall 2010. The ADVANCE Rising Tide Center was started with a five-year, \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The goals of the center are to increase the number of female faculty members in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, and social and behavioral science (SBS) disciplines; define the practices that attract and support the retention of female faculty, facilitate promotion through the academic ranks and to administrative positions; and provide professional satisfaction. Madden, along with UMaine Associate Professor of Higher Education Leadership Elizabeth Allan, is known nationally for research on hazing in postsecondary institutions and is a co-founder of the UMaine-based National Collaborative for Hazing Research and Prevention. Madden also researches adolescent girls' development and education, gender issues in education, and effectiveness of school-based youth suicide prevention and intervention programs. As director of the ADVANCE Rising Tide Center, Madden will provide day-to-day leadership for the center's programs and collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of co-principal investigators and professional staff members. Susan Hunter, UMaine's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, is a biology professor who serves as the principal investigator on the project. Three other current faculty members co-authored the ADVANCE grant proposal: Amy Fried, associate professor of political science; Susan Gardner, associate professor of higher education; and Horton. Jody Jellison, former professor of molecular plant pathology and director of the School of Biology and Ecology, was also a co-author. Ellie Groden, professor of entomology, has replaced Jellison on the team and chairs the Rising Tide grants committee. The ADVANCE Rising Tide Center recently announced its first round of grants aimed at fostering the professional development of UMaine STEM and SBS female faculty members. Nine grants totaling a combined \$76,455 were awarded to UMaine faculty members in a range of academic fields in one of four granting categories: research seed, leadership development, unit climate award, and climate research award. There were 16 grant applications. Contact: Mary Madden, 207-581-2414, mary.madden@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

UMaine to Host Haskell Conference on Energy, Smart Grid

09 Jun 2011

ORONO, Maine – The University of Maine will host the Haskell/IEEE Conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Wells Conference Center on the UMaine campus. The conference, "Smart Grid: Consumer and Utility Perspectives," is focused on the opportunities, benefits, challenges and visions associated with the addition of new information technology to the power grid, and how these enhancements make the power grid "smart." The event will offer discussions featuring representatives of utility companies including Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Central Maine Power, a state legislator, and researchers in academia and the private sector. The morning session will offer definitions of the Smart Grid and consumer perspectives. The afternoon will focus on the utility perspective. During the morning session John McDonald, the director of technical strategy and policy development for General Electric Energy's Digital Energy business, will offer a talk entitled "National Smart Grid Road Map and Need for Standards." Patty Durand, the executive director of the Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative, will follow McDonald with a talk,

“Consumer Segmentation 101: Creating a Marketing and Education Strategy.” Rep. John Hinck, who is serving his third term in the Maine House of Representatives representing part of the city of Portland and is now House Minority Lead of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, will offer a talk, “Setting Coordinates for a Maine Smart Grid Roadmap.” Mohamad Musavi, the chair of electrical and computer engineering, and Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering, will be among those participants representing UMaine. The conference is designed for industry and state government personnel, students, researchers, consultants, and the public. Participants can receive up to eight Professional Development hours toward the state’s professional engineering educational requirement. The Haskell/IEEE Conference is funded with support from the Haskell Professorship in UMaine’s electrical and computer engineering department and the Maine IEEE Chapter of the Power & Energy Society. Robert N. Haskell graduated from UMaine in 1925 and was the former president and chair of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company. He also served in the Maine House of Representatives and Maine Senate. In 1959, Haskell served as governor for six days after Edmund Muskie resigned to take his seat in the U.S. Senate. For more information about the Haskell/IEEE Conference, call 207-581-2243. Contact: Mohamad Musavi, 207-581-2243 or mohamad.musavi@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Barker set for television appearance

09 Jun 2011

Sharon Barker, director of UMaine's Women's Resource Center, will be a guest on the Thursday June 9 edition of Maine Public Television's "Maine Watch" program. The subject will be issues and programs related to girls and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines. Barker will talk about the National Girls Collaborative Project and other relevant initiatives involving UMaine and its collaborators.

Seal Researcher Comments In Boston Globe

10 Jun 2011

Comments from Jim Gilbert, a UMaine wildlife ecologist who studies seals, were included in a [Boston Globe story](#) about the mysterious recent deaths of five adult gray seals on Cape Cod beaches. The article linked the seals, which were found with gunshot wounds to their heads, to tensions with local fishermen who complain that seals deplete the fish population upon which both depend. Gilbert said Cape Cod is a rare example of gray seals and people living in close proximity to each other. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Massachusetts Bridge Featured In Newspaper

10 Jun 2011

The [Worcester Telegram & Gazette](#) reported on a new bridge under construction in Fitchburg, Mass., which is the first in that state to use the bridge-in-a-backpack technology developed at UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center. Victoria Sheehan, manager of the state's Department of Transportation's Accelerated Bridge Program, said the low maintenance required for the carbon-fiber bridges is a major benefit. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Science Academy Being Linked To UMaine

10 Jun 2011

In a story about changes this fall on the campus of the Goodwill-Hinckley School, Maine Community College System President John Fitzsimmons told Bangor television station WLBZ that Kennebec Valley Community College will start a new two-year Agricultural Science degree on the Hinckley campus, a program which will connect to the agricultural programs at UMaine. The KVCC program is slated to start in 2012. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Haskell Conference To Focus On Smart Grids

10 Jun 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) has an advance on the upcoming Haskell/IEEE Conference, which will feature speakers and presentations about the consumer and utility viewpoints of the Smart Grid. The conference will be held Friday, June 24, at Wells Conference Center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine NEW Leadership Participants Noted

10 Jun 2011

Several students who participated in the Maine NEW Leadership program were noted in a brief in the Kennebec Journal newspaper. Maine NEW Leadership, which is sponsored by UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, seeks to educate and empower young women to become civic leaders.

Powell in MPBN story on students from China

12 Jun 2011

Comments from Richard Powell of the UMaine political science faculty were included in a Friday Maine Public Radio story about a Chinese daily newspaper's recent opinion column criticizing a plan to bring 60 Chinese students to Millinocket's Stearns High School next fall. Powell, who was in China last year as a Fulbright Fellow, notes that the newspaper has wide circulation and that there are "brain drain" concerns in China.

Sunday Telegram previews museum photography exhibits

12 Jun 2011

The June 12 [Maine Sunday Telegram previewed two upcoming photography exhibits](#) at the UMaine Museum of Art in downtown Bangor. "Photo National: 2011: A Survey of Contemporary Photography," featuring the work of 34 photographers, opens at the museum on June 24, along with "New Dawn Fades," photographer Thomas Hager's tribute to processes developed by Sir John Herschel and Anna Atkins.

Kaye comments in story on caregivers

12 Jun 2011

Prof. Len Kaye, director of UMaine's Center on Aging, was quoted in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel feature story about the challenges faced by those providing care for elderly relatives. The story includes perspectives on the support services available for those in such situations, especially in Maine, where the story says that network is "expanding."

News report on Senior Companions celebration

12 Jun 2011

WABI television broadcast a Friday report about an event celebrating the 30th anniversary of UMaine' Cooperative Extension's Senior Companions program. The story includes comments from volunteer Bob Mattingly and from Ann Swain, the program's director.

Kaye Quoted In Article About Caregiver Support

13 Jun 2011

UMaine Center on Aging Director Len Kaye was quoted in the Morning Sentinel about the importance of supporting those who are taking care of aging parents. Kaye said caregivers are known to be more likely to be in poor health with depression, alcohol, and prescription drug issues. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Incoming UMaine Student In Robotics Story

13 Jun 2011

The Waterville Morning Sentinel had a story about the robotics team at Messalonskee High School in Oakland, and included a comment from senior Blake Bourque, a member of the team robotics team. Bourque, who said he is going to start at UMaine this fall with a major in electrical and computer engineering, told the newspaper competing on the robotics team was, for him, an alternative to varsity sports. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former UMaine Employee In Story About New Business

13 Jun 2011

Dennis Stoup, a former cook and baker with UMaine's dining services, has opened a new business in Old Town, according to a [Bangor Daily News story](#). The Daybreak Bakery is located in a former Old Town Canoe retail space. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Alumnus' Mountain Climbing Achievements Featured

13 Jun 2011

UMaine alumnus Silas Rossi, who owns a mountain-climbing guide business called Alpine Logic, was featured in a Bangor Daily News [article](#). Rossi, who last week became the first Maine native to be certified through the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations - the highest professional award for mountaineering and skiing - was introduced to mountain climbing while he was studying parks, recreation and tourism at UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Offshore Wind Power Efforts In Newspaper

13 Jun 2011

New Hampshire's Seacoast Online carried an [opinion piece](#), written by journalist Doug Rooks, about the future of offshore wind in Maine, including the efforts of UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center to develop a wind farm in the Gulf of Maine. Rooks, called Advanced Structures and Composites Center Director Habib Dagher a rare visionary. The web site also carried a [story](#) about a delegation of Russian environmentalists visiting New Hampshire next week who will take part in a public forum about offshore wind energy, where Dagher is scheduled to speak. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Folklife Center Funded for Downeast Seafood Cannery Project

13 Jun 2011

The Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine has received a Maine Humanities Council grant to develop an audio and slide presentation on the history and culture of the now-closed Stinson seafood cannery in Prospect Harbor. "An Oral History of the Prospect Harbor Sardine Cannery" will be presented to the Prospect Harbor community at a reception for former workers at the plant and at events in nearby Eastport and Lubec in early 2012. The project seeks to explore and understand the history and culture of the cannery in the larger context of the Maine's beleaguered herring industry. Staff from the Folklife Center collected initial interviews with cannery workers in April 2010, when the cannery closed, and now can expand the interview and documentation process. The Maine Humanities Council awarded the Folklife Center \$3,000 to offset expenses for the project, slated for completion by April 2012. "Support from the MHC will allow us to collect additional oral histories concerning the Stinson sardine canning plant at Prospect Harbor," says Center Director Pauleena MacDougall. "The cannery was a critical part of the Prospect Harbor-area economy, and its closing is changing the nature of the community. It's important to preserve the memories and stories about life in the cannery, which shaped the character of Prospect Harbor and surrounding towns." Oral histories will be transcribed and

deposited at the Maine Folklife Center, in addition to the Dorcas Library in Prospect Harbor. Interviews and photos generated by the project will be used in community presentations to be scheduled at the Eastport Arts Center and at the Lubec Library. All related events will be open and free to the public. As funds allow, a recording booth will be set up at Eastport and Lubec to gather additional stories about the sardine canning industry, using the Prospect Harbor materials as a catalyst and stimulant for further recollections, MacDougall says. Copies of the complete presentation also will be deposited at the Maine Folklife Center. Contact: Pauleena MacDougall, (207) 581-1848

Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Lands Celebration Scheduled June 15

13 Jun 2011

The Orono Land Trust and the Bangor Land Trust, working for several years with multiple partners and donors, including the University of Maine, have successfully secured the permanent conservation of 2,738 additional acres of working forests, meadows, wetlands and lakeshores in Bangor, Orono and Old Town. They'll celebrate the achievement this week. Most of the acreage comprises working landscapes now open for recreational activities such as hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling in designated areas. On Wednesday, June 15, representatives from the university and collaborating partners will celebrate the conclusion of this phase of the Caribou Bog - Penjajawoc Project by placing new signs at Perch Pond to commemorate the work. Participants in the ceremony, and interested members of the public, will meet in the parking lot by the university Steam Plant at 1 p.m. before driving to Perch Pond. The pond, formerly called Mud Pond, is on Poplar Street, off the Kirkland Road in Stillwater. The expansion project involved extensive work with landowners and developers to protect and connect key land parcels ranging from 43 to 1,100 acres, while also raising \$1.2 million to support the conservation effort and expand protected areas within the corridor. Each parcel has intrinsic habitat and recreation values enhanced by connections to other parcels, providing for larger recreational trail networks and travel corridors for wildlife, proponents say. The additional 2,738 acres brings the total conserved acreage in the corridor to 7,508 acres. Twenty-four organizations, plus private donors, played a role in the expansion. In commemorative remarks Wednesday, cooperating partners will emphasize the forestry, wildlife and recreational value of the conserved property through shared management. The strategic collaboration, says Sally Jacobs, Caribou Bog - Penjajawoc Conservation Committee spokesperson, "will contribute to the long-term success of the corridor as a recreational and wildlife asset for people who reside in the Bangor area or visit here." In addition to the two land trusts, project partners include the University of Maine, the University of Maine Foundation, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Land for Maine's Future Program and the Forest Society of Maine. The expansion is a phase of the original late-1990's vision of the Caribou Bog - Penjajawoc Corridor Project -- to conserve and connect large unbroken blocks of land to provide for recreational trail networks, wildlife habitat, sustainable forestry, water access, traditional outdoor sports, and environmental education and research. A key piece of that was a 1,100-acre donation of land in Old Town to the project, according to Amos Orcutt, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation. The Birmingham family had gifted the land to the Foundation, which, with the family's approval, donated the property to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. "We are grateful to Les and Jo Birmingham of Freeport for their gift of land in the Caribou Bog and for their support of the Foundation (then) deeding the land to the corridor project," Orcutt says. The donation, combined with the university's gift of working-forest conservation easements on three parcels totaling 660 acres within the corridor, leveraged the purchase of the 853-acre Perch Pond Woodlot. The purchase was possible thanks to matching funds from the Land for Maine's Future Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), through the Orono Land Trust. The project was deemed significant enough that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers NAWCA grants, recognized UMaine for its involvement in this and other projects. The Fish and Wildlife Service listed UMaine as its top university land-conservation partner, which played a nationally significant role in NAWCA conservation projects. Contact: Al Kimball, (207) 581-2849; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

New Book Chronicles Somali Experiences in Maine

13 Jun 2011

The Somali Narrative Project, a successful oral history collection collaborative among four University of Maine faculty members with residents of the Lewiston-Auburn area Somali population, has resulted in the publication of a new book

about the experiences of the newly arrived residents in their own words. Edited by Kimberly A. Huisman of the UMaine sociology faculty, Mazie Hough, the associate director of the Women in the Curriculum, and Women's Studies Program, Kristin M. Langellier of the communication and journalism faculty, and Carol Nordstrom Toner, Maine Studies Program director and research associate, the book, *Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents*, is now available in bookstores online and throughout the country. The 400-page paperback containing personal stories, ethnography and reflective essays about the unique cross-cultural interactions and collaborations between Somali refugees and Americans in Lewiston, Maine is published by North Atlantic Books and distributed by Random House. The impetus for the book began with a reader's theater performance by members of the Somali Narrative Project at the American Folk Festival. An editor from North Atlantic Books was in the audience and was so intrigued by what she saw, she proposed combining the voices of scholars and oral histories into a published anthology. *Somalis in Maine* includes pieces by the four editors, along with Somali students and alumni from UMaine, in addition to nationally and internationally known Somali scholars. The interdisciplinary group initially came together in 2004 in response to cultural tensions that arose with the Somalis' mass immigration to Maine. "At the time, there were negative images not only about Somalis, but about Lewiston," Langellier recalls. "We wanted to produce other narratives, in some case counter-narratives to what was readily available." They sought to create "a library of real stories," in one Somali's words. Stories that promoted understanding and improved communication, and that documented that period through narrative. Because oral tradition is essential to Somali culture, storytelling was a natural next step. "The Somalis told us that others didn't understand their language, culture, history and religion," Langellier says. "Also, because generations and children change so quickly in the United States, the elders felt like they were losing their own sense of history. Their children didn't know their history, they didn't know about Somalia or even about immigration." In telling their stories, a contemporary history emerged, and is now chronicled in rich personal revelations about the Somali experience from the community's point of view. Contact: Kimberly A. Huisman, (207) 581-2361; Mazie Hough, (207) 581-122

Sidewalk construction project begins Tuesday

13 Jun 2011

Crews are scheduled to begin construction on a sidewalk project on Tuesday June 14. The work will occur on Sebago Road (the road that runs between Hitchner Hall and Norman Smith Hall). It will require intermittent one-way traffic on Sebago Road. The project should take approximately two weeks to complete.

Sustainable Agriculture Field Day Focuses on Small-Scale Vegetable Production

13 Jun 2011

Contact: Ellen Mallory, 207-581-2942 or ellen.mallory@maine.edu STILLWATER, Maine — The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will hold on Wednesday, June 29, its annual Sustainable Agriculture Field Day for farmers, crop advisors, home gardeners, and others interested in small-scale vegetable production. The free event, which starts at 5 p.m., will take place at the 100-acre Rogers Farm on Bennoch Road in Stillwater. The Rogers Center is part of the J.F. Witter Teaching & Research Center, UMaine's livestock, forage and crops research center. The open house will highlight research on vegetable production for small-scale farms and home gardeners. UMaine agricultural researchers and Cooperative Extension faculty will present field research and information on a variety of topics including season extension, hand tools for weed control, integrated pest management, bagged organic fertilizers, practices to improve potato skin quality, and Extension's Master Gardener program. Speakers include Mark Hutton, Extension vegetable specialist; David Handley, Extension vegetable and small fruit specialist; Eric Gallandt, associate professor of weed ecology and management; Jim Dill, Extension integrated pest management specialist; John Jemison, Extension water quality specialist; Ryan Fahey, graduate student in sustainable agriculture; Kate Garland, Extension horticulture professional; and Ellen Mallory, Extension sustainable agriculture specialist. Participants will receive one pesticide certification credit and two Certified Crop Advisor credits. Registration begins at 4:45 p.m., and events will run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Participants are invited to arrive early to evaluate a variety of hand- and wheel-hoes. UMaine graduate student Ben Costanzi and weed ecologist Eric Gallandt will have their collection of innovative hand tools sharpened and available for hands-on field testing. For more than 90 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land-grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. For more information, contact Ellen Mallory at 207-581-2942 or John Jemison at 207-581-3241.

Directions: The Rogers Farm is located on Route 16, 1.5 miles north of Stillwater. Take exit 193 off Interstate 95 and head east toward Old Town on Stillwater Avenue. At the third set of lights, turn left onto Bennoch Road (Route 16 North). The Rogers Farm is 1.5 miles down Bennoch Road.

UMaine Researchers' Work Cited in Lobster-Deaths Article

14 Jun 2011

An article in the June issue of Fisherman's Voice discusses how research at the University of Maine Lobster Institute and Animal Health Laboratory is helping coastal lobster pound operators determine the best ways to reduce "shrinkage" of the catch through lobster deaths after capture. Some pound owners facing 15-20-percent shrinkage rates have gone out of business, while others struggle. The article mentions researchers Bob Bayer, director of the Lobster Institute, and Debbie Bouchard, Animal Health Laboratory director, and former veterinarian David Basti, now a graduate student in Bouchard's lab. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Newspaper Reports On Officials' Visit To Wind Power Site

14 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News had a [front-page story](#) about a visit Monday to the Monhegan Island site where the UMaine-led DeepCwind consortium will deploy next year the country's first deep-water wind turbine prototype. The group who visited the site included Habib Dagher, director of the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center; Peter Jumars, director of UMaine's School of Marine Sciences, other UMaine researchers and officials, and Christopher Hart, the U.S. Department of Energy's offshore wind manager. Hart is the keynote speaker at this week's EnergyOcean International 2011 conference in Portland. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer, Cain comment in legislature/education reports

14 Jun 2011

Comments from UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer were included a Maine Public Radio report about a story in the Chronicle of Higher Education, which found Maine was ranked second-to-last in percentage of state legislators with at least a bachelor's degree. Brewer said a strong tradition of civic duty pulls in people from all kinds of backgrounds to serve in the Maine legislature, and the low rate reflects the general population's lower-than-average rate of college graduates. The MPBN story and Chronicle report also include comments from Democratic state Rep. Emily Cain, the House minority leader and a UMaine graduate who earned a master's degree at Harvard and is working on a Ph.D. from UMaine. Cain works as the advancement coordinator for UMaine's Honors College and represents the district that includes UMaine's Orono campus and property. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Youth Camp Featured In Newspaper Story

14 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about recent UMaine graduate Roosevelt Boone, a former Black Bear football player, and the youth wellness and nutrition camp he will run next month on the UMaine campus. The Strong Mind, Strong Body camp is free and open to youth in the greater Bangor area whose families meet Department of Health and Human Services income guidelines. For more information about applying for the camp, see a [news release](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Column On UMaine Runner

15 Jun 2011

Portland Press Herald columnist Steve Solloway [wrote](#) about UMaine senior and Bangor native Riley Masters, a standout runner for the Black Bears track and field teams. Masters is competing Friday in the Maine Distance Gala at

Bowdoin College, where he will attempt to become the first Mainer to break 4 minutes in the mile on Maine soil.
Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Jail Garden Program Featured

15 Jun 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal has a [story](#) about a UMaine Cooperative Extension and Maine Harvest for Hunger project at the former Franklin County Detention Center in Farmington, where inmates at the Somerset County Jail in Madison are transported to work a garden plot under the direction of master gardeners including Lauren St. Germaine of Cooperative Extension. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage Of Wind Power Conference

15 Jun 2011

A number of media organizations noted this week's international EnergyOcean Conference in Portland, where UMaine-led technology for developing deepwater off-shore floating wind turbines is among the topics of conversation. Maine Public Radio reported that hundreds of stakeholders from the ocean energy industry are attending the conference. A Bangor Daily News [article](#) about the conference said a team of University of Maine engineers and researchers, including School of Marine Sciences Director Peter Jumars and DeepCwind Project Manager Robert Lindyberg, talked about the DeepCwind Consortium, a partnership between academia and industry that hopes to test the first deep-water offshore wind turbine near Monhegan Island in 2012. Offshore Wind Wire [noted](#) comments made by Christopher Hart of the U.S. Department of Energy about the potential for the floating turbine technology in the U.S. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Changes In Radio Broadcasts For Black Bear Games

15 Jun 2011

WKSQ (94.5 FM) of Ellsworth will join WAEI (AM 910) of Bangor as the new flagship partner for UMaine sports broadcasts under the Blueberry Broadcasting umbrella, according to the [Bangor Daily News](#). WKSQ-FM and WAEI-AM will broadcast all UMaine football and men's hockey games, while WAEI-AM will broadcast men's and women's basketball and baseball games. Black Bear Sports Properties, which is a division of Learfield Sports, has a multimedia partnership with the university to manage its broadcast rights. The new contract is a two-year deal. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report On Extension Funding Of Free Summer Camp For Military Families

15 Jun 2011

The Village Soup website reports that UMaine Cooperative Extension has received funding through the Department of Defense to provide adventure summer camps to teenagers with a family member currently or recently in the service. The only cost for the family will be a \$10 registration fee. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Darling Center Labs Featured In Posting

16 Jun 2011

The website [Working Waterfront](#) posted a story about the dry labs and office space recently built at UMaine's Darling Marine Center in Walpole. The new labs offer space to researchers whose equipment sensitive to sea water previously had to be stored elsewhere. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Peterson Co-Authors Paper On Racing Surfaces

16 Jun 2011

UMaine Libra Foundation Professor of Engineering Michael "Mick" Peterson is the co-author on a white paper released Wednesday about the current state of knowledge pertaining to training and racing surfaces for horse, according to a post on the Handicapper's Edge, a daily racing news website. Peterson, who is quoted in the website's story, is also mentioned as providing important scientific data to the racing community. UMaine graduate student Christie Mahaffey is also listed as a co-author on the paper. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Business Professor Noted On Website

16 Jun 2011

The stocks and investment website [Seeking Alpha](#) mentioned UMaine finance professor Robert Strong in a post about the American Stock Exchange. The post cited a comment Strong made about picking economical puts, which are a type of stock option. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wind Energy Research Mentioned

16 Jun 2011

UMaine's research into deepwater off-shore floating wind technology was mentioned on the [GreenTech Media website](#) in a story about Germany's decision to phase out nuclear power in favor of wind. Department of Energy-sponsored research at UMaine was noted in a list of international wind projects. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Community Volunteers Gather for 2011 Encore Leadership Corps Summit

16 Jun 2011

Community volunteers over the age of 50 are converging on the University of Maine campus June 16-18 for the 2011 Encore Leadership Corps Summit, a longstanding program designed to empower and inform volunteers from throughout the state on ways to serve and improve their communities. ENCorps, administered and coordinated by the UMaine Center on Aging, is a statewide group of age 50-plus individuals engaged in volunteer work to strengthen Maine communities and the environment. The conference is free and people interested in becoming ENCorps are encouraged to attend. Food and lodging during the summit are free to members of the Encore Leadership Corps, and individuals are encouraged to become new members of ENCorps. For registrants who would like lodging, rooms will be available at housing suites on campus. Recognized speakers from across the state and nationally will discuss topics including how to: make communities better places to live; become a successful smart-growth planner; work through the challenges of revitalizing Maine's downtowns; find a volunteer position that is the right fit; network effectively; and understand and resolve conflicts. Participants at the conference also will learn about the volunteer work being done by fellow ENCorps members, in addition to having an opportunity to tour university facilities. Summit visitors can learn about cutting-edge research and service programs at UMaine and tour facilities such as the Advanced Structures and Composites Center and Climate Change Institute, and also learn about the Sustainability Solutions Initiative, and Cooperative Extension. In addition, summit participants will get to take advantage of some of the many activities the university and the town of Orono have to offer, such as the Jordan Planetarium and Orono Bog Boardwalk. Visit the Encore Leadership Corps website at www.encoreleaders.org to view the summit program, register online for the summit or to become a member of the Encore Leadership Corps. Information also is available by calling 207-262-7928. Contact: David C. Wihry or Lenard Kaye, (207) 262-7928

Ocean energy news reports

17 Jun 2011

Friday's [Portland Press Herald includes a story](#) wrapping up the three-day EnergyOcean International conference held this week in Portland. In the story, Ken Fletcher, director of Maine's state energy office pointed out that the state is "fully committed" to the development of energy sources from the ocean. UMaine is leading the DeepCWind

Consortium, a broad-based, collaborative effort working to develop deepwater offshore wind power technology. UMaine researchers are also involved in tidal power projects in Down East Maine. Both those technologies are noted in the report, which includes comments from Peter Vigue, the president of the Pittsfield-based construction company Cianbro. In a similar [Bangor Daily News story](#), Feltcher touts the chance for Maine to capitalize on the associated "development, manufacturing and assembly" opportunities associated with ocean energy technologies. The BDN report also includes Vigue's comments, as well as quotes from UMaine Prof. Habib Dagher, who heads up the DeepCWind Consortium.

Fernandez in news report on federal lab

17 Jun 2011

Comments from Prof. Ivan Fernandez of UMaine's soil sciences faculty are included in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about Sen. Susan Collins' Thursday announcement that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's New England Plant, Soil and Water Laboratory, located at UMaine, will remain open. Fernandez provided perspectives on the value of the work conducted at the lab, which has been in operation for almost 40 years.

Column Looks Back At Carlisle's UMaine Career

17 Jun 2011

A column in the [Bangor Daily News](#) includes comments and reflections from former UMaine men's basketball coach Thomas "Skip" Chappelle, who coached current Dallas Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle when Carlisle was playing for the Black Bears in the late 1970s. The Mavericks won an NBA championship earlier this week under Carlisle, who played at UMaine for two years before transferring to the University of Virginia. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Websites Note Engineer's Contributions To Horse Racing Paper

17 Jun 2011

Two websites included comments from a statement made by UMaine Libra Foundation Professor of Engineering Michael "Mick" Peterson on a white paper released this week about the current state of knowledge of horse training and racing surfaces. The Racing Surfaces White Paper, co-authored by Peterson, was noted by [The Horse](#) and [Horsetalk](#). Also listed as an author is UMaine graduate student Christie Mahaffey, who according to Horsetalk is working on a comparison of clay mineralogy in more than 25 different racing surfaces. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

USDA Plant, Soil, Water Lab at UMaine to Remain Open

17 Jun 2011

U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced Thursday that she has secured a commitment from the White House that the Department of Agriculture's New England Plant, Soil and Water Laboratory (NEPSWL) at the University of Maine will remain open. The determination preserves the jobs of scientists, researchers and support staff who work there. It also preserves research vital to helping Maine potato growers, blueberry producers, dairy farmers and other farmers adapt agricultural practices to best suit regional conditions, in addition to efforts to improve food safety, Collins says in a news release. UMaine plant and soil scientists Eric Gallandt and Ivan Fernandez praised the decision, calling it "absolutely surprising and absolutely fantastic," in Gallandt's words. The USDA had informed employees in March that the Orono lab would close in early July. Collins, a member of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, requested that the department reverse its decision and find funds within his own budget in order to continue research at the lab while Congress finalized the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. She also requested a detailed analysis of the costs and savings associated with closing the facility and transferring employees to other facilities, and called upon the White House to intervene, according to Collins' office. "Despite the fact that the President requested funding for the Orono laboratory -- the only such research lab in New England -- in each of his budgets for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012, the Secretary of Agriculture erroneously labeled the Orono lab as a congressional 'earmark' and slated it for closure," Collins says. "The past several months have been difficult for the lab employees and their families who were told that

they would be transferred to other research facilities around the country, including as far away as North Dakota and Mississippi." The NEPSWL is USDA's only agricultural research lab in the New England region that conducts crop, soil, water, environmental and economic research. The lab generates essential research that helps growers and farmers both adapt agricultural practices to regional conditions and also the implications of climate change for agricultural production in the 21st century, according to Fernandez, professor of soil science and cooperating professor of forest resources at UMaine. "Securing ongoing funding for the USDA NEPSWL is a critically important and positive turn of events," he says. "Strategically situated on the campus of the University of Maine, the land grant institution for the state of Maine, the USDA NEPSWL has been an important partner with the university in meeting the research and outreach needs of the agriculture industry for nearly four decades." The partnership is even more valuable because of the co-location of the USDA facility with the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension and the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, he says. "In addition, the threat of elimination of the USDA NEPSWL seemed even more of a loss because the laboratory has perhaps never been stronger in both its cohort of scientists and its programs in support of the potato, blueberry and other agricultural commodities in Maine," Fernandez adds. Contact: Ivan Fernandez, (207) 581-2932; Eric Gallandt, (207) 581-2933

Presentation on Autism Behavior Challenges Planned

17 Jun 2011

Parents of children with autistic spectrum disorders are invited to a free public presentation by a leading authority on the subject who currently is a visiting professor at the University of Maine. "Twenty Practical Tips for Addressing Behavior Challenges," an address by professor Cathy Pratt, director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism and the Mark R. Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor at UMaine for 2011-2012, takes place Tuesday, June 28, 6-8 p.m. at the Wells Conference Center, Room 2 on the Orono campus. "Individuals on the autism spectrum who engage in problematic behaviors present a tremendous challenge to all involved," says a statement from the UMaine College of Education and Human Development, which is sponsoring the event. "This presentation will discuss common issues faced by parents and other caregivers, describe the assessment process, present crisis management strategies, and focus on teaching alternative behaviors to ensure long term behavioral change. Strategies associated with ABA also will be described." Pratt, director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University, presents internationally, and serves on the board of the national Autism Society. She has been a teacher of children across the autistic spectrum and most recently became a board-certified behavior analyst. For more information, contact Walter Harris at University of Maine at (207) 581-2467, or by email at wharris@maine.edu. No RSVP is necessary. The presentation will be streamed by video to a site at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, 206 Folsom Hall, and also to Room 211, Wishcamper Center at the University of Southern Maine, located off Bedford St., Portland. Contact: Walter Harris, (207) 581-2467

Thiagarajan Named to Correll Presidential Chair in Energy

17 Jun 2011

The University of Maine will bolster its research efforts in offshore wind and tidal energy with the appointment of Krish P. Thiagarajan as the first Alston D. and Ada Lee Correll Presidential Chair in Energy. Thiagarajan, who will also have the title of professor of mechanical engineering, is currently a professor at the University of Western Australia in Perth, where he researches the hydrodynamics of floating structures. He is expected to arrive on campus in August. The appointment is reported in the [June 20 Bangor Daily News](#). "Dr. Thiagarajan brings critical expertise in design of floating structures," says UMaine College of Engineering Dean Dana Humphrey. "This is critical to UMaine's efforts in offshore wind and tidal power, as well as to many Maine companies that design structures and vessels for the marine environment." Thiagarajan has also served as the program leader for the University of Western Australia's Offshore and Subsea Facilities Research Program. Other experience in his field includes visiting research specialist at CSO Aker Engineering in Houston and regional manager for Australian Maritime Engineering CRC, Ltd. He has more than 80 refereed journal and conference publications. He has degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology, Memorial University in Canada, and a Ph.D. in naval architecture and marine engineering from the University of Michigan. The Correll Chair was funded by a \$2 million gift from Alston D. "Pete" and Ada Lee Correll, who resided in Old Town, Maine, where Ada Correll taught middle school and Pete Correll completed UMaine masters degrees in chemical

engineering and pulp and paper technology in 1966 and 1967. He went on to become one of the most respected paper executives in the country, and recently retired as chairman and CEO of Georgia Pacific. Pete Correll now heads Atlanta Equity, a Georgia-based venture capital firm that works with mid-size businesses. In 2008 the Corrells were named Philanthropists of the Year by the Atlanta chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals. Contact: Dana Humphrey, 207-581-2216 or dana.humphrey@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Political Scientist Comments In Story On Recalls

17 Jun 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer was quoted in a [Bangor Daily News](#) story about Maine Gov. Paul LePage's use of recalls to make comments or changes on bills after they pass. LePage has been recalling bills at a higher rate than his predecessor, according to the story. Brewer said the lack of push-back by the legislature, not LePage's actions, have been surprising. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report On Alumni's Donation To Cancer Center

17 Jun 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) has an article about George Davis Carlisle, a UMaine graduate who recently donated \$500,000 to Eastern Maine Medical Center's CancerCare of Maine program, which is located in Brewer. Carlisle earned a forestry degree from UMaine and went on to work at Prentiss & Carlisle land management company, a family business of which he became president in 1967. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brian Lenfest 1956-2011

19 Jun 2011

Brian Lenfest, a 25-year UMaine staff member who most recently worked as a textbook buyer, died on June 13 at the age of 54. An Old Town High School and Eastern Maine Technical College graduate, Brian lived in Glenburn. He is survived by his wife, Laura, his daughter, Caleigh, and several other family members. Gifts in Brian Lenfest's memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. More information is in a [Bangor Daily News](#) obituary.

News report features business student Hathaway

19 Jun 2011

A [Bangor Daily News](#) story profiles Rachel Hathaway, a UMaine student who will graduate in December with a degree in business and economics. The 36-year-old Millinocket native is in Bangladesh, working to help the poor by applying her business expertise through microfinancing. "Microloans," often less than \$500, provide Third World entrepreneurs with opportunities to escape severe poverty.

Autism/behavior challenges presentation previewed

19 Jun 2011

A Tuesday June 28 presentation, "Twenty Tips for Addressing Behavior Challenges," is previewed in a [Bangor Daily News](#) story featuring autism expert Cathy Pratt. Pratt, who will be UMaine's Mark R. Shibles Visiting Professor during the 2011-2012 academic year, is director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at Indiana University's Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. The [June 28 presentation](#) is scheduled for 6 p.m. at UMaine's Wells Conference Center.

Correll Chair Hire Story

20 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News ran a [story](#) about the announcement of the hiring of Krish Thiagarajan, a University of Western Australia professor who will be UMaine's first Alston D. and Ada Lee Correll Presidential Chair in Energy. Thiagarajan, who is expected to arrive on the UMaine campus in August, is an expert in the design of floating structures. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Economist Comments On Gold Prices

20 Jun 2011

Comments from Adrienne Kearney, a UMaine associate professor of economics, were included in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel story about the rising cost of silver and the already high price of gold. Kearney told the newspaper the futures market expects the cost of gold to continue rising slightly between now and 2012. Gold is attractive to investors now, she added, because long-term real interest rates are historically low. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cooperative Extension Partners In Advance

20 Jun 2011

An article in the Bangor Daily News [advancing](#) Thursday's Maine Grass Farmers Network pasture walk mentions the network's cooperative relationship with UMaine Cooperative Extension and other groups to provide education and marketing opportunities for producers of pasture-raised livestock. The story also mentions pasture walk host farm W.R. Sherburne and Sons Inc., of Dexter, whose owners have participated in Extension research on bread wheat production. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report Has Blodgett Going to Rhode Island

20 Jun 2011

The Portland Press Herald [reported](#) Monday Cindy Blodgett, the former UMaine basketball star player who coached the Black Bears for four years, has been hired as an assistant coach at the University of Rhode Island. Joanne P. McCallie, a Brunswick native who coached Blodgett at UMaine and was in Maine this weekend to visit family and speak at a banquet, told the newspaper she had spoken recently with Blodgett and is confident Blodgett will get a fresh start at URI. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Strawberry Specialist Says 2011 Crop Seasonally on Track

20 Jun 2011

MONMOUTH -- One of the most delightful harbingers of summer is at hand with strawberry season beginning in Maine. University of Maine Cooperative Extension strawberry specialist David Handley is available to provide an update on where strawberries are ripening around the state, the condition of the crop and best handling advice. Handley, a vegetable and small fruit specialist at Highmoor Farm in Monmouth, reports that some southern Maine commercial farms are expected to open this week and others further north will soon follow. He says the 2011 season is progressing normally. The harvest begins in southern areas of the state in late June, typically, and berries ripen in central and more northern areas around the first week or two in July, even later in Aroostook County. Pests so far have not been problematic, according to Handley, although growers remain on guard for slugs, sap beetles and birds. Handley discusses proper picking and handling methods in an Extension [video](#) for consumers. In addition, an Extension video featuring Extension educator Kathy Savoie in the Portland office is featured in a [video](#) about making strawberry jam and jelly. Handley can be reached at (207) 933-2100 or by email at david.handley@maine.edu for details. Savoie can be reached at (207) 780-4205 to discuss canning fruit and other fresh garden produce. Contact: David Handley, (207) 933-2100; Kathy Savoie, (207) 780-4205

Propane gas flaring at Jenness Hall

20 Jun 2011

Facilities crews and the Orono Fire Department will be flaring propane gas for most of this week outside Jenness Hall. Passers-by will notice the flame associated with this process, necessary to empty an obsolete underground propane tank on the building's north side. A fire truck will be standing by at all times. A damaged valve removed the possibility of emptying the gas in liquid form. The flaring is scheduled for approximately 7 a.m.-4 p.m. each day until the tank is empty.

Scallop aquaculture focus of July 7 Belfast presentation

20 Jun 2011

The top quality and premium price of Maine sea scallops has some people interested in starting a cultured scallop industry in Maine. On Thursday, July 7 in Belfast, Dana Morse will present information on the advancing technology of scallop aquaculture to shellfish producers, chefs, fishermen, and others. Morse, who has visited scallop farms in Canada and Japan, will present details of various scallop production methods, market information, and business models. Morse also will review the techniques and results from scallop culturing efforts in Maine since 1999, when Maine fishermen began experimenting with enhancing wild stocks of scallops by collecting juvenile scallop seed or "spat." "Maine's waters have been very productive in terms of the number of scallops that can efficiently be collected," said Morse, a marine extension associate with Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension. "With the seafood industry looking for opportunities to diversify, shellfish aquaculture presents unique opportunities as well as challenges." The presentation begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center in Belfast. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the free discussion, but registration is requested. To RSVP, please call 207.563.3146 x205, or email dana.morse@maine.edu. For more information, visit the Maine Sea Grant Web site. June 20, 2011 Contact [Dana Morse](#) (207) 563-3146 x205

Maine Preservation honors UMaine, others

20 Jun 2011

The University of Maine was recognized on June 9 for the renovation and restoration of Coburn Hall, a building of historical significance that had fallen into disrepair. Maine Preservation, a statewide nonprofit organization that works to promote historic preservation, presented the award at the organization's June 9 Honor Awards event in Lewiston. Executive Director of Facilities, Real Estate and Planning Elaine Clark accepted the award on behalf of the university. Coburn Hall was built in 1888 and designed by Frank E. Kidder, a graduate of the university. In the fall of 2006, the occupants were moved because of the building's condition. Nickerson & O'Day, along with WBRC Architects and Engineers, collaborated with UMaine to restore the brick façade, damaged windows, slate roof and other important features. The 2011 Maine Preservation Honor Awards recipients included property owners, architects, contractors, craft specialists and others connected to the restoration and rehabilitation of Coburn Hall and several other Maine properties: Baxter Library in Portland, the Brown Library and Longfellow Garden at the Maine Historical Society in Portland, Gilman Place/Gilman Street School in Waterville, Littlefield School in West Bath, the Mill at Saco Falls/Laconia Mill in Biddeford. There is also a UMaine connection to Baxter Library, donated to the city by six-term mayor James P. Baxter in 1883. The building has been repurposed by Northland Enterprises, LLC to serve as office space for the Via Agency, a marketing agency founded and owned by John Coleman, a UMaine graduate who serves on the university's Board of Visitors. Four Maine artisans associated with various historic trades were also honored. They are Ben Coombs, Norm Faucher, Robin Neely and Arron Sturgis, all commissioned by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to work on the museum's Brown-Pearl Hall. Neely, of Westbrook, fabricated windows with glass made by Coombs, a glassblower from Portland. Sturgis, of Berwick, employed his timber framing skills to rebuild antique frames that exemplified mortise and tenon construction. Faucher, who lives in North Lebanon, forged rosehead nails to be used in the timber framing construction. With 24 privately developed projects investing \$135 million using Maine Historic Preservation Tax Credits since 2008, historic preservation projects are helping boost the economy and the real estate industry throughout the state, according to Maine Preservation. *June 20, 2011 Contact: Greg Paxton, Maine*

Student honored for essay about math instructor

21 Jun 2011

Anthropology major Siobhan McCue of Camden has received honorable mention in the undergraduate category of the 2011 Association for Women in Mathematics Essay Contest. McCue wrote an essay about UMaine mathematics instructor Jennifer Tyne titled, "For the Love of Math." McCue took MAT 101 – The Nature and Language of Mathematics in the Fall 2010 semester at the Hutchinson Center and was inspired by how Tyne's teaching methods made complex ideas simple and understandable. The annual essay contest, cosponsored by Math for America, focuses on biographies of contemporary women in mathematics to increase awareness of their contributions to the field. The contest is open to college undergraduates as well as high school and middle school students. [The winning essays by McCue and other students are online.](#)

Coverage Of Blodgett Hiring At URI

21 Jun 2011

There was media coverage Tuesday of the news that former UMaine basketball star Cindy Blodgett, who had coached the Black Bears the last four years, has been hired to be an assistant coach at Rhode Island. The Lewiston Sun Journal had a [story](#) Tuesday, as did both Bangor television station WABI and Portland station WGME. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Media Note UMaine Date With UConn

21 Jun 2011

Several media outlets, including the [Portland Press Herald](#) covered Monday's announcement that the UMaine men's basketball team will face defending national champion UConn in a Nov. 17 game. The Bangor Daily News also had a [story](#). Several newspaper websites across the country, such as the Beaumont Enterprise in Texas, ran an Associated Press story about the game. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Dagher Mentioned in Seacoast Online Article

21 Jun 2011

Habib Dagher, director of UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was mentioned in a Seacoast Online [article](#). The story noted a forum held Monday night in Portsmouth by the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, where Dagher spoke about Maine's advances in deepwater offshore wind energy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hicks Gallery Show Previewed

21 Jun 2011

The weekly Village Soup newspaper has on its website a story about a new art exhibited curated by Laurie Hicks, a UMaine art professor and curator of the Lord Hall Gallery on campus, for River Arts, a gallery in Damariscotta. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

McConnon Comments in Computer Games Article

21 Jun 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics Jim McConnon was interviewed for a Bangor Daily News feature [article](#) about a Caribou man who has carved out a niche in the computer games world.

McConnon says Christopher York's success is a sign of the expansion and penetration of broadband into rural parts of Maine, combined with new opportunities for Maine entrepreneurs to take advantage of larger markets with innovative business ideas. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Mayewski talk scheduled for Friday broadcast

21 Jun 2011

"Climate Change and the Role of Humans," a talk by Prof. Paul Mayewski, director of UMaine's [Climate Change Institute](#), will be broadcast on Maine Public Radio's "Speaking in Maine" program Friday June 24 at 1 p.m. Mayewski gave the talk on March 31 at UMaine's [Collins Center for the Arts](#). It was presented by the Climate Change Institute and [Hudson Museum](#).

Report On Sports Hall Of Fame Inductees

22 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about the recently announced class of UMaine Sports Hall of Fame inductees. Some of the inductees include former UMaine hockey player Jimmy Howard, basketball captain and benefactor Dick Collins, and women's soccer great Linda Consolante-Hathorn. The induction ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 30. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wind Consortium, Lab Featured On Websites

22 Jun 2011

The website Renewable Energy World has a [story](#) about the efforts of the UMaine-led DeepCwind Consortium, which is seeking to develop floating offshore wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine. The story mentioned the recent EnergyOcean International 2011 conference, where Department of Energy Offshore Wind Manager Christopher Hart expressed enthusiasm for the consortium. The story also mentioned the new offshore wind lab set to open this fall on the UMaine campus. The Bangor Daily News [noted](#) the architectural and engineering firm WBRC has won an award from the Maine Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute for its design of the new laboratory. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Graduate Elected To AMA Board

22 Jun 2011

A news release from the [American Medical Association](#) noted UMaine graduate Georgia Tuttle, the mayor of the City of Lebanon, N.H., and a practicing dermatologist, has been elected to the AMA's national Board of Trustees. Tuttle earned a bachelor's degree from UMaine in 1976 and attended the Tufts University School of Medicine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage Of War Poster Project

22 Jun 2011

Several media outlets were at the Bangor Public Library Tuesday to report on a collaboration between the library and UMaine's Fogler Library to digitize around 800 posters from World War I and II that are currently in the Bangor Public Library's collection. The Bangor Daily News [noted](#) that Eugene Daigle, a Fogler Library employee and his wife, Barbara, are funding the digitization project. Bangor television stations WABI and WLBZ broadcast stories, as did WVII. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Small Fruit Specialist Expert Interviewed About Strawberries

22 Jun 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension Specialist David Handley was interviewed for a Portland Press Herald [story](#) about the upcoming strawberry crop. Handley said the strawberry plants are where they should be in terms of flower development and plant health. He added there have been few strawberry-eating insects this year. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Mentioned In Composite Bridge Story

22 Jun 2011

Portland television station WCSH reported on a new composite bridge in Boothbay, noting UMaine's contributions. The composite beams for the Knickerbocker Bridge, which at 540 feet is the largest composite bridge in the world, were tested at UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Teacher Workshop Goal to Improve Science Classes

22 Jun 2011

Contact: Michael Wittmann, (207) 581-1237 In an effort to improve and strengthen science teaching in Maine middle and high schools, the University of Maine is organizing the first Summer Academy of the Maine Physical Sciences Partnership June 27-July 1. The academy is supported by a National Science Foundation grant enabling the partnership, and takes place at the Schoodic Education and Research Center on Schoodic Peninsula on the Maine coast. It provides a weeklong opportunity for middle and high school teachers to get together with resource coordinators, teaching partners from the University of Maine and others to learn new ways to make science interesting and meaningful for students, says Michael Wittmann, associate professor of physics and the main planner for the event. "Next year, a group of middle school science teachers in Penobscot, Waldo and Hancock counties will be teaching with high quality materials that improve students' understanding of science," Wittmann says. "We'll mostly be helping participants work through new materials. We'll also talk about how to integrate teaching and learning activities across grades 6-9. We're working toward a professional teacher community bound together by common experiences and interests." More than 70 people, including curriculum developers and trainers from publishers whose work will be used, are registered.

Theater Professor In Festival Preview

23 Jun 2011

The Maine Edge weekly newspaper mentioned UMaine theater professor Marcia Douglas' involvement in the Penobscot Theatre Company's Northern Writes New Play Festival, which opened this week. Douglas is acting and directing in the festival, which is in its fifth year. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sociology Student In Report On Teen Foster Care Conference

23 Jun 2011

A Bangor Daily News [story](#) about Wednesday's Teen Conference for Youth in Care, which was held at UMaine, noted that UMaine student Shannon Johnson of Limington was one of the emcees for the conference that highlighted teenagers in foster care. Johnson, who is studying sociology and legal studies, said teens aging out of foster care should be encouraged to advocate with the system to continue to protect the interests of children in foster care. Maine Gov. Paul LePage, who himself was in the foster system as a teenager, spoke at the conference. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Strawberry Expert Featured

23 Jun 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension vegetable and small fruit Specialist David Handley was featured in a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about the impending strawberry season. Handley has been quoted this week in several news reports about this year's crop, which he says should be strong, with good quality, size and number of berries. Handley also appears on the BDN website in a UMaine-produced video about picking strawberries. The video is also available on UMaine's YouTube [website](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report On 4-H Camp's Solar Panels

23 Jun 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal [reported](#) on the installation of solar panels at UMaine Cooperative Extensions's 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. The panels were installed on the roof of the year-round Lakeside Classroom building at the camp, which seeks to strengthen children's relationship to the natural world. More information about the camp can be found [here](#).

Psychology Ph.D. alumni survey results

24 Jun 2011

A new survey of alumni of the University of Maine's largest Ph.D. program — clinical psychology — finds more than 95 percent are licensed practitioners and most are researchers. The majority of those who graduated between 1995 and 2010 live in the Northeast and nearly 67 percent are involved in grant-supported research. "These survey results provide further validation of our graduate training efforts and fact that we have established a real center of excellence here at the university," says Doug Nangle, professor and director of clinical training in the UMaine Department of Psychology. "Excelling in both practice and research, our graduates are impacting the mental health profession in Maine and beyond." At UMaine, clinical psychology has the fastest time-to-degree and lowest attrition rates among doctoral programs, Nangle says. National studies rank the program among the very best in terms of student scores on the profession's licensing examination and placement rates for highly competitive predoctoral clinical internships. The survey of the 54 doctoral students who graduated from the program in the past 15 years was conducted as part of an accreditation review by the American Psychological Association. In 1968, the first Ph.D. student graduated from UMaine's Department of Psychology, which is recognized nationally for its scientist-practitioner doctoral program. Since then, more than 150 doctoral students have received their degrees in clinical psychology. Of the 54 doctoral students who graduated from the program between 1995 and 2010, 48 responded to the survey. Among the findings of the survey: Nearly 58 percent of the graduates live in the Northeast, and nine of them live in Maine. More than 95 percent who applied have received licensure. Particularly impressive in the current economic climate, 100 percent were employed in the profession. Clinical psychologist was the most frequently endorsed job title (19 of them), followed by professor (12), postdoctoral fellow (6) and research/scientific director (5). Consistent with the program's scientist-practitioner training model, respondents said they spent most of their professional time in clinical service and research. Within the five-year period preceding the survey, more than 77 percent had published research and nearly 67 percent had been involved in grant-supported research. The alumni viewed assessment and research training, faculty openness and role modeling, and presentation opportunities as particular strengths of UMaine's program.

Food Scientist Interviewed for Snacking Article

24 Jun 2011

A reporter for the online health magazine WebMD interviewed Mary Ellen Camire, professor of food science and human nutrition at UMaine, for [an article in today's edition](#) about whether snacking is healthy. Camire says one person's snack could be the same as a meal for another, depending on the snack. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Bangor Daily News Features New Art Museum Exhibits

24 Jun 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) today featured the newest exhibits at the University of Maine Museum of Art in Bangor, which

include a national exhibit showcasing contemporary fine art photography. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Extension's Drummond Interviewed for Bees Article

24 Jun 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and bee specialist Frank Drummond was interviewed for an article in the [Bangor Daily News](#) about Maine's recovering honey and bumble bee populations. Drummond discussed research he is doing in Jonesboro to determine how bees used to pollinate blueberry fields are affected by different pesticides. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Wind power opinion column in Sunday Telegram

26 Jun 2011

The June 26 Maine Sunday Telegram includes an [opinion column](#), "Offshore wind has role in Maine's future," written by UMaine School of Economics Prof. Mario Teisl, in collaboration with his faculty colleagues Caroline Noblet, Shannon McCoy and Gary Hunt.

Bolton in Good Shepherd Food Bank story

26 Jun 2011

Comments from UMaine Cooperative Extension food safety specialist Jason Bolton are included in a [Lewiston Sun Journal story](#) about Maine's Good Shepherd Food Bank. As it turns 30 years old, Good Shepherd Food Bank is evolving in its work to meet the needs of Mainers. One possibility is an investment in food processing equipment for use in its Mainers Feeding Mainers program.

Rice comments in Old Town mill story

26 Jun 2011

Prof. Robert Rice of the UMaine School of Forest Resources provided comment for a [Saturday Bangor Daily News story](#) looking at current operations at the Old Town Fuel and Fiber Mill. The story points out that the mill is processing pulp at historically high levels, while also extracting byproducts and testing them in a biorefinery.

Front-page story features UMaine bee research

26 Jun 2011

A Saturday front-page [Bangor Daily News story](#) described a Washington County-based UMaine bumblebee research project headed up by Prof. Frank Drummond. The project aims to help rebuild bee populations that have suffered recent declines. Researchers are studying the bees and working to develop pesticide protocols that will not harm them.

Mayewski talk available online

26 Jun 2011

Maine Public Radio has posted online a recording of UMaine Prof. Paul Mayewski's March talk, "Climate Change and the Role of Humans." The statewide network broadcast the talk last Friday. Mayewski is director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute.

Newspaper story on sea lamprey research

26 Jun 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News [featured a story](#) about UMaine research involving Prof. Steve Coghlan, a freshwater fisheries ecology expert, graduate student Rob Hogg and their colleagues. Based at a site on Brewer's Sedgeunkedunk Stream, the researchers are studying sea lamprey and their impact on stream ecosystems.

Musavi in energy conference story

26 Jun 2011

Comments from Prof. Mohamed Musavi of UMaine's electrical and computer engineering faculty were included in a [Bangor Daily News report](#) on Friday's Haskell Energy Conference, hosted by UMaine at Wells Conference Center. Some 150 people attended the conference, which focused on "smart grid" issues and energy consumption.

Food Preservation Workshops Announced

27 Jun 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal [announced](#) upcoming food preservation workshops in Lisbon Falls, Mexico and Farmington. UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Barbara Murphy said the workshops have become more popular recently as interest in food preservation has grown. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Policy Center Survey Noted In Editorial

27 Jun 2011

A Bangor Daily News [editorial](#) about the proposition of a Maine Woods National Park noted the results of a survey conducted by the UMaine-based Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy. The survey, conducted among residents and business owners in Piscataquis County, found among other results that most respondents would like their town to become a tourism destination, but most said tourism doesn't provide the kind of jobs needed in the region. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bird Biologist Comments In Story

27 Jun 2011

Comments from Rebecca Holberton, a UMaine associate professor of biology, were included in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel story about the BioDiversity Research Institute, a Maine-based center known for its research on environmental threats to birds and other wildlife. Holberton, who leads the Northeast Regional Migration Monitoring Network and collaborates with BRI, commented on the work the institute has done and said its work with mercury has added a huge resources. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fogler Library offers texting service

28 Jun 2011

UMaine's Fogler Library is offering anew "text a librarian" service. To reach a reference librarian through this service, text BEAR to 66746. Reference librarians are also reachable through Fogler Library's online ["Ask a Librarian" service](#).

Student Comment In Strawberry Festival Story

28 Jun 2011

A [story](#) in Foster's Daily Democrat newspaper of New Hampshire about the long-running South Berwick Strawberry Festival included a comment from UMaine student Andrew Leitz, who volunteered to work at the festival. He told the newspaper he was home from UMaine for the summer and was looking for something fun to do. Contact: Jessica Bloch,

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Website Notes Energy Conference

28 Jun 2011

The website Smartmeters has an item about last week's Haskell/IEEE Energy Conference, which was held at UMaine and included representatives from UMaine who discussed the benefits, opportunities and challenges of the smart grid and energy conservation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Biofuel Research Highlighted In Article

28 Jun 2011

A MaineBiz article about the future prospects of Old Town Fuel & Fiber included several references to biofuels research being performed by UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative. FBRI's work several years ago on cellulosic ethanol was mentioned, as was more recent research into biobutanol, which could be a \$5 billion industry, according to the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Researcher Comments On Wind Power

28 Jun 2011

Linda Ilse, a research assistant professor of wildlife ecology at UMaine, appeared in a Bangor Daily News photograph that went with a Tuesday morning [story](#) about a wind turbine project in the Katahdin area. Ilse told the newspaper she supports wind power, but she is concerned about the impacts on the landscape and on wildlife. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Black Bear Football Team Hosting 7-On-7 Tournament

29 Jun 2011

The UMaine football team announced it will host on July 30 a 7-on-7 football tournament for high school teams, according to a news report on Bangor television station WABI. The report included comments from Coach Jack Cosgrove, who said the goal is to expose students in southern Maine to the UMaine campus and facilities while also identifying possible recruits. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report On Wind Power Ruling

29 Jun 2011

The Village Soup website reported a Superior Court judge rejected arguments by an environmental activist that the state had failed to meet laws and guidelines in its selection of a site off Monhegan Island for a demonstration wind power project, in which UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center is involved. The UMaine-led DeepCwind Consortium will test a scale model of a floating offshore wind turbine next summer at the Monhegan site. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Planetarium Shows Previewed

29 Jun 2011

The upcoming shows at UMaine's Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium were [previewed](#) in The Weekly. Planetarium shows will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday and throughout July and August. For a complete schedule of shows, go to www.galaxymaine.com. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Athlete GPA In News Story

29 Jun 2011

The Bangor Daily News had a [story](#) about UMaine's ranking in the 2010-11 America East Academic Cup, which is presented to the America East institution whose student-athletes post the highest grade point averages during that academic year. UMaine (3.11) was one of six schools with a GPA of 3.00 or better, and the Black Bear women's cross country team earned the Academic Cup for that sport with a 3.60 grade point average. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Engineering Program Announcement

29 Jun 2011

Several news outlets, including the Portland Press Herald [covered](#) the announcement that the Southern Maine Community College campuses in South Portland and Brunswick will begin this fall to offer a pre-engineering program, part of a collaboration with UMaine that allows students to continue on and receive bachelor's and master's degrees. The Bangor Daily News ran an Associated Press version of the [story](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Receives National Climate Leadership Award

29 Jun 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine has received a prestigious national environmental leadership award for its achievement in promoting, researching and teaching green energy and sustainability as part of a 670-institution consortium devoted to reducing carbon emissions and aggressively promoting energy efficiency. Out of the 670 colleges and universities, UMaine was selected as one of just three winners of the Second Nature Climate Leadership Award in the doctorate degree-granting university category. Award recipients in five institutional categories were honored June 23 at the 5th Annual American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Summit at George Washington University. The award recognizes the university's work, progress and commitment to creating a low-carbon future with UMaine constituents and the public. In the award nomination form, Misa Saros, UMaine sustainability adviser, noted the campus-wide commitment among faculty, staff, administrators and students to the mission of the university's Sustainability Alliance. The alliance has been responsible for the UMaine climate action plan and the sustainability-focused campus master [plan](#). "This award means a lot to the university," says Elaine Clark, UMaine executive director of facilities, real estate and planning. "It really means a lot to know that our efforts have paid off and have been recognized." The University of Maine stood out not only because of its sustainability initiatives, she adds, "but what set us head and shoulders above the others was renewable energy research and academic courses directed to environmental stewardship. We're going to have majors and minors in renewable energy." Three of those minors are open to student enrollment this fall. Vice President for Administration and Finance Janet Waldron, who has initiated many of the energy-reducing strategies recommended by UMaine's Energy Team, credits efforts by UMaine employees and students for much of the progress, which has resulted in reducing energy expenses through cost-cutting sustainability decisions. Since 2005, the university has reduced its carbon footprint by more than 16 percent by modifying physical operations and energy infrastructure. Plans are to reduce the footprint to zero by 2040. Recipients of the Climate Leadership Awards for Excellence at Signatory Institutions of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment "provide wonderful stories and examples of how higher education is shifting behaviors on campus and within communities to make a low-carbon economy possible," according to Second Nature, which organizes ACUPCC functions. "We want to share with the entire ACUPCC network and general public the best of the best examples of how ACUPCC signatories are moving society to a sustainable future." Cited examples illustrating the university's leadership include the creation of several new graduate programs that provide opportunities for UMaine students to become environmental leaders; an infusion of \$50 million from external sources to create solutions to Maine's environmental problems through the [Maine Sustainability Solutions Initiative](#); and work by UMaine Climate Change Institute scientists to foster a better understanding of climate change. In addition, Second Nature noted the university's development of new technologies -- offshore wind energy research at the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, forest biofuel developments through UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, among them -

- that will catalyze changes in the state's renewable energy industry. "UMaine's innovative academic programs in renewable energy and the environment, coupled with state-of-the-art research initiatives in climate change, land use impacts, offshore wind and forest bioproducts, give our students the opportunity for hands-on learning in issues confronting modern society," UMaine Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Susan Hunter says. "We are confident that these programs, along with our student innovation center, will create a dynamic community of learners focused on renewable energy, sustainability and innovation." Outgoing UMaine President Robert Kennedy in 2007 became one of the founding signatories of the ACUPCC, pledging to conduct an annual inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions; implement immediate "tangible actions" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; develop a customized Climate Action Plan to reach climate neutrality in operations; make sustainability a part of the educational experience for students; and to make periodic progress reports publicly available to facilitate and accelerate progress for fellow institutions and society. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

New Webinar Helps Merchants Attract Cruise Line, Day-Tripping Tourists

29 Jun 2011

Tourism officials in Maine expect more than 270,000 cruise ship passengers will visit Maine harbors this season, spending more than \$20 million -- or more, depending upon retailers' marketing approaches. A free, online webinar is now available to help merchants tailor their marketing toward this growing, nontraditional tourist population. University of Maine economists Jim McConnon and Todd Gabe recently collaborated with University of Southern Maine's Small Business Development Center, CruiseMaineUSA, Discover Portland and Beyond, and Portland small business owner Sandy Jones of "Something Fishy" to produce the 20-minute webinar. The webinar offers a series of "chapters" with information and marketing tips for Maine businesses poised to roll out the welcome mat for cruise line passengers and other tourists visiting Maine. "Capturing the Day Tripping Tourist - Cruise Ship and Destination Event Visitors" is for small business owners, economic development practitioners and local community officials who want to strengthen their tourism development efforts, according to McConnon a UMaine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics, and Gabe, a professor of economics in the UMaine School of Economics. Both have extensively studied and documented spending habits and personal characteristics of cruise line passengers. Maine has ports servicing cruise ship lines, passengers and crew in 10 communities: Kennebunkport, Portland, Freeport, Bath, Boothbay Harbor, Rockland, Camden, Belfast, Bar Harbor and Eastport. The new online resource offers facts and information every sidewalk vendor and shopkeeper should keep in mind, says McConnon, whose research interests also include microbusinesses and home-based business development in Maine. "This is for businesses and communities that will be looking at tourists coming in, whether it's for the lobster festivals, the Fourth of July, American Folk Festival... These tips offer effective strategies for capitalizing on destination tourism," McConnon says. Some of the ideas are straightforward and elementary, such as offering excellent customer service. Others are more specific, such as merchants in port communities checking to see which cruise liners will be docking locally and putting up signs welcoming passengers from specific ships, and offering them exclusive discounts. "These are tips from experts and those who work in destination tourism," McConnon says. "Many of the tips are research-based, particularly those related to cruise ship customer marketing." McConnon and Gabe recently wrote a report about cruise line passenger spending. Amy Powers, director of CruiseMaineUSA, says McConnon and Gabe's 2009 analysis of cruise line passengers showed that more than 70 percent of cruise ship passengers are older, educated and earn more and spend more while on vacation. These nontraditional visitors, she adds, will most likely come to visit ports of call businesses regardless of weather, which isn't true of more local day-trippers whose plans can be disrupted by bad weather. The webinar, produced and recorded in the last several months, includes interviews, charts, graphs and easy-to-overlook information that can help merchants make appealing pitches to tourists. "Developing this webinar along with some of the top experts on cruise ship tourism in the state offered us the unique opportunity to get some of our research findings out to business owners who can use the information to boost their bottom line," adds Gabe. "Knowing more about cruise ship passengers can help businesses immensely when implementing their marketing plans." With the July 4 holiday approaching and the tourist season underway, McConnon and Gabe are available to discuss some of the tips in the webinar and from their research about what visitors will be looking for in the way of hospitality, experiences and souvenirs. Please contact George Manlove at (207) 581-3756 for assistance reaching McConnon or Gabe. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Max Hammer 1930-2011

29 Jun 2011

Max Hammer, a retired UMaine professor of clinical psychology, died on June 14 at the age of 80, following a lengthy illness. Hammer, a U.S. Army veteran who was born and raised in New York City, lived in Orono for the last 50 years of his life. Prof. Hammer, who earned a doctorate from the University of North Dakota, was also a licensed psychotherapist. Funeral services were held earlier this month in Bangor. Those who wish to remember Prof. Hammer may make gifts in his memory to the Education Fund at Bangor's Beth Israel Synagogue. More information is in a Wednesday June 29 Bangor Daily News obituary.

UMaine Class of 2015 Seeks Non-Profit Projects for 'Day of Service'

29 Jun 2011

The Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism and First Year Residential Experience are seeking community organizations to participate in the Second Annual UMaine Welcome Weekend Day of Service on the afternoon of Aug. 27. Occurring on the first weekend that students are at UMaine, the Welcome Weekend Day of Service is an opportunity for some 1,600 first-year UMaine students to participate in volunteer activities at community organizations in the Old Town, Orono and Bangor areas. Led by UMaine students, faculty and staff, first-year students will volunteer at community organizations, while at the same time learning more about the organizations and their missions. Last year, approximately 800 students volunteered at more than 40 organizations and logged 2,670 hours. Non-profit organizations in the Old Town/Orono and Bangor area that are interested in participating in the event this year are asked to contact Lauren Wagner or Lisa Morin at the Bodwell Center at 581-1796 or by email at lauren.wagner@umit.maine.edu or lisa.morin@umit.maine.edu before Aug. 1. Contact: Lauren Wagner or Lisa Morin, 581-1796

Coverage of Paul Kariya Retirement

30 Jun 2011

There were numerous U.S. and Canadian news reports about the announcement that former UMaine hockey star Paul Kariya, who has struggled with concussions, is retiring from the NHL following a 15-year career. In a story carried by websites such as [ESPN](#) and [MSNBC](#), Kariya said playing at UMaine and the support he received while he was a Black Bear helped him achieve his goal of playing professional hockey. [A column on the ESPN website](#) suggested Kariya could be elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame when he is eligible in three years. USA Today, the New York Times and the Toronto Star were among the other news organizations to report on Kariya's retirement. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lobster Institute in Pittsburgh Newspaper

30 Jun 2011

In [a story about cooking lobster for July 4](#), the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette included information from UMaine's Lobster Institute. The story said according to UMaine's Lobster Institute, the sound made when lobsters are dropped into boiling water is nothing other than superheated vapors escaping joints in the shell. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sea Lice Research Featured

30 Jun 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) reported on groundbreaking research being done by UMaine's School of Marine Sciences that shows mussels eat the larvae of sea lice, which is a parasite that has infested salmon farms in Maine waters. UMaine Professor Ian Bricknell told the BDN the research could prove beneficial to not only farmed salmon and lobster industries, but also to other commercial fisheries. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Anthropologist Receives National Geographic Research Grant

30 Jun 2011

Assistant professor of anthropology and climate change Gregory Zaro and a colleague from Texas Tech University have received a grant of nearly \$17,000 from the National Geographic Society to fund research into the abandonment of one of the many great ancient Maya cities of southern Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and Honduras. In collaboration with Brett Houk of Texas Tech, the research targets tenth-century contexts to determine the intensity of occupation at the archaeological site of La Milpa, Belize during its final decades, and to better understand the nature of urban life in the city just prior to abandonment, according to Zaro. The researchers' hypothesize that the abandonment of the Classic Maya city of La Milpa may have been more drawn out than currently thought by scholars. "The results will be significant for our understanding of urban sustainability in the Maya Lowlands, the growth and decline of ancient Maya city-states, and the mechanisms leading to the collapse of Classic Maya civilization," Zaro says. Zaro's research focuses on long-term human-environment dynamics, with a principal interest in landscape evolution among urban and agricultural settings. Of specific interest is the assessment of the role humans over the past several thousand years have played in shaping local and regional environmental conditions experienced today. He continues to maintain active programs of research in the tropical forests of northwestern Belize and in the coastal deserts of southern Peru. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Maine Insights Magazine Notes UMaine Sustainability Award

30 Jun 2011

Maine Insights magazine has included a University of Maine article in its June 29 online edition about a prestigious sustainability and energy-efficiency award the university has received from a national organization that promotes sustainability among colleges and universities throughout the country. UMaine was selected to receive a Second Nature Climate Leadership Award in the doctorate degree-granting university category of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine, Footwear Company Collaboration Cited

30 Jun 2011

The [Sun-Journal](#) in Lewiston recently carried an article about a successful collaboration between the University of Maine and Falcon Performance Footwear in Auburn, which resulted in a unique protective boot toecap made from a composite resin devised at the university's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The caps will be formed starting this fall from a prototype mold design created at the university's Advanced Manufacturing Center. Contact: George Manlove (207) 581-3756

Cooperative Extension, Sea Grant in Beach Safety Story

01 Jul 2011

The weekly newspaper Village Soup noted the work of UMaine Cooperative Extension and the UMaine-based Maine Sea Grant in a story about the cleanliness and safety of Maine's beaches. Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant support staff help in monitoring water quality and protecting public health at Maine's 61 public access beaches, which comprise more than 30 miles of coastline. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Rosen Appointed to ABIM Board

01 Jul 2011

The American Board of Internal Medicine announced in [a news release](#) that Clifford Rosen, a UMaine graduate and professor of nutrition who serves as director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at Maine Medical Center Research Institute, has been appointed to ABIM endocrinology subspecialty board. Rosen is also a faculty member of the UMaine-based Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Alumnus to New Appear on Reality Series

01 Jul 2011

Kash Kiefer, a former UMaine football player and cheerleader, has been cast on a new reality series, "Sweet Home Alabama," according to [The State Journal](#) of Charleston, W. Va. The series, which is set to air at 9 p.m. starting on Thursday, July 14, on the CMT channel, is one of a group of bachelors vying for the affection of a University of Alabama student. Kiefer is a West Virginia native who was the valedictorian of his high school and decided to play football at West Virginia University as a walk-on punter. He transferred to UMaine, and graduated in 2009. He has tried out for some NFL teams and played semi-pro football, according to the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Cites Lobster Institute Study

01 Jul 2011

In a story about eating lobster, the [Toronto Star](#) cited a 1998 study by the UMaine-Lobster Institute that determined the taste of the claw meat of a lobster is not affected by rubber bands frequently used on lobster claws. According to the study, in which 20 judges tasted the claw meat of lobsters cooked with natural rubber bands, synthetic bands and no bands, "panelists detected no significant difference in the taste of the three samples." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Highlights Sea Lice Findings

01 Jul 2011

FIS, the website of the international [Fish & Information Services](#), reported on the findings by UMaine Professor Ian Bricknell and postdoctoral researcher Sally Molloy of the School of Marine Sciences that mussels eat a larval stage of the invasive sea louse, which has affected farmed salmon in Maine and elsewhere. Molloy commented on the research as it relates to the advancement of integrated multitrophic aquaculture (IMTA), a concept which lowers the environmental impacts of commercial aquaculture by combining species which are fed, such as salmon, with species which extract nutrients from the water, such as mussels. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

President's first day news coverage

01 Jul 2011

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Davison greets President Ferguson on his first day"]
The Bangor Daily News, WABI and WVII all provided coverage of Paul Ferguson's first day as UMaine's 19th president. President Ferguson visited Memorial Union and stopped by the Career Center and Dean of Students' office to greet office personnel. More information about President Ferguson is available on the [UMaine Web site](#).

Math Dept. presentation at Maine Cancer Foundation meeting

01 Jul 2011

UMaine Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics Prof. Andre Khalil, accompanied by graduate students Kendra Mooers and Aaron Tanenbaum, made an invited presentation at the Tuesday June 21 annual meeting of the Maine Cancer Foundation. The presentation focused on the latest research in Khalil's computational analysis and modeling lab, which has been funded twice by the MCF (2008-2009 and 2010-2011) for work on early cancer detection. The audience included MCF board members, donors, and cancer patients, with discussion of the direction of future research and plans for a new grant proposal.

Nursing Prof. Sossong wins statewide award

01 Jul 2011

Prof. Ann Sossong from the UMaine School of Nursing has received the Maine Organization of Nurse Executives' Nurse Leadership and Achievement Award. It was presented at the Maine Hospital Association annual luncheon on Thursday, June 23. "The School of Nursing faculty, students, and graduates reap benefits from Ann's leadership in state initiatives to strengthen the preparation of nurses now and in the future," wrote Prof. Nancy Fishwick, the school's director, in announcing the honor to her faculty colleagues and others.

Grad student wins research competitions

01 Jul 2011

UMaine Dept. of Electrical and Computer engineering doctoral student Abolfazl Razi recently won the best paper award at CANEUS/IEEE International Fly By Wireless Conference in Montreal. His paper, on Interference Reduction in Passive Wireless Sensor Networks, was chosen from a field of 38 entries.

News report on presidential transition

02 Jul 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News [features a story](#) about the transition in UMaine's presidency. Developed in the context of President Ferguson's first day on the job, the story includes a review of President Emeritus Kennedy's tenure as both president and provost.

Extension Programs Mentioned in Newspaper

05 Jul 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's master gardener program was mentioned in a [Kennebec Journal](#) feature about gardens being worked by inmates in Kennebec County jail. The inmate garden program is run by three organizers who have all gone through the master gardener program, according to the article. Much of vegetable raised in the gardens are donated to Harvest for Hunger, a Cooperative Extension program that encourages farmers to grow extra rows, or donate gleanings, to supply area food banks. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mares Op-Ed in Bangor Daily News

05 Jul 2011

Chris Mares, director of UMaine's Intensive English Institute, had an op-ed in the [Bangor Daily News](#). Mares advocated for his neighborhood to work together on chores such as mowing lawns and snowblowing, and also to grow food to be shared, in order to build happier, healthier lives. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mahon Column on Sowing Seeds of Maine Business

05 Jul 2011

A [business column](#) by UMaine's John Mahon, who holds the John M. Murphy Chair in International Business Policy and Strategy and is a professor of management at the Maine Business School, called for concrete actions to move Maine's economy forward. Mahon said efforts need to be focused on attracting and retaining new businesses to diversify the economic base. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Mentioned In Press Herald Column

05 Jul 2011

A Maine Observer column in the [Portland Press Herald](#) included a reference to UMaine. The author, Ann Dow of West Deptford, N.J., wrote the column about why her family loves to visit the State of Maine, and mentioned that two of her sons elected to attend UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Physics Camp in Bangor Daily News

05 Jul 2011

UMaine's Physics Camp, which is new this summer, was featured in the [Bangor Daily News](#). David Batuski, the chair of the department of physics and astronomy, and graduate student Kevin Roberge were interviewed for the story, which focused on ways in which organizers tried to use different activities to communicate science concepts to children ages 5 to 13. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Coaches, Kids Focus of Story

05 Jul 2011

A Saturday [Bangor Daily News](#) story featured several UMaine coaches and their children, who were interviewed about the rewards and challenges of playing sports with a parent who is a coach. Football coach Jack Cosgrove and his daughter Jeri, who will be a sophomore at UMaine next fall, and son Matt were featured along with men's basketball coach Ted Woodward and his daughter, Jillian, and women's soccer coach Scott Atherley and his son Carson. Other Black Bear coaches included were baseball coach Steve Trimper, associate men's hockey coach Bob Corkum, and men's hockey head coach Tim Whitehead. Former UMaine hockey player Jack Capuano, now the head coach of the NHL's New York Islanders who has helped establish youth hockey programs, was also interviewed. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Early Childhood Education Story

06 Jul 2011

UMaine's partnership with a new early childhood education program at Kennebec Valley Community College was mentioned in a story on the website of Village Soup. The new associate degree program allows students to complete the majority of their work online, with some required class meetings. A pilot version of the program will begin in January 2012 with plans to offer the degree statewide in 2013. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Alumnus in Lecture Story

06 Jul 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) reported on a talk that UMaine graduate Andrew DeRoche, a Maine native who now teaches at the University of Colorado, Boulder, gave last month in Bethel. The lecture, part of the 2011 Bethel Historical Series, focused on Bethel native Margaret Joy Tibbetts, who was U.S. ambassador to Norway. DeRoche earned a master's degree in history from UMaine and specializes in U.S.-Zimbabwe relations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Musicians Lauded in CD Review

06 Jul 2011

The international classical music website "criticaclassica" has posted [a laudatory review](#) of a recently released world premiere CD of music from Holocaust-era Italian composer Leone Sinigaglia, recorded by pianist and UMaine associate professor of music Philip Silver, cellist Noreen Silver, also a member of the UMaine music faculty, and Ukrainian violinist Solomia Soroka, violin professor at Goshen College in Indiana. Released by Toccata Classics in London, the CD "shines in all its glory" thanks to the trio of the Silvers and Soroka, according to the English translation of the Italian-language review. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Economist Interviewed on Tourist Marketing Webinar

06 Jul 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics Jim McConnon was interviewed for a Tuesday news broadcast by [Channel 7 \(WVIL\)](#) on a new webinar available for merchants and vendors interested in tips for effective marketing to the thousands of passengers from cruise ships docking in and visiting Maine's 12 cruise line ports. The webinar, created by McConnon and UMaine School of Economics professor Todd Gabe, with collaborators from southern Maine, also offers advice from tourism experts on attracting day-tripping visitors throughout the state. [A news release has more information.](#) Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Invasive Plants, Pollutants Specialist Available

06 Jul 2011

Laura Wilson, University of Maine Cooperative Extension water quality scientist and expert on invasive aquatic plants and pollutants threatening the health and ecosystems of Maine's lakes, is available to discuss precautionary measures that can help protect the state's water bodies. Even the smallest piece of an invasive aquatic species like milfoil or hydrilla introduced to a lake or pond can result in rapid spread of the plants, rendering water bodies unappealing for both aquatic life and humans. Wilson is a leading advocate for precautionary measures and programs to educate the public about the environmental danger of moving boats and other floating objects from lake to lake or pond to pond without being sure they carry no hitchhiking plant pieces. Wilson, who trains volunteers around the state on lake-protection strategies, also can discuss ways to avoid polluting lakes, rivers and streams, and even wells, unintentionally with lawn fertilizers or stormwater run-off. She can be reached at (207) 581-2971 by phone or by email at laura.wilson@maine.edu. Contact: Laura Wilson, 581-2971

Maine Hockey Mentioned in Story on NCAA Violations

07 Jul 2011

The website [Inside Higher Ed](#) has a story about the recent history and background of imposing penalties for NCAA violations, particularly the penalty of vacating games. The story mentioned that television bans as penalties have fallen out of favor, and the television ban was last applied to a Division I institution in 1996, when the Black Bears were banned from television for a season. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Health and Wellness Camp

07 Jul 2011

The Strong Minds-Strong Bodies Inc.'s Wellness and Nutrition Summer Youth Camp founded by former UMaine football player Roosevelt Boone was featured recently on WABI (Channel 5) and also mentioned in the [Bangor Daily News](#). A brief in the BDN announced the camp is providing free meals for eligible children through the Summer Food Service Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Qualifying youngsters who attend the camp will receive meals at 9 a.m. and noon. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Entomologist Thoughts on Biodiversity Noted in Science Websites

07 Jul 2011

Comments from UMaine entomologist Andrei Alyokhin about nonnative species and biodiversity were posted on the website [Nature](#), and also included in a story on the same topic posted on the website of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Golf Study Mentioned

07 Jul 2011

A WLBZ (Channel 2) television story referred to an economic impact study to be done at UMaine in partnership with the Maine State Golf Association. The MSGA director told the TV station that the study will look at the economic impact of golf in Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Faculty Members to Discuss Somali Book Project

07 Jul 2011

Four UMaine faculty members who edited the book "Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents" will take part in a July 15 discussion and book signing in Searsport, according to the Village Soup website. The faculty members are Kimberly A. Huisman of the department of sociology; Mazie Hough, the associate director of the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program; Kristin M. Langellier of the communication and journalism faculty; and Carol Nordstrom Toner, Maine Studies Program director and research associate. The discussion and signing will start at 7 p.m. at Left Bank Books. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

First-Year Soccer Player Featured in Newspaper

07 Jul 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) featured incoming UMaine first-year student-athlete Bri Hammond, who arrived on campus earlier this week to take summer classes and begin workouts with the UMaine women's soccer team. Hammond, who attended Leavitt High School, said her dream had been to play college soccer, particularly at the Division I level. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

James Leck dies at age 48

07 Jul 2011

James Leck, UMaine International Student and Scholar Adviser from 1998-2003, died on July 4 while vacationing in Maine. He was 48 years old. Leck left UMaine for Boston University, where he was employed as Associate Director of the International Students and Scholars office at the time of his death. A memorial service is scheduled for B.U.'s Marsh Chapel on Tuesday July 12 at 3 p.m. Donations may be made in his memory to [Heifer International](#), an organization that provides livestock and training to help families in poverty "Improve their nutrition and generate (sustainable) income." The Boston University Web site features a tribute to James Leck, including extensive comments from his colleagues and friends.

Maine Indian Basketmakers, Hudson Museum Receive Smithsonian Grant for Exhibit

07 Jul 2011

The Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance (MIBA) in collaboration with the Hudson Museum has received an Indigenous Contemporary Arts Programs grant from the National Museum of the American Indian to support the

development of an exhibit of the next generation of Maine Indian basket makers. The National Museum of the American Indian is the 16th Smithsonian Institution museum. The exhibit, "Transcending Traditions: The Next Generation and Maine Indian Basketry," opens Sept. 24 at the Hudson Museum in conjunction with the Collins Center for the Art's gala and the Hudson Museum's 25th anniversary. Five featured Maine Indian basketmakers participating in the exhibit will be at the annual Native American Festival and Basketmakers Market Saturday, July 9 at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, offering a sneak preview of their extraordinary art. The five contemporary basketmakers -- Passamaquoddy Jeremy Frey, Penobscots Ganessa Bryant and Sarah Sockbeson, Passamaquoddy members George Neptune and Eric "Otter" Bacon -- range in age from early 20s to early 30s and represent the next generation of basketmaking. Their artistic practice is a direct result of MIBA's arts programming over the past two decades, according to renowned Penobscot basketmaker Theresa Secord, executive director of the MIBA. "The exhibition traces the proud journey of a new generation of Maine artisans who have helped save a tradition by putting their own signature on this ancestral, uniquely Wabanaki cultural art," Secord says. Maine Indian artists have received national and international attention for their basketry, including Frey, who recently received the Best of Show Award at the Heard Museum's Indian Fair and Market. Bacon also has received awards for his work in nationally competitive venues. "The work of these artists is sought after by Museums and collectors," says Gretchen Faulkner, Hudson Museum director. "The exhibit at the Hudson Museum will allow the Maine public an opportunity to see the work of these important emerging artists." The artists have been commissioned to create masterworks for the exhibit to showcase their particular style and weaving skills and trace how their work has evolved. The project explores new directions the artists are taking the tradition in the face of environmental and economic challenges and change. "The Hudson Museum and the University of Maine hosted the first meeting of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance and has worked with MIBA on exhibits, programs and outreach events for nearly two decades," says Faulkner. "It is fitting that on the Museum's 25th Anniversary, we celebrate Maine's oldest art form and the artists who are transforming the tradition within their communities." MIBA is an 18-year-old non-profit arts service organization dedicated to preserving the ancient tradition of brown ash and sweetgrass basketry. In 1993, the MIBA counted approximately 55 basketmakers in the Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Tribes in Maine. The average age of the basketmakers was 63. Today, there are 200 basketmaker members in the alliance with an average age of 40, thereby saving the tradition for the time being, Secord says. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581-1901

Extension Economist in Channel 5 Tourism Webinar Report

07 Jul 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics Jim McConnon discussed the \$35 million economic impact some 270,000 visiting cruise line passengers will have on Maine this summer in a Channel 5 (WABI) interview Wednesday. He also discussed a new webinar created by McConnon and UMaine School of Economics professor Todd Gabe with collaborators from southern Maine, available for merchants and vendors interested marketing to cruise ship passengers. A news release has more information. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension Water Quality Expert Interviewed on Invasive Plants

07 Jul 2011

An I-95 (95.7FM) Cumulus Broadcasting Inc. reporter interviewed Laura Wilson, a UMaine Cooperative Extension water quality and aquatic plants specialist today for a report on how residents and visitors can help protect lakes and streams from non-native invasive plants detrimental to water bodies. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

The delicate balance of Maine beaches

07 Jul 2011

Coastal property owners, beach advocates to gather July 15 Many changes along the southern Maine shoreline over the last century have shaped and altered the coastal landscape. Along with these changes comes a need to balance shoreline protection with the many varied uses and values of Maine beaches. On Friday, July 15, Gregory Berman, a coastal

processes specialist for Woods Hole Sea Grant and the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, will provide a virtual tour of shoreline changes at the Maine Beaches Conference. Now in its eighth year, the biennial Maine Beaches Conference serves as Maine's keystone event for public discussion of the state's beaches. It is the place where surfers, beach monitors and managers, and private property owners learn together about the latest scientific findings on erosion and water quality, and share their different views on beach culture, economy, and policy. Berman's presentation will provide a background for participants representing these diverse interests to examine how to balance the different values and expectations for Maine's sandy beaches, which occupy just two percent of the state's shoreline. In the afternoon, students from Harvard and Mary Washington universities will debate the question, "Do Maine's existing environmental regulations unreasonably balance the protection of coastal and marine resources of statewide significance by unreasonably infringing on the rights of shoreline private property owners?" The live debate will provide an exciting and innovative format for examining public policy related to Maine beaches. The Maine Beaches Conference takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. Registration begins at 7:30. For more information and to register, call 207-581-1435 or [visit the conference Web site](#).
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Workshop on addressing developmental challenges in children

07 Jul 2011

A University of Maine workshop, scheduled for July 21-23, will focus on the DIR®/Floortime™ model, which offers a comprehensive framework that allows therapists, parents, and educators to construct an intervention program tailored to the unique challenges and strengths of each child with developmental challenges, including autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. UMaine's Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies will host the 4th annual workshop. Psychologist Kathleen Platzman will lead the workshop, along with Mary Beth Stark, a licensed speech-language pathologist specializing in social communication disorders in children. Platzman was a close colleague of the late Stanley Greenspan, who developed the model. New and continuing participants, including those with prior DIR®/Floortime™ training and experience, are encouraged to attend. The Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies is Maine's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. For more information about the summer workshop, please contact Sandra Doctoroff. *July 7, 2011 Contact: [Sandra Doctoroff](#) (866) 230-4520 (V/TTY)*

UMaine establishes School of Computing and Information Science

08 Jul 2011

The University of Maine has merged its Dept. of Computer Science with its Dept. of Spatial Information Science and Engineering to create a School of Computing and Information Science (CIS). The new school became an official UMaine academic unit on July 1. "Computing and information science has emerged as a key discipline for the 21st Century," says Susan Hunter, UMaine's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "It is now a broad discipline that is at the technical core of our social interactions and relationship with the environment. This new structure will provide real value to our students while enabling new opportunities in research and public engagement." In his March 30 address to the Maine Legislature, University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude stressed the importance of providing computing and information degree programs that respond to Maine's workforce needs. Hunter noted that the new UMaine school is well-positioned to help achieve Pattenaude's stated goals of doubling the number of graduates in these areas within four years. Dean Jeffrey Hecker from UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences points out that the merger brings together two outstanding, complementary UMaine departments. "The Department of Computer Science is noted for its strong undergraduate programs, which the new school combines with the excellent graduate education and international research reputation of the Department of Spatial Information Science and Engineering," Hecker says. "CIS comprises experts in such diverse fields as robotics, information law, databases, virtual worlds, spatial information and climate change, all of which are exceptionally relevant as we explore the ideas and technologies that reach into all our lives." Prof. Michael Worboys has been appointed the school's first director. He says he will focus his efforts on initiatives that will unify, strengthen, and engage the university's many academic and other units that have a computational focus. "Highly skilled information technology workers are in short supply and will continue to be in high demand in Maine and across the nation," Worboys says. "Industry is looking for people who

understand IT and systems as a whole. These are the systems on which small and large enterprises alike depend for their operation in today's digital age. The new school provides the critical mass to meet these needs and make a difference to our state and nation. We will reach out to share the information revolution with all on campus and beyond. I am excited and optimistic about the school's future." *July 8, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr (207) 581-3571*

Book About Somalis in Maine Featured

08 Jul 2011

UMaine sociology professor Kim Huisman was interviewed for a [Bangor Daily News](#) story about a new book she and other UMaine faculty and staff edited. The book, "Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents," which contains personal stories, ethnography and essays about interactions between Somali refugees and Americans in Lewiston, include pieces by Huisman, Mazie Hough, the associate director of UMaine's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program, Kristin Langellier of the communication and journalism faculty, and Carol Nordstrom Toner, the Maine Studies program director. The BDN story also mentioned UMaine's Somali Narrative Project, which began in 2004 with three Somali students. (Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777)

Incoming Faculty Member in Christian Science Monitor

08 Jul 2011

Justin Martin, an incoming College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors College preceptor of journalism, wrote an opinion piece for the [Christian Science Monitor](#). Martin wrote about his experiences as an American unable to find an academic job in the U.S. and deciding to accept an offer at the American University in Cairo. Martin wrote about how talent shortages in other countries may lure American workers overseas. The website Alaska Dispatch also picked up Martin's story. (Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777)

Nutrition Student Volunteer Noted in Lewiston Newspaper

08 Jul 2011

In a report about a free lunch program for youngsters, the [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) noted the participation of Eliza Cormier, a UMaine nutrition student who is volunteering with the grant-funded program, which provides a free breakfast or lunch to children up to 18 years old. The program is being held at the Rumford Elementary School. (Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777)

4 H Camp & Learning Center Receives IF&W Scholarship Funds

08 Jul 2011

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center in Western Maine has received a \$50,000 scholarship grant from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. The funds will offset camp fees for Maine youth interested in learning more about conservation, nature, hunting, fishing and boating safety. Eligible campers, ages 8-17, could receive up to \$300 toward the \$595 fee for a week-long program in Basic Conservation Camp, which includes the state hunter-safety certification in either firearms or archery; Natural Explorer, Fishing Camp or Paddling Camp, all of which include boating safety education, according to IF&W. The funds, from the department's annual moose permit auction, also could be used to offset fees for visiting school or youth groups, provided they complete the required hours of either hunter- or boater-safety education. Students also can choose other educational opportunities, including first aid, map and compass use, outdoor survival, fish biology, wildlife management, endangered species, wildlife identification, hiking and low-impact outdoor recreation principles. For further information, contact Ryder Scott at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp & Learning Center at (207) 665-1778. Additional information about Bryant Pond activities and opportunities is on the Cooperative Extension website for Bryant Pond. *July 8, 2011 Contact: Ryder Scott, (207) 665-2935; Scott Olsen, (207) 665-2068*

Violin Prodigy Scheduled for UMaine Concert

08 Jul 2011

Acclaimed violinist Ryu Goto, brother of renowned violinist Midori, will perform at the University of Maine July 30 as part of the second annual Chamber Music Institute. Goto, who recently debuted at Carnegie Hall, will play works by Beethoven, Saint-Saëns and Ravel, accompanied by pianist Carmen Rodriguez Peralta of Boston. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, students and seniors, and includes a dessert reception. Some 30 chamber musicians from around the world, ranging in age from nine to 22, will attend the Chamber Music Institute. Ryu Goto will help lead master classes with institute founders Anatole Wieck, violinist, conductor and UMaine School of Performing Arts professor, and his colleague Akiko Hirose-Silver, a respected teacher and performer with the Norwalk (Connecticut) Symphony Orchestra. Goto has performed throughout Japan, Europe and the United States, and records under the Deutsche Grammophon label. He played at the World Trade Center site during the official Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony in 2003 and performed at the peace memorial concert in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 2005. The 22-year-old Harvard graduate counts many musicians among his influences, including Jimi Hendrix. "He's a rising star and has a brilliant career in front of him," Wieck says. "It will be inspirational for music students and audience members alike to hear him perform." Wieck and Hirose-Silver's Chamber Music Institute continues the legacy of famed American violinist Joseph Fuchs, with whom they both studied at the Juilliard School. Fuchs was instrumental in restarting the Music School at Kneisel Hall in 1953 in honor of his teacher Franz Kneisel, and ran a summer chamber music program at the University of Maine in the 1970s. Contact: Anatole Wieck, (207) 581-1260

Kennedy profiled in television feature

10 Jul 2011

President Emeritus Bob Kennedy was profiled in a Saturday July 9 feature story on "Bill Green's Maine," a weekly magazine program that airs on WCSH in Portland and WLBZ in Bangor. In the story, Kennedy reflected on his seven years of service as UMaine's president as Green, a UMaine graduate, added his perspectives on Kennedy's accomplishments.

Preview of Extension Talk on Diabetes

11 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a preview of Thursday's scheduled talk by Tina Boudreau, a UMaine Cooperative Extension program associate, at the Sebasticook Valley Health Diabetes Support Group's meeting in Pittsfield. Boudreau will give advice on how to maximize the benefits of summer produce through healthy eating and harvest preservation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Basketball Coach Talks Recruiting, Upcoming Season

11 Jul 2011

New UMaine women's basketball coach Richard Barron was in a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about his efforts to recruit players for the 2011-12 season. Barron said his goal is to start building relationships with potential Black Bears in order to string together several good classes in a row and make UMaine an America East contender again. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Graduate in Story on Trail Huts

11 Jul 2011

A UMaine graduate was quoted in a Kennebec Journal [story](#) about the trail and hut system built by the nonprofit agency Maine Huts and Trails. Chris Nilon, the hutmaster at a hut in Flagstaff Lake, said he graduated from UMaine with a degree in parks and recreation and tourism. He had been working at national parks in the Midwest but returned to Maine

when he heard about the trail and hut system. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Jam-Making Session Featured

11 Jul 2011

A UMaine Cooperative Extension jam-making sessions were [featured](#) in the Lewiston Sun Journal. The session, held at the Extension office in Lisbon Falls, focused on low-sugar recipes and proper food safety techniques. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Marine Sciences Equipment

11 Jul 2011

The Physical Oceanography Group of UMaine's School of Marine Sciences has new survey equipment for its real-time data buoy array in the Gulf of Maine, according to the [website Hydro International](#). The Iver2 surveyor will be used in Casco and Penobscot bays to focus on transport through channels between islands and peninsulas. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Story on Alumnus in Bike Race

11 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about former UMaine track star Dereck Treadwell who won on Saturday the Newton's Revenge bicycle race up the Mount Washington Auto Road in New Hampshire. Treadwell graduated from UMaine in 1998, gaining All-America status in 1996 when he finished 11th in the 1,500 meters at the NCAA championships. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Computing and Information Science School Noted

11 Jul 2011

The merger of two UMaine units to create a new School of Computing and Information Science was noted in the [Bangor Daily News](#). Michael Worboys, who is the school's first director, said the merger of Department of Computer Science and Department of Spatial Information Science and Engineering will provide more highly skilled information technology workers in Maine and across the nation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Advance on Workshop for Children's Developmental Issues

11 Jul 2011

There is an [advance article](#) in the Bangor Daily News about the upcoming UMaine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies workshop on the DIR-Floortime model for an intervention program for children with developmental challenges such as autism spectral disorders and other development disabilities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Story on Preservation Award

11 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) UMaine's award for the renovation and restoration of Coburn Hall, a building of historical significance that had fallen into disrepair. Maine Preservation, a statewide nonprofit organization that works to promote historic preservation, announced the award last month. The building, located on the western edge of campus, was until recently the home of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Student-athlete Kyeremeh killed in accident

11 Jul 2011

Charles Kyeremeh, a 20-year-old University of Maine sophomore and member of the Black Bear football team, was killed Sunday afternoon in a motorcycle accident near Donaldson, Penn. "Charles was an outstanding young man who had a bright future, both on and off the football field," says Coach Jack Cosgrove. "He was an important part of our team, and we are all devastated by this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family and friends during this difficult time." More details about the accident are on the Lebanon Daily News Web site. Kyeremeh, who red-shirted during the 2011 season, was an honor roll student and star running back at Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon, Penn. "The death of a student is devastating to our community, and we are all saddened to learn of Charles' passing," says UMaine Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Robert Dana. "His teammates and friends should take comfort in knowing that we are all here to provide support as needed." Counseling services are available to members of the UMaine community affected by Kyeremeh's death. The phone number for the UMaine Counseling Center is (207) 581-1392; the Employee Assistance Program is reachable at (207) 581-4014. *July 11, 2011*
Contact: [Andrew Mahoney](#)

UMaine Geologist, Grad Student Present at U.K. Earth Sciences Symposium

11 Jul 2011

UMaine Department of Earth Sciences research professor Ed Grew presented a talk at the International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences in Edinburgh, U.K. today. The symposium is part of a campaign to promote and raise awareness of polar research, according to the British Antarctic Survey, one of the world's leading environmental research centers. Grew, who has participated in nine Antarctic expeditions and is credited with discovering six new minerals there, will speak on "Boron- and phosphate-rich rocks in the Larsemann Hills, Prydz Bay, East Antarctica: Evidence for early Neoproterozoic rifting in an active continental arc?" Grew Peak in the Mount Murphy Massif in Marie Byrd Land is named for him. In addition, on July 12 UMaine graduate student JohnRyan MacGregor, who is doing a master's thesis under Grew, will present a poster on his thesis research titled "Microstructural analysis of the borosilicates grandierite, prismaticine and tourmaline in the granulite-facies paragneisses from the Larsemann Hills, Prydz Bay, East Antarctica." Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Nursing School Receives Tuition Offset Grant

11 Jul 2011

The University of Maine School of Nursing has received a \$17,381 Advanced Nursing Education Traineeship Grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration. The grant will help offset tuition and expenses for nursing graduate students in 2011-2012 who agree to practice in underserved or rural areas in Maine. The funding is important to UMaine nursing graduate students, who often work part time while pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), say Ursula Pritham, assistant professor, graduate program coordinator and principal investigator receiving the grant. This is the fourth year the nursing school has received such funding. The UMaine School of Nursing graduate program, started in 1992, initially focused on preparing nurses for the advanced professional role of family nurse practitioner (FNP). In response to the diverse graduate education needs of Maine nurses, and to meet the increasingly complex health needs of people in Maine, the program expanded to prepare nurses who also could work as educators, administrators or in other professional nursing roles. The program has added more than 150 FNPs, nurse executives and nurse educators to the Maine workforce -- particularly in the rural areas of the state -- to eliminate health disparities, assure quality of care and to improve public health and healthcare systems. Graduates have become leaders in primary care, hospital administration, nursing education, and administration of healthcare systems throughout the state and beyond, Pritham says. MSN-FNP graduates provide primary healthcare to individuals and families across the lifespan, including newborns, infants, children, adolescents, adults, pregnant and postpartum women, and older adults, according to Pritham. Primary care includes health promotion, disease and injury prevention, and the evaluation and management of common acute and chronic health problems. MSN-FNP graduates are eligible to take national certification exams, which qualify and license them to practice as advanced practice nurses in Maine. In their first two years of practice, FNPs are supervised by a physician. The MSN-FNP program is important in Maine, an extremely rural state with a shortage of primary care providers. "The program will continue to grow the primary care workforce to care for

underserved and rural populations," Pritham says. "The majority of our graduates are currently practicing in an underserved or rural area." Contact: Ursula Pritham, (207) 581-2611

Social Work Student to Live As Elderly Resident

12 Jul 2011

The Weekly newspaper [noted](#) the participation of UMaine social work graduate student Kara Janes in a program in which she will spend 10 days at a continuing care center living the life of an elderly resident. Janes, 44, said the program is a unique opportunity to be immersed in an environment. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Ceramic Artist in Article

12 Jul 2011

There was a feature article [about](#) ceramic artist Jenna Gascoine, who will have a show in 2012 at the University of Maine Museum of Art. Gascoine is currently displaying her work at the Lake Hebron Artisans Gallery show "Teapots II." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Reports on Nova Scotia Land Sale

12 Jul 2011

There was news Tuesday that the sale of two pieces of land on an island in Nova Scotia will benefit the UMaine Lobster Institute. Bangor television station WABI had an Associated Press story about the sale, proceeds of which will benefit the lobster institute. The Portland Press Herald also ran the AP story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Media Coverage of Football Player's Death

12 Jul 2011

Several local and national media outlets covered the news that UMaine football player Charles Kyeremeh Jr. had been killed Sunday in a motorcycle accident in Pennsylvania. The USA Today website included an Associated Press version of the story, and the Los Angeles Times also carried a story. A CBS television affiliate in Pennsylvania had a report with information about Kyeremeh's funeral. The Bangor Daily News ran an [article](#) with comments from Black Bear football coach Jack Cosgrove, and UMaine alumnus and former football player Roosevelt Boone, who roomed with Kyeremeh. The Portland Press Herald also [noted](#) the incident. The Boston Globe and Philadelphia Inquirer had brief mentions of Kyeremeh's death. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Specialist Comments on Hogweed

12 Jul 2011

Comments from Lois Stack, a UMaine specialist in ornamental horticulture, were included in a Reuters [report](#) about hogweed. Stack warned that when touched, sap from the hogweed reacts with sunlight and causes severe skin irritation, blistering, and permanent scars. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Finance Professor Comments in Wall Street Journal Article

12 Jul 2011

Wall Street Journal personal finance columnist Jason Zweig interviewed Pank Agrawal, a member of the Maine Business School faculty, for a recent [article](#) on interpreting stock market gains and losses. Agrawal says that conventional charts on market websites don't tell the complete story. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Nutritionist Available to Explain New USDA Dietary Logo

12 Jul 2011

The USDA recently replaced its longstanding dietary guidelines food pyramid icon with a new one, "MyPlate," which brings a fresh approach to daily nutritional recommendations and reflects recognition of the importance of increasing fruits, grains and vegetables consumption, in addition to portion control. The icon is a departure from "MyPyramid" and serves as a quick, simple reminder to all consumers, built off of the [<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm>]2010 Dietary Guidelines for all Americans, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says. "We all know that what we eat matters – MyPlate (www.choosemyplate.gov) offers a visual reminder to make healthy food choices when you choose your next meal," the USDA said in unveiling the new logo. "MyPlate can help prioritize food choices by reminding us to make half of our plate fruits and vegetables and shows us the other important food groups for a well-balanced meal: whole grains, lean proteins, and low fat dairy." Kate Yerxa, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, has studied the new daily dietary recommendations and is available to explain some of the differences and shifting philosophies as the nation grapples with obesity and obesity-related health afflictions. Yerxa can be reached in her Orono Extension office in UMaine's Corbett Hall at (207) 581-3109 to discuss this and other wise nutritional choices.

Summertime Reading Tips in the Digital Age

12 Jul 2011

"I'm bored!" What parent or caregiver doesn't dread hearing those words? Whether it's too hot to play outside or pouring rain, Gail Garthwait of the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development has some tips about summer reading in the digital age that can alleviate the boring times for youngsters. The magical world of books can take young readers miles, continents or even worlds away, she says. "Before parents shrug off the idea that books wouldn't be interesting to their hyper-connected children, they should check out the many available online options that allow the beauty of stories to be delivered digitally," says Garthwait, associate professor in instructional technology. While librarians still love to recommend fiction and nonfiction books to children and teens, they, too, have magic up their sleeves, Garthwait says. So, here are a few options: - Maine Libraries InfoNet offers Maine citizens the ability to check out e-books and audio books. It takes only a few minutes to set up the Overdrive Media Console, and it's available for both PC and Mac users with a valid Maine library card, she says. - Get excited about a favorite author or illustrator by visiting his or her website or fan club. J. K. Rowling, Roald Dahl, and Eric Carle have interactive sites. Popular author-illustrators Patricia Polacco and Jan Brett offer bountiful downloadable materials. Listen to an NPR interview with Brian Selznick, the author of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. Or, popular nonfiction science writer Seymour Simon's website displays a rotating set of questions and answers, offers a science blog and dictionary, as well as providing resources for teachers and parents. - Help a child respond to a favorite book using digital storytelling or blogging. Children can translate a book journal into a blog. Many websites are available to help young readers select a book to read - Check out public domain classics that can be read free on any device that handles text or PDF files. Digital book readers such as Kindle, Nook, Kobo or Sony Reader have come down in price, but readers also can access books on a many different mobile devices. "So, 'I'm bored!' can quickly change to 'Look what I found!' with the flick of a finger," says Garthwait. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Native Corn Springing Up, Garden Pests under Control

12 Jul 2011

Maine-grown sweet corn got off to a slow start because of wet spring weather, but University of Maine Cooperative Extension vegetable and small fruit specialist David Handley says recent hot, sunny weather has corn in many parts of the state "jumping right out of the ground." Handley expects homegrown corn to begin showing up at southern Maine farm stands any time now, and should appear further north as summer weather nudges crops along. Handley, at Highmoor Farm in Monmouth, also reports that weather that's good for corn also is good for corn pests, but adds that farmers have been effectively controlling pests. Handley can be reached at (207) 933-2100 or by email at david.handley@maine.edu for details about crops. Handley also is featured in an online Extension video

(<http://www.youtube.com/theuniversityofmaine#p/search/0/o3z1q9BdoGY>) on safe food handling, which begins with planning a garden's location, when to apply manure as a fertilizer and proper hygiene when picking fruits and vegetables. Extension pest management specialist Jim Dill in Orono says garden beetles can devastate backyard vegetable plants in a few days without intervention in some cases. He suggests using a commercially available organic pesticide or, depending upon the size of the infestation, something as simple as a vacuum to suck them off plants. Dill is featured in a Cooperative Extension web video (<http://umaine.edu/ipm/blog/2010/10/21/how-to-get-rid-of-japanese-beetles/>) discussing Japanese beetles and ways to eliminate them from the garden. Late blight, Dill says, has been reported on tomatoes and potatoes in southern New York, Delaware and Virginia, but not in gardens in Maine, thus far. The Cooperative Extension website has a page (<http://umaine.edu/highmoor/blog/2011/07/05/late-blight-grower-and-farm-stand-alert-july-5-2011/>) about late blight, including descriptions and photographs. Dill can be reached at (207) 581-3879 to discuss garden pests and fungi. Contact: David Handley, (207) 933-2100; Jim Dill, (207) 581-3879

Energy, environmental law expert Thaler appointed to UMaine post

13 Jul 2011

Prominent Portland attorney Jeffrey A. Thaler has been appointed University of Maine Visiting Professor of Energy Law, Policy and Ethics for a two-year period beginning Aug. 29, 2011 "Jeff Thaler is an acknowledged expert in this field, and he will be instrumental to our efforts as we further develop renewable energy academic programming, research and community outreach," says Susan Hunter, UMaine's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Our students will benefit from his insights and experiences as they explore this dynamic and exciting discipline. We will gain additional benefits from Jeff's legal expertise as we work through compliance, permitting and other issues related to clean energy research and development activities." In addition to his faculty appointment in UMaine's School of Economics, Thaler will serve as University of Maine System Associate Counsel, focusing on UMaine's energy, environmental and sustainability projects and initiatives. He will teach UMaine courses for undergraduate students and graduate students, in addition to workshops for students and others, perhaps including sessions on the environmental permitting process for engineers and others who are not attorneys. Thaler will also serve as liaison with University of Maine System universities involved in the new UMaine-based statewide curriculum in renewable energy. That effort includes minors in Renewable Energy Engineering, Renewable Energy Science and Technology, and Renewable Energy Economics and Policy, all of which are open for student enrollment this coming fall. Economics majors may also select a concentration in renewable energy. "I am very excited to help the University of Maine become a national leader educating current and future professionals in one of the country's fastest growing fields--that of alternative energy generation and the efficient use of our electricity, heat and fuels," Thaler says. "The chance to also help implement projects and initiatives, not just teach about them, is also evidence of UMaine's commitment to help Maine develop more good-paying job opportunities while also reducing adverse environmental impacts." Thaler is a Yale Law School graduate who founded the American College of Environmental Lawyers, serving as that organization's president in 2010. He also is a founder and co-chair of the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine, and he serves on the Land for Maine's Future Board. He previously has taught environmental law at the University of Maine Law School. *July 13, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](mailto:Joe.Carr@umaine.edu) (207) 581-3571*

Upcoming Hudson Museum Exhibit Featured in Report

13 Jul 2011

An upcoming Hudson Museum exhibit on local Native American basketmakers was featured in a report on Bangor TV Channel 7 (WVII). The work of those considered the next generation of basketmakers, including some who have received national and international recognition, will be on display starting Sept. 24 in an exhibit called "Transcending Traditions: The Next Generation and Maine Indian Basketry." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Nursing Funding Announced

13 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News carried a [brief story](#) about UMaine receiving federal funding for nursing education. The

Department of Health and Human Services funds will help offset tuition and other expenses for nurses pursuing graduate degrees who agree to practice in rural or underserved areas of the state. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Incoming Faculty Member Quoted in Story About Al-Jazeera Talk

13 Jul 2011

Justin Martin, who will start this fall teaching journalism at UMaine, was quoted in a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about controversy surrounding Al-Jazeera Washington Bureau Chief Abderrahim Foukara's upcoming talk at the Strand Theatre in Rockland. Martin, who most recently taught at the American University in Cairo, told the BDN Al-Jazeera is considered to be an extremely legitimate news source globally with a comprehensive international network. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report on Extension Gardening Tips

13 Jul 2011

Bangor's Channel 2 (WLBZ) had a report on UMaine Cooperative Extension's outdoor gardening classroom in Orono. The report noted the gardens produced in 2010 more than 17,000 pounds of produce that was donated to food banks in Penobscot County. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wind Research Noted in Green Energy Report

13 Jul 2011

UMaine's work on wind power was mentioned in a Bangor Daily News [article](#) about a finding that Maine surpasses the national rate in creation of so-called green jobs. The story said UMaine is working in partnership with companies such as Cianbro and Bath Iron Works to build a regional cluster of expertise around the development of wind power, especially in deepwater offshore wind. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Canadian News Media Interviews History Professor

13 Jul 2011

Research by and comments from Scott See, history professor and director of the University of Maine Humanities Initiative, were the basis of a recent article in the Saint John, New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal about nineteenth century violence between Protestants and Irish Catholics in Atlantic Canada, including St. John. See also discussed his research as a guest July 12 on the Halifax, N.S.-based radio news program "Afternoon News with Tom Young." Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Develops Novel Crimping Device for Maine Business

13 Jul 2011

A unique tube-crimping device created by students and staff at the [University of Maine's Advanced Manufacturing Center](#) for a Rockland marine products company has streamlined the company's operations to the point where its business emphasis may change. Students and staff at the Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) last spring designed, machined and assembled a compressed air-powered stainless steel tube-crimping device for Gemini Marine Products & Custom Canvas. The device reduces hours of work to minutes by replacing a process in which employees previously clamped, drilled and filed four small holes through stainless steel tubes and the plugs on either end of a hinge. They then used small-press fit pins to hold the pieces together. The hinged tubing forms folding support struts for canvas boat dodgers, awnings and bimini tops the company makes. "Development has been very tedious and very slow," says company owner John LeMole. "Even making a half dozen of these can take up to a whole day. This has been a bear." During a business consultation with a staff member of UMaine's School of Economics' Knowledge Transfer Alliance, LeMole mentioned the problem. The alliance's Hugh Stevens referred him to AMC Director John Belding and AMC

project manager James Bryant. It was precisely the kind of challenge the AMC welcomes, Belding and Bryant say. They set about recruiting some mechanical engineering students to design and assemble the unique crimper. "There are crimping machines out there," says Belding, "but this is very specific to their product." The device almost automates the crimping process by gripping and stabilizing the two ends of the tubes with the hinge connecting them, as a small pneumatic bit punches a dimple in four places, making a perfectly aligned, irreversible clamp. "This has national and international applications," says Gemini's master fabricator Bill McCall. "This business will easily overshadow the canvas" component of the company, he says of the high-end, hinged-tube support systems for canvas covers. "For this to be something we could sell in larger quantities, we needed to speed up our production process," LeMole says. The 16-year-old Gemini Marine Products sells its products worldwide through the web and through marine supplies catalogs. In addition to hinged canvas support struts, the company also manufactures boat cushions, side rail mounts, boarding ladders and stainless steel grab rails. Belding says the device took only about two months to develop and refine. Students, he says, played a major role in the innovative device. "Students were very involved," he says. "They did most of the manufacturing and some of the design work, as well." Some parts for the crimper were commercially available, Belding says, but students designed and made the custom components and tooling with the AMC's computer-controlled machining equipment. The inventive collaboration with Gemini Marine Products is typical of the type of development project the AMC has helped hundreds of Maine businesses with since opening in 2004, according to Belding. The AMC charges for its services, but also works with clients to help acquire funding through the Maine Technology Institute or other agencies, he says. "In many cases, once the initial prototype is completed, we will work with the client to find a local private company and machine shops that can provide additional equipment and support. It is a win-win for both the company and manufacturing in Maine," Belding adds. Belding and LeMole are featured in a UMaine online [video](#) demonstrating the new tube-crimping device. Contact: John Belding, (207) 581-2717; John LeMole, 1-888-767-7705

Richard Higgins '79 wins prestigious award

14 Jul 2011

Richard Higgins, a 1979 UMaine graduate and retired Boeing executive, has won Tau Beta Pi's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award. That engineering honor society will formally recognize Higgins with the award at its October convention in Indianapolis. According to the Tau Beta Pi news release, the award honors Higgins' "lifetime achievements and commitment to engineering education." Higgins and his wife, Jean, a 1976 graduate, are generous UMaine benefactors. Their endowed gift made possible the College of Engineering's Richard and Jean Higgins Materials Testing Laboratory in Boardman Hall.

Report New Planetarium-Observatory Building

14 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about a proposed \$5.2 million facility that would combine the UMaine observatory and planetarium facilities into one building. The UMaine System Board of Trustees will consider the proposal next Monday at its next board meeting. The facility would be built near Rangeley Road between the Hilltop Parking lots and the Littlefield Garden. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Gabe Research Noted in The Atlantic

14 Jul 2011

Research done by UMaine economist Todd Gabe was mentioned in a [post](#) about commuting that appeared on The Atlantic website. The article, written by Richard Florida, cited Gabe's research into the determinants of public transportation use and walking and biking in U.S. metropolitan areas. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Neuman Appointment

14 Jul 2011

Several media outlets including the [Kennebec Journal reported](#) that Deb Neuman, the former director of the Target

Technology Center at UMaine, has been appointed deputy commissioner of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development. An Maine Public Broadcasting radio report noted Neuman will head up the Governor's Account Executives Unit and will also continue her radio show, "Back to Business with Deb Neuman." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report Highlights Extension Wheat Efforts

14 Jul 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's efforts to help Maine farmers grow wheat for bread flour were highlighted in a report on Bangor's Channel 2 (WLBZ). Ellen Mallory, a sustainable agriculture specialist with Extension, was quoted about the characteristics that make different wheat varieties suitable for bread flour. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Playwright's Show in Broadway Website

14 Jul 2011

A new play written by UMaine English adjunct faculty member William Yellow Robe is set for a world premiere on Aug. 3 at The Public Theater in New York City, according to the website Broadway World. Yellow Robe, a member of the Assiniboine Tribe, will debut the play "Thieves," which is set in a Brooklyn high school and seeks to highlight the absurdity of the urban Indian's dual existence, according to the website. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on New Energy Law Professor

14 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News [reported](#) that Portland lawyer Jeffrey A. Thaler has been appointed a UMaine visiting professor of energy law, policy and ethics. He will also serve as a liaison to other UMaine System campuses involved in the new UMaine-based statewide curriculum in renewable energy to be developed by UMaine President Emeritus Robert Kennedy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Angus King Cites UMaine Wind Research

14 Jul 2011

In an interview in this week's edition of MaineBiz, former Maine Gov. Angus King, now a principal in Independence Wind LLC, discusses the future of energy in Maine, the contentiousness of mountaintop wind farm development and, in contrast, the apparent popularity of deepwater offshore wind turbine technology being developed by Habib Dagher, director of the AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center at the University of Maine. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Health and Nutrition Camp in News Report

15 Jul 2011

Bangor television Channel 2 (WLBZ) has a report about the Strong Mind -- Strong Body summer camp, which is being held this summer at UMaine. Roosevelt Boone, a former Black Bear football player, is the camp's program director. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wind Power Research Noted in Newspaper

15 Jul 2011

UMaine's research into wind power was [noted in a Portland Press Herald story](#) about how some municipalities in southern Maine are dealing with regulations on wind turbines in urban locations. The story mentioned that UMaine does

monthly analysis on wind speed measurements taken on Peaks Island near Portland. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mainebiz Brief on Neuman Appointment to DECD

15 Jul 2011

The Mainebiz website included a notice about the recent appointment of Deb Neuman, former director of UMaine's Target Technology Center, to the position of deputy commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report Mentions Cruise Ship Research

15 Jul 2011

A 2008 study by UMaine economists Todd Gabe and James McConnon into the economic effects of cruise ship tourism in the state was mentioned in a story on Portland's Channel 8 (WMTW). The report noted the study's findings that cruise ship passengers generated more than \$5 million, which led to the creation of nearly 100 full- and part-time jobs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Salon Piece About Debt Ceiling Debate

18 Jul 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried has written a piece for Salon Magazine's War Room blog about the GOP's behavior during the current debate over the debt ceiling. Fried compares the Republicans' actions to the party's drive to impeach President Clinton in 1998. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sun Journal Story on Efforts to Grow Wheat

18 Jul 2011

A UMaine Cooperative Extension effort to reinvigorate Maine's wheat-growing industry was the focus of [a story in the Lewiston Sun Journal](#). Extension professional David Fuller and agronomist Ellen Mallory were mentioned in the story, which featured a test winter wheat field in Farmington. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

WLBZ Posts Interview with President Ferguson

08 Jul 2011

University of Maine President Paul Ferguson was interviewed by WLBZ (Channel 2) about his first week in office.

Biomedical Sciences School in Report

18 Jul 2011

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at UMaine was mentioned in [a Bangor Daily News story](#) about changes to the Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health program, which had partnered with the graduate school on regional biomedical research triangle. MIHGH is dropping much of its research program, although Michael Eckardt, UMaine vice president for research, told the BDN that UMaine faculty researchers and graduate students engaged in MIHGH projects will be allowed to finish their work. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Football Team Mentioned in News Story

18 Jul 2011

A local CBS-affiliated television station covering the funeral of UMaine football player Charles Kyeremeh Jr. noted that most of the Black Bear football team, including head coach Jack Cosgrove, attended the ceremony Friday at the Lebanon Expo Center in Lebanon, Pa. Cosgrove and UMaine running back Pushuan Brown were quoted in the report. Kyeremeh was killed last weekend in a motorcycle accident. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer in AP Gay Marriage Story

18 Jul 2011

Mark Brewer, a UMaine political scientist, was quoted in [an Associated Press story](#) about supporters and opponents of gay marriage gearing up for a possible statewide referendum on the issue in November 2012. Brewer said there will be a lot of money available because of the presidential election and Sen. Olympia Snowe being up for re-election, but it is too early to say what the fundraising landscape will look like for the gay marriage issue. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former UMaine Basketball Player Featured in Story

18 Jul 2011

The Peninsula Daily News of Washington state featured former UMaine basketball player Bracey Barker, who is going to play and coach basketball for a team in Luxembourg this fall. Barker, who played in Europe following her 2007 graduation from UMaine, had recently been living with her husband in the North Olympic Peninsula region of Washington state, where she played and worked as a coach in basketball camps. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Science Camp Featured

18 Jul 2011

Bangor television station WABI (Channel 5) featured UMaine's Space and Energy Camp, which was organized by the Department of Astronomy and Physics. UMaine graduate student Kevin Roberge, who is serving as the camp director, told an interviewer the staff hopes the campers' experiences this summer will spark an interest in studying science. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Student Wins Scholarship From Nurses Association

18 Jul 2011

University of Maine student Samantha Paradis has received a 2011 American Psychiatric Nurses Association 2011 Janssen Student Scholarship, which will enable her to attend the upcoming APNA annual conference in California. Paradis, who is from Frenchville, is a double major in nursing and psychology. She served last year as the president of the Orono Student Nursing Association, and is due to graduate in December 2012. She was one of 15 undergraduate students and 15 graduate students out of 300 applications from across the country to receive a Janssen Scholarship. The scholars each receive complimentary registration, travel and lodging expenses to attend the APNA conference, which is held in October. The students also get a year of membership in APNA and will be honored at a dinner reception during the conference. The scholarship recognizes outstanding nursing students who have demonstrated a passion for psychiatric mental health nursing, and to help foster the professional growth and development of these students within the psychiatric mental health nursing field. Scholarship winners were selected following a review by the APNA Awards and Recognition Committee. Contact: Nancy Fishwick, (207) 581-2607 or fishwick@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Coverage of Plans for New Planetarium and Observatory

19 Jul 2011

Several news outlets covered the UMaine System board of trustees' vote to proceed with plans for a new building on the UMaine campus that will house a planetarium and observatory. Bangor television station WABI (Channel 5) interviewed UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Jeff Hecker, who said the move is long overdue. Hecker told the [Bangor Daily News](#) the new center will enhance the experience of families and schoolchildren who visit the current facilities. The BDN also reported Wingate Hall, the current home of the planetarium, will be renovated to create a student one-stop center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

Extension Educator Article on Food Choices

19 Jul 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Kate Yerxa contributed an article to the [Bangor Daily News](#) on the U.S. Department of Agriculture program MyPlate, which is meant to help people make healthful choices about their diets. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

News on Hit-and-Run Trial

19 Jul 2011

Media outlets, including the [Bangor Daily News](#), reported Monday on the jury selection in the trial of a York County man accused in the hit-and-run death of UMaine student Jordyn Bakley, who was killed 18 months ago. Garrett Cheney, who is facing manslaughter and other charges, will be on trial starting Tuesday. WABI also reported on the trial. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

Press Herald Notes Award for Wind Research Facility Design

19 Jul 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) had a brief about an award given to WBRC Architects Engineers for the firm's design for the offshore wind research facility at UMaine. The Maine chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute gave WBRC the Award for Design Excellence. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

Exercise Physiologist Available for Obese Boomers Perspectives, Advice

19 Jul 2011

University of Maine kinesiology and physical education professor and researcher Bob Lehnhard is available to discuss exercise strategies and related activities for baby boomers, the generation most afflicted by obesity, according to a recent survey. Lehnhard, author of the book *The Backside of 50* and numerous scholarly articles on exercise, exercise physiology and the effects of aging on muscle strength and cardiovascular function, can discuss ways to keep fit and healthy while staying ahead of many of the debilitating effects of aging. The latest study, by the Associated Press-[LifeGoesStrong.com](#), says the majority of the baby boom generation reported getting some physical exercise, but not as much as is traditionally recommended to avoid weight gain and the health problems that accompany aging. Health problems cited by the survey include diabetes, heart disease and mobility issues. The report says dieting and eating healthy foods like fruits and vegetables are not enough to maintain muscle mass and lose unwanted pounds. It also takes physical exercise on a regular basis. The information comes as the nation braces for a surge in Medicare costs as 77 million baby boomers, the post-war generation born between 1946 and 1964, begin turning 65. "Obesity -- with its extra risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis -- will further fuel those bills," the Associated Press reported this week. Contact: Bob Lehnhard, (207) 581-2480; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Health and Nutrition Camp Featured

20 Jul 2011

The Strong Mind-Strong Body summer camp organized by UMaine graduate and former Black Bear football player

Roosevelt Boone was [featured](#) in the Bangor Daily News. The camp, which was held last week, was open free of charge to youths ages 10-17 whose parents met Department of Health and Human Services guidelines. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Internet Expansion Project

20 Jul 2011

The expansion of a project to bring high-speed internet to Aroostook County was the subject of a [story](#) in the Bangor Daily News. UMaine System employee Jeff Letourneau, who is based on the UMaine campus in Orono, was one of those credited with the the idea of a network known as the Three-Ring Binder. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

NY Newspaper Features Alumnus in Tonga

20 Jul 2011

The North Shore Sun of Mattituck, N.Y., had a feature about Keith Moore, a former UMaine soccer player who, along with his father and brother, organized soccer clinics for students in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific. Moore was recently named the head men's soccer coach at Keystone College in Clarks Summit, Pa. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Connection to Jackson Lab Noted in Article

20 Jul 2011

The Portland Press Herald [noted](#) UMaine's historic connection to Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor. The article traced the story back to 1923, when then-UMaine President Clarence Cook Little held a natural history camping trip with six students in Bar Harbor. In 1929, Little founded the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Student Recognized for Alzheimer's Work

20 Jul 2011

Kaitlin Smith, a 21-year-old UMaine student, has been named the honorary chair of the Bangor Walk to End Alzheimer's, according to a [story](#) in the Bangor Daily News. Smith, whose father has the disease, is an Alzheimer's fundraiser and advocate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Social Work Student Featured in Sentinel

20 Jul 2011

The Central Maine Morning Sentinel [featured](#) UMaine's Kara Janes, a 44-year-old graduate student in the School of Social Work. Janes is living for 10 days in a continuing care center as part of a program called Learning by Living, which gives students a first-hand view of living as an older adult with a health care condition. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Op-Ed on Bonds Notes UMaine Wind Research

20 Jul 2011

An op-ed piece in the Bangor Daily News about the need for research and development bonds noted the support for research institutions such as UMaine that bonds can provide. The authors noted UMaine research into deepwater offshore wind power and the new building set to open soon that will enable the testing of large-scale wind blades. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Psychologist Nominated for National Board Post

20 Jul 2011

Douglas Nangle, professor and director of the clinical psychology doctoral program in the UMaine Department of Psychology, has been selected for nomination to the American Psychological Association's Board of Professional Affairs. The nomination comes after several rounds of vetting by the APA Board of Directors. Nangle and one other nominee will appear on a national ballot for an October association election. The Board of Professional Affairs is a governing body of the organization responsible for developing recommendations for and monitoring the implementation of APA policy, standards and guidelines for the profession of psychology. If elected Nangle's term will begin in 2012. Contact: Doug Nangle, (207) 581-2045

Media Coverage of Hit-and-Run Trial

21 Jul 2011

As the trial of a man charged in the 2010 hit-and-run death of UMaine student Jordyn Bakley continued Wednesday, there were several reports in local and statewide media. Bangor television stations, including Channel 2 (WLBZ) aired a story. The [Bangor Daily News](#) has been covering the trial daily, and the weekly Village Soup also ran a story on its website which covers coastal Maine news. The [Central Maine Morning Sentinel](#) website had an Associated Press version of the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lobster Research Mentioned in Huffington Post

21 Jul 2011

The [Huffington Post](#) featured in its Food Informants series a Maine lobsterman who noted his connection to UMaine. Jason Joyce, whose week on the water was profiled, noted that he has done lobster and fish research at UMaine. Last year Joyce helped a master's student in food science and human nutrition catch green crabs for a thesis. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Family Relations Researcher Comments on Nuclear Families

21 Jul 2011

Robert Milardo, UMaine professor of family relations, was quoted in a [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) report about U.S. Census rates that show there are fewer nuclear families living in Maine. Milardo told the newspaper the increasing numbers of single men raising children without spouses is interesting because traditionally, single-parent fathers have had difficulty maintaining involvement with their children. The increase, he said, is a good thing because it means more fathers are staying involved. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on UMaine Assessment of Blueberry Crop

21 Jul 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) reported from UMaine research facility Blueberry Hill Farm in Jonesboro that the 2011 blueberry crop could be well below average if the region continues to remain dry. UMaine blueberry specialist and horticulture professor David Yarborough said moisture levels — too much or the lack of it — is the biggest factor in the crop success. UMaine President Paul Ferguson was also on hand as part of a listening tour of the state to determine how best UMaine can serve the state's agriculture industry. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Specialists Comment on Garlic Plant Diseases

21 Jul 2011

Steven Johnson and David Fuller of UMaine Cooperative Extension commented in a [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) story about the impact in Maine of destructive diseases that can decimate a garlic crop. Johnson, a crops specialist, said one disease has been confirmed on one farm, and another disease has been noted in three farms. Fuller warned that as garlic-growing gains momentum in the home garden and commercially, it is important to know where seeds come from. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Theater Student in Story About Summer Youth Series

22 Jul 2011

UMaine student Nick Lorenzen was quoted in a story on the [Nashoba Publishing website](#) about a young-adult summer theater series in Massachusetts. Lorenzen, a sophomore, is directing a comedy at this year's camp, and commented that theater brings people together and provides an outlet for people. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blueberry Specialist Comments on Blueberry Season

22 Jul 2011

David Yarborough, a blueberry specialist with UMaine Cooperative Extension, was interviewed on Bangor's WLBY television about the forecast for the blueberry crop. Yarborough told the interviewer the crop could suffer if the region does not get more rain in the coming weeks. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Peterson Racetrack Work Noted

22 Jul 2011

UMaine Libra Foundation Professor of Engineering Michael "Mick" Peterson was mentioned in a report on the [Daily Racing Form website](#) about the reopening of the Santa Anita horse racing track in California. The track's surface underwent a renovation and Peterson administered the testings of soil samples from the track in an on-site lab. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer comments in Snowe re-election story

24 Jul 2011

Prof. Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was interviewed for a [Capitol News Service story](#) published in the Bangor Daily News. The story details U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe's plans to stand for re-election in 2012.

Dill expertise noted in Sunday Telegram

24 Jul 2011

Comments from Jim Dill, a pest management specialist on the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty, were included in a [Maine Sunday Telegram story](#) about steps homeowners can take to blunt the impact of backyard pests. Dill advises that homeowners take care to limit opportunities for ticks, mosquitoes and other insects to infest their yards.

Researcher Mentioned in Story About Technology and Teaching

25 Jul 2011

UMaine education researcher Maja Wilson was mentioned in a report on the Inside Higher Ed website about the connections between technology and teaching. In an exchange taken from a listserv, the Inside Higher Ed author said Wilson summed up an argument about how best to use technology in the teaching of writing. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Mascot Noted in Report

25 Jul 2011

A [Portland Press Herald report](#) about Maine Day at Fenway Park noted the appearance of UMaine mascot Bananas the Bear. Maine Day was held Sunday during a Red Sox game at the stadium. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Class of 1944 reunion Wednesday

25 Jul 2011

Paul Ferguson, the University of Maine's president since July 1, will attend the annual summer reunion of UMaine's Class of 1944 on Wednesday July 27 in Memorial Union. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 12 noon in the Class of 1944 Bears Den, will include up to 20 members of the legendary UMaine class. In addition to the Bears Den, Class of 1944 Hall -- home to UMaine's performing arts academic programs -- is named for the class. Ferguson, who will be joined by his wife, Grace Ferguson, will join the group for lunch at 12 noon. After lunch and a social period, a series of UMaine representatives including Ferguson will offer brief remarks, leading up to the class business meeting at 2:30 p.m. A tour of UMaine's deepwater offshore wind technology laboratory will follow at 3 p.m. *July 25, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571*

Wagner named art museum education coordinator

25 Jul 2011

Eva Wagner of Thorndike has been named education coordinator at the University of Maine Museum of Art. A New York City native, Wagner is a UMaine graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in studio art and a master's in teaching. She has taught in both public and private schools, in addition to service as education coordinator and museum educator at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland. She is an accomplished artist who studied painting and foundations at the Maine College of Art. "We are delighted to have Eva join our team," says Museum Coordinator and Curator George Kinghorn. "She is a talented art educator who understands how vital education and community outreach is to the Museum's mission. Eva will clearly advance our educational objectives through the creation of innovative projects that will bring new faces into the Museum." Wagner will be responsible for the museum's diverse education and community outreach offerings including school tours, adult education programs, gallery talks and the popular summer and winter art camps for children. She will also develop an array of educational initiatives aimed at reaching new audiences. "Now more than ever, community outreach and education are integral to the success of museums," Wagner says. "In order to thrive as an institution, we need to welcome everyone and let all enter into the conversation about creative processes, the history of art and the dynamic works being produced by artists today. I look forward to encouraging our visitors and serving as a bridge to a greater understanding and involvement in the visual arts. UMMA has created such an exciting exhibition schedule and there are considerable opportunities for creating new educational programs for all ages. I'm thrilled to be a part of the staff during this critical period of the Museum's growth." She lives in Thorndike with her husband and two children. *July 25, 2011 Contact Kathryn Jovanelli at (207) 561-3350*

UMaine Conducting Confined-Space Mock Rescue Training

25 Jul 2011

Contact: Scott Wilkerson, 207-581-3049 or scott.wilkerson@umit.maine.edu July 21, 2011 University of Maine Facilities Management and UMaine Public Safety will work with the Orono Fire Department this week to a mock rescue exercise on the UMaine campus. The scenario deals specifically with confined-space rescue. The first exercise was held Monday with two more planned for Tuesday and Wednesday. The same exercise will be held all three days. The exercises will gear up at approximately 12:10 p.m. at the rear of Bryand Global Sciences Center. The mock rescue itself will begin at around 12:50 p.m. The mock rescue scenario involves two members of UMaine Facilities Maintenance HVAC staff who have gone to clean out a build-up of organic debris collecting at the bottom of an air intake plenum at the rear of the Bryand Center. The HVAC staff will place a mannequin on the floor of the plenum, simulating a worker who has collapsed for an unknown reason and is unresponsive. The facilities management team will contact UMaine

Public Safety to initiate the mock rescue, which is expected to take about 40 minutes. The Bryand Global Sciences Center is located on Grove Street Extension. Please contact Scott Wilkerson, Facilities Safety and Regulatory Compliance manager, for more information.

Art Student's Two-Day Mural Painting Project Set July 26-27 in Orono


25 Jul 2011

July 25, 2011 Ryan "Goo" Guerrero, an M.F.A student in Intermedia with a B.A. in Studio Art, will conduct a two-part, two-day live mural-painting project in downtown Orono and on campus Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26-27, as part of his graduate thesis. Guerrero, from Utica, N.Y., will spray-paint the murals with a Maine theme on four plywood panels forming a 16-foot-wide by 8-foot-tall canvas. Locations for the mural project will be at the corner of The Verve and Dr. Records on Mill Street in Orono on Tuesday and on the UMaine campus on the Mall near Lord Hall Wednesday. When complete, two side panels will have a landscaping-scenic setting depicting Mill Street, the Stillwater River and a campus view of the Mall, which are to be painted at the Verve location. Two center panels will have a graffiti lettering of "Maine," with a black bear, and will be painted on campus. All of the panels will be joined together at the campus site, according to Guerrero, principal of "Goo's Kustom Airbrushin'," Maker Photography and an Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity member. Guerrero plans to paint in Orono village Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 p.m., and on campus Wednesday from 8 a.m. until the work is complete. Inclement weather could extend the project into Thursday or Friday, he says. "The audience can expect to see how graffiti/street art can be used in a positive way within a community as well as educating others who are unfamiliar with the art form, showing that it can help beautify the area and its surroundings," Guerrero says. "Plus, it's interesting to have conversations with people that would stop and ask questions about what I was painting or give compliments. It makes people's minds curious as to what I'm painting, and there's the enjoyment of seeing someone finish the piece, especially when you watch it from start to end." Upon completion Wednesday, Guerrero will connect all four panels. "Throughout this, I would like to show people that there's a whole process to this type of painting, say Guerrero. "The main focus of this project is community engagement with the public and the affects of graffiti street art used in a positive way within a community." Guerrero's work will be up for an hour or two after completion, then taken down later on Wednesday. He intends to donate the four-panel mural for display in a garage, home, office or restaurant. Guerrero has painted murals for art shows, but never a live painting session and engagement with the public. The project will offer a different view of graffiti that many people are unaware of, he says. Guerrero studies under the supervision of art professor Owen Smith. Contact: Ryan Guerrero, (207) 659-5001; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Bike Path Reconstruction Moves to Phase 2

25 Jul 2011

July 25, 2011

The University of Maine has completed and reopened Phase 1 of the bike path reconstruction and has now closed a second section, from Stillwater Avenue to the Witter Farm, for about five weeks to accommodate the work. 

During reconstruction, the section of the bike path will be closed to all pedestrian and bicycle traffic, according to Jeffrey Aceto, assistant director of Facilities Management for Construction Administration. A signed detour route, however, will maintain the bike path connection from the campus to Old Town.

The closure includes all paved areas from the J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Center farm road to Stillwater Avenue and the Bunker Road, adjacent to the Old Town Elementary School. The parking lot off Stillwater Avenue also will be closed during the period. Facilities Management asks the public to please respect posted signs and not use or enter any part of the bike path marked as closed.

The detour extends from the Bunker Road, travels on a gravel road through the University Forest and extends through the Witter Farm to the Witter Farm Road. The public is cautioned to be aware of farm vehicle traffic and respect farm animals and signage. The detour route will be closed at night.

The bike path reconstruction project is expected to be complete by Aug. 29.

The path has served the greater campus community for more than 34 years. The reconstructed paths will have improvements to restore appropriate grades, drainage and wearing surface. Funding for the project is being provided by the Maine Department of Transportation and the University of Maine.

Questions or comments regarding the project may be directed to Aceto at (207) 581-2669, or via e-mail (jeffrey.aceto@maine.edu).

Contact: Jeffrey Aceto, (207) 581-2669, or e-mail (jeffrey.aceto@maine.edu)

Dana Interviewed About Voter Fraud Report

26 Jul 2011

Comments from UMaine Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Robert Dana were included in a [Kennebec Journal article](#) about a report that the Maine Republican Party has discovered cases of voter fraud among college students in Maine. Dana told the newspaper that UMaine's nonpartisan get-out-the-vote program, UVote, has boosted voter participation on campus. Democratic House Minority Leader Emily Cain, a UMaine doctoral student who works in the Honors College, said the Republicans are trying to disenfranchise college voters. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Feature on Social Work Student in Assisted Living Program

26 Jul 2011

Kara Janes, a UMaine social work graduate student, was featured in the [Bangor Daily News](#) for her involvement in a project that has her living in an assisted-living facility for 10 days. Janes elected to spend 10 days at Lakewood Continuing Care Center in Waterville order to build empathy for her clients and enrich her clinical understanding of the long-term care environment. Her placement is coordinated and evaluated through the "Learning by Living" project. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Football Alumni to Be Added to Ring of Honor

26 Jul 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) reported that former UMaine football players Chris Keating and Thurlow Cooper will be inducted into the Black Bears' Ring of Honor on Oct. 15. Cooper, who will be inducted posthumously, and Keating will join former UMaine football standout John Huard and former coach and athletic director Harold Westerman as members of the Ring of Honor, which was established in 2005 to recognize and honor the most outstanding members of the football program.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Biofuel Research Noted in MaineBiz

26 Jul 2011

UMaine's research into biofuels and bioplastics was noted in a MaineBiz story about Maine's clean economy and the high grades the state received recently in a Brookings Institution report. The story mentioned the company Old Town Fuel & Fiber and its work with the UMaine Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering to refine a process to

turn wood sugar extracts into bioplastics precursors and jet fuel. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Education Conference Held at UMaine

27 Jul 2011

The Bangor Daily News [covered](#) this week's Maine Positive Youth Development Institute Conference, which was held at UMaine. The conference focused on advising administrators and educators on what needs to be done to keep students in the education system and give them the tools they need to get, keep and create jobs after graduation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blueberry Specialist Interviewed for Press Herald Story

27 Jul 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension blueberry specialist David Yarborough was interviewed for a Portland Press Herald [story](#) about this year's blueberry crop. Yarborough told the Press Herald if Maine's wild blueberries get enough moisture the rest of the summer after a dry June and early July, the crop could be slightly above average. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Composite Technology Bridge Highlighted on Website

27 Jul 2011

The website Reinforced Plastics has a story about a bridge in Boothbay, Maine, which was rebuilt using hybrid-composite beam technology tested at UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The Knickerbocker Bridge, developed at Harbor Technologies in Brunswick, is said to be the longest composite vehicular bridge in the world. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Historian Comments in Radio Report on Debt Talks

27 Jul 2011

Comments from UMaine historian Howard Segal were included in a Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio [report](#) about Mainers' opinions on the national debt talks. Segal said President Obama should have been tougher from the outset of the impasse. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Mock Rescue Training Drill

27 Jul 2011

Local media covered this week's rescue training drills, which were organized by UMaine Facilities Management and held behind the Bryand Global Science Building on the UMaine campus. Bangor television station WABI covered the drill, which included a rescue from a confined space. The station interviewed UMaine graduate student Nancy Price, who said she feels better knowing emergency workers train to perform rescues. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Graduate Student's Graffiti Project Featured

27 Jul 2011

UMaine graduate student Ryan Guerrero was [featured](#) in the Bangor Daily News for a graffiti project he is working on as a master's project. Guerrero, who will earn a degree in fine arts, is spray-painting four sheets of plywood to form a 16-foot long mural to be donated to either UMaine or a business that will display it properly. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Developer Plans to Build Student Housing

27 Jul 2011

Mainebiz is reporting that developer Campus Crest Communities Inc. is planning to build a \$25 million property in Orono near the UMaine campus. Campus Crest, which was founded by UMaine graduate Michael Hartnett, first announced the project in May 2009. The development will be ready by 2012-13, according to a news release from the company. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Class of 1944 Featured in Report

28 Jul 2011

Bangor television station WABI reported on this week's gathering of alumni from the UMaine Class of 1944. The group has donated more than \$14 million through the years, including funds for the Class of 1944 Hall which houses UMaine's music department, and the revamped Bear's Den pub. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Graduate Student Graffiti Project Noted

28 Jul 2011

UMaine fine arts graduate student Ryan Guerrero was the subject of a report on Bangor television station WLBZ. Guerrero has created panels of graffiti art as his master's thesis, and plans to donate the panels to whoever wants to display them. WABI also had a story about Guerrero, who wants to show that graffiti can be seen as an art form. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Football Poll Coverage

28 Jul 2011

Several news outlets carried stories about the preseason Colonial Athletic Association football poll released Wednesday that put UMaine in ninth place. The [Portland Press Herald](#) noted that UMaine defensive back Jerron McMillian was picked as a safety on the preseason all-conference defensive team. The [Bangor Daily News](#) interviewed coach Jack Cosgrove about the ranking. Cosgrove was also mentioned in a [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#) story about UMaine's commitment to keeping football despite the fact that many New England schools are closing their programs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cusano Named Wheaton Track Coach

28 Jul 2011

The [Attleboro Sun Chronicle](#) of Massachusetts had a report about Dave Cusano, a UMaine graduate who was an assistant track and field coach for the Black Bears and was named recently the head coach of Wheaton College. In 2009 Cusano was part of a group that the America East conference named Coaching Staff of the Year for track and field. Cusano was a track and field participant and football player for UMaine, and he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in exercise physiology from UMaine in 2004 and 2008, respectively. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Television Report on Alford Arena Renovations

28 Jul 2011

WABI television reported about the progress of renovations to UMaine's Alford Arena. Athletic director Steve Abbott said the renovations are on target for a Sept. 19 completion date. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Water Quality Specialist Wilson in Channel 2, 6 Interview

28 Jul 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and water quality scientist Laura Wilson appeared in the Channel 2 (WLBZ) newsroom in Bangor recently for a morning interview about preventing the spread of hydrilla, milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants that can spoil lakes and ponds for swimming and boating. The interview with anchor Lee Nelson was broadcast on Channels 2 and 6 (WCSH) in Portland this week. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Coverage of Verdict in Hit-and-Run Case

29 Jul 2011

Media reported Thursday and Friday the news that a jury found a North Berwick man guilty in the hit-and-run death of a UMaine student in 2010. Jordyn Bakley, a 20-year-old Camden resident, died in January 2010. Portland television station WCSH and Bangor's WABI carried stories. The [Bangor Daily News](#) interviewed Bakley's father. Foster's Daily Democrat of New Hampshire ran a BDN story about the verdict. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blueberry Specialist Interviewed About Crop

29 Jul 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension blueberry specialist and horticulture professor David Yarborough was interviewed for a Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio story about the state of the blueberry crop this summer. Yarborough said unless the region receives adequate rainfall soon, the crop could be significantly diminished. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Economist's Research in Story About College Tuition

29 Jul 2011

An article about college tuition in the weekly Independent which covers the towns of Gray, Windham and Raymond, noted the research of UMaine economist Phillip Trostel, who has written about the importance of a well-educated work force to grow prosperity and develop high-paying jobs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Sustainability Initiative Noted

29 Jul 2011

The website for [Biomass Magazine](#) has a story about an effort to study biomass in northern Maine which is being funded by UMaine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative. UMaine-Fort Kent researcher Brian Kermath, the director of the school's Center for Rural Sustainable Development, told the magazine his center is partnering with SSI on a project that will assess the potential to generate biomass from forest and agriculture. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Report on Hockey Camp in Southern Maine

29 Jul 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) reported on a UMaine ice hockey camp that was held this week in Falmouth. Several current and former Black Bears worked at the camps, which UMaine Coach Tim Whitehead said will expose the population-heavy southern region of the state to the hockey program. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Grad Student Interviewed about Emerald Ash Borer Bio-Surveillance

29 Jul 2011

UMaine graduate student Tawny Virgilio was interviewed Thursday by Channel 5 (WABI) for an evening news

broadcast about a bio-surveillance project she's doing under the supervision of entomology professor Eleanor Groden to determine the hunting habits of a wasp that catches beetles, including the destructive emerald ash borer. The wasp *Cerceris fumipennis* doesn't sting people, and may provide entomologists and Maine forestry researchers another way to determine if the emerald ash borer beetle exists yet in Maine. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Engineering Professor Exploring Watershed Sustainability with Middle School Students

29 Jul 2011

A University of Maine engineering professor is working on a research and education grant focused on watershed sustainability, a project which includes helping middle school-aged children understand the effects of climate change on watershed sustainability in their own municipalities. Shaleen Jain, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, is doing research on developing models to understand the impact of climate change on freshwater resources and the role of water allocation in both ensuring reliable water supplies for communities and balance the health of the ecosystem. Jain recently received a Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award from the National Science Foundation to bolster his research. The five-year, \$406,551 award also has an educational component, for which Jain will work with UMaine's New Media Internet Technologies Laboratory to develop a new watershed sustainability-related gaming environment for students. The program, called SimStream, allows students to explore the relationships between a stream, its ecosystem and a neighboring city. It was built using Scratch, a programming environment that was developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Laboratory. "We'll be merging computational learning with environmental sustainability in middle schools," Jain said. "We will work with students to develop their own conception of watersheds, where they can include various physical and cultural elements. We really think that issues of environmental sustainability are increasingly urgent and important to include as early in our K-12 education system as we can. So this is a small effort in that direction." Students at Stillwater Montessori School in Old Town experimented last spring with Scratch and will use the program again this autumn. Eventually Jain will partner with UMaine's Wabanaki Center to develop an educational curriculum on watershed sustainability for middle-school students in Maine's Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes. In his research, Jain will collaborate with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and other water-related stakeholder groups. NSF CAREER grants are highly selective awards to junior faculty who are promising researchers in their field. Previous CAREER awardees in UMaine's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department include Eric Landis, Jean MacRae and Roberto Lopez-Anido. Jain, who has been at UMaine since 2006, is also a cooperating assistant professor in UMaine's Climate Change Institute and the School of Policy and International Affairs. He is also part of the core faculty team working with the UMaine-based Sustainability Solutions Initiative, led by David Hart. Contact: Shaleen Jain, (207) 581-2420 or shaleen.jain@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch

Wind Power Research Noted in Editorial

29 Jul 2011

The [Journal Tribune of Biddeford](#) has an editorial noting UMaine's contributions to wind power research. The editorial, which advocates for more wind farms in Maine, says UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center is working on the technology and engineering to train a new generation how to work in the emerging wind power industry. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Innovation Camp in TV Feature

01 Aug 2011

Bangor television station WABI had a story about the Innovation Adventure Day Camp, which was held last week at UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation. Camp director Emily Albee, the 2011 UMaine Graduate Student Employee of the Year, was interviewed for the story along with some of the young campers. A second session of the camp will be held Aug. 8-12. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Mentions Psychology Research

01 Aug 2011

The work of a UMaine psychologist was noted on the website International Business Times in a story about the accuracy issues of survey-taking. A study done by Michele Alexander (a UMaine faculty member who was killed in a car accident in 2003) and a fellow researcher at Ohio State was cited as having found women were more likely to tell the truth if they thought they were hooked up to a lie detector, while men were more likely to be consistent with their answers. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mahon Column in Bangor Daily News

01 Aug 2011

John Mahon, who holds the John M. Murphy Chair in International Business Policy and Strategy and is a professor of management at the Maine Business School at UMaine, had a column in this weekend's [Bangor Daily News](#). Mahon wrote about approaches to taxing large businesses and noted a study being done by Maine Business School professors Patti Miles and Terry Porter that is examining revenues and taxes at 242 firms over a 10-year period. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Previews Retired Professor's Appalachian Trail Book

01 Aug 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal has a story about a book written by David B. Field, a retired UMaine professor of forest resources who is also a UMaine graduate. "Images of America: Along Maine's Appalachian Trail" illustrates the history of the trail's mountains and forests in Maine. Field maintained six miles of the scenic trail for 54 years and served as an officer of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club and on the board of managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer Comments in Redistricting Story

01 Aug 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer was interviewed for a [Bangor Daily News](#) story about a bipartisan commission that is beginning the process of redistricting Maine. Brewer told the BDN the state is dealing with a relatively small imbalance of 4,300 voters, but the process is messy whenever politics is involved. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on UMaine Hockey Alumni Game

01 Aug 2011

The biennial UMaine hockey alumni game was featured in the Portland Press Herald. The game was held in Saco this year due to ongoing renovations to Alford Arena. Tyler Walsh, a UMaine senior and student manager for the Black Bears, was interviewed about his memories of traveling with the team and being around the players when his father, the late Shawn Walsh, was coaching the team. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine Policy Review Assesses Maine Food Systems

01 Aug 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine's Margaret Chase Policy Center has published a special issue of its Maine Policy Review, a 248-page assessment of Maine's food and food systems, ranging from economics, energy and the environment to hunger, health and nutrition. A year in the making, the special issue, Special Issue: Food, is a compendium of articles, essays, and research on the often overlooked or underappreciated elements of food production, preparation, preservation, distribution, presentation and consumption. More than 50 authors -- all experts in their fields of expertise -- contributed. The food industry, just part of a larger universe that is Maine's food system, is a complex and

interrelated network comprising nearly 20 percent of the state's workforce. The book-length issue, says editor Ann Acheson, a research associate at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center on the UMaine campus, presents the evolution and current state of Maine's food system, and drives home that food and the food system "touches on almost everything important in our lives and in both the state and national economy." Acheson says the special issue will be of interest to researchers, policymakers, educators, the farming, fishing and business communities, and almost every other facet of the public realm. "I think there's something for everybody because it is so wide-ranging," she says. The idea for the special issue came from Deb Felder and Andrea Perry of the Broad Reach Fund, a grant-making organization supporting food systems work in Maine. They served as guest editors for the special issue, which has been mailed out to some 2,700 subscribers and posted on the [Center website](#). Because of the significance of the topic, additional copies of the issue were printed for further distribution to interested groups and individuals, according to Acheson. The publication comes at a serendipitous time. As the world's attention has focused recently on food quality, abundance, production and safety issues -- often caused by crises -- the special issue of the Maine Policy Review on food explains how and why Maine "is ahead of the curve," in Acheson's words, of a changing global food system. In Maine, however, the system is getting better. "We are at a moment in time when the food system has landed front and center on the nation's consciousness," guest editor Deb Felder writes in an introductory article. "From kitchen gardens to the White House, we are ready to redefine and reform the food system." Felder adds that an "explosion of interest and action around the country in the past two decades for more humane, ecologically sustainable, safe, economical and community-supported food systems has put Maine in the forefront of the food movement." Maine has seen a marked increase in small farms, organic farms and specialty farms, according to Acheson, and the public's increasing distrust of salts, sugars and chemicals in processed foods and growth hormones and antibiotics routinely fed to fish, fowl and animals, is fueling a public demand for simply grown, fresh, local foods, she suggests. The special issue includes opening essays from Maine Congressional Representative Chellie Pingree, who started a successful organic farm on North Haven in the early 1970s, and former director of Maine's Department of Health and Human Services Kevin Concannon, now the under secretary for food, nutrition and consumer services in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He draws parallels between hunger and poor nutrition and obesity and health risks. Other contributors include dozens of scientists and researchers from the University of Maine, University of Southern Maine, other Maine colleges, and stakeholders from private industry, philanthropic organizations, and community groups. "I think we wanted to produce a comprehensive picture of what constitutes Maine's food system with all of its components, so it wasn't focused just on agriculture or just food production or economic aspects," Acheson says. "We wanted to cover education, labor, health and food equity. When you think of food, you might think of the typical things -- farming and fishing -- but there's a lot more to it." Contact: Ann Acheson, (207) 581-1567

UMaine Assists Podiatrist with Electronic Tuning Fork Invention

01 Aug 2011

An Orono podiatrist is on the cusp of a technological breakthrough with a new medical instrument -- an electronic tuning fork -- that he's developing with assistance from students and staff at the University of Maine's [Advanced Manufacturing Center](#). Tuning forks are considered one of the most accurate measures of human sensitivity to touch, and are commonly used by physicians to diagnose early signs of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, or damaged or deteriorating nerves in the feet of diabetics. The condition all too often can lead to foot ulcers and eventual foot amputation, according to Orono resident Dr. Todd O'Brien, a podiatric surgeon at a Health Access Network practice and Penobscot Valley Hospital in Lincoln, Maine. Tuning forks, however, are subjective in application, O'Brien explains, since the person administering the tuning fork test and the patient work together to estimate the time in which the patient loses awareness of the diminishing vibrations. O'Brien's prototype electronic tuning fork removes at least half of the guesswork. The user of the device presses an actuation button while in contact with the patient's skin. This simultaneously starts the vibrations and a built-in timer. The user then releases the button when the patient indicates they can no longer feel the vibrations thereby stopping the timer. The amount of time elapsed is how long the patient was able to sense the vibrations. The user then reads the time elapsed on an LED display on the device. It standardizes the procedure, says O'Brien, who has applied for a provisional patent on the device and has begun testing a prototype at his practice. "It's kind of taking this old-fashioned device and basically upgrading it with 21st century components," he says. "What I hope it will be able to do is screen patients more accurately to see if they are developing neuropathy." Early detection of diminishing foot sensitivity, he says, can allow remedial intervention such as special shoes, an insert or other foot-care options. Foot sensitivity affects an individual's proprioception, or neurological awareness of the

position of parts of the body, including the feet, which affects balance. Identifying a loss of foot sensitivity can indicate a predisposition to falling, an affliction that has spawned a whole cottage industry devoted to the problem, O'Brien says. "If you can identify someone who is prone to falling, you can recommend training programs," he says. "Beyond that, it's just a better version of the tuning fork that you can use anywhere on the body" for other medical applications, he says. As much as eight percent of the nation's population is diabetic, and health studies show an alarming increase of the disease. Almost half of O'Brien's patients, he says, are diabetic. With an affordable electronic tuning fork, O'Brien says patients could help monitor their conditions at home. After researching whether such a device already exists, O'Brien concluded one does not. He has been working on the design and components of his invention, which is about 8 inches long and an inch in diameter, for about a year. With Maine Technology Institute grant funding, O'Brien contacted UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center about making a prototype. James Bryant, the AMC's project manager who's been overseeing the development of O'Brien's prototype, says staff, mechanical, and electrical engineering technology students have been working to build a device that O'Brien can eventually have mass-produced and marketed. "We welcome these sorts of projects," Bryant says. "They give our students real experiences solving problems and helping Maine businesses improve their operations. In this case, Dr. O'Brien's invention can also help people." AMC Director John Belding adds that an increasing number of projects the AMC helps with are healthcare oriented. "We've been developing devices, equipment and tools that can make a difference in people's lives, in addition to those who look after them -- whether it's family caregivers or professionals," Belding says. O'Brien, who holds patents on several other medical innovations he has designed for commercialization under a private company, O'Brien Medical, LLC, says he is grateful for the accessibility of the university's AMC. "Being up here in Central Maine, it's hard for me to be able to do things like this," O'Brien says. "There are not a lot of resources available. If I didn't have these guys, I'd have to work down south or out of state. I think it's a really valuable program." Contact: Dr. Todd O'Brien, (207) 290-0719; John Belding, (207) 581-2717

Newspaper Feature on Former UMaine Football Star

02 Aug 2011

The Suffolk Times of New York [profiled](#) former UMaine football and track star Carl Smith, who now lives in Saco with his family, including wife Lori, who ran cross country for the Black Bears. Smith told the newspaper, which included him in its series of the greatest athletes from its coverage area, that being at UMaine in the late 1980s and early 1990s allowed him to grow, and the people at the school took to him like he was one of their own. The profile also notes that Sports Illustrated reported at the time on the NFL scouts who visited Orono at the time to watch Smith and quarterback Mike Buck. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Baseball Camps in Maine Communities

02 Aug 2011

UMaine baseball coaches and players have been traveling to Maine communities to conduct community camps, according to a Bangor Daily News [report](#). Black Bear coaches have traveled to Hermon, MDI and Poland this summer to conduct camps. Head coach Steve Trimper said a goal of the program is to reach out to high school coaches to have instruction filter to the high schools. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Preview of Offshore Wind Energy Presentation

02 Aug 2011

The Village Soup website has a preview of an Aug. 11 documentary presentation and panel discussion at the Strand Theatre in Rockland about the potential for offshore wind energy in the Gulf of Maine. Habib Dagher, the Bath Iron Works Professor of Structural Engineering at the University of Maine, and the founding director of the AEWCA Advanced Structures & Composites Center, will participate in the panel discussion. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Student Interviewed for Sustainable Agriculture Story

02 Aug 2011

An Inside Higher Ed [story](#) about the student farm movement in North America included comments from Mary Plaisted, a UMaine senior who has managed UMaine's Black Bear Food Guild. Plaisted said through her classes in UMaine's sustainable agriculture program she has gained a fuller understanding of the use of the impacts of pesticides and conventional agriculture. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Final Bachelorette Episode

02 Aug 2011

The final episode of the reality show "The Bachelorette," featuring UMaine graduate Ashley Hebert, garnered much media coverage on a national and local level. Several media outlets noted Hebert's connection to UMaine, including the [Fatherhood Channel website](#). The Bangor Daily News also had a [story](#) about Hebert, a Madawaska native who is now a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Teen Actors Invited to Audition for Maine-Based Movie 'Bluebird'

02 Aug 2011

An independent New York production company is holding a casting call Friday, Aug. 5 at UMaine's Lord Hall for area actors aged 15-19 for a film, "Bluebird," being made in northern Maine this winter. Leading roles will be available for some of the students selected for the cast, according to Vacationland Films. Bluebird is described as a dramatic feature that takes place in the frozen woods of an isolated Maine logging town, "and one woman's tragic mistake shatters the balance of the community, resulting in profound and unexpected consequences." UMaine art professor Owen Smith, director of the Intermedia master of fine arts program and a member of the Maine Film Board, will co-host the auditions along with representatives from Vacationland Films. Auditions are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Young actors will receive anything they need for the audition when they arrive. Maine native Lance Edmands, who wrote the film, will direct and edit the script. The concept already has been recognized by several awards, including: Sundance Institute Directors Lab; Sundance Institute Screenwriters Lab; Sundance Institute Producers Lab; Annenberg Feature Film Fellowship; Chris Columbus/Richard Vague Production Award; Mark Silvermann Fellowship; and Independent Film Week/No Borders. "Support for the development of a range of film production, such as Bluebird, is an important area of needed creative growth in Maine," says Smith. "It can and will support a range of people in the arts from actors to production crews, and also has a significant additional economic impact with needs for equipment rental and whole range of support services for the film production crew." Supporting such productions also is part of one of the central missions of the University of Maine's Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center (IMRC Center), sponsored in part by funding from the Maine Technical Institute, which will open with audio and video production facilities in the summer of 2012, Smith adds. Information and details on the casting call is on the Vacationland Films website. In an online interview with [IONCINEMA.com](#) Edmands discusses the plot of Bluebird, along with other details about his life and work. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Princeton Review, Fiske Guides, Forbes all list UMaine among nation's best; university named to Green Honor Roll

02 Aug 2011

The University of Maine is ranked among the top colleges and universities on a national scale, according to Princeton Review, Fiske Guide to Colleges and Forbes' "America's Top Colleges." This recognition marks eight consecutive years for UMaine in Princeton Review and the Fiske Guide. "The Princeton Review's Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition" lists only about 15 percent of the U.S.' 2,500 colleges and universities. "The Fiske Guide to Colleges" includes slightly fewer, recognizing 330 institutions. The Forbes list ranks the nation's top 650 undergraduate colleges and universities. "This is welcome recognition, which reflects positively on UMaine's faculty, students and staff," says UMaine President Paul Ferguson. "These guidebooks provide independent verification of our belief that UMaine represents exceptional quality and value, on par with the great colleges and universities around the U.S. and beyond." UMaine is also one of

just 16 colleges and universities listed in Princeton Review's "Green Honor Roll." College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor is also on the Green Honor Roll. Several of the nation's leading research universities, including Virginia Tech, Oregon State, Arizona State and the University of Washington are also on that prestigious list, as are Harvard and Northeastern. Recognizing schools for their commitment to sustainability, the Green Honor Roll lists only those 16 institutions that received the highest possible score on The Princeton Review green rating. The guide lauds UMaine for its recycling programs, green-certified buildings and free shuttle bus service. It also notes the fact that UMaine has a sustainability coordinator, a sustainability council and "Eco Reps" in its residence halls. Compiled by former New York Times editor Edward Fiske, the Fiske Guide is a subjective presentation rather than a statistical one, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of each institution in terms of academics, social life and overall quality of life. The Princeton Review's methodology includes an extensive survey of current students, used to assess the overall student experience. The Forbes list is created in collaboration with the Center for College Affordability and Productivity in Washington, D.C. *Updated Aug. 5, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](mailto:Joe.Carr@princetonreview.com) (207) 581-3571*

TV News Report Includes UMaine Bike Path Update

02 Aug 2011

Channel 2 (WLBZ) on Monday evening carried a report about the progress of the UMaine bicycle path rehabilitation project that is replacing and upgrading the paved paths through university forests between the campus and Old Town. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

UMaine Learning Center in Press Herald Story

03 Aug 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's new Regional Learning Center was mentioned in a [Portland Press Herald](#) story about a Center for African Heritage garden project located at Tidewater Farm in Falmouth. The story says farmers regularly consult with the agricultural experts who are based at the Regional Learning Center, which is a public-private partnership among UMaine, the Cumberland County Extension Association and the Tidewater Conservation Foundation. The center offers sustainable living education programs for children, families and home-based business owners. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cod Academy

03 Aug 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) reported about the first class of students who graduated from Cod Academy, an education program that provides classroom training and hands-on experience at a commercial fish farm that raises cod. UMaine's Aquaculture Institute is a partner in the program. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Bog Walk Vandalism

03 Aug 2011

Vandalism to the Orono Bog Walk, which is located on land adjacent to UMaine, was reported in the [Bangor Daily News](#), which posted surveillance video taken last week at the bog walk of four people climbing around a locked gate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on Voter Turnout

03 Aug 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried has a column in the [Bangor Daily News](#) about voter turnout and the recent national wave of restrictions on same-day voter registration. Fried's column was her first as a regular contributor to the BDN's editorial pages, where she will alternate weeks with Matthew Gagnon, a former staffer for Sen. Susan Collins.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV News Features Maine Policy Review's Food Issue

03 Aug 2011

[Channel 7 \(WVII\)](#) television news Tuesday evening featured the new special issue of the Maine Policy Review, a 248-page compilation of essays, articles and research about food and food systems in Maine, recently published by the UMaine Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. Ann Acheson, researcher at the center and editor of the special issue, was interviewed about the publication, which covers such issues as the food system's economic impact, employment, trends, in addition to health and nutrition. [A UMaine news release has additional information.](#) Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Newspaper Report on UMaine Rankings

04 Aug 2011

[The Bangor Daily News](#) noted UMaine's inclusion as a top college in two nationally recognized ranking systems. UMaine was included in "The Princeton Review's Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition," which lists only about 15 percent of the 2,500 colleges and universities in the U.S. "The Fiske Guide to Colleges" recognizes 330 institutions. UMaine was one of just 16 colleges and universities listed in the Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll, which recognizes institutions for their sustainability efforts. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Art Museum Official Comments in Miami Herald Story

04 Aug 2011

Comments from Kathryn Jovanelli, assistant coordinator of the UMaine Museum of Art, were included in a Miami Herald story about sculptor Gerry Stecca, whose use of clothespins has garnered him national attention. The museum recently hosted an exhibition of Stecca's clothespin art, and one of his pieces is in the museum's lobby. Jovanelli told the Herald that people love the whimsical, movement-oriented sculpture. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Partnership Noted in Story About Bioscience Firm

04 Aug 2011

UMaine's work with the Richmond, Maine-based company Kennebec River Biosciences, was mentioned in a story in the [Times Record newspaper](#). The story noted the company has worked with UMaine to foster relationships between the private and public sectors. Company CEO and President William Keleher is a UMaine graduate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Movie Auditions in News

04 Aug 2011

Several local media outlets reported that a filmmaker is holding auditions on the UMaine campus for a film to be shot next January. [The Bangor Daily News](#) had a story and noted the auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Lord Hall. Bangor television station WABI had reported on the upcoming auditions, as did Cumulus Radio News. UMaine art professor Owen Smith will co-host the auditions. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Features Extension's Tidewater Farm Garden Project

04 Aug 2011

[The Portland Press Herald](#) on Wednesday featured the three-acre farm in Falmouth run by immigrants and refugees in the Center for African Heritage. The gardens are at the University of Maine's Cooperative Extension Tidewater Farm, part of the University of Maine Regional Learning Center. Gardeners use the leased space for growing vegetables for African community members in Maine, providing spare produce for Portland schools, training African community youth and for therapy to help refugees cope with the trauma of war. Contact: George Manlove, 581-3756

Ecological Monitoring Project Seeks 'Signs of Seasons' Volunteers

04 Aug 2011

Half of the plants described by Henry David Thoreau in his classic 1854 book *Walden* have disappeared from Walden Pond. That is an example of how relatively rapidly climate change can modify our natural environment, says University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant climate change educator Esperanza Stancioff. A new "Signs of the Seasons" bio-monitoring program recently launched by Stancioff, Beth Bisson, the assistant director of outreach and education and co-coordinator of the program, and colleagues will use volunteers to monitor Maine's phenology, or nature's clock. The project is partially funded by an \$8,000 grant from UMaine Extension and recently a \$10,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with in kind contributions from other collaborators. The goal is to recruit and train members of the public to assist scientists in observing and recording local effects of climate change on Maine's plants and animals in hundreds of backyards in dozens of communities. [Extension](#) and [Sea Grant](#), in conjunction with the [USA National Phenology Network](#) and educators and scientists from more than a half dozen organizations and institutions, have been training citizen scientists from all walks of life in every age group to help with "[Signs of the Seasons: A Maine Phenology Project](#)." "We have an incredibly diverse audience for this throughout the state," Stancioff says. "There has been more interest and enthusiasm than we had expected." More than 170 volunteers already have been trained this first season to monitor the Signs of the Seasons "indicator species," by observing and recording life cycle events like the appearance of first buds, leaves and flowers, the arrival of monarch butterflies, and the developmental phases of rockweed. A change in the timing of one species can have ripple effects on others. For example, "What happens when milkweed, which is food for monarch caterpillars, is not ready when the eggs hatch?" Stancioff asks. Just as many people closely watch the timing of ice-out on Maine lakes, Stancioff is finding that people are interested in making observations where they live, and providing much-needed data to scientists studying environmental changes. Stancioff and Bisson are working with co-principal investigator Mitch Mason, a Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator in the Cumberland County office, and entities including Acadia National Park, Schoodic Education and Research Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Maritime Academy, Maine Audubon, and climate scientists and educators at the University of Maine. Participants include Extension's Master Gardeners and 4-H Youth Development groups affiliated with Cooperative Extension, and other groups already working in Maine's coastal environment. "What I've been hearing as a climate change educator locally and nationally is people need to be able to understand how our climate is changing in an engaging way that's meaningful to them," Stancioff says. The complete list of 13 indicator species are the red maple (*Acer rubrum*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), forsythia (*Forsythia*), wild strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), milkweed

(*Asclepias syriaca*), Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), American robin (*Turdus migratorius*), common loon (*Gavia immer*), ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), rockweed (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) and the beach rose (*Rosa rugosa*).

Anyone interested in learning more about Signs of the Seasons volunteer opportunities is encouraged to contact Stancioff's office at (207) 832-0343 or call toll free in Maine at 1-800-244-2104. Community monitoring groups, individuals, families or school teachers and students are invited. Contact: Esperanza Stancioff, Waldoboro, (207) 832-0343 esp@maine.edu; Mitch Mason, Falmouth, 207-781-6099 or 800-287-1471 (mitchell.mason@maine.edu)

Garbage Researchers Featured in Newspaper

05 Aug 2011

The [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) featured a group of UMaine students who are sorting trash around the state this summer as part of a Maine State Planning Office-funded study to gauge Maine's solid waste habits. Travis Blackmer, an economics student, told the newspaper the students will be able to look at recycling in each community to see what works and what doesn't. The students were working at the Lisbon Transfer Station and have plans to travel to Belfast, Houlton and Skowhegan following previous stops in Norway, Ogunquit and Paris. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Football Guide on Website

05 Aug 2011

The recently published "Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game," co-authored by UMaine professor Sandy Caron and former Black Bear football player Mike Hodgson was noted on the website Boxscore News. Caron is a professor of family relations and human sexuality and has served on the UMaine Athletic Advisory Council for more than a decade. The book is available through Amazon.com. For more information, go to www.tackling-football.com. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Carries Story on African Group's Work With Extension

05 Aug 2011

The website MENAFN.com, which covers news from and about the Middle East and North Africa, carried a Portland Press Herald story about the Center for African Heritage's work with the UMaine Regional Learning Center in Falmouth. According to the story, the Center for African Heritage, which has a garden at Tidewater Farm near the Regional Learning Center, regularly consults with Cooperative Extension agricultural experts based at the UMaine center. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Medical, Science Websites Carry UMaine Electronic Tuning Fork Article

05 Aug 2011

The [Medical Xpress website](#) and the science website PhyOrg.com have posted a University of Maine news release about a new medical device, an electronic tuning fork, created through a collaboration between local podiatrist Dr. Todd O'Brien and students and staff at UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Professor, colleague publish guide to college football

05 Aug 2011

A casual project first talked about 25 years ago by two University of Maine students became a reality this year with the recent publication of a book on the rules and nuances of college football. "Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game" by Sandra Caron, a UMaine professor of family relations and human sexuality, and J. Michael Hodgson, a former UMaine tight end and placekicker who recently retired after a 30-year college coaching career, was written for women who are enthusiastic about the game and want to learn more.



Although women are the primary audience, the guide is useful for anyone who wants to know more about the basics of college football, the authors say. The guide features accessible, easy-to-digest terms, definitions and common team strategies, along with a multitude of player rules and regulations — sort of a Monarch Notes about college football. It reflects Hodgson's technical knowledge of the game and Caron's fundamental questions about procedure, logic, points and penalties during the many games she attended as a college football fan. "I was your classic, 'Oh the whistle blew. I wonder what that means,'" Caron says. "From my own experience, many women football fans - and some men football fans, for that matter - are not well-versed enough in the intricacies of football. Most are avid spectators, but not 'knowledgeable' avid football spectators. There are very few resources that are as user-friendly and colorfully appealing." As college students, Caron and Hodgson agreed on the need for a casual guide for women on college football, and Caron went so far as to draft an outline for the book. But then the two graduated and went separate ways — Caron to grad school at Syracuse and a professional career as an educator and researcher, Hodgson to a college coaching career at Princeton, Central Connecticut, Maine Maritime, Edinboro University and Dartmouth. Coincidentally, the two met at a UMaine-UNH football game in Orono last year. In the midst of catching up, the subject of the long-dormant football guide came up. Caron and Hodgson went to work on it and, this summer, the book was published at Maine College Press, Inc. Illustrated by UMaine graphic designer Val Ireland, the book is now available as an ebook, a paperback and a spiral-bound book with laminated pages for use in inclement weather during games. All are available through www.amazon.com. UMaine head football coach Jack Cosgrove calls the book "much-needed and long overdue." Tackling Football "is an understandable guide to not only what goes into the game, but gameday itself," says Cosgrove. It'll undoubtedly educate those with questions about the game, but who have been afraid to ask, he says. More information is available on [the book's Web site](#). Aug. 5, 2011 Contact: [Sandra Caron](#), (207) 581-3138; [George Manlove](#), (207) 581-3756

Maines makes safety planning presentations at conference

05 Aug 2011

Wayne Maines, UMaine's director of Safety, Environmental Management, Transportation and Security, made two presentation's at July's Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) conference in Minneapolis. Maines conducted a four-hour professional workshop, "Developing, tracking and presenting your EHS Master Plan on a shoestring budget." He also make a technical program presentation, "How do you make tabletop exercised interesting and realistic?" Aug. 5, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571

Harold Kennedy 1937-2011

07 Aug 2011

Retired UMaine police sergeant Harold Kennedy died on Thursday Aug. 4 at the age of 74. An Old Town native, Kennedy was a popular "good, old-fashioned police officer," as described by Officer Deborah Mitchell. Kennedy retired from UMaine in 2001 after 38 years of service, but he continued five more years as a part-time reserve officer. Mitchell, who worked closely with Kennedy, says he was known for his organizational skills, taking care of overtime details and making sure shifts were covered during special events. As a night shift patrol supervisor, "he would oversee

the foot patrol officers and would check on them throughout their shifts, backing them up on calls and making sure they were warm and well-fed on cold winter nights," she recalls. "He organized the police softball league, which was very dear to him, was actively involved in Special Olympics and was known as the 'father' of the UMaine police department buy fellow officers." A Saturday Bangor Daily News obituary provides more detail about Kennedy's survivors and his life outside his work at UMaine. It also has the following information about services: "Friends may call 5-8 p.m. Monday at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Holy Family Church, Old Town. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery. Immediately after services at the cemetery, all are invited to the parish center for a light luncheon and continued fellowship. Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Parish, Holy Family Church Building Fund, 429 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468."

Murphy Column on Extension Program

08 Aug 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Barbara Murphy had a [column](#) in the Lewiston Sun Journal about the Extension program Harvest for Hunger, a statewide program that encourages people to donate unwanted or excess produce to soup kitchens, food pantries, and individuals in need so that people have access to healthy, nutritious food. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Juliet Kellogg Markowsky Death

08 Aug 2011

Several local media outlets carried the news of the death of Juliet "Judy" Kellogg Markowsky, a local naturalist and faculty associate in UMaine's department of wildlife ecology. Bangor television station WLBZ noted Markowsky ran nature exploration programs from an office at UMaine. The Bangor Daily News mentioned in its [story](#) that Markowsky was been presented in 2009 with a Maryann Hartman Award, which is sponsored by UMaine's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Article on Graduate Student's Milfoil Research

08 Aug 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal [reported](#) on the efforts of UMaine graduate student Jackie Bailey and others to keep milfoil and other invasive plants out of Maine's ponds and lakes. Bailey, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in aquatic biology, is studying invasive plant species and keeping track of conditions in several Maine lakes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New York Times Notes Marine Archaeologist's Work

08 Aug 2011

Warren Riess, a UMaine marine archaeologist, appeared in a New York Times [blog](#) about the latest news in his work unearthing an 18th century sailing vessel found in landfill where the new World Trade Center is being built. For more information on what Riess found last summer, see a UMaine Today story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Graduate's New Book Featured in Newspaper

08 Aug 2011

The Bangor Daily News [highlighted a new novel](#) by Christopher Smith, the electronic communications manager in UMaine's Department of University Relations. Smith, who has bachelor's and master's degrees from UMaine, penned "Running of the Bulls," a best-selling sequel to his best-selling first novel, "Fifth Avenue." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Bird Biologist's Research Noted

08 Aug 2011

UMaine bird biologist Brian Olsen contributed to a recently published paper about beak size in birds that was mentioned on the Discovery Channel [website](#). The paper, which appeared in the journal *Ecography*, noted that the beak size of salt marsh sparrows in North America varied drastically depending on the average summer temperature. The study suggests beak tissue may be active in order to transfer heat and keep a bird cool in a harsh environment. The study was done by researchers at the Smithsonian. Olsen holds a research associate position with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Larval Zebrafish Model Providing Unprecedented Views of *C. albicans* and Innate Immune System Interactions

08 Aug 2011

A larval zebrafish model developed by University of Maine biomedical scientists is providing unprecedented, real-time views of the little-understood interactions between immune cells and fungal pathogens in blood vessels. Their *in vivo* model that enables imaging of the immune system in action has the potential to be used for screening new drug therapies. It already led the UMaine researchers to discover evidence of an enzyme that regulates the growth of one of the most common yet lethal fungal pathogens to humans. The researchers studied *Candida albicans*, a yeast that makes its home in the human body, where a healthy innate immune system keeps it in check. But in people with compromised immune systems, the fungal pathogen causes life-threatening infections. It is the fourth leading cause of infection in patients hospitalized in the United States. To better understand the molecular nature of the interactions between *Candida* and innate immune cells, the researchers developed a novel candidemia infection model in zebrafish larvae. Larval zebrafish are transparent, facilitating noninvasive visualization of the interactions of pathogens with the innate immune system. With the zebrafish model, the scientists showed that immune NADPH oxidase limits the proliferation and filamentous growth of *C. albicans*. The UMaine researchers — graduate student Kimberly Brothers, undergraduate Zachary Newman, and microbiology professor Robert Wheeler — published their findings in the journal *Eukaryotic Cell*, where their discovery was featured in the journal's Highlights section. It also was spotlighted in the American Society for Microbiology's *Microbe* magazine. **Contact: Robert Wheeler, (207) 581-2890**

Ferraro Twins in Newspaper Story

09 Aug 2011

The Suffolk Times of Long Island, N.Y., has a story about twin brothers Peter and Chris Ferraro, who were members of UMaine's 1993 NCAA ice hockey championship team. Chris Ferraro told the newspaper that squad was arguably the best college hockey team ever put on the ice. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Art Student In KahBang Story

09 Aug 2011

A UMaine student was mentioned as taking part in an art exhibition for KahBang, a festival of film, music and art happening this week in Bangor. Jeffrey Prymowicz of Hampden, a fifth-year double major in studio art and new media, was one of eight studio artists chosen out of 50 submissions to display at the temporary Kaleidoscope Gallery at 1 Merchant Square in downtown Bangor. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cooperative Extension in Japanese Beetle Story

09 Aug 2011

The Portland Daily Sun included comments from Clay Kirby, UMaine Cooperative Extension insect diagnostician, in a story about how to handle infestations of Japanese beetles. Kirby said people need to be vigilant and urged gardeners to have a game plan for dealing with the pesky bugs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Notes Tidal, Wind Power Initiatives

09 Aug 2011

In a story about the growth of cleantech initiatives in Maine, the website Mass High Tech noted that UMaine is on the cutting edge of offshore wind power thanks to the efforts of UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, which is testing composite blades for offshore wind turbines. The story mentioned the testing UMaine engineers did last spring in the Netherlands and the plans to put up a test turbine off Monhegan Island next year. The story also noted that Maine is ahead of the curve in tidal power, an area in which several UMaine engineers and scientists are also involved. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Riess named president of history organization

09 Aug 2011

Warren Riess of the UMaine history and marine science faculty has been elected president of the North American Society for Oceanic History. The organization's new vice president, Joshua Smith from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy faculty, received a Ph.D. in history from UMaine in 2003. In addition, the organization recognized UMaine graduate Michael Tuttle with its "best student paper" award at its recent conference. Tuttle, who earned a UMaine BA in history, is a Ph.D. student at Penn State.

'Without Borders VIII: Breaking Ground' Exhibit Opening August 12

10 Aug 2011

The University of Maine's Intermedia Master of Fine Arts is presenting "Without Borders VIII: Breaking Ground" Aug. 12-Sept. 16 in the Lord Hall gallery on campus. The exhibit is free and open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A closing reception is scheduled for Sept. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This year's Without Borders features the thesis work of the first graduating class from the Intermedia Master of Fine Arts program: John Bell, Richard Corey, Ryan Guerrero, Bethany Engstrom, Matthew Leavitt and Justin Taylor. The exhibition presents a variety of art that exists "between" traditional art forms, and includes installation, variable media, sound art and community-based graffiti. "The Without Borders exhibition this year is very exciting for me, not only does this present the first full class of graduating University of Maine MFA students in Intermedia, but also the nature and breadth of the work itself is really remarkable," says Owen Smith, director of the IMFA. "What is clear is that, if nurtured, creativity can take almost any form, and what I keep coming back to is that although the work presented is very divergent, there is a wonderful and strong sense of what is possible in, or through an intermedia approach," he adds. The three-year Intermedia MFA program provides graduate students an opportunity to engage in innovative, creative and theoretical work in a flexible program that encourages individual development within an interdisciplinary context. Since 2004, the Without Borders Contemporary Arts Festival has presented a wide range of ideas focused on exploring the spaces between culture, art, science and technology by regional, national and international artists engaged in reexamining the nature of creative production. Information about the Intermedia MFA can be found [here](#). Contact: Owen Smith, (207) 299-2418

Report on Alford Arena Renovations

10 Aug 2011

The Bangor Daily News [reported](#) on the renovation project at Alford Arena. The story included comments from UMaine athletic director Steve Abbott, who said the arena will lose about 400 seats due to the renovations, but the end result will be a better experience for fans. The renovations are expected to be finished in time for the women's ice hockey season opener on Sept. 23. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UN Hunger Expert to Help Launch 'Fighting World Hunger' Chapter at UMaine

10 Aug 2011

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will celebrate the fall launch a Maine chapter of international Universities Fighting World Hunger with a presentation by Douglas Casson Coutts, Distinguished Visiting Professor at Auburn University on loan from the United Nations' World Food Program (WFP). Coutts will present "Local and World Hunger: How They Are Linked and How the University of Maine Community Can Make a Difference" on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Alumni House on the Orono campus. Members of the UMaine and surrounding communities are invited to the free and public event. A unique academic partnership between WFP and Auburn University, Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH) is an international coalition of educational institutions devoted to addressing the growing concerns related to food insecurity and poverty. Coutts, based at Auburn University for the past three years, he has created a minor in hunger studies and has helped Auburn establish an extensive interdisciplinary and campus-wide student organization committed to the mission of UFWH. His outreach efforts have inspired a nationwide coalition of campuses to establish UFWH chapters at more than 170 institutions. Coutts will discuss how the UFWH can make a difference at the campus level, within local communities and around the world, and how the Cooperative Extension at UMaine is engaging the campus and surrounding communities in the growing coalition. In his keynote, Coutts will describe the commonality between rural low-income people in the United States in times of disaster such as hurricanes and the vulnerability of billions of the world's poorest people. According to Barbara Murphy, Cooperative Extension educator in the Oxford County office in South Paris and coordinator of the successful Maine Harvest for Hunger Program, there are increasing numbers of reasons why UMaine should create a UFWH chapter. They include the global rise in food insecurity, and that hunger and food insecurity is a high priority with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. A local chapter will enable UMaine and local partners to become part of an international coalition trying to make a difference, encourage collaboration across disciplines and engage students in activism, she says. In addition to delivering a keynote address, Coutts will be available to the broader UMaine campus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 20-22. UMaine community members can make arrangements for a visit to campus organizations or departments, where he can engage students by guest-lecturing or hosting discussions, according to the needs of the course curriculum or organization's needs, says Murphy. Ways in which educators can become involved include sponsoring hunger awareness events, conducting research projects, adding hunger and poverty themes to classes, establishing campus kitchens and engaging students in service opportunities. For more information visit the UFWH website (www.universitiesfightingworldhunger.org), the World Food Programme website (www.wfp.org) or the Auburn University "War on Hunger" Website. Murphy can be reached for information at (207) 743-6329, 1-800-287-1482 (toll free in Maine) or e-mail: barbara.murphy@maine.edu.

Winter Harbor gallery showcasing Hartgen paintings; UMaine project to benefit

10 Aug 2011

Generations of University of Maine art students benefited from the inspiration of legendary art professor Vincent Hartgen, a UMaine faculty member for virtually the entire second half of the 20th century. Through a partnership involving UMaine and alums Kelly and Jane Littlefield of Winter Harbor, that legacy will extend to students of the future. The Littlefields, who own and operate Littlefield Gallery in Winter Harbor, will exhibit "Vincent Hartgen Painting Schoodic," with an opening reception scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20 from 5-7 p.m. Some of Hartgen's works will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds supporting the Art Department Building Fund at UMaine, a project that will transform the former Stewart Commons as studio art space. Hartgen, who joined the UMaine faculty in 1946, was a tireless advocate for the arts who had a resounding impact on UMaine students and the statewide arts community. Schoodic Point, at the southern tip of Schoodic Peninsula in Winter Harbor, was a place that he sketched and painted frequently. The exhibit runs through Sept. 15. For more information, contact Terri Beyer, senior development officer, at (207) 581-1149 or terri.beyer@umit.maine.edu. *Aug. 11, 2011 Contact: Terri Beyer (207) 581-1149*

Tuning Fork Noted on Website

11 Aug 2011

The website Maine Insights carried a release from UMaine about work done at UMaine's Advanced Manufacturing Center on an electronic tuning fork. AMC students and staff worked with a local podiatrist to develop the tuning fork,

which is commonly used by physicians to diagnose early signs of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, or damaged or deteriorating nerves in the feet of diabetics. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Science 360 Website Features Zebrafish Research

11 Aug 2011

UMaine zebrafish research was [featured](#) on the website Science 360. The website, which is a service of the National Science Foundation, listed the research as "Today's Exclusive" and linked to a [UMaine news release](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Department of Energy Grant

11 Aug 2011

Several media outlets covered the news that UMaine has received a \$1.2 million grant to improve sensors that could help cut carbon dioxide emissions and energy costs. [The Bangor Daily News interviewed Robert Lad](#), a UMaine professor of physics who works on the sensors with fellow engineering professor Mauricio Pereira da Cunha. The Central Maine Morning Sentinel carried an [Associated Press report](#) which included comments from U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud about the grant's potential to create jobs and improve use of domestic energy sources. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Columnist Notes Fried Contributions

11 Aug 2011

Mike Tipping, a columnist for the [Morning Sentinel and Kennebec Journal](#), lauded in a column Thursday the Bangor Daily News editorial page for its recent move to bring on board UMaine political scientist Amy Fried, who will write a column for the BDN. Fried will alternate weeks with Republican activist Matthew Gagnon. Tipping wrote hiring Fried and Gagnon, who are both bloggers, is a "great thing" for people who like to follow politics in Maine and extends newspaper content into the online realm in order to foster more conversation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Article on Lobster Population Boom

11 Aug 2011

UMaine Sea Grant communications coordinator Catherine Schmitt has co-written an [article for the Working Waterfront](#) about the boom in Maine's lobster population. The article noted research done by UMaine marine biologist Rick Wahle and UMaine physical oceanographer Huijie Xue. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Business Professor Comments on Economic Turmoil

11 Aug 2011

Channel 7 (WVII) (<http://www.wvii.com/>) interviewed UMaine associate professor of finance Pank Agrawal Wednesday for a news report on how the nation's credit rating downgrade and stock market turmoil may affect people in Maine. Agrawal says a correction now could prevent a more serious one later, and that consumers should remain confident in the strength of the U.S. dollar, in spite of the market slide Monday. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

News story on green ranking

12 Aug 2011

WLBZ television broadcast a Thursday story about UMaine's inclusion on Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll. The

story included interviews with UMaine engineers Stewart Harvey and Carolyn McDonough, along with sustainability coordinator Laurie Lommler. Princeton Review was one of three national guidebooks [to recognize UMaine](#) for quality and value during the past several days. The Green Honor Roll is a list of just 16 colleges and universities around the U.S. with Princeton Review's highest possible ranking based on its assessment of sustainability practices.

Strong comments on market

12 Aug 2011

Prof. Bob Strong of the Maine Business School faculty was quoted in a [Seeking Alpha online article](#), analyzing the current volatility in the stock market. Seeking Alpha describes itself as being "the premier website for actionable stock market opinion and analysis, and vibrant, intelligent finance discussion."

Newspaper features football book

12 Aug 2011

Friday's [Bangor Daily News includes a story](#) about "[Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game.](#)" a new book by UMaine Prof. Sandy Caron and Mike Hodgson, a former Black Bear football player who is now associate athletic director for development. Val Ireland, creative services manager in UMaine's Dept. of University Relations, illustrated the book.

UMaine Receives \$1.2 Million Grant to Develop Sensors for Power Plant Operations

12 Aug 2011

The University of Maine's Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology (LASST) has received a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Energy to develop new high temperature sensor technology for reducing emissions and increasing the efficiency of fossil fuel energy plant operations. Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, a UMaine professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Robert J. Lad, a UMaine professor of physics, will lead the project to develop novel thin film electrodes, piezoelectric smart microwave acoustic sensor devices, and sensor encapsulation materials that will be engineered to function for long periods of time at up to 2200 degrees Fahrenheit in a power plant environment. The work also includes developing a radio-frequency wireless interrogation electronics unit that will be located outside the high temperature environment. UMaine will partner with Environetix Technologies Corporation, an Orono-based spinoff company of LASST that employs recent UMaine graduates, to develop the novel sensors and controls. In its announcement of the funding opportunity, the Department of Energy said it was soliciting projects in the Sensors and Controls area of the National Energy Technology Laboratory's Advanced Research (AR) program. Research and development projects within the AR program are directed toward the implementation and operation of the next generation of fossil energy power systems and improvements to existing systems. The goal is highly efficient, near-zero emission power systems that use domestic resources. The UMaine technology is based on tiny wireless battery-free microwave acoustic sensors that can measure temperature and pressure in harsh environments. A large number of sensors will be tested at strategic locations in power plants, and the sensors will be used to help optimize the coal utilization process and provide information about the maintenance and status of the combustors and steam generator components. This project stems from more than a decade of research and development, done by LASST faculty, staff and students, on thin film materials and sensor devices that can withstand high temperature operation in harsh environments. The technology has also been supported by funding from the U.S. Air Force, which is interested in placing the sensors into jet turbine engines. Contact: Robert Lad, (207) 581-2257 or rjlad@maine.edu; Mauricio Pereira da Cunha, (207) 581-2384 or mdacunha@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu.

More coverage of football book release

14 Aug 2011

An Associated Press story, posted on several news Web sites, reports on a new book by UMaine Prof. Sandra Caron and Mike Hodgson, a former Black Bear football player who now works as a fundraiser in the UMaine athletic department.

"Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game," provides insights for those who are new to watching football.

Newspaper story details construction

14 Aug 2011

A [Saturday Bangor Daily News report](#) provided details about recent and ongoing construction projects at UMaine. Elaine Clark, UMaine's executive director of facilities, real estate and planning described the \$70 million worth of construction during the current year, along with the ways in which the university has leveraged five percent of that total to bring in outside funding to support academic programming and other initiatives. Prof. Owen Smith also commented in the story, describing upgrades to Stewart Commons that will provide improved facilities for art and new media teaching and research.

U.S. Interior Secretary to visit UMaine

14 Aug 2011

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will visit UMaine on Thursday Aug. 18, one of several stops that day to be hosted by U.S. Sen. Susan Collins. Salazar will visit the Advanced Structures and Composites Center to learn more about UMaine-led research into technology development for deepwater offshore wind power initiatives. A brief [Associated Press story](#) was reported by Maine news organizations over the weekend.

Website Details Sensor Research

15 Aug 2011

The website [Crazy Engineer](#) has a story about a \$1.2 million Department of Energy grant awarded to UMaine professors Robert Lad and Mauricio Pereira da Cunha to develop sensors that can continuously monitor power plants, with the ultimate goal of zero-emission fossil fuel plants. Business Week also ran an Associated Press [report](#) about the grant on its website. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Mitchell Scholarship Brunch

15 Aug 2011

There were several reports from Sunday's Mitchell Institute scholars lunch, which was held at UMaine's Wells Conference Center according to the [Bangor Daily News](#). Senator George Mitchell was the keynote speaker. Bangor television station WABI noted the institute has awarded more than \$8.2 million in scholarships to more than 1,800 Maine high school graduates since 1995. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Education summit news coverage

15 Aug 2011

WVII television (Channel 7) covered a Monday high school summit on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), held at UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House. Owen Maurais and Jim Artesani of the UMaine College of Education and Human Development were among the primary organizers of the event, which featured a presentation from a New Hampshire high school that has practiced PBIS. Some 20 Maine schools were represented by teachers and administrators

Newspaper interview with President Ferguson

16 Aug 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News includes a [front-page story](#) based on a recent interview with President Ferguson. In the story, Ferguson shares his initial impressions of UMaine and offers some details on his plans for his first year as UMaine's president.

UMaine Scholar in Bangladesh Receives Prestigious Pearson Award

16 Aug 2011

University of Maine business and economics student Rachel Binder-Hathaway, currently in Bangladesh helping impoverished people access small business loans, has received a prestigious Pearson Prize in Higher Education. The Millinocket native was one of 20 students out of more than 20,000 applicants to receive a \$10,000 Pearson National Fellowship, the Pearson Foundation announced Monday. The Pearson Foundation award recognizes exemplary students who are distinguishing themselves through commitment to community service while completing their undergraduate studies. The award aligns with the Foundation's commitment to students, lifelong learning, community service and leadership, and was created to respond directly to the financial challenges many students face while pursuing academic goals. The award comes just months after Binder-Hathaway learned she had been named a 2012 Fulbright Scholar. Binder-Hathaway is spending three months this summer in intensive study in Bangladesh for her thesis. In February 2012, she'll return under the Fulbright Program to continue microfinance research with the Grameen Bank and BRAC microfinance institution in Bangladesh. Binder-Hathaway also is continuing her work with a non-profit consulting firm, Seeds of Change, she co-founded during a 2009 visit to help at-risk women and orphaned street children in the city of Dhaka in Bangladesh. In December, Binder-Hathaway is scheduled to receive a dual degree in financial economics and business administration at UMaine, where she is a member of the Honors College. She also holds a certificate in Fundamentals of Microfinance from the UN Institute for Training & Research. Her scholarly research involves studying the phenomenon of entrepreneurial micro-loans from microfinance institutions as a way to extend business opportunities to millions of people who lack access to traditional financial markets, "thus allowing them to rise above the cycle of abject poverty," she says. Microfinance institutions are providing a new business structure, which takes the standard for-profit model and marries it with agendas for societal betterment according to Binder-Hathaway. Micro-loans are empowerment tools that help poor people start small businesses, operating on the assumption that lack of opportunity is the main barrier to creating a better and solvent life, she says. In Bangladesh, where nearly half of the population of 160 million lives in poverty, microfinance institutions, including the Grameen Trust bank and BRAC, have provided microloans to more than 14.5 million people throughout Bangladesh, the vast majority of them women. The Pearson Foundation says it selected Binder-Hathaway, a single mother, for the award because of her commitment to public service and student leadership. In a preliminary award application video, Binder-Hathaway discusses her motivation and non-profit Seeds of Change in Bangladesh. Seeds of Change initially provided or arranged food, education and doctor visits for impoverished children living in the slums and on the streets. In continuation of those efforts, the non-profit also strives to generate social change through education, empowerment and economic development, according to Binder-Hathaway. Her organization is presently seeking funding for the Maer Achol Children's Shelter in Dhaka. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

BDN Reports on UMaine Student's Humanitarian Award

16 Aug 2011

The Bangor Daily News [reported](#) on a \$10,000 national Pearson Prize awarded Monday to UMaine financial economic and business administration major Rachel Binder-Hathaway, a Millinocket native who established a non-profit organization, Seeds of Change, to help impoverished women and street orphans in Bangladesh access food, medical care and educational opportunities. Binder-Hathaway has been living in Bangladesh studying microfinance and researching how best to make micro-business loans available to the poor as a way out of poverty. A UMaine [news release](#) has additional detail. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

New York Times features Kelley book

16 Aug 2011

Tuesday's New York Times science section [includes a story](#) about "The World's Beaches: A Global Guide to the Science of the Shoreline." Prof. Joe Kelley of the UMaine Dept. of Earth Sciences is one of the book's four co-authors. The Times feature also includes a slide show of images related to the book and the science. More information about the book, including purchase information, is on the [Amazon Web site](#).

Interior Secretary Salazar at UMaine Thursday

16 Aug 2011

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[/caption] U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will be at the University of Maine on Thursday, Aug. 18 from approximately 1:45-3:15 p.m. Salazar, a former Democratic U.S. Senator from Colorado who has been a member of the Obama cabinet since January, 2009, will be in Maine for a series of meetings arranged by Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). At UMaine, he will tour the Advanced Structures and Composites Center to learn more about the UMaine-led [DeepCWind Consortium](#) and its work toward developing technology to harness deepwater offshore wind as a source of renewable power. Accompanied by Collins, Salazar will arrive at UMaine at 1:45 p.m. Prof. Habib Dagher, director of the UMaine center and the DeepCWind Consortium, will conduct a 40-minute tour of the laboratory facility. Dagher will describe several elements of the work, including scale model testing, plans for next summer's deployment of a test turbine, environmental monitoring work and permitting. Ken Fletcher, director of Maine's Office of Energy Independence, will also participate in the tour. The tour will conclude at 2:30 p.m., giving journalists an opportunity to set up for a brief speaking event scheduled to begin shortly before 3. Salazar, Collins, Dagher and UMaine President Paul Ferguson will all offer brief comments. *Aug. 16, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr (joe.carr@umit.maine.edu) (207) 581-3571*

Grad school picnic Sept. 14

16 Aug 2011

The annual Graduate School picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 4-6 p.m. on the Stodder Hall patio. Graduate students with their families, faculty members and support personnel are all invited to attend. The rain date is Thursday, Sept. 15

News report on "bath salts"

17 Aug 2011

Wednesday's [Bangor Daily News includes a story](#) about the potential for the synthetic drug known as "bath salts" to be an issue at UMaine during the coming academic year. The story includes comments from Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Dana, police chief Roland LaCroix and Lauri Sidelko, director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs.

Brewer comments in redistricting story

17 Aug 2011

Prof. Mark Brewer from the UMaine Dept. of Political Science is quoted in a Wednesday [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the potential political implications of Congressional redistricting in Maine. The Maine Legislature is scheduled to convene on Sept. 27 to consider a plan to be presented by a bipartisan redistricting commission.

Hill in natural gas television story

17 Aug 2011

Prof. Emeritus Richard Hill provided comment for a WLBZ/WCSH television story about natural gas as a home heating option. Bangor Gas is reporting that it expects to add 1,000 more customers during this year. Hill cautions that market considerations "may drive up the price of natural gas."

Blueberry specialist interviewed for crop report

17 Aug 2011

David Yarborough, University of Maine Cooperative Extension professor and blueberry specialist, discussed in a WLBZ news report Tuesday how dry weather Downeast this summer has affected blueberry crop. Berries are smaller than normal, but just as tasty, he says.

WVII features tuning fork project

17 Aug 2011

[WVII recently interviewed](#) University of Maine Advanced Manufacturing Center Director John Belding about a new medical device, an electronic tuning fork, developed by Orono podiatrist Dr. Todd O'Brien and staff and students at the AMC. O'Brien intends to have the device mass-produced and available for physicians and also diabetics, whose foot sensitivity often is measured with a tuning fork. The station also posted a text version of the report on its website.

Nearly 2,000 expected for Monday open house

18 Aug 2011

Some 1,895 people, mostly high school seniors and their family members, are registered for the University of Maine's Monday, Aug. 22 Summer Tour 2011 open house event. Modeled after a similar open house last August, Summer Tour 2011 represents a fresh approach to the traditional open house. Prospective students and their families will have ample opportunity to learn about UMaine academic programs and other elements of the UMaine student experience, but their time on campus will be enhanced by a festival atmosphere including a lunchtime cookout and a performance by Atlantic Clarion, the popular steel drum band from Brooksville. The event is scheduled for the UMaine Mall from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., with the New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center set as a rainy-weather alternative location for most of the programming. Rain would move the cookout to the UMaine Field House. The "Summer Tour" format has drawn a sharp increase in prospective student interest. Two years ago, 535 people attended UMaine's traditional August open house. Summer Tour 2010 drew approximately 1,500 people to the UMaine campus, and Summer Tour 2011 should bring even more. As of early August, 42 percent of the pre-registered students were from states other than Maine. "We are encouraged by this widespread student interest in the UMaine student experience as we begin the new academic year's recruitment and admissions cycle," says Susan Hunter, UMaine's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "We look forward to welcoming our guests on Monday, and to demonstrating UMaine's uniqueness, quality and value." In addition to the barbecue and live music, students and their families will have opportunities to learn more about admissions and financial aid, to take campus tours, to explore academic programs, to speak with current UMaine students and to meet their potential future UMaine classmates. *Aug. 18, 2011 Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571 joe.carr@umit.maine.edu*

News reports on plagiarism case

19 Aug 2011

Monday's Bangor Daily News includes a [front-page story](#) about Bahman Baktiari, a UMaine political science professor from 1986-2009. According to a [report in Thursday's Salt Lake Tribune](#) newspaper, the University of Utah has fired Baktiari following an investigation into charges of plagiarism. Baktiari left UMaine in 2009 to become director of the University of Utah's Middle East Center.

News coverage of Salazar visit

19 Aug 2011

Friday's Bangor Daily News [provided coverage](#) of Thursday's visit to UMaine by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. Accompanied by Sen. Susan Collins and Ken Fletcher, director of Maine's Office of Energy Security, Salazar visited the Advanced Structures and Composites Center to learn more about UMaine-led work toward developing technology for deepwater offshore wind power. The Associated Press, WLBZ, WABI and WVII also covered Salazar's visit and his comments praising the work.

Water problem interrupting power, Internet

19 Aug 2011

UMaine facilities crews are in Estabrooke Hall Friday morning, dealing with issues caused by water in the basement. Power has been cut off there to facilitate repairs, but also causing the loss of network service on the south side of campus. Service should resume at approximately 9 a.m. A failed gasket in a water heater caused the problem.

Kelley in Mt. Katahdin story

19 Aug 2011

Alice Kelley of the UMaine Dept. of Earth Sciences faculty was quoted in a Wednesday Bangor Daily News story about the geological origins of Mt. Katahdin, Maine's tallest mountain.

Brewer comments in Waterville story

21 Aug 2011

Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was quoted in a [Sunday Central Maine Morning Sentinel story](#) previewing Waterville's upcoming mayoral election. Republican Governor Paul LePage served as Waterville's most recent mayor, resigning just before his January gubernatorial inauguration.

Maine Hello parking and traffic alert

22 Aug 2011

The following information from the Division of Student Affairs relates to parking and traffic on campus leading up to Friday August 26 and the Maine Hello. As the University of Maine prepares for the arrival of the Class of 2015 on Friday, August 26 it is important to be aware of parking lot closures necessary to accommodate the large volume of first-year and new students arriving on campus. We encourage all faculty, staff and students to avoid traveling in or near the first-year area of campus (Hilltop and Stewart Quad areas) on Friday, August 26. Non-essential traffic will be rerouted away from these areas. The following list of parking lots and roads will be closed this week for the Maine Hello. Stewart Quad parking area- Closed Monday, August 22 at 6 a.m. through Sunday, August 28 at 5 p.m. Knox parking lot- Closed Wednesday, August 24 at 6 a.m. through Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Jenness North parking lot- Closed Wednesday, August 24 at 6 a.m. through Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Hilltop South parking lot- Closed Wednesday, August 24 at 6 a.m. through Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Somerset parking lot- Closed Wednesday, August 24 at 6 a.m. through Saturday, August 27 at 6 a.m. Gannett/Cutler- Closed Wednesday, August 24 at 5 p.m. through

Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Jenness South/AEWC parking lot- Closed Thursday, August 25 at 5 p.m. through Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Tennis Court parking lot- Closed Thursday, August 25 at 5 p.m. through Friday, August 26 at 5 p.m. Belgrade Parking lot- Reserved for Maine Hello parking Friday, August 26 from 6 a.m. through 5 p.m. CCA Parking lot- Reserved for Maine Hello parking Friday, August 26 from 6 a.m. through 5 p.m. Additionally, Flagstaff and Beddington Roads will be closed to through traffic for Maine Hello on Friday, August 26 from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to make the move-in process as smooth as we can for our students and their families.

Kennedy appointed to Connecticut post

22 Aug 2011

UMaine President Emeritus Bob Kennedy has been appointed Interim President of the Board of Regents of Higher Education, a new post that involves oversight of Connecticut's four state universities, its community colleges and Charter Oak State College. [Gov. Dannel P. Malloy made the announcement Monday afternoon in Hartford.](#) Kennedy came to UMaine in 2000 as provost, before serving as president from 2004 until June 30 of this year. This appointment continues through the end of 2011, following which Gov. Malloy will appoint a permanent president of this new board.

News coverage of Kennedy appointment

23 Aug 2011

Tuesday's Hartford Courant reports on Monday's announcement that UMaine President Emeritus Robert Kennedy will be interim president of Connecticut's new Board of Regents for Higher Education. Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy made that announcement in Hartford. The story includes comments from Prof. Howard Segal, Alumni Association President Todd Saucier and Jake Ward, UMaine's assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations. An [Associated Press story](#) appears on Tuesday's Bangor Daily News.

Summer Tour 2011 news coverage

23 Aug 2011

Tuesday's Bangor Daily News [includes a photo](#) from Monday's Summer Tour 2011 open house for prospective students and their families. More than 2,000 people registered for the event, making it the largest open house UMaine has ever hosted. WLBZ/WCSH interviewed President Ferguson for a story about the event. Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Robert Dana and Kelly Beers from the Division of Student Affairs spoke with WABI for a similar story.

Entomologists Use Insects for Emerald Ash Borer Surveillance

23 Aug 2011

University of Maine and state entomologists are using a novel method -- using insects to track insects -- in the statewide surveillance for the destructive emerald ash borer, which has devastated ash forests in 15 northeastern states, parts of Canada and now threatens Maine. They're using a little black ground-nesting wasp -- *Cerceris fumipennis* -- that captures, paralyzes and feeds jewel beetles and wood-boring insects related to the emerald ash borer alive to its young. UMaine professor of entomology Eleanor Groden and School of Biology and Ecology graduate student Tawny Virgilio, working under a Maine Forest Service grant and funding from the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station (MAFES), have established several theaters for biosurveillance and volunteer training at wasp colonies, including one at the Dedham Elementary School, to monitor the behavior of the wasp. *Cerceris fumipennis* wasps sting only their prey -- jewel beetles similar in appearance to the small metallic green emerald ash borer -- but not humans. Since discovering within the last few years that the *Cerceris* wasp hunts emerald ash borer beetles, the U.S. Forest Service, Maine State Forest Service and Canadian entomologists have begun volunteer-based surveillance of the *Cerceris* wasp. Researchers hypothesize that watching the wasps will reveal ash borer presence. Since little is known specifically about the foraging habits of the wasp, Groden says, she and Virgilio are documenting its habits. "We're looking at the conditions under

which the wasps are flying and collecting prey, and whether they have any preference for a particular prey type that might influence their accuracy in detecting emerald ash borers," says Groden. State Forest Service entomologist Colleen Teerling says eight percent of Maine's hardwood forests are black or brown ash, which are important to Native American basketmakers, among others. "It's a good street tree," she adds. "Ecologically, it's kind of important because when the elm trees died, ash kind of moved in and filled in for the elm. If ash trees disappear, it's not just one tree; it's all the ash species." The ash borer has not yet been found in Maine, but has been reported in large numbers in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario and parts of Quebec. Groden says experts predict it's a matter of when, not if, the invasive beetle arrives in Maine. "If and when the emerald ash borer does come to Maine we want to find it as soon as possible," Teerling says. "If we find that it's here after a dozen years and it spreads hundreds of miles, there's not much we can do other than watch ash trees die. If we find it early on, there are things we can do to manage it and keep the infestation smaller, keep from spreading and keep some degree of control over it." Virgilio has been spending warm, sunny, and also cloudy, days in the field with Groden and UMaine student Erwin Cusack, along with Lydia Horne of St. Lawrence University in New York and Orono High School student Ben Koehler, watching wasp colonies and monitoring environmental conditions and correlating it all with the wasps' behavior. "Emerald ash borers are very small and cryptic insects that often infest the tree canopy first, which makes spotting them difficult unless there's a major infestation leading to a devastating ash die-back, which we want to avoid," Virgilio says. "These wasps are very efficient at finding them," Groden adds. "We don't know how they find them. That's one of the things we're trying to study -- what they orient to, whether it's the odors given off by the host plant that the beetle is attacking or whether it's the odors or visual cues the beetles put out themselves." The research is important, Teerling says, "because there are some days we'll go out and the wasps are flying but they're not bringing in prey. Other days we'll go out when we think it's a good day for hunting and they're just sitting down in their nests and we don't really know why. "Hopefully, we'll be able to learn a little bit more about when they hunt in Maine, and under what conditions they hunt, so we can be a little more intelligent about how we do our biosurveillance," Teerling says. "No sense sending out a volunteer on a day they may not be hunting." Citizen-based biosurveillance is a relatively new concept using one insect to detect the presence of another, Groden says. "In fact, if this program is successful, the USDA is very interested in the potential to use similar types of wasps to monitor for a whole variety of pest insects we want to be able to detect at very low densities," she says. Contact: Tawny Virgilio, (413) 347-0226; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

NY Times story features Steneck

24 Aug 2011

Prof. Bob Steneck from the UMaine School of Marine Sciences is the lead resource for a [Monday New York Times story](#) about the condition of the Maine lobster fishery. In an article in Conservation Biology, Steneck and his research colleagues have raised warnings about an over-dependence on lobsters to support Maine's fishing industry. "The researchers call for new steps to restore diversity in the gulf, and with it the economic diversity of coastal communities — even if the steps reduce lobster catches somewhat," the story reports. A similar [story aired on Maine Public Radio's Wednesday newscast](#).

Mallory comments in AP wheat story

24 Aug 2011

Ellen Mallory, a UMaine Cooperative Extension sustainable agriculture specialist, is quoted in an Associated Press story about the resurgence of wheat farming in New England. Consumer interest in locally produced foods is a key factor in renewed interest in wheat crops. Until the 1800s, most of the nation's wheat was grown in New England.

Television stations interview Kelley for earthquake stories

24 Aug 2011

WLBZ/WCSH and WABI interviewed Alice Kelley of the UMaine Dept. of Earth Sciences faculty for Tuesday stories about the earthquake that rattled the east coast. UMaine's seismometer recorded the activity just minutes after the earthquake occurred in Virginia, and those data were shared with scientists at a Boston College center that provides

further analysis of earthquake activity.

Tick infestation story includes Extension's Dill

24 Aug 2011

Wednesday's Bangor Daily News includes a [front-page story](#) about Maine's increasing problems with ticks. Jim Dill, a pest management specialist in UMaine Cooperative Extension, is one of several experts interviewed for the story.

UMaine to welcome new first-year students Friday

24 Aug 2011

Nearly 2,000 new first-year students, members of the Class of 2015, will arrive at the University of Maine on Friday, Aug. 26. to begin Fall Welcome Weekend, a series of events designed to acclimate them to campus life and prepare them for the start of classes on Monday, Aug. 29. Fall Welcome Weekend begins with the Maine Hello, UMaine's acclaimed move-in activity that begins at 8 a.m. Friday. Hundreds of volunteers, including UMaine students, faculty members, staff members and alumni will greet the students and their families to lend a helping hand as they move into residence halls. President Paul Ferguson will participate in the Maine Hello for the first time on Friday. Maine Hello activities are focused in the Hilltop and Stewart Quad areas, both near UMaine's New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Almost all first-year students live in that part of campus, residence locations that are a key component of UMaine's First Year Residence Experience academic and social programming. As of Aug. 19, some 1,848 students were confirmed as members of UMaine's new first-year class. That is four more students than last year, and a three percent increase (52 students) over 2009. The number of out-of-state students choosing UMaine continues to increase. Enrollment from outside Maine is up by 15 percent over last year, up by 24 percent over two years ago. Saturday, Aug. 27 will feature UMaine's second Fall Welcome Weekend Day of Service. New first-year students will visit local community service agencies, working in groups led by project leaders to help those agencies on projects involving cleaning, painting, etc. "It is our hope that these students will (be inspired) to continue their involvement in service throughout their education at UMaine," says Lisa Morin, coordinator of UMaine's Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism. Service activities are scheduled for 12 noon-3 p.m. Saturday. Organizations where students will work include Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine, Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, Bangor Community Garden, Bangor Goodwill Store, Bangor Land Trust, Boy Scouts of America (Katahdin Area Council), Brewer Parks and Recreation, Challenger Learning Center, Coldbrook Equestrian Center, Cole Land Transportation Museum, Crossroads Resource Center, DEEMI Search & Rescue, Food and Medicine, Green House Nursery School, Hirundo Wildlife Refuge, Old Town Knights of Columbus, Leonard Middle School (Old Town), Leonard's Mills, Maine Audubon Society-Fields Pond, Maine Discovery Museum, Maine Veterans Home, First United Methodist Church (Bangor), Old Town Learning Center, Old Town YMCA, Orono Bog Boardwalk, Orono High School, Orono Land Trust, Orono/Old Town Kiwanis, Page Farm & Home Museum, Phillips-Strickland House, Ronald McDonald House, Ross Manor, Spruce Run, Stillwater Montessori School, Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Town of Veazie and the Wilson Center at UMaine. For more information, contact Morin at 581-4194 or lisa.morin@umit.maine.edu. Other Fall Welcome Weekend activities include: - a visit to downtown Orono (2-4 p.m. Friday) - a Black Bear field hockey game vs. Northeastern (6 p.m. Friday) - Black Bear Block Party (9 p.m.-midnight Friday at the New Balance Student Recreation and Fitness Center, along with residence hall quads) - President's Annual Dinner on the Mall and Student Organizations Fair (5 p.m. Saturday) - Traditions Ceremony (6:30 p.m. Saturday) - a trip to the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront (10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday) - The Big Jam, featuring free food, outdoor music and activities on Stewart Quad (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday) A full schedule is available [online](#). Aug. 24, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571

Sidelko in editorial on binge drinking

25 Aug 2011

Comments from Lauri Sidelko, UMaine's director of Drug and Alcohol Education Programs, were included in a [Wednesday Bangor Daily News editorial](#) about binge drinking among college students. Sidelko described some of the tactics she and her colleagues use to educate UMaine students about the dangers of excessive alcohol use.

Aquaculture open house coverage

25 Aug 2011

WABI television broadcast a Wednesday story about the open house at UMaine's Aquaculture Research Institute. The story, which reported that more than 100 people turned out for the event, included comments from UMaine professors Ian Bricknell and Timothy Bowden. A similar story aired on WZON radio Thursday morning.

Brewer comments in Portland mayor story

25 Aug 2011

Prof. Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was interviewed for a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the potential political implications of Portland having an elected mayor. Residents of Maine's largest city will vote in November to elect a person to that post. Brewer says the new mayor will have a significant voice in Maine political and policy discussions.

Limited Iron Availability Shown to Exacerbate Coral Bleaching

25 Aug 2011

[caption id="attachment_12734" align="alignright" width="300" caption="UMaine researchers Malcolm Shick and Mark Wells measuring the photosynthetic efficiency of *Stylophora pistillata* in shallow water at Davies Reef, Great



Barrier Reef"] [caption] It is widely held that coral bleaching occurs when temperatures and solar radiation are high, overwhelming antioxidant defenses in the algal endosymbionts and their coral hosts. Little understood are the biological mechanisms underlying such destabilization under stressful conditions. An international research team led by marine biologist Malcolm Shick and chemical oceanographer Mark Wells of the University of Maine School of Marine Sciences studied the symbiotic coral *Stylophora pistillata* from the Great Barrier Reef to fathom the role of iron limitation on coral bleaching. Iron and other trace metals are essential for photosynthesis, antioxidant defenses and other metabolic processes. [caption id="attachment_12736" align="alignleft" width="240"



caption="Stylophora pistillata at Myrmidon Reef, Great Barrier Reef"] [caption] Their study is the first to demonstrate that limited iron availability exacerbated the high-temperature stress in *S. pistillata* by decreasing its photosynthetic efficiency and antioxidant defenses. The implication is that the degree of coral

stress in natural environments under high light and temperature may be modulated by trace-metal nutrition. The findings of the research team, which included scientists from the University of Western Ontario, King's College London and the Australian Institute of Marine Science, were published in the journal *Limnology and Oceanography*. Contact: Malcolm Shick, 207-581-2562; Mark Wells, 207-581-4322

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caption="Stylophora pistollata at Pith Reef, Great Barrier Reef"]



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caption="Stylophora pistillata at Little Broadhurst Reef, Great Barrier Reef"]



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Information about UMaine and Hurricane Irene

25 Aug 2011

Monday morning update

UMaine experienced no significant damage as the result of Tropical Storm Irene. Classes are in

session on Monday, Aug. 29 as the fall semester gets underway. Commuters are encouraged to exercise caution as power outages and road closures are affecting parts of the greater Orono/Bangor area. **Expanded move-in availability for upper-class students** To accommodate returning sophomores, juniors and seniors facing travel issues related to Hurricane Irene, UMaine will offer expanded opportunities for moving into residence halls over the weekend. Those students may move in between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, if conditions warrant a change in travel plans. Access will also be available Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. Students and their families are encouraged to avoid taking any unnecessary risks in traveling to the university. Students should bring flashlights as candles are not allowed in residence halls. For more information call (207) 581-1406 during regular business hours. For emergencies call the University Police at (207) 581-4040. **Communication about class schedule changes** If conditions warrant a change in Monday's class schedule, UMaine will communicate information just as it would during a snowstorm. Information about changes will be posted on the university's Web site, in the First Class "Announcements and Alerts" folder, on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#). A recorded message will be available at 581-SNOW and a text message will be sent to those registered with UMaine's [emergency text messaging system](#). UMaine's [inclement weather policy](#) would apply in the event of a serious weather situation.

Hutton Cautions Gardeners to Brace Vegetables for Storm

26 Aug 2011

Mark Hutton, a University of Maine Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist, was interviewed by the Mid-Coast's Village Soup newspaper group for a Thursday story about potential crop damage from Hurricane Irene, due to hit Maine Sunday or Monday. Hutton advises growers to harvest any crops that are ripe or near ripe, with the exception of melons, before the storm to avoid damaging plants. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Fall Welcome Weekend brings new students to UMaine

26 Aug 2011

[caption id="attachment_12790" align="alignright" width="300" caption="President Ferguson, his wife Grace (l) and his daughter Jenny (r) greet new students and their families upon arrival at UMaine last Friday."]



[/caption] University of Maine President Paul Ferguson led a group of some 610 volunteers welcoming new first-year students Friday, Aug. 26 as part of the university's traditional Maine Hello program. A component of Fall Welcome Weekend, Maine Hello gives students and their families early exposure to UMaine's trademark hospitality. "I've been looking forward to this day since our arrival," said Ferguson, who took over as UMaine's president on July 1. "It's great to see so many members of our community turn out to help our new students move into residence halls. The spirit is overwhelmingly positive, and it contributes to getting our academic year off to a great start." Fall Welcome Weekend includes a series of programs and activities for first-year students, continuing through Sunday. "Fall Welcome Weekend is an important element of UMaine's wide-ranging First Year Residence Experience program," said Robert Dana, UMaine vice president for student affairs and dean of students. "Over the course of these three days, we provide our new students with opportunities to effectively adjust to campus life while preparing for the start of classes next Monday. It is important for this class to have an opportunity to begin to develop as a community unto itself, while each student readies himself or herself to succeed at UMaine, both academically and socially." The First Year Residence Experience (FYRE) program offers various forms of education and support throughout the academic year. Through residence hall-based programming and other offerings, FYRE provides practical advice and assistance as students adjust to the rigors of university academics and the significant changes associated with living on campus. To facilitate FYRE programming, almost all first-year students live in the Hilltop and Stewart Quad residence halls. Sophomores, juniors and seniors live in the university's other residence halls. The new first-year students, members of the Class of 2015, number 1,848 according to data from Aug. 19. That number is four more students than last year at the same time, and a three percent increase over 2009. A sharp increase in out-of-state enrollment is helping UMaine keep pace in light of the declining number of Maine high school graduates. Out-of-state first-year enrollment is up 15 percent over last year, and up by 24 percent over two years ago. "The continuing increase in out-of-state interest is an encouraging sign," Ferguson said. "It indicates that UMaine's positive reputation is expanding beyond our state's borders in meaningful ways, to the point where increasing numbers of outstanding out-of-state students are making the serious life choice to become part of this dynamic academic community. The UMaine student experience is robust and rewarding, and we all look forward to helping each student achieve his or her personal and professional goals." With respect to UMaine's growing reputation, Ferguson also noted that the university was recently listed among the nation's best universities by three comprehensive college guides -- Princeton Review, the Fiske Guide to Colleges and Forbes. Additionally, he emphasized that the new first-year students also bring impressive academic credentials. Twenty-two percent were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and 43 percent were in the top 20 percent. Both those numbers are higher than last year's percentages. The average SAT score for new first-year students is 1083, three points higher than last year's average. UMaine's overall enrollment is projected to be 11,250, a slight decline from last year's official number of 11,501. Actual enrollment totals are based on an Oct. 15 snapshot. Some 2,300 UMaine students will be enrolled in graduate programs. UMaine is both Maine's largest educational institution and home to the state's largest graduate school. Eighty-six percent of UMaine students are Maine residents. Residents of 85 countries and 44 states are enrolled at the university. *Aug. 28, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](mailto:Joe.Carr@umaine.edu) (207) 581-3571*

UMaine's CentTRO Research Cited in Folk Festival Article

26 Aug 2011

A [Bangor Daily News article](#) about the 10th anniversary of Bangor's American Folk Festival includes a reference to research by the University of Maine-based Center for Tourism Research and Outreach, which revealed that 93 percent of visitors to the festival say they return each year. The research on visitor experience and economic analysis of the festival, which CentTRO staff and students did at no cost, showed that in 2008 and 2009, the festival attracted some

60,000 people who spent nearly \$10 million in the Bangor area each year and created more than 100 jobs. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension's Yerxa Interviewed about Storm Preparedness

26 Aug 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension educator Kate Yerxa was interviewed for a Thursday news report by Channels 2 (WLBZ) and 6 (WCSH) about preparing for the effects of Hurricane Irene. Yerxa offered advice for stocking up on appropriate food and emergency provisions in case of power outages. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Stack comments in gardening column

28 Aug 2011

Comments from Lois Berg Stack of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty were included in [Tom Atwell's Maine Sunday Telegram gardening column](#). The article examined the factors that determine the extent to which people remain enthusiastic about home vegetable gardening.

St. Germain helps explain tree leaf issues

28 Aug 2011

Lauren St. Germain of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty is one of the experts quoted in a Sunday Lewiston Sun Journal story about factors causing some trees to drop their leaves early this year. St. Germain and others attribute the phenomenon to the cold, wet spring and certain fungal diseases that have been prevalent around Maine.

Allan in Inside Higher Ed pledging story

28 Aug 2011

An Inside Higher Ed story, "A Call to End Pledging," includes comments from UMaine Prof. Elizabeth Allan, an expert on hazing in college and university environments. The story is based on a directive by Cornell's president that student organizations work to create recruitment processes that do not include pledging.

Maine Hello news coverage

28 Aug 2011

Friday's Maine Hello new first-year student move-in activity was covered by the [Bangor Daily News](#), WABI, WLBZ and WVII. More than 600 volunteers helped welcome the 1,848 members of the Class of 2015 and their families upon arrival during the day on Friday. More information on the class and the upcoming academic year is included in a [UMaine news release](#).

Brewer comments in story on LePage executive order

28 Aug 2011

Prof. Mark Brewer of the UMaine political sciences faculty was quoted in a Friday [Maine Today Media \(Portland Press Herald, Kennebec Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel\) story](#) about a new executive order issued by Gov. LePage. Brewer says that the governor's order that his office approve all new agency rules is not "out of the ordinary."

Retired Historian's Publication Noted in Column

29 Aug 2011

A Bangor Daily News genealogy [column](#) included a note that Jack Battick, a UMaine associate professor emeritus in history, and his wife Nancy Klimavicz Battick have authored a publication of interest to local genealogists. "Vital Records of Dover-Foxcroft" is a three-volume set of records from the town of Dover-Foxcroft in Piscataquis County. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Specialist Comments in Story on Local Wheat Industry

29 Aug 2011

Comments from UMaine Cooperative Extension sustainable agriculture specialist Ellen Mallory were included in a Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper story](#) about the revived local wheat movement. Mallory said a surge of consumer interest in locally grown food that has brought back the New England wheat industry, and farmers have recognized an opportunity to add another crop to their systems. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

NSF site features UMaine research

29 Aug 2011

The National Science Foundation [Science360 science news Web site](#) features a [UMaine research project](#) on Monday, Aug. 29. School of Marine Sciences professors Malcolm Shick and Mark Wells led an international team that determined that limitations on available iron contribute to coral bleaching. The research was published in the journal *Limnology and Oceanography*.

Week-long fraternity campout to benefit YouthAIDS organization

29 Aug 2011

The University of Maine chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) fraternity is hosting its annual Camp Out for YouthAIDS on the corner of the Mall, near Fogler Library and Memorial Union at UMaine. Sig Ep members will be on the mall, around the clock, collecting donations for YouthAIDS through Friday Sept. 2. This campout is one of SigEp's biggest events all year and usually pulls in about \$1,500, all of which gets donated to spread awareness of AIDS and its impact on people from the ages of 15-24. The SigEp brothers ask anyone with a spare dollar or some change to stop by and donate to help make this the fraternity's largest fundraiser yet. YouthAIDS, an education and prevention program of Population Services International, uses media, pop culture, music, theatre and sports to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and reach 600 million young people in more than 60 countries with life-saving messages, products, services and care. Aug. 29, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571 [Spencer McElwain](#)

Report on Potential Skate Park

30 Aug 2011

The Town of Orono is discussing how to move forward on building a skate park on the UMaine campus, the Bangor Daily News [reported](#). Town Manager Sophie Wilson said the park would be built on campus, using a \$10,000 donation made years ago to the town for the purpose of building a skate park, if Orono residents were promised free and full access to the facility. Orono town councilors voted to go ahead with planning for the project. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Highmoor Farm in Article About Storm Damage

30 Aug 2011

A Lewiston Sun Journal news [report](#) about damage to farms in western Maine following Hurricane Irene included comments from Greg Koller, who runs UMaine Cooperative Extension's Highmoor Farm in Monmouth, and Extension educator Tori Jackson. Although toppled trees are an issue, Koller said, more crops may fall due to soft ground

conditions. Jackson said farmers may suffer a second hit from Irene in the form of disease and insect problems. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report Has Extension Tree-Pruning Tips

30 Aug 2011

Portland television station WCSH interviewed UMaine Cooperative Extension horticulturalist Kate Garland about how to clear downed trees and tree limbs. Garland said limbs should be pruned in a way that minimizes the chance of doing further damage to the tree. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Biomedical study to explore the effects of arsenic on innate immunity and the element's role in cystic fibrosis

30 Aug 2011

The effects of low levels of arsenic — like those in drinking water — on a healthy innate immune response and one compromised by the gene mutation that causes cystic fibrosis will be the focus of research at the University of Maine funded by a \$1.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The research by UMaine immunologist Carol Kim is part of an \$11 million NIH grant to Dartmouth Medical School. The principal investigator is Jason Moore, a computational geneticist at Dartmouth Medical School. The new NIH project draws on the strength of two major milestones in Kim's lab — the development of a zebrafish model for studying cystic fibrosis, funded in 2005 with a more than \$405,000 NIH grant; and a 2007 discovery that showed that arsenic exposure at levels deemed safe in drinking water suppressed the overall innate immune health in zebrafish, causing increased susceptibility to viral and bacterial infections. “Particularly in Maine and New Hampshire, as well as across the country, arsenic contamination — both naturally occurring and human-produced pollution — in well water is a problem,” says Kim, director of UMaine's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences who has been conducting research on innate immunity and infectious diseases using zebrafish since 1998. “We're trying to understand how arsenic exacerbates cystic fibrosis and the extent to which this effect is brought about by exposure to arsenic as an environmental toxicant.” Cystic fibrosis is the most common, fatal genetic disease in the United States, according to NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute. An estimated 30,000 people in the U.S. have the disease, which is caused by mutations in the Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Regulator (CFTR). Approximately 10 million Americans carry the defective CFTR gene. In normal cells, the CFTR protein serves as a channel, allowing cells to release chloride and water into the lungs. However, in people with cystic fibrosis, the protein is defective and the cells do not release the chloride, resulting in an improper salt balance and less water on the lung surfaces, producing abnormally thick mucus. The gene mutations cause increased susceptibility to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a common bacterium in water and soil. *P. aeruginosa* is the cause of chronic infection and irreparable lung tissue scarring in 80 percent of cystic fibrosis patients in their late teens, Kim says. Yet the bacterium is not a common lung pathogen in people with healthy immune systems. Kim's research has shown that the zebrafish's ability to resist bacterial and viral infection is compromised by exposure to arsenic, a naturally occurring element. The effects of arsenic on CFTR and disruption of innate immune response presents a complex, multifaceted puzzle of gene-environment interactions. The hypotheses are that arsenic disrupts CFTR expression and proteins on the surfaces of certain cells called toll-like receptor (TLR) signal pathways, altering the innate immune response. Kim hopes to identify genes and pathways involved in modulating innate immunity in response to arsenic exposure, as well as CFTR modulation. Her data will be shared with a Dartmouth-based biostatistician and a bioinformatics specialist in an attempt to help identify sets of human genes and signaling pathways that contribute to the innate immune response, respond to arsenic and are influenced by CFTR. The result could point to potential therapeutic targets. “This opportunity for scientific collaboration is very exciting,” says Kim. “There is real potential to find genes associated with CF and to identify potential drug targets that could reduce or eliminate many of the debilitating effects of the disease.” With the NIH grant, Dartmouth Medical School will establish an NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence to advance biomedical research and foster collaboration among scientists from UMaine, Harvard, The Jackson Laboratory, Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, Maine Medical Center, University of New Hampshire, University of Southern Maine and University of Vermont. Kim heads one of the first four research projects of the new Center of Biomedical Research Excellence. **Contact: Carol Kim, (207) 581-2803**

TV News Magazine Features Guide to College Football

30 Aug 2011

Sandra Caron, UMaine professor of family relations and human sexuality, and J. Michael Hodgson, recently retired college football coach and former UMaine tight end, were interviewed for the television news magazine program "207" on Channel 2 (WLBZ) and Channel 6 (WCSH) about a book they co-wrote, "Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game." The piece aired Monday evening. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

President Ferguson to Introduce First in UMaine Research Workshop Series

30 Aug 2011

University of Maine President Paul Ferguson will lead off the first in a series of interdisciplinary research workshops of the 2011-2012 academic year on Friday, Sept. 9 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union. Members of the UMaine and surrounding communities and campuses are invited to attend. The Interdisciplinary Research Workshop Series is an eight-session series of interactive discussions designed to build, support and grow UMaine's interdisciplinary research strength. Goals include promoting interdisciplinary research on campus and highlighting new research opportunities; supporting campus-wide education to share experiences and strength across multiple research arenas and themes; creating new opportunities to network across disciplines; and enhancing UMaine's ability to garner interdisciplinary research funding from a variety of sources. UMaine President Ferguson will offer introductory remarks to open the first session, titled "Challenges to Interdisciplinary Research and Lessons Learned." Session panelists include Susan Gardner, associate professor of higher education; Teresa Johnson, assistant professor of marine policy; Owen Smith, art professor and director of the Intermedia Master of Fine Arts program; Hemant Pendse, chair of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering; Liam Riordan, associate professor of history; and Gayle Zydlewski of the School of Marine Sciences. Paul Anderson, Maine Sea Grant director, will moderate the panel discussion. Future workshop dates, with topics to be announced, are scheduled Thursday, Oct. 6, 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, 12-1:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 8, 2-3:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 20, 12-1:30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 23, 2-3:30 p.m.; Friday, March 23, 12-1:30 p.m.; and Thursday, April 12, 2-3:30 p.m. Some of the topics will include interdisciplinary research in graduate training, peer committee and other departmental issues in interdisciplinary research, how to engage end users, and successful proposal writing and submission. The sessions will include time to meet researchers and share experiences with peers. Graduate students and faculty will receive a certificate for attending six of the eight sessions. Contact: Paul Anderson, (207) 581-1435

UMaine Campus Switches to Single-Stream Recycling

30 Aug 2011

The University of Maine has joined the growing number of communities that have made the shift to single-stream recycling, a system that simplifies recycling for the entire campus community. Casella Waste Management was selected to manage the new recycling method through a competitive, publicly advertised process in July of 2011. By accepting a wider variety of materials and allowing them to all be placed in one container, single-stream recycling leads to increased participation and improved recycling rates, according to Lori Lommler, UMaine sustainability coordinator. In residence halls, office buildings, and classroom buildings, recyclable materials can be tossed into any existing blue recycling bin. Gray bins will continue to be used for non-recyclable waste. The new system began Monday, Aug. 29. UMaine recycling staff will deliver recyclable materials to a consolidation point in Hampden. From there, material will be transported to Casella's Zero-Sort™ recycling facility in Massachusetts, where it will be processed and marketed. The switch to single stream recycling eliminates the need for an on-campus sorting facility. This change, combined with other economic factors, led to an Oct. 29 closure date for the Depot at Facilities Management on Rangeley Road. Bottles and cans can be redeemed at one of several local redemption centers including Burby & Bates, Skeeter's, or through the Clink program at Hannaford. Local residents who may have been bringing material to the depot are encouraged to use their local municipal recycling programs, details of which can be found on their respective websites. The types of recyclable material has expanded to include all plastics numbered 1-7, window envelopes, bottles or jugs for food, beverages, beauty and cleaning products, dairy tubs, plastic flowerpots, and 5-gallon pails. Materials that cannot be recycled include Tyvek or plastic envelopes, plastic shopping bags, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, glass windowpanes, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, drinking glasses, Pyrex or ceramics, or anything in any category with stuck-

on food. The Casella website has [additional information](#) (PDF) and specific lists of products that can and cannot be accepted in single-stream recycling. Lommler says new recycling bins will begin showing up throughout the campus within a few weeks. They will continue to follow the theme of blue for recycling and gray for trash. Efficiencies gained from the new recycling program, combined with the increased diversion of material from the waste stream, will provide both economic and environmental benefits to the campus community, says Lommler, who can be reached at (207) 581-1571 or by email laura.lommler@umit.maine.edu for more information. Contact: Lori Lommler, (207) 581- 1571

UMaine Student Attends Apple Worldwide Developers Conference

30 Aug 2011

Joshua Komusin, a computer science major and math minor from South Berwick, Maine, recently attended Apple Inc.'s five-day annual Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. Komusin was one of 150 college students out of thousands of applicants to win \$2,000 scholarships to attend the conference. He was selected based on his application, which included his design of an app to transfer to the Apple iPad UMaine Spatial Information Science Engineering professor Kate Beard's framework for visualizing historical environmental data gathered from the Gulf of Maine over long periods of time. "I learned an immense amount about every aspect of not only developing for Apple products, but about creating usable technology in general," Komusin says. "This was perfect in context with my project in data visualization, which is all about making the exploration of large volumes of data more intuitive." The conference also encouraged thinking outside the box. "That, along with all of the technological tips and tricks I learned, would have been enough, but meeting people from all around the world -- Argentina, Australia, Ukraine, the UK -- made it just that much more of an experience I'll never forget," he adds. Komusin was present for Steve Jobs' final WWDC keynote as CEO of Apple, heard Buzz Aldrin speak, and saw a presentation from Michael Johnson from Pixar's R&D team. He credits New Media professor and director of UMaine's ASAP Media Services Mike Scott for encouraging him to apply. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine to participate in call to end domestic violence with 12 noon bell-ringing

31 Aug 2011

The University of Maine will join a statewide network of community centers, churches and others ringing bells at 12 noon today as part of a call to end domestic violence. The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence initiated "A Call to Remember, A Call to Action." UMaine music students Nathaniel Hackworth and Justin Hadley will ring hand bells on the UMaine Mall, near the front of Fogler Library. At the same time, the outdoor bell will ring at the College of Engineering's Cloke Plaza, near the Advanced Manufacturing Center. Bells will sound for two minutes -- one minute to remember those who have died as the result of domestic violence and one minute calling the community to respond.

Cod Academy Featured on Radio Show

31 Aug 2011

UMaine's participation in Cod Academy, a Maine Aquaculture Association program which trains fishermen to be fish farmers, was noted in a radio program on the Voice of America. UMaine has collaborated with MAA on Cod Academy, which took place earlier this year for the first time. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Notes Arsenic Study

31 Aug 2011

The website [PhysOrg noted](#) a UMaine news release about the announcement that UMaine immunologist Carol Kim is part of an \$11 million NIH grant to Dartmouth Medical School for the study of the effects of low levels of arsenic on immune response. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Expert in Newspaper Story on Caterpillar

31 Aug 2011

A Bangor Daily News [story](#) about a rise in abundance of the Hickory Tussock caterpillar included comments from UMaine Cooperative Extension entomologist Clay Kirby. Kirby told the BDN he has more samples of the caterpillar sent to his laboratory and more information requests than previous years. The numbers of the caterpillar, which can cause an allergic reaction in some people, may be rising due to weather influences, parasites, predators, diseases, or human effects, Kirby added. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Researcher in Story on Coral Research

31 Aug 2011

UMaine Professor of Marine Sciences Malcolm Shick was mentioned in an Agence France Press wire service [story](#) about the study of underwater coral reefs that could lead to a pill that would prevent sunburn. Shick is collaborating on the project with scientists from England and Australia, who discovered a compound which acts as a kind of sunscreen for coral and algae. The wire story was picked up by many news outlets in Great Britain, including BBC News, AOL Lifestyle UK, Marie Claire UK, and the Guardian newspaper. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Media Coverage of Wind Power Grant

31 Aug 2011

Several state and national media outlets had coverage of the news that UMaine has received a \$3 million grant from the Economic Development Administration to advance offshore wind-power research and development. The Forbes and [Bloomberg Business Week](#) websites both carried an Associated Press version of the story, as did Bangor television station WABI. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Caron, Hodgson in television interview

31 Aug 2011

The WCSH television program "207" featured a ten-minute Monday interview with Prof. Sandy Caron and Mike Hodgson from the UMaine athletics development staff. The subject was "[Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to the College Game.](#)" a new book by Caron and Hodgson.

Business Site Notes Wind Research Grant

01 Sep 2011

The MaineBiz website posted an item about the announcement that UMaine has received a \$3 million federal grant to buy equipment for the new deepwater offshore wind research laboratory that is part of the AEWC Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment for structural testing and pilot manufacturing of wind turbine components. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Article Highlights Connection Between UMaine, Town of Orono

01 Sep 2011

[The Bangor Daily News has an article](#) about efforts on the part of Orono businesses to encourage students to visit downtown Orono often for eating out, shopping and services. UMaine associate professor of communications and journalism was interviewed for the story, and told the BDN that it is important that universities and communities find ways to mutually support each other. The article also noted the work that UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center has worked with the businesses to research how to best promote and market downtown Orono. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Expert in Story About Hogweed

01 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension horticulturist Lois Berg Stack was quoted in a Village Soup report on the dangers of touching the giant hogweed plant, which has been reported in more than 30 sites in Maine. Touching the plant can cause severe skin and eye irritation, blisters and permanent scarring. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Tomato Video Featured on Website

01 Sep 2011

[A video produced by UMaine Cooperative Extension](#) about what to do with harvested tomatoes is being featured on the Bangor Daily News website. The video features Extension Educator Kathy Savoie discussing freezing and canning tomatoes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Schoodic Experience Immerses First-Year Biology and Ecology Students in the Ultimate Classroom

01 Sep 2011

Contact: Kristen Andresen, 207-581-3742 At the beginning of the fall semester, first-year students in the School of Biology and Ecology get a one-of-a-kind introduction to life at UMaine: the Schoodic Experience. This year, on Aug. 24-26, students explored plants, insects, birds and aquatic ecology in this incredible outdoor classroom while getting to know their classmates and professors. The experience prepares students for the many fieldwork and research opportunities they'll have as undergraduates at the University of Maine. For more information, visit <http://biology.umaine.edu/schoodic/?q=node/3>

UMaine Nutritionists Offer Tips for Kids' Snacks, Lunches

02 Sep 2011

University of Maine nutritionists are available to offer advice for parents and guardians looking to pack healthy -- and appealing -- lunchboxes for children and adolescents, and to identify the benefits of school-prepared meals and snacks. Mary Ellen Camire, a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists and professor of food science and human nutrition, is an expert on the health benefits of dietary supplements, foods and food components, in addition to the prevention and amelioration of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. She suggests considering several types of immune system-boosting foods to help kids ward off colds and viruses. "Vitamin A helps the immune system, so yams, carrots, spinach, mangoes and vitamin A-fortified foods like milk could be served," Camire says. "Emerging research indicates that red, purple and blue fruits and vegetables including our own blueberries, red grapes, strawberries and cranberries also protect against infections." Foods that contain probiotics also can boost the immune system, so yogurt smoothies with blueberries can help boost health and nutrition in several ways, she adds. Kate Yerxa, University of Maine Cooperative Extension statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, also can discuss healthy snacks and lunches packed from home or the benefits of school meals and snack programs, in addition to ideas to help keep kids motivated and moving when they're not at their desks. Yerxa notes that the proliferation of school gardens has helped educate students about proper nutrition and the types of fruits and vegetables that provide it. She adds that the new [Farm to School initiative](#) also is helping. Contact: Kate Yerxa, (207) 581-3109; Mary Ellen Camire, (207) 581-1627

UMaine Oceanographer a Guest on Radio Show About Lobster

02 Sep 2011

Boston public radio station WBUR included Bob Steneck, UMaine professor of oceanography, marine biology and marine policy, on a [show](#) about a new book focusing on the history of lobster and the industry. Steneck commented that he fears fishermen are overly reliant on a single species and the entire industry would suffer if disease or environmental impacts damages the lobster stock. The 20-minute show can be heard [here](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine students to appear in television program

02 Sep 2011

UMaine will host the premiere of the first episode of [Schooled](#), a [New England Sports Network television competition program](#) featuring three-student teams from eight New England colleges and universities. The first contest features the UMaine team against Northeastern University's. Representatives from NESN and the program's commercial sponsors will be at UMaine's Memorial Union on Tuesday, Sept. 6 for Schooled-themed contests and giveaways, beginning at 7 p.m. A recorded version of the program's first episode -- scheduled for NESN broadcast that same night after the Red Sox game -- will be shown at 8 p.m. UMaine's team is comprised of Whitneigh Kinne of North Yarmouth, Christina Swan of Kennebunkport and Sam Green, a May 2011 graduate from Cumberland. The program's producers chose Kinne, Swan and Green during a two-day casting session last March. The programs, hosted by comedian Michael Showalter, were recorded during the spring. Schooled, is described by NESN as being "a unique competitive trivia/reality series." Contestants square off in a variety of competitions, including physical contests and games that test their knowledge across a broad array of subject areas. *Sept. 2, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571*

Websites Highlight Wind Energy Grant

02 Sep 2011

The website North American Wind Power has a [story](#) about the grant awarded to UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center for its work developing components for deepwater offshore wind turbines. The story noted the \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce will help equip the Offshore Wind Energy Laboratory, which opens this fall on the UMaine campus. The website Mass High Tech also reported news of the grant, as did the Houston Chronicle website. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hess comments in arsenic/water story

05 Sep 2011

Prof. Tom Hess of the UMaine physics faculty was interviewed for a [Maine Today Media \(Portland Press Herald, Kennebec Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel\) story](#) about research into the link between arsenic in water and the intellectual development of children. Columbia University researchers are leading the study, looking at locations in southern and central Maine.

Census data show that Maine has high percentage of same-sex couples

05 Sep 2011

Stephen Marks, UMaine professor emeritus of sociology, is one of the experts quoted in a [Portland Press Herald story](#) reporting that only six states have more same-sex couples than Maine, according to 2010 U.S. Census Data. The story notes that there are a number of reasons, and Marks points out that "word circulates about which communities are tolerant of same-sex couples."

UMaine President Interviewed by Bangor Daily News

15 Aug 2011

In an interview with the [Bangor Daily News](#), University of Maine President Paul Ferguson listed research and a 21st century focus as keys to the future.

Ferguson quoted in Bangor Daily News about Fall Welcome Weekend

27 Aug 2011

University of Maine President Paul Ferguson was quoted in a [Bangor Daily News](#) article about the volunteers at UMaine's Fall Welcome Weekend.

News story previews student game show

05 Sep 2011

Monday's [Bangor Daily News previews UMaine's participation in "Schooled,"](#) a New England Sports Network competition series featuring three-student teams from eight New England colleges and universities. The series premieres on Tuesday Sept. 6 with a contest between UMaine and Northeastern. UMaine sophomore Whitneigh Kinne, joined on the team by senior Christina Swan and 2011 graduate Sam Green, was interviewed for the story. UMaine and NESN will host a screening of the premiere episode on Tuesday at Memorial Union, with contests and Schooled-related activities beginning at 7 p.m.

Peterson assesses South Carolina track

05 Sep 2011

The [Aiken \(South Carolina\) Standard reports](#) that UMaine engineering professor Mick Peterson visited the Aiken Training Track, a thoroughbred training facility, in June to assess the track and surface. Peterson is an expert in race track surfaces, using ground penetrating radar and other high-tech assessment equipment.

Underwater gliders provide unprecedented documentation of aggregate flux event during North Atlantic phytoplankton bloom

06 Sep 2011

Contact: Mary Jane Perry, (207) 592-0317 Using the latest in optical sensor technology, marine scientists from the University of Maine and the University of Washington have achieved unprecedented documentation of a critical phenomenon that occurs during the spring phytoplankton blooms in the North Atlantic that feeds the deep ocean and



contributes to carbon dioxide sequestering. During what's called an aggregate flux event, phytoplankton growing on the ocean surface form layers of aggregates and sink, providing food for deep sea ecosystems and a carbon cycling function vital to the global atmosphere. Despite the importance of aggregate organic carbon flux, scientists have struggled to estimate it. Formation of phytoplankton aggregates depends on such factors as particle concentration, movement and "stickiness," and their concentrations can vary greatly in space and time. The ability to detect aggregates for months to years at a time has the potential to inform estimates of carbon flux in the ocean and modeling efforts. On a three-month sub-polar research cruise in 2008 to study the spring North Atlantic phytoplankton bloom in the waters south of Iceland, the researchers used optical sensors on four autonomous underwater sea gliders and aboard ship to collect data on the flux event. In particular, they studied the optical "spikes" that the aggregates caused in the signals of the low-power optical instruments during the height of the diatom bloom. In addition to the sink rates, the optical spikes in the signals of the 10 optical instruments also provided information on the

distribution, relative abundance and chlorophyll content of aggregates in the study area. The research, led by UMaine oceanographer Mary Jane Perry, was the focus a master's thesis by UMaine graduate student Nathan Briggs and published in *Deep-Sea Research Part I: Oceanographic Research Papers*.

Nursing Website Dissects Coral-Sunscreen Connection Research

06 Sep 2011

The website Nursing Times analyzed the announcement last week that researchers, including UMaine's Malcolm Shick, have determined that corals produce compounds that protect them from the sun, and that some day a pill for human consumption could be developed to protect skin from getting sunburned. The website found that despite the potential of the compounds, a drug for humans is a long way off. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Kim Research Noted in Newspaper Report

06 Sep 2011

Carol Kim, a UMaine immunologist, was mentioned in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel story about research into the effects of arsenic on the immune system and cystic fibrosis. Kim is part of an \$11 million grant to Dartmouth Medical School, \$1.8 million of which is a National Institutes of Health grant to UMaine to explore the effects of arsenic on a healthy innate immune system and one compromised by the gene that causes cystic fibrosis. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Labor Historian in Press Herald

06 Sep 2011

UMaine labor historian and research associate Charlie Scontras was mentioned in a Portland Press Herald [report](#) about Labor Day events in Portland. Scontras attended a breakfast Monday morning, where he noted that Maine enacted its Labor Day in 1891, three years before it was made a national holiday. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wire Story Details Wind Power Grant Uses

06 Sep 2011

An Associated Press story that includes details of how UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center will utilize a \$3 million federal grant. In the story, which ran in Forbes magazine's website Habib Dagher, director of the center, is quoted as saying the funding will be used for a lab station, or "cell," where prototype blades and towers will be made out of experimental materials to withstand off-shore stresses and will be a cornerstone function of the lab. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Horticulturist Stack in TV Report on Giant Hogweed

06 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension professor and ornamental horticulture specialist Lois Berg Stack was interviewed for a Monday Channel 7 (WV7) news report about the toxic ornamental plant giant hogweed, a 10-foot-tall plant resembling Queen Anne's lace, which can cause permanent scarring from burns when the plant's sap on skin is exposed to sunlight. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Museum of Art celebration Oct. 1

06 Sep 2011

Fall Fiesta at the Museum of Art, a celebration to benefit the museum's education and exhibition programs, is scheduled

for Saturday Oct. 1 from 5-8 p.m. at the museum on Harlow St. in Bangor. The event will feature a complimentary wine bar and beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, art-making stations and more. Tickets, available for purchase at the museum or by phone (561-3350) cost \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple. For more information please contact [Kathryn Jovanelli](#), assistant museum coordinator and membership manager, by phone or email.

UMaine Hockey Jerseys Included in All-Time List

07 Sep 2011

The blue jerseys worn by the UMaine hockey team were included in a [list](#) of the top 50 non-NHL hockey jerseys of all time on the website Bleacher Report. The Black Bears' jerseys are a favorite among college hockey fans, the website noted. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Experts Featured in Report on Back-to-School Lunches

07 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension's Kate Yerxa and UMaine Professor Mary Ellen Camire were interviewed for a WLBZ-TV report on packing healthy and safe lunches for kids going back to school. Yerxa, the statewide educator for nutrition and physical activity, advised parents to allow children to have some say into what goes into their lunch box, which may mean they'll be more likely to eat it when it's lunchtime at school. Camire, a professor of food science and human nutrition, told the Bangor television station that parents packing lunches should make sure food stays fresh in lunch boxes to avoid food-borne illnesses. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Perry Research Posted on NSF Website

07 Sep 2011

Science360, the website of the National Science Foundation, noted on its [home page](#) a recent UMaine [news release](#) about research into a phenomenon known as an aggregate flux event which occurs during the spring phytoplankton bloom in the North Atlantic. UMaine oceanographer Mary Jane Perry led the research project. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lord Hall Intermedia Exhibit Features 3D, 'Augmented Reality'

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The University of Maine Intermedia MFA program is presenting "The Variable Museum," a thesis work created by Master of Fine Arts student John Bell as part of "Without Borders VIII: Breaking Ground," currently on display in the Lord Hall Gallery on campus. Exhibition times are Monday through Thursday from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. until Without Borders closes Sept. 15. The Variable Museum uses augmented reality (AR) techniques that insert digital objects into a visitor's view of the real world around them in real time. Viewers wear a pair of glasses with built-in cameras that record what their eyes would normally see and send that video to a computer where 3D objects are added before it is displayed inside the glasses. An optical tracking system allows visitors to walk around and see the objects from different perspectives, just as if they were physical artworks in the gallery. Unlike the physical artworks in the gallery though, viewers of The Variable Museum do not all see the same objects. Each person sees something different, and only by talking to the other visitors can they discover what other people see and then uncover the common ties that bind the artworks together. The Variable Museum uses AR technology not just to show objects that don't exist, but also to show them in a way that would not be possible in the real world, according to Bell and Owen Smith, director of the Intermedia MFA program. The three-year Intermedia MFA program provides graduate students an opportunity to engage in innovative, creative and theoretical work in a flexible program that encourages individual development within an interdisciplinary context. Since 2004, the Without Borders Contemporary Arts Festival has presented a wide range of ideas focused on exploring the spaces between culture, art, science and technology by regional, national and international artists engaged in reexamining the nature of creative production. Information about the Intermedia MFA can be found on its [website](#). *Contact: Owen Smith, (207) 581-4389[Marker]*

WLBZ Reports on UMaine Shift to Single-Stream Recycling

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Channel 2 (WLBZ) reported Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning on the shift that began last week at UMaine from separated recycling to single-stream recycling, which was designed to increase student and employee recycling on campus. A UMaine news release has [more](#). Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Settele scheduled for Friday interview

07 Sep 2011

Jim Settele, assistant director of UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs, will appear on WVOM radio's George Hale and Ric Tyler Show, Friday Sept. 9 just after 6 a.m. A retired U.S. Navy captain, Settele served on Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's staff from Oct. 2001-Aug 2003. He will share his thoughts on changes in the U.S. security posture since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, along with his perspectives on the impact of those events on the U.S. military. WVOM is at 103.9 on the FM dial.

Business leader McDonald addresses UMaine students

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The chief executive officer and president of Proctor & Gamble spoke affably with a hundreds of University of Maine business students Wednesday about successful leadership traits and his company's commitment to corporate social responsibility. Bob McDonald, who also chairs the board for the \$83 billion-a-year consumer products corporation, stressed to a packed Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall that a sense of purpose to paramount for leaders, businesses and individuals. "Living a life driven by purpose is more meaningful than meandering through life without direction," was the first of [10 principles](#) McDonald discussed at the event arranged by the Maine Business School. Good leadership, McDonald said, is the single-most scarce resource in the world. He encouraged members of his audience of mostly business students and faculty members to consider how life experiences and lessons have affected their outlook and beliefs. Good leaders are introspective, he said. "The larger an organization you lead, the more deliberate you need to be about your leadership," he said. "The larger the company you work for, the more people want to know what you believe in." The West Point graduate and former U.S. Army infantry captain and Airborne Ranger -- who was an underclass student while UMaine finance professor Bob Strong was an upper class student there in the mid-1970s -- said Proctor & Gamble's "purpose" attracted him to the company in 1980. Through its products and philanthropy, the 174-year-old corporation is committed to doing things that help others and make people's lives better, he said. "We believe that the more we make this purpose pervasive, the more successful we'll become," he said. The second principle McDonald stressed was "companies must do well to do good and must do good to do well." It is a "positive and virtuous cycle," evidenced, he suggested, by Proctor & Gamble's sales growth from \$10 billion a year in 1980 to \$83 billion today, and employee growth from 61,200 in 1980 to 129,000 today, and huge increases in the value of company stocks. Some of the benefits of working for Proctor & Gamble, the Cincinnati-based executive said, include a profit-sharing plan for employees, an assumption of trust and respect for all employees and seeing that every employee is "in the right job." "We expect everybody in the company to be a leader. It doesn't matter what your hierarchy is," said McDonald, who started with the company "at the bottom, just like everyone else." Among the philanthropic projects Proctor & Gamble is engaged include a water-purification kit for people in underdeveloped countries. Some 4,000 children die every day of dysentery diarrhea because of contaminated drinking water in regions where water is scarce and often contaminated by animals, he said. Proctor & Gamble's water-purification project and pledge to try to help prevent one death an hour earned the company high praise from former President Bill Clinton. McDonald concluded with the thought that "the single difference between those who succeed in the Proctor & Gamble family and those who don't is the ability to learn... So please don't think your education is over when you leave the University of Maine." He challenged the students to consider when they become frustrated with teachers, parents or others who seem slow at learning their way with evolving new technological inventions to consider "in 20 years, what technology are you going to be slow at?" Strong's long time friendship with McDonald helped make the presentation possible, according to

business school faculty members. Information about Proctor & Gamble's value-based leadership strategies, along with books on the topic that McDonald recommends, is available on a [company website](#). A high-resolution [photo of Bob McDonald is available online](#). *September 7, 2011 Contact: [George Manlove](#), (207) 581-3756*

Researchers Mentioned in Discovery News Shipwreck Story

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Two UMaine researchers affiliated with the Darling Marine Center in Walpole were mentioned in a [Discovery News report](#) about an 18th century sailing vessel found during excavations at the World Trade Center site. The story mentioned marine biologist and Darling Center Director Kevin Eckelbarger had identified the shell morphology in the bored-out timbers of the wood planks, and had extensive comments from marine archaeologist Warren Riess, who discussed how most vessels of the time were built and offered theories about the vessel's purpose. For more information about Riess' research into the vessel, see a UMaine Today story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

VillageSoup Notice of Ocean Studies Lecture Series

08 Sep 2011

The VillageSoup weekly newspapers noted an upcoming lecture series in Castine which will featured several UMaine researchers. The series, which is sponsored by Maine Maritime Academy, will open on Sept. 19 with Andrew Pershing, a UMaine researcher, who will give a talk on "Finding Whales in a Changing Ocean." Beth Campbell of UMaine will speak on Nov. 7 in a talk entitled, "Unassuming Engineers: the Effects of Injury and Nutrition on Sediment Disturbance by a Marine Polychaete, Clymenella Torquata." Pershing will wrap up the series on Nov. 28 when he speaks about microbes in coastal systems. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Highmoor Farm Featured on News Report

08 Sep 2011

Bangor television station WABI covered Maine Commissioner of Agriculture Walter Whitcomb's recent trip to Highmoor Farm, a UMaine facility which performs practical research studies for the apple industry. Renae Moran, UMaine Extension tree fruit specialist, was interviewed for the story and said the size of the crop this year will be above average, which means the fruit size will be smaller. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Nursing School Offers New Nurse Educator Certificate Program

08 Sep 2011

The University of Maine School of Nursing this fall launched a new Nurse Educator's Certificate Program, which is expected to help ease the shortage of nurses by producing more nursing clinical instructors in Maine. The school also has received a Maine Department of Labor Health Care Sector grant of nearly \$80,000 to offset tuition and other expenses for the first 10 nurses enrolled in the program. The students are registered nurses with either a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or a Master of Science in Nursing who are interested in becoming nursing instructors, according to Ursula Pritham, recently retired assistant professor and former graduate program coordinator in the school. The funding is part of the Department of Labor's initiative to increase the supply of nursing clinical instructors, and to help eliminate the waiting lists for admissible nursing students in the tri-county area of Penobscot, Hancock and Piscataquis counties. The first cohort will complete the certificate program by Feb. 1, 2013. The new program will increase the pool of qualified nursing clinical educators to serve the growing enrollments in baccalaureate nursing programs at UMaine and Husson University in Bangor and the associate degree program at Eastern Maine Community College. The grant reimburses students accepted into the program for tuition, fees and mileage reimbursement for clinical and practical experiences in areas hospitals, in addition to faculty compensation. The UMaine nursing school has previously and will continue offering a Master of Science in Nursing with a focus on nursing education. The curriculum for the nurse educator's certificate program will be built upon two established courses, NUR 512 Curriculum and Course Development and NUR 514 Field Experience in Nursing Education. A new course, NUR 515 Measurement and

Assessment in Nursing Education, will augment the program. The new certificate program focuses on the principles of teaching and learning, curriculum design and assessment of learning outcomes. Nancy Fishwick, director of the UMaine School of Nursing, praised associate professor of nursing Ann Sossong for her role in developing the program and recruiting 10 nurses who will benefit from the DOL grant. Contact: Ann Sossong, (207) 581-3427

UMaine Researchers Awarded Grant to Develop Cellulose Nanocomposite Materials

08 Sep 2011

The field of nanoscience has shown that the smallest of particles are sometimes the strongest. Research into these infinitesimal objects – whose dimensions range from a few nanometers to less than 100 nanometers; by comparison, a sheet of paper has a thickness of 100,000 nanometers – has also shown these particles are well-suited for use in materials that must by necessity be lightweight and flexible. Doug Gardner, a University of Maine professor of wood science and technology, has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Products Laboratory for his research into developing to produce powders made from nanoscale cellulosic particles, known as cellulose nanofibrils or CNF. “Cellulose derived from wood – Maine’s most abundant natural resource – is a promising source for low-cost, renewable nano-structured materials,” Gardner said. The composite materials produced with CNF will eventually be used in building materials, automobile parts, wind energy components and other green materials. The particles are recognized as having superior mechanical properties and can be produced at a lower cost than other nanofiller materials. The USDA grant will kick off a five-year research project that aims to address some of the barriers to producing commercially viable CNFs, including the breaking down of biomass to components below the fiber level while preserving favorable nano properties. Research into cellulose nanofibrils is a priority for the Department of Agriculture, which is seeking to develop efficient processing methods to create novel materials for use in advanced composites, high-end additives and fillers for high-end construction and manufacturing systems. Yoosoo Han, UMaine biocomposite specialist in the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center and graduate faculty in forest resources, is also involved in the CNF research. Gardner, who is affiliated with UMaine’s School of Forest Resources, the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, and the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, is a UMaine graduate. Contact: Doug Gardner, (207) 581-2846 or douglas.gardner@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Sept. 11 remembrance events

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The UMaine community will host a Sunday memorial event for those who lost their lives in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 ***Sunday, September 11, 2011 University Mall, near the Fogler Library*** 8:30am: Gathering 8:40am: Welcome and ROTC Color Guard 8:46am: Moment of Silence (in memory of the first tower being struck) 8:47am: Speaker 9:02am: Moment of Silence (in memory of the second tower being struck) 7:30pm: The Newman Center will coordinate a candlelight vigil, lining College Avenue with candles in memorial (participants are being asked to provide their own candles) Phi Eta Kappa is currently selling yellow ribbons in Memorial Union, in memory of the victims of the 9/11 attacks. The cost is \$1 per ribbon, with all proceeds to the Twin Towers Orphan Fund. These events are organized by the Division of Student Affairs, the Bodwell Center, Residence Life, Campus Activities and Student Engagement, Army ROTC, Phi Eta Kappa, the UMaine Veterans Association, and Veterans Education and Transition Services.

Report on Bridge-in-a-Backpack Technology

09 Sep 2011

The bridge-in-a-backpack technology developed at UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center was featured in a Bangor Daily News [report](#) on the replacement of two bridges in Carrabassett Valley that were recently washed out due to flooding from Hurricane Irene. An official from the Maine Department of Transportation commented that although the DOT has a lot of confidence in the technology, it was not the right technology for the two bridge projects. Brit Svoboda, a UMaine graduate who owns AIT, the Orono-based company that sells the bridges, said he has been offering the company's help to areas in Vermont, Virginia, New York, and other places that have been hit by

flooding. He also said AIT has been working with AEWG to research new styles of bridges that might work better for varying landscapes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Seal Research Noted in Newspaper Article

09 Sep 2011

The Bangor Daily News included comments from James Gilbert, UMaine professor of wildlife ecology, in a [story](#) about the levels of man-made contaminants found in Maine's harbor seals. Gilbert told the BDN that UMaine scientists attached tiny radio transmitters to 24 harbor seals in Maine and Massachusetts and intended to use the radio signals to do aerial surveys in May and June to photograph and count the population. The plan was hampered, however, by fog which limited the number of days the researchers had in the air and visibility of the seals. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried in Huffington Post

09 Sep 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried was mentioned in a [Huffington Post article](#) about allegations of voter fraud in Maine committed by more than 200 college students. Maine Republican Party Chairman Charlie Webster, who has made the allegation, also alleges that undocumented immigrants cross into the country and influence the outcome of U.S. elections. Fried refuted the allegation and said there is no evidence of undocumented immigrants voting in Maine elections. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Experts Interviewed for 9/11 Anniversary Report

09 Sep 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) interviewed retired U.S. Navy Capt. James Settele, assistant director of UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs, and anthropology professor Henry Munson, a specialist on the religious and political evolution of the Middle East and American foreign policy, for a story about the nation's response to the terror attacks on Sept. 9, 2001. Settele worked for former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon, beginning a month after the attacks. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine softball coach Smith resigns

09 Sep 2011

University of Maine softball coach Deb Smith has announced her resignation, effective immediately. A 1994 UMaine graduate, Smith was a pitcher whose on-field accomplishments led to 1994 All-American honors and 2001 induction into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. "As a student-athlete and a coach, Deb has made significant contributions to Black Bear softball, UMaine sports and the university in general," says athletic director Steve Abbott. "She deserves much credit for creating a solid foundation for the program's future, and I wish her the best as she pursues new endeavors." Last spring, Smith finished her third season as UMaine's coach. Her 2010 team finished second in America East and hosted the conference tournament in Orono. She also coached the Black Bears from 1999-2004, earning America East Coach of the Year honors in 2004, when she led the team to a conference championship and NCAA tournament berth. A native of Munnsville, N.Y., Smith also coached the University of Rhode Island Rams during the 2006-2008 seasons. "Three years ago, the University of Maine gave me the opportunity to return to the helm of the softball program and help re-establish its strong foundation," Smith says. "I want to thank the university for that opportunity. Over the past three years I have had the chance to work with some wonderful student-athletes and coaches who had the faith and trust in me to work toward that end. We have tried to build a program the right way, stressing hard work, academics and character while striving to compete for conference championships. I believe the groundwork has been laid and that these goals are attainable under the leadership of a new coach." Abbott says he plans to launch a national search for a new coach. *Sept. 9, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571 [Laura Reed](#) (207) 581-3646*

Extension's Hopkins wins national award

09 Sep 2011

Kathryn Hopkins, University of Maine Extension educator in the Somerset Extension office in Skowhegan, received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during the recent 2011 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Overland Park, Kansas. Hopkins was one of several honorees representing the top two percent of the membership selected by their peers and the director of Extension. The following is from Hopkins' recognition citation: "Serving Somerset County since 1997, Kathryn M. Hopkins works in agriculture and natural resources. Her core of work involves the maple producers of Maine. She established the International Maple Grading School in 2003 at which over 150 producers have been certified. In addition, Kathy developed a Master Gardener Program in the county in which she has trained an estimated 286 volunteers. Kathy played a key role in designing a Home Energy Conservation program for Maine." *Sept. 9, 2011 Contact: Kathryn Hopkins at (207) 474-9622*

UMaine to host IEEE seminars Sept. 22

09 Sep 2011

Stephen Bush, an internationally recognized expert on the connection between communication technology and electric power grids, will discuss "Communication for the Smart Grid" at the University of Maine's Barrows Hall on Thursday Sept. 22. Bush's presentation, scheduled for 3:15-4:15 p.m., is part of an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) seminar, presented by the IEEE Maine Section and the university. Bush, who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, is currently a researcher at General Electric Global Research in New York. The session begins at 2 p.m. with a talk, "Interference Alignment: A new look at signal dimensions in a communication network," by Syed Ali Jafar, a professor at the University of California Irvine. Jafar brings particular expertise in multiuser information theory and wireless communications. These sessions are free and open, but [advance registration by email](#) is required. Sept. 9, 2011 Contact [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571

Anderson to give sustainability talks at UMPI and UMFK

09 Sep 2011

[Mark Anderson](#), senior instructor in the UMaine School of Economics, will return to his native Aroostook County to give a pair of mid-September talks on sustainability. A key contributor to Maine's [Sustainability Solutions Initiative](#), a statewide, interdisciplinary research and outreach effort based at UMaine, Anderson will discuss "Toward a Theory of Sustainability: An Exercise in Prospective Stakeholder Engagement" at the University of Maine at Presque Isle's Folsom Hall on Thursday Sept. 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. He will give a similar talk at the University of Maine at Fort Kent on Friday Sept. 16. Anderson, who was born in Caribou, served as coordinator of UMaine's Ecology and Environmental Science Program for almost 20 years. *Sept. 9, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571*

Sun Journal profiles Extension's Jackson

11 Sep 2011

Sunday's Lewiston Sun Journal featured a [Q&A interview with UMaine Cooperative Extension educator Tori Jackson](#), who lives in Wayne. She talked about her work with gardeners and farmers, along with others who work in natural resources-based industries, and her life-long interest in music.

Thaler in TED conference story

11 Sep 2011

Jeff Thaler, a UMaine visiting professor of energy policy, law and ethics, was featured in a [Maine Sunday Telegram story about TEDxDirigo](#), a daylong conference held in Portland. TED (technology, entertainment and design)

conferences are held all around the world, with the goal of "creating positive change." Fifteen people, including Thaler and UMaine Prof. Habib Dagher, director of the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, spoke at the event.

News story previews basket maker exhibit

11 Sep 2011

Saturday's [Bangor Daily News included a feature story](#) about basket maker James Frey, a Passamaquoddy artist from Princeton whose work has received wide acclaim. His work will be on display at UMaine's Hudson Museum beginning Sept. 24 as part of "Transcending Traditions: The Next Generation of Maine Indian Basketry.

Faculty Column Supports Racino Vote

12 Sep 2011

Norrine Daly, a faculty member in UMaine's Department of Animal and Veterinary Science and the event coordinator at the J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Center, had an [op-ed column](#) in the Bangor Daily News. Daly advocated for voter support of the creation of racinos in Biddeford and Washington County, arguing a "yes" vote in the Nov. 8 referendum would create jobs, boost local economies, and contribute to Maine's general fund along with agricultural fairs and university scholarships. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

12 Sep 2011

Education Commissioner Bowen at UMaine Monday

Maine Education Commissioner [Stephen Bowen](#) is spending Monday Sept. 12 at UMaine, as part of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow Program.

Bowen will meet with students, faculty members and staff members, in addition to President Paul Ferguson and Provost Susan Hunter.

The Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows Program, which began in the spring of 2006, brings Maine elected officials and senior policymakers to UMaine for intensive one-day programs through which they can learn more about UMaine, the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, and the work of the university's faculty members and students. It is also intended to provide opportunities for UMaine students to have access to high-level public officials, through whom they can learn more about government and the development of public policy.

Bowen's Monday schedule includes a 10-10:50 a.m. meeting with a student panel to discuss the educational experience at UMaine, from the perspectives of several students representing various academic disciplines. From 11-11:50 a.m., he will meet with a group of faculty members whose research programs involve close connections with Maine's K-12 schools. Both sessions are scheduled for Memorial Union's Bumps Room. Bowen will also meet with a group of UMaine graduate students from 1-1:30 p.m. in the Advanced Manufacturing Center's first floor conference room.

A former teacher and two-term member of the Maine House of Representatives, Bowen served as director of the Maine Heritage Policy Center's Center for Education Excellence for nearly four years before becoming commissioner.

His visit to UMaine is organized by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the College of Education and Human Development.

Sept. 12, 2011

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Extension Fruit Specialist Interviewed for Apple Crop Reports

12 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension educator and apple specialist Renae Moran was interviewed for a Channel 2 (WLBZ) news report on the state of Maine's apple crops. A Bangor Daily News [article](#) on apples also quoted Morin, who reported that this year's crop is excellent. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Graduate Student's Research Included in Greenland Project

12 Sep 2011

University of Maine Ph.D. candidate Aaron Putnam is a member of an international team of scientists who have produced a prediction of what climate records from Greenland might look like over the last 800,000 years and investigation into the possible causes of abrupt climate change. Putnam, a glacial geologist in UMaine's Department of Earth Sciences and Climate Change Institute, contributed research to a paper posted Sept. 8 on the website of the journal Science. The paper will be published in an upcoming issue of Science. Stephen Barker of Cardiff University in Wales, U.K., led the research team. An announcement from Cardiff University about the publication said the research demonstrates that abrupt climate change has been a systemic feature of Earth's climate for hundreds of thousands of years and may play an active role in longer-term climate variability through its influence on ice age terminations. The Greenland conditions – temperature records of which go back only approximately 100,000 years – were reconstructed by utilizing ice core temperature records retrieved from Antarctica. The researchers used a mathematical formulation to extend the Greenland record. The new predictions provide an extended testing bed for climate models that are used to predict future climate variability. The research was funded by the Leverhulme Trust and Natural Environment Research Council in the U.K., and the National Science Foundation in the U.S. Putnam is a Chapman native who has a master's degree from UMaine. Contact: Aaron Putnam, aaron.putnam@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Allen Designated National Speech Pathologist of the Year

12 Sep 2011

Marybeth Allen of the UMaine Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders recently was named the Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year by the National Stuttering Association (NSA). The association recognized Allen during its annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas for her outreach and organization efforts on a national level on behalf of youths who stutter. "She dedicated much of her time to ensuring our Family Program chapters were successful and was always available to assist and guide chapter leaders when needed," the association says in its online newsletter. Allen has coordinated several youth days across the country, served on the NSA board of directors for six years and is currently the chapter leader of the Eastern Maine Chapter of the NSA. She is the clinical supervisor and associate faculty member in the Speech-Language Pathology laboratory at the University of Maine. Contact: Marybeth Allen, (207) 581-2304

Development/diversity specialist Moody at UMaine this week

12 Sep 2011

Faculty development and diversity specialist Joann Moody will visit UMaine on Tuesday Sept. 13 through Thursday Sept. 15. She will conduct a series of small group sessions involving College of Liberal Arts and Sciences chairs, directors and peer committees on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday she will meet with people in similar roles in the College of Engineering and the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. A former professor and administrator, Moody helps organizations "rethink and improve their recruitment, mentorship, retention and evaluation of faculty, students, and staff -- especially women and U.S. under-represented minorities," according to her Web site.

She also works frequently with universities like UMaine that have received [ADVANCE-NSF grants](#).

UMaine on 'Military Friendly' Schools List

13 Sep 2011

The University of Maine has been included on a list of "military friendly" colleges, universities and educational institutions that offer noteworthy services, opportunity and support for veterans of the United States military service. The Military Friendly Schools Guide considered 8,000 institutions in coming up with its annual list. University of Maine System campuses in Augusta, Fort Kent and Presque Isle also made the 2012 list. "The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience," according to the publishers of the guide, GI Jobs' Victory Media. "The result is a list of approximately 1,000 schools which represent the 15 percent that are the most Military Friendly. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide." "The Military Friendly Schools list is the gold standard in letting veterans know which schools will offer them the greatest opportunity, flexibility and overall experience," says Derek Blumke, president of Student Veterans of America and a member of the list's Academic Advisory Board, on the Military Friendly Schools website. "It's especially important now with so many schools competing for military students." The web pages about UMaine includes a list of ways the university supports veteran students. Victory Media is a veteran-owned business, which also publishes The Guide to Military Friendly Schools, Military Spouse and Vetpreneur magazines and annually rates the nation's "Military Friendly Employers," "Military Spouse Friendly Employers" and "Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses. Other Maine institutions on the list include Husson University, Maine Maritime Academy, Central Maine Community College, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, and The Landing School. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Newspaper Notes Professor Rating Research

13 Sep 2011

Toronto's Globe and Mail newspaper had a story about the correlation between online ratings of professors and official evaluations of professors' teaching. The story noted research published in 2007 by Ted Coladarci and Irv Kornfield, who compared rating systems for UMaine professors and found a strong correlation between the two systems. Coladarci is a professor of educational psychology and director of institutional studies, and Kornfeld is a professor of biology and molecular forensics. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Mentioned in Report on Potato Crop

13 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension was mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about projections for the fall Aroostook County potato crop. According to Extension, the story said, late blight was found in potato fields in Bridgewater, Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Limestone and Caswell. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension's Garland in TV 2 Report on Fall Gardening, Lawn Care Tips

13 Sep 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension horticulturist Kate Garland was interviewed for a Channel 2 (WLBZ) news report on fall gardening and lawn care tips as fall weather turns cooler and area residents prepare to put their gardens to bed for winter. She suggests pulling weeds to prevent a weed seed bed from becoming established and having soil tested in preparation for the next growing season. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Faculty members to participate in lecture series

13 Sep 2011

University of Maine faculty members Constanza Ocampo-Raeder and Maria Sandweiss will present September lectures at Bangor Public Library. Their talks will be part of the Centro Hispano - The Hispanic Center of Bangor 2011 lecture series. That organization works to inform the community about Hispanic heritage and culture. Ocampo-Raeder, a professor in UMaine's Dept. of Anthropology, will present "Spanish is not my Mother Tongue: Resilience Among Indigenous Peoples of Latin America," on Thursday Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. She will describe her 15 research, conducted over more than 15 years, working with indigenous people in the Amazon rainforest and Central America. On Thursday Sept. 22, Sandweiss, a lecturer in Spanish, will give a talk entitled "Who's an Alien?" A native of Peru, Sandweiss has lived in the U.S. since 1987, working at UMaine since 1995. Her presentation is also scheduled for 6:30 p.m. *Sept. 13, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](mailto:Joe.Carr@umaine.edu) (207) 581-3571*

UMaine Student Receives Fulbright for Maritime Research in Canada

13 Sep 2011

University of Maine Ph.D. student Robert Gee has received a Fulbright Award to conduct research at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is spending nine months at Dalhousie researching a project titled "Tangled Trawls: International Natural Resource Management in the Northwest Atlantic Fishery." As a Fulbright student, Gee will study the marine resource areas of the Northwest Atlantic and its international collection of user groups, to examine efforts to manage fisheries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries through scientific inquiry, market manipulation and the development and enforcement of regulatory institutions at the local, state, provincial, national and international levels. "It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome Mr. Robert Gee to the distinguished group of Canada-U.S. Fulbright Students," says Michael Hawes, executive director of Fulbright Canada (www.fulbright.ca). "Mr. Gee's research is important and timely, and his study will offer unique and critical insight into the marine resource management. His work will have far-reaching consequences that stretch across our shared border, and beyond." Gee holds a master's in U.S. History from the University of New Hampshire and a BA in English and American Studies from Colby College. He is now working towards his Ph.D. in history focusing on environmental and international history and resource management. He has amassed a number of publications and conference presentations, and has held numerous teaching and research positions at UMaine, Southern New Hampshire University, Beal College and Hesser College. By engaging the brightest minds in academic exchanges, Fulbright Canada seeks to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Canada and the people of the United States. Through its bilateral academic exchanges, outstanding students, scholars and professionals strengthen Canada-U.S. relations by examining a wide range of subjects critical to the relationship between the two countries. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Digital Humanities Week at UMaine Sept. 26-29

13 Sep 2011

A series of late-September University of Maine presentations, with an accompanying online discussion forum, will enhance community dialogue related to the impact of evolving communications technologies on humanities scholarship. Digital Humanities Week, with events scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26, Wednesday, Sept. 28 and Thursday, Sept. 29, will highlight the expertise and perspectives of UMaine faculty members and other experts, including [Craig Dietrich](#) from the University of Southern California and [Candace Kanes](#) from the Maine Historical Society. "Digital forms of communications are changing the scholarly enterprise in significant ways," says Jeff Hecker, dean of UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "The impact on the critical humanities disciplines is striking, and it is evolving quickly. These programs will provide great opportunities for our faculty members, students and others to advance these discussions and work toward keeping UMaine at the leading edge when it comes to taking advantage of emerging opportunities in appropriate, useful ways." [A full schedule is posted online](#). That site will also serve as the entry point for ongoing discussion during the presentations. Highlights include the following presentations: Monday, Sept. 26 Many-To-Many Engagement in the Digital Humanities 10-10:50 a.m., Bangor Room, Memorial Union Digital Methods for Authors and Curators 12 noon-1:30 p.m., FFA Room, Memorial Union Taking History to Cyberspace: Maine Memory Network and Public History 3:15-4:30 p.m., Arthur St. John Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall Wednesday, Sept. 28 Scalar: Transforming Media Scholarship 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Still Water lab, 422 Chadbourne Hall Thursday, Sept.

29 Publishing Post-Gutenberg 4:30-6 p.m., 227 Neville Hall Sept. 13, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571

German Professor in Newspaper Story About Play

14 Sep 2011

Anette Ruppel Rodrigues, a UMaine adjunct faculty member in German, was mentioned in a Bangor Daily News [story](#) about a play being performed starting Friday at Hauck Auditorium on the UMaine campus. Rodrigues translated the play, "The Hessian Officer in America," from the original German into English. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Notes UMaine Role in Greenland Research

14 Sep 2011

The website Futurity.com had a story about a recent study, which included UMaine research, that looked at drill cores taken from Greenland's ice sheet to determine that Earth's climate is capable of very rapid transitions. UMaine Ph.D. candidate Aaron Putnam contributed research to the project, which was led by Cardiff University in Wales, U.K. The study was published last week on the website of the journal Science. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on 10th Anniversary of 9-11 Attacks

14 Sep 2011

Wednesday's Bangor Daily News included an [editorial column](#) by UMaine political scientist Amy Fried, who wrote about how people remember major events such as the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Fried wrote that it is important to remember such events within a broader context, and to not do so marks a lack of intellectual and civic courage. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Educator's Comments in Apple Story

14 Sep 2011

Comments from UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Renae Moran were included in a Portland Press Herald [report](#) about this year's apple crop in Maine. Moran said growers lost 10 percent of fruit due to high winds from last month's Hurricane Irene, but most Maine orchards have a large apple crop that is ripening on schedule. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Alums Organize Business Competition for Student Entrepreneurs

14 Sep 2011

Three 2010 University of Maine graduates are partnering with the Maine Business School and the Foster Center for Student Innovation to create the first annual Maine Business Challenge, a competition to financially assist student entrepreneurs from UMaine to start a business. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award and \$5,000 in consulting services, according to Owen McCarthy, who earned a degree in biological engineering and now works in a technical sales role with Ashland Inc., a Fortune 500 chemical company in New England. "Our initial statement as to why we started the competition was to give collegiate entrepreneurs the support to transform their business dreams into a reality," the Patten native says. "Additionally, the competition strives to contribute to the long-term growth of Maine's economy and the mission of the University of Maine as a partner with the state of Maine. We want this challenge to enable and inspire others with a long-term mission of helping to fuel and drive small business in the state of Maine." In addition to the business school and innovation center, other collaborators are James Morin of Lewiston and Matt Ciampa of York, Maine. Morin received a biology degree and now works for Stryker Orthopaedics in the central to southern Maine area, and Ciampa, who earned a bachelor's in financial economics, is pursuing a master's degree in financial economics at UMaine. He also works with UMaine's School of Economics' Knowledge Transfer Alliance, a free business consulting service for Maine companies. The three have pledged \$5,000 of their own money to launch the

competition, and are actively soliciting additional contributions to sustain what they want to be an annual event. "Matt, James, and I all feel very passionate about both the state of Maine and the University of Maine," says McCarthy. "Our experiences at the university were such that we wanted to find a way to give back to our alma mater as soon as possible. The UMaine Business Challenge gives us this opening." The challenge, modeled after a more established business plan competition at Rice University, which started out with \$10,000 in prizes its first year and now, 10 years later, gives out over a million dollars in prizes, McCarthy says. Competition rules are simple, says McCarthy. Business plans can be a new enterprise or one that improves upon an existing one. "They have to come up with a better way to do something" in the latter category, he says. The competition begins this month with the competition launch and the "intent to participate phase." In January, official applications will be announced. From January through April, the project will arrange preparatory events, including speakers. The challenge culminates in April with a panel of judges rating and scoring the proposals. Prospective competitors are invited to email umainebusinesschallenge@gmail.com with their intent to participate and get additional information. "The money and services going to the winners of the UBC is not a hand out," says Morin. "It's an investment - an investment in an innovative and creative person who we believe will change the course of economic prosperity in the state of Maine by providing jobs and services for Maine residents. We hope, on the macro scale, that this program spreads like a wildfire, further motivating all entrepreneurs and talented students and individuals to come to this state to see their dreams come to fruition." Jesse Moriarity, Foster Center coordinator, praised the concept for the business challenge and expects it will be a success. UMaine has helped many students, faculty and staff with business planning and development through the Foster Center and other entities on campus. "Finding the funding needed to help students take their ideas and make them a reality is often a challenge," she says. "This competition will give them the opportunity to take their ideas to the next level." Jason Harkins, assistant professor of management in the business school, calls the Maine Business Challenge "an incredible endeavor being undertaken by alumni who truly care about the entrepreneurial spirit of Maine and the students at the University of Maine. "Their generosity in both money and time is incredible and provides University of Maine students with an excellent opportunity to develop their business ideas in a supportive environment," he says. Contact: Owen McCarthy, (207) 447-2177; Jesse Moriarity, (207) 581-1427

Bayer in lobster shipping story

14 Sep 2011

Prof. Bob Bayer, executive director of the Lobster Institute at UMaine, was interviewed this week for a WVII television story about a new initiative involving some Maine lobster distributors. Those businesses are shipping lobsters to China, for a premium price. Bayer points out that shipping such distances is complicated and costly, requiring specialized containers and the choice of only the strongest lobsters.

Grad student to present work in DC

14 Sep 2011

UMaine chemistry Ph.D. candidate James Killarney, who works with Prof. Howard Patterson in the Patterson Research group, will present his work to members of Congress and Environmental Protection Agency administrators on Capitol Hill next June. Working in the second year of a EPA STAR Fellowship, Killarney focuses on chemometric modeling of pharmaceutical contamination in water.

Collins Center for the Arts film series

14 Sep 2011

Eight films are scheduled for UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts, Thursday nights in the fall beginning Sept. 15. Show time is 7 p.m. with an admission charge of \$6. Thursday, Sept. 15 [Buck](#) Thursday, Sept. 22 [Midnight in Paris](#) Thursday, Sept. 29 [Beats, Rhymes & Life](#) Thursday, Oct. 6 [Cave of Forgotten Dreams](#) Thursday, Oct. 13 [Page One](#) Thursday, Nov. 3 [Magic Trip](#) Thursday, Nov. 10 [El Bulli](#) Thursday, Nov. 17 [Passione](#) Contact: [Brett Zeigler](#)

VOA Radio Features on Cod Academy

15 Sep 2011

Cod Academy, a year-long program in Maine that was launched by the Maine Aquaculture Association in partnership with UMaine and others, was featured in a Voice of America radio report. The academy teaches students who to manage a floating fish farm. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Tourism Study Noted in Cruise Ship Story

15 Sep 2011

A 2008 UMaine study about the impact of cruise ship tourism in Maine was noted in a Portland Press Herald [story](#) about a new cruise ship pier in Portland. The study, by UMaine economists Todd Gabe and James McConnon, estimated that every 47,000 passengers generate 69 to 96 jobs in the local economy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Report on Alumni Business, Innovation Challenge

15 Sep 2011

The Central Maine Morning Sentinel has a report about a play by three UMaine alumni to fund the first Maine Business Challenge, a competition that awards cash prizes to entrepreneurs who develop winning business plans. The graduates are working in partnership with UMaine's Maine Business School and the Foster Center for Student Innovation. Winners receive \$5,000 in cash and \$5,000 worth of consulting services. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Educator Commissioner Announcement on Science Standards

15 Sep 2011

Several media outlets covered Wednesday's announcement, held at UMaine, that Maine was one of several states chosen to develop new standards for how science is taught in schools. UMaine Dean of Engineering Dana Humphrey [told](#) the Bangor Daily News interest in engineering needs to be cultivated at an early age in order to prepare more graduates for engineering jobs. Bangor's WLBZ (Channel 2) also interviewed Humphrey, who said Maine can now craft standards that apply nationwide but that really fit well in Maine. Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio also covered the story, and the Houston Chronicle ran on its website an Associated Press version of the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

CoA's Len Kaye Explains Maine's Positive AARP Ranking

15 Sep 2011

The University of Maine Center on Aging Director Len Kaye was interviewed for a Channel 7 (WVII) [news report](#) titled "Maine Eldercare" on why the state of Maine was ranked so high in a national AARP study of long term care services and support for older adults. The association rated Maine 8th in the nation. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Business School Lecturer Wins Award for Legal Work

15 Sep 2011

Martha Broderick, a UMaine senior lecturer of business and commercial law, received last week the Lew Vafiades Pro Bono Award for her work at the Penobscot County Bar Association Legal Aid Clinic, according to a Bangor Daily News [report](#). Broderick, a lawyer who lives in Lincoln and was mentored by Vafiades when he was alive, volunteers an average of three hours a month. She works with clients who have been screened for financial eligibility. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Features Students' Work in VEMI Lab

16 Sep 2011

The website Telepresenceoptions.com, a magazine that covers telepresence and visual collaboration technologies, featured UMaine students working in the Virtual Environment and Multimodal Integration (VEMI) Lab in Boardman Hall to write code for experimental design and development of virtual reality or augmented reality environments to support lab research. Shreyan Jain, a graduate student working on the project, said the students are trying to find the best mode to give spatial information to people using audio. Richard Corey, the VEMI Lab manager, told the website the graphics of the virtual reality are about as good as those on an Xbox. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hudson Museum Noted in Story About Penobscot Artifacts

16 Sep 2011

UMaine's Hudson Museum was mentioned in a story in the [weekly Free Press](http://www.weeklyfreepress.com), which covers midcoast Maine, about the Penobscot Material Culture Collaborative. The collaborative, of which the museum is a member, seeks to keep Penobscot artifacts in Maine for future generations to see and study. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report on Cooperative Extension's Role in Food Corps

16 Sep 2011

The TV magazine show "207," which airs on Maine's NBC affiliates, featured UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Ellen Libby who discussed Extension's role in FoodCorps, a new national program aims to train young adults for careers in food and agriculture, and educate people about how to eat healthier. UMaine Cooperative Extension is one of 10 national partners selected to participate in the new program. FoodCorps service sites will be set up in Portland, Standish, Lewiston-Auburn, Oxford Hills, Machias and Gardiner. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

BDN Story on Fraternity House

16 Sep 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](http://www.bangordailynews.com) reported the UMaine Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house was deemed unfit for habitation, which has forced the relocation of 22 residents. The Orono Fire Department and town code enforcement officer made the decision to close the house. Robert Dana, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, told the newspaper the university fully supported the students who deserve safe living accommodations. The house is owned by a housing corporation run by local fraternity alumni. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Channel 7 Interviews UMaine Grad Student about Business Competition

16 Sep 2011

UMaine graduate student Matt Ciampa was interviewed Thursday for a Channel 7 (WVII) report on the Maine Business Challenge, which he and two other 2010 UMaine graduates have initiated to give a budding young entrepreneur from UMaine a boost in developing a business. The three have contributed \$5,000 as a cash award and are arranging for \$5,000 worth of business consulting services for the winner of the business plan competition. The Bangor Daily News also carried an [article](#) about the competition.

Collins Center Anniversary Featured in Newspaper

16 Sep 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](http://www.bangordailynews.com) has a story about UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this season. CCA Executive Director John Patches told the newspaper the center's recent renovation put it closer to the goal of becoming a destination, while UMaine Foundation officer Danny Williams said the CCA puts world-class musicians on a tangible level for students and community members, and has become a vital part of campus

and the community.

Erhardt in Sun Journal hiring story

18 Sep 2011

Niclas Erhardt, a human resources specialist on the UMaine Business School faculty, commented in a Sept. 18 [Lewiston Sun Journal story](#) about the challenges facing job applicants who have criminal records, even in the distant past.

Solloway column about Shawn Walsh's son, UMaine student Tyler

18 Sep 2011

Steve Solloway's Sunday Maine Today Media (Maine Sunday Telegram, Kennebec Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel) column told the story of UMaine student Tyler Walsh, son of Shawn Walsh, the former Black Bear hockey coach who died at the age of 46 ten years ago this month. Tyler, who is now 20 years old, aspires to be a hockey coach and he works with Coach Tim Whitehead and the UMaine hockey team as he pursues that professional goal.

Kersbergen comments in agriculture story

18 Sep 2011

Rick Kersbergen of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty provided comment for a [Portland Daily Sun story](#) about community supported agriculture efforts in Maine. Kersbergen also noted that Maine is the only state that is seeing the age of its average farmer going down.

New York Times column features Milardo's perspectives

18 Sep 2011

Robert Milardo of the UMaine College of Education and Human Development faculty was quoted in a [Friday New York Times column](#) examining the role of aunts in contemporary families. Milardo is the author of a 2010 book, "The Forgotten Kin."

Television news story on fraternity issue

18 Sep 2011

WLBZ/WCSH aired a Saturday news story about issues concerning UMaine's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. The Orono Fire Department declared the fraternity's College Avenue house unfit for habitation last Tuesday. Twenty-one of the 22 affected students moved into on-campus housing.

Sidelko in news story on bath salts

18 Sep 2011

Comments from Lauri Sidelko, director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs at UMaine, was interviewed for a Friday WABI story about bath salts, highly dangerous drugs that have been reported as a serious problem in the Bangor area. Sidelko and other college and university experts point out that they are aware of potential issues and that they have educated staff to be alert and aware, but that no cases have been reported.

Kreutz in report on Canadian ice cores

18 Sep 2011

Prof. Karl Kreutz of the UMaine Climate Change Institute [was quoted in a Nature story](#) about the fate of a large collection of Arctic ice cores held by the Canadian government. Scientists who work with the collection differ on the extent to which it's future is threatened by budget cuts, but Kreutz says he believes U.S. institutions would step in to help preserve the cores if necessary.

Aroostook corn maze highlights UMaine

18 Sep 2011

A cornfield maze at Goughan's Berry Farm near Caribou draws attention to the value of higher education and challenges visitors to navigate a maze depicting the UMaine Black Bear logo. UMaine graduate Kelly O'Mara filed a report last week on Presque Isle's WAGM television.

Intermedia faculty, students at museum

18 Sep 2011

Two faculty members and a student from UMaine's [Intermedia MFA Program](#) will be exhibiting and performing at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art next month. Intermedia faculty members Deborah Wing-Sproul and Nate Aldrich and graduate student Gabriella D'Italia will all present works in October and December. For more information visit the Center for Maine Contemporary Art Web site.

Collins Center Anniversary Featured in Newspaper

19 Sep 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this season. CCA Executive Director John Patches told the newspaper the center's recent renovation put it closer to the goal of becoming a destination, while UMaine Foundation officer Danny Williams said the CCA puts world-class musicians on a tangible level for students and community members, and has become a vital part of campus and the community. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Advances Water Quality Conference

19 Sep 2011

Two UMaine researchers will attend the 2011 Northeast Private Well Symposium later this year, according to a Bangor Daily News [story](#). John Peckenham, director of the Maine Water Resources Research Institute at the University of Maine Senator George J. Mitchell Center, and Laura Wilson, assistant scientist at UMaine's Cooperative Extension, will present research on water quality issues. The conference will be held Nov. 14-15 in Southbury, Conn. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report Cites Cruise Ship Tourism Study

19 Sep 2011

A report that appeared Portland television station WCSH about the boost cruise ships provide to local businesses noted research done by UMaine economists Todd Gabe and Jim McConnon. The 2008 study found that each cruise ship passenger spends between \$80 and \$110 in port. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Television programs to highlight sustainability science

19 Sep 2011

Maine Public Broadcasting Network has produced "Sustainable Maine," two half-hour television programs focusing on

sustainability science in Maine. Several UMaine experts will appear in the programs which, as noted in an MPBN news release, detail "a new way of combining biophysical sciences with social science and economics to study Maine's changing landscape, and how to sustain it for future generations." The first program airs on Tuesday Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. Three more episodes, developed through a collaboration between MPBN and Maine EPSCoR's [Sustainability Solutions Initiative](#), are in production for 2012. Maine EPSCoR is based at UMaine.

Hudson to Show Herzog Documentary 'Cave of Forgotten Dreams'

20 Sep 2011

The Hudson Museum at the University of Maine is offering a special showing of the 2010 documentary "Cave of Forgotten Dreams," by acclaimed independent filmmaker Werner Herzog about the discovery of the ancient Chauvet Cave in southern France. The cave contains what are believed to be the oldest human cave drawings ever found. The film will be shown at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Hutchins Concert Hall at the Collins Center for the Arts on the UMaine campus. Admission is \$6. Tickets will be available at the door or purchased in advance through the CCA box office (581-1755). [Cave of Forgotten Dreams](#) features rare and exclusive film footage of Chauvet Cave of southern France. The cave reveals some of the earliest pictorial creations of humankind, dating perhaps 32,000 years ago. Images of horses, cave bears and lions, in addition to mammoths and human handprints, grace the limestone walls. Animal bones and skulls litter the cave's floor. The French government closed the site to the public almost immediately after its discovery in 1994 to protect the unique characteristics inside the cave. Security personnel, sophisticated cameras and motion detectors now guard the entryway. Herzog's documentary film allows the public its only opportunity to see this extraordinary and astonishing site. Hudson Museum Director Gretchen Faulkner selected the film as the Hudson Museum's program for Maine Archaeology Month, which is observed each October. The film is one in a series of international and independent films the Collins Center offers on Thursday nights during the academic year. UMaine archaeologist and anthropology professor Dan Sandweiss, dean and associate provost for graduate studies, will introduce the film. The screening is being arranged by the Hudson Museum and the Collins Center for the Arts. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581-1904

'Somalis in Maine' Book Talk Advanced in Story

20 Sep 2011

A book talk and singing for "Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents," which documents the work of UMaine's Somali Narrative Project, was [advanced](#) in the Lewiston Sun Journal. The book talk will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Lewiston Public Library. Mazie Hough, the associate director of UMaine's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program, and Carol Nordstrom Toner, the Maine Studies program director, who are two of the book's four editors, will attend the event. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Planetarium Fall Show Series Begins Oct. 7

20 Sep 2011

The brilliant fall stars will shine in the night sky and under the dome at UMaine's Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, as planetarium Director Alan Davenport rolls out the October schedule. Public programs start in Friday, Oct. 7 with shows every Friday evening at 7 p.m. through December. Shows geared toward young stargazers are on the first and third Fridays of each month and more mature topics are scheduled on the second and fourth Fridays, with special showings of the holiday program "Season of Light" in December. Featured in this fall's series is the new program, "2012: Prophecies of the Maya," produced by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, on Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. "The hype of the apocalypse hucksters is put to rest by this portrait of the religion, science and civilization of the ancient Maya," Davenport says. "Also, the popular and personable tour of the planets, 'Our Sky Family,' is offered Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 for ages 5-9." The space theater in Wingate Hall on the Orono campus has been host to many thousands of visitors in years past and continues to provide Maine sky watchers with views that are out of this world, according to Davenport. Each one-hour show includes a look at the night sky and a feature story to entertain and educate, too. The Jordan Observatory is open on clear Fridays after the star shows and everyone is welcome to drop in for a look through the

Alvan Clark telescope. "The stars and planets can become fast friends with the magic cast by these programs," Davenport says. The remainder of the planetarium's fall season features a variety of shows for all ages. For more information and show descriptions, visit the Jordan Planetarium website (www.GalaxyMaine.com). The schedule is as follows. Friday, Oct. 7 & 21 at 7 p.m. - "Our Sky Family" Friday, Oct 14 & 28 at 7 p.m. - "2012: Prophecies of the Maya" Friday, Nov. 4 & 18 at 7 p.m. - "The Little Star That Could" Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. - "Black Holes" (No show Friday, Nov. 25) Friday, Dec. 2 & 16 at 7 p.m. - "Earth, Moon & Sun" Friday, Dec. 9 & 23 at 7 p.m. - "Origins of Life" Sunday, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 at 2 p.m. - "Season of Light" In addition, open afternoon showings of select programs are scheduled especially for home school families the first Friday of each month. See the website for more information. Admission to the planetarium is still \$3 per person and seating is limited so advance reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 581-1341. Observatory telescope viewings are free to all. Contact: Alan Davenport, (207) 581-1341

Center on Aging Receives Two Program Continuation Grants

20 Sep 2011

The University of Maine Center on Aging recently received two grants from the United Way of Eastern Maine to continue two popular programs, the Center's RSVP organization of community volunteers over the age of 55, and the RSVP Bone Builders exercise education program. The Center on Aging RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program) is a part of the national Senior Corps, an organization of volunteers age 55 and older who respond to community needs by serving non-profit organizations, schools and government agencies. It has 400 active members, whose average age is 75, working with more than 80 partnering agencies in Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington counties. RSVP provides elders with opportunities for physical, mental and social stimulation, which enhances their quality of life and independent living. It is sponsored with support from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Maine's Office of Elder Services, and the United Way of Eastern Maine, which recently allocated \$14,516 to help continue RSVP programs. Bone Builders is an exercise and educational program, whose volunteers have been trained to lead exercise classes to strengthen bone density in hopes of preventing or lessening the effects of osteoporosis. Of more than 400 volunteers, 20 are Bone Builders leaders, with most having begun the program as class participants. The United Way's allocation of \$6,214 for fiscal 2012 will make it possible for RSVP staff to expand Bone Builder classes in the four county service area, and purchase weights, pay a fitness consultant to train lay leaders, and support operating and program promotional costs. Last year, 129 seniors -- average age of 70 -- participated in Bone Builder programs led by RSVP lay leaders. Two other RSVP volunteer programs include "Born to Read," through which RSVP volunteers read aloud to community day care centers and Headstart classes, and "Community Educator," in which volunteers provide public presentations on topics related to elders' health and safety. The programs are free to participants. RSVP Director Paula Burnett can be reached at 262-7926 for additional information. Contact: Paula Burnett, (207) 262-7926

Sunday Globe Lists UMaine in New England 'Charm U' List

20 Sep 2011

The Boston Sunday Globe included in its Sept. 18 travel section an [article](#) about recommended college town destinations in New England, which included Orono, Maine and the University of Maine, highlighting athletics, the Hudson Museum and Collins Center for the Arts. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Math Department to Host Number Theory Conference

20 Sep 2011

The Department of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of Maine is hosting the annual Maine/Québec Number Theory Conference Oct. 1-2. About 60 number theorists from New England, Québec and beyond will gather to present and discuss their research. The conference is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, as well as by the University of Maine. Number theory is the branch of mathematics devoted to the integers and their algebraic properties. It has important applications to coding theory, cryptography and national security. According to the event coordinator Andrew Knightly, the annual conference is significant because it promotes interaction and collaboration between

Canadian and American researchers. The conference is open to the public. A conference website has additional information (<http://www.math.umaine.edu/numbertheory/mainequébec.html>). Contact: Andrew Knightly, (207) 581-3931

Martin opinion column in Christian Science Monitor

20 Sep 2011

Justin Martin, a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors College Preceptor of Journalism at UMaine, wrote an [opinion column](#), "[Anti-Israel speech should be protected, not banned, on American campuses](#)," for the Sept. 19 Christian Science Monitor. In the column, Martin provides his perspectives on a published call for colleges and universities to limit anti-Semitic activities and commentary. Martin argues that such speech "is protected in full" by the First Amendment. [You can follow Martin on Twitter @justin_d_martin](#).

Newspaper Story on Solar Array

20 Sep 2011

The weekly Village Soup has a [story](#) about a solar array installed on UMaine's Barrows Hall building for engineering students to learn about solar power systems. The solar power generated by the array will also provide a small amount of electricity to the building. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Intermedia Art Program Launching First in Lecture Series

21 Sep 2011

The University of Maine Intermedia MFA program will present its first free and public lecture, by Portland-based artist Aaron Stephan, as part of its 2011-2012 Visiting Artist series, Monday Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in Lord Hall on the UMaine campus. Stephan (<http://aarontstephan.com>) works in the realms between sculpture, installation, performance and philosophy. He seeks to explore philosophy through object instead of language, and asks what our relationship is to the world and language, not just language itself. A conceptual artist who works from ideas to find materials that best suit a concept, Stephan earned a BFA in sculpture from SUNY Purchase College and an MFA from the Maine College of Art. His work has been shown in solo museum exhibitions, galleries and commissions. The lectures are sponsored by the [Intermedia MFA Program](#), which hosts a series of public lectures, performances and workshops with support from the UMaine Cultural Affairs / Distinguished Lecture Series Committee. The aim of the series is to bring fresh and innovative ideas and voices from the professional world into the academic world, according to Sarah Cottrell, president of Intermedia Student Organization and research assistant to Intermedia MFA Program director, Owen Smith. "By bringing together professionals, masters and experts from a wide range of fields with students, new and exciting conversations and works can emerge," she says. "This series is open to the public and all are welcome to participate." The MFA program website includes a calendar, which lists a variety of events through out the academic year including the two next lectures, all free, public and scheduled art 7 p.m. in Room 100 of Lord Hall. Monday, Oct. 3, Zach Poff (www.zachpoff.com), and Monday, Nov. 21, Rachel Bee Porter www.rachelbeeporter.com. For more information, contact Sarah Cottrell at sarahlou.cottrell@gmail.com. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Correll Family Gift Results in New Media Professorship

21 Sep 2011

The generosity of a 1960s University of Maine alumnus has resulted in the creation of a third UMaine Correll Professorship, in New Media, to recognize and support contributions to student achievement through mentorship and a deep engagement in the teaching and learning experiences of students. Owen Smith, UMaine professor of art history and digital art and director of the university's MFA program in Intermedia, has been named the newly created Correll Professor in New Media for a five-year term to expire in 2016. Smith has lectured widely in the US and Europe on art in the 20th century. His most recent book, "Fluxus: a History of an Attitude," was published by San Diego State University Press. Smith also is a practicing artist who works in digital art and new media forms, and has exhibited in more than 60

national and international exhibitions over the last decade. The Correll Professorship is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to the Department of New Media and the University of Maine, according to College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Jeff Hecker. The Correll Professor should exemplify the ideals of the University of Maine's tripartite mission, excel in his or her creative and research work, be dedicated to teaching, and provide exemplary service to the department, the university, and the state of Maine. Owen was instrumental in creating the undergraduate program in New Media and chaired the department for six years. He is an innovative thinker and creative leader. The Correll Professorship is a wonderful way of recognizing his many contributions to New Media and to UMaine," Hecker says. The Correll Professor will be engaged in scholarly initiatives that will have a long-term, positive impact on UMaine and the state. The professorship recognizes and supports contributions to student mentoring, advising, teaching, and learning experiences of students. Former UMaine President Robert Kennedy created the Correll Professorship in New Media with funds from a \$2 million gift in 2009 from Alston D. (Pete) and Ada Lee Correll. It makes available \$15,000 annually to support the holder of the professorship. Smith will use the funds to help New Media students transfer their work to the real world and to provide them with exposure to creative thinkers who work in New Media. The Corrells resided in Old Town, Maine, where Ada Correll taught middle school and Pete Correll completed UMaine masters degrees in chemical engineering and pulp and paper technology in 1966 and 1967. He went on to become one of the most respected paper executives in the country, and recently retired as chair and CEO of Georgia Pacific. He now heads Atlanta Equity, a Georgia-based venture capital firm that works with mid-size businesses. In 2008, the Corrells were named Philanthropists of the Year by the Atlanta chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals. In June 2010, Susan Bennett-Armistead, assistant professor of literacy area programs and authority on early literacy and young children's language and literacy acquisition, was named the Correll Professor of Early Literacy. Ada Correll was an enthusiastic advocate for early childhood literacy. Earlier this summer, Krish P. Thiagarajan, professor of mechanical engineering who joined the UMaine community in August, was named the first Alston D. and Ada Lee Correll Presidential Chair in Energy. The former University of Western Australia in Perth professor is a respected researcher in the field of the hydrodynamics of floating structures, and is expected to strengthen UMaine's leadership in the development in offshore wind and tidal power research. Smith says he is honored and delighted to have received the appointment. He intends to use the opportunity to continue assisting New Media students to realize their innovative projects and research initiatives as well as to bring visiting researchers and scholars to UMaine to interact with them. "I see this award as an important part of how we can grow new media in the state of Maine." Smith says. "One specific plan I have is to use part of the funds to provide dedicated scholarships to support students conducting research at the new IMRC Center (Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center), currently being built as part of the Stewart Commons renovation, and particularly to explore the potential of commercializing their innovative ideas." Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension Horticulturist Interviewed on Fall Planting

21 Sep 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension Horticulturist Lois Berg Stack was interviewed by I-95 (95.7 FM) Cumulus Broadcasting Inc. for a [news report](#) on fall planting. Stack, a professor of sustainable agriculture, said fall is a good time for putting in bulbs such as garlic because they can take root during the winter. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Preview of Student, Faculty Work in CMCA Art Show

21 Sep 2011

Several UMaine artists, including one student and two faculty members, who will show their work in an upcoming art exhibit were noted on the website of the weekly Village Soup newspapers. Intermedia faculty members Deborah Wing-Sproul and Nate Aldrich, and graduate student Gabrielle D'Italia will present their work at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art starting Oct. 1 and closing Dec. 11. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Scientists to Appear in MPBN Series

21 Sep 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal has a [story](#) about the Maine Public Broadcasting Network series "Sustainable Maine," which will feature scientists from UMaine and other educational institutions around the state as they work together with fishermen and loggers. The series will show how the group seeks to balance economic growth with environmental sensitivity and local traditions of land and water use in Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Oskar Feichtinger 1933-2011

21 Sep 2011

Former UMaine professor Oskar Feichtinger died on Sept. 5 at the age 77. Born in Germany, Feichtinger immigrated to the U.S. when he was a high school student, later serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and earning a Ph.D. before joining the UMaine faculty as a statistics professor. Active in the community, Feichtinger was an accomplished athlete and musician who performed for 27 years with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. [The Bangor Daily News published an obituary earlier this week.](#)

UMaine joins Gig.U effort to improve local broadband access

21 Sep 2011

The University of Maine has joined 36 other college in Gig.U, a coalition of universities and communities working to bring high-speed computer networks to those institutions and communities that surround them. The group will collaborate with private entities to provide innovative, cost-effective strategies to deploy Internet at speeds several hundred times faster than what is currently available in places such as Old Town and Orono. Gig.U recently released a Request for Information (RFI), inviting the private sector to join UMaine and the rest of the coalition to develop those high-speed connections. "This is an exciting initiative and we are proud to be part of it," says UMaine President Paul Ferguson. "Broadband access is increasingly critical in contemporary society, with significant implications for economic development, education and quality of life. We look forward to working with collaborators to forge even stronger connections with the neighboring communities that depend on meaningful linkages with the University of Maine." Other Gig.U members include California Institute of Technology, Florida State University, Georgia Tech University, the University of Arizona, University of Colorado, the University of Nebraska, and the University of Oklahoma. UMaine, like many of the Gig.U members, is located in a community that does not yet have access to the high-speed connectivity but would benefit from it. The RFI will seek input from university communities, leading Internet service providers and other interested entities with final responses due to Gig.U on Nov. 9, 2011. Respondents and Gig.U members will also have an opportunity to learn more about the RFI process and engage in a dialogue with university and community members during Gig.U's RFI workshop on Sept. 26 at the University of Chicago. The RFI can be found on the Gig.U website. "Our nation's premier research universities understand the vital role high-speed networks play in advancing innovation and driving economic growth and the release of this RFI is the first step to accomplishing this important mission," said Elise Kohn, Program Director for Gig.U. "Making small investments in these communities surrounding these universities can produce significant returns for the economy, job creation and our society as a whole. We look forward to working with the private sector to make that a reality." For more information about the technical aspects of Gig.U, contact [Jeff Letourneau](#), ((207) 561-3507) the executive director of the UMaine System's Networkmaine. For information about UMaine's role in Gig.U, contact [John Gregory](#), ((207) 581-1602) executive director of information technologies.

Rugby team to host UVM Saturday

21 Sep 2011

UMaine's club rugby team will open its season with a game against the University of Vermont Saturday at 11 a.m. on Lengyel Field. Twenty-two UMaine students play on the team, which won its only preseason game by a score of 38-5 over the University of Maine at Farmington.

New Writing Series Presents Poetry Readings Thursday

21 Sep 2011

The University of Maine's The New Writing Series is hosting poets [Laura Mullen](#) and [Kathleen Ossip](#) for public poetry readings Thursday, Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in Soderberg Auditorium in Jenness Hall. Mullen is the author of the newly published "Dark Archive," and Ossip recently published "The Cold War." The event is free. The New Writing Series schedule of readings and other events is on its [website](#). The series is sponsored by the UMaine English Department and the National Poetry Foundation, based at UMaine. *Contact: Steve Evans, (207) 581-3818*

Oct. 2 suicide prevention, awareness walk

21 Sep 2011

A group of 300 University of Maine community members and others will walk to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention on Sunday, Oct 2. The 3.5 mile walk will begin at UMaine's Fogler Library, at 2 p.m., with registration at 1 p.m. The UMaine event is part of the Out of the Darkness Community Walk, taking place in more than 200 communities across the U.S. this fall. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. That organization funds programs in research, education and awareness, while also providing support to those affected by suicide. [More information, including methods for making a donation to support the UMaine event, are available online.](#)
Contact: [Kylie Cole](#)

Remnant Trust Partnership in Newspaper

22 Sep 2011

The website of the Amarillo Globe-News in Amarillo, Texas, [mentioned](#) UMaine's collaboration with the Remnant Trust, an Indiana-based nonprofit organization that has a collection of about 1,500 rare texts dating back as far as the 1200s. Remnant Trust President Kris Bex said there are works are usually at five colleges or universities at any given time, and he noted UMaine and Vanderbilt University in Tennessee as two schools that have partnered with the trust in the past. *Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777*

Photography exhibit to illustrate student Middle East experience

22 Sep 2011

A Sunday Oct. 2 Hauck Auditorium lobby event will highlight the opening of a new exhibition of photographs and reflections from University of Maine students who visited the Middle East in May. Those students were among a group of eight that attended a conference, "Islam and the West: A Civilized Dialogue," in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Students in UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA), they also too the opportunity to engage Emirati students while exploring the history, faith and culture of that small nation on the Arabian Peninsula. Their work will be on display in the lobby, located in Memorial Union. The opening ceremony, scheduled for 3 p.m., will feature comments from Jenan Jondy, outreach coordinator at the Islamic Center of Maine, and Mohamed Al-Ansari, a research fellow at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR). That institution co-sponsored the May conference in collaboration with SPIA. "These photos serve to challenge the common perceptions of the Middle East, while exploring the relationships among faith, culture, natural environment and societal development," says UMaine graduate student Johnanna Barrett, who is organizing the exhibition. "It is our goal to include and engage the general public, as well as the local Muslim and middle eastern population, and to open dialogue about a wide range of topics currently affecting US-Middle East relations. Specifically, we are interested in how the two cultures can forge alliances in business, banking and civil life while still respecting each others' values and boundaries, and how we can best address prejudice between the two cultures." While in Maine, Al-Ansari will also meet with the SPIA board of directors and members of the local Muslim community at the Islamic Center of Maine. *Sept. 22, 2011 Contact [Johanna Barrett](#)*

Aquaculture Research Noted

22 Sep 2011

UMaine's research into the area of integrated multitrophic aquaculture (IMTA) was noted in a Working Waterfront [story](#) co-written by Catherine Schmitt, the communications coordinator for the UMaine-based Maine Sea Grant. The story cited research into the relationship between mussels and salmon to influence each other's health, which is currently being overseen by Ian Bricknell, director of UMaine's Aquaculture Research Institute (ARI), and also quoted Anne Langston, associate director of ARI, who said IMTA is one of the institute's key research themes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Report on UN Health Expert's Visit

22 Sep 2011

The Bangor Daily News had an [article](#) about a visit to the UMaine campus by United Nations hunger expert Douglass Coutts, who spoke Wednesday at Buchanan Alumni House. John Rebar, UMaine Cooperative Extension director, announced the formation of a UMaine chapter of Universities Fighting World Hunger which will be organized by M. Susan Erich, a professor of soil chemistry. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Grad Interviewed Following Appalachian Trail Hike

22 Sep 2011

The Bangor Daily News interviewed recent UMaine civil engineering graduate Christi Holmes of Machias about her recent experiences as a through hiker on the Appalachian Trail, a 2,175-mile sojourn from March to August that she says helped reinforce her appreciation for life's simpler things. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine to host "Badges for Baseball" activity Saturday

22 Sep 2011

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, in collaboration with the U.S. Marshal for the District of Maine, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Justice and LexisNexis Special Services, Inc. will bring its "Badges for Baseball" program to UMaine on Saturday Sept. 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Mahaney Dome. Some 75 young people from underserved communities will participate in a day of baseball-themed activities designed "to help build character and teach critical life lessons." U.S. Rep. Michael Michaud (D-2nd District) will provide opening remarks. Other speakers will include Dan Sandweiss, UMaine associate provost and graduate school dean, who will bring greetings from the university; Noel March, the former UMaine police chief who serves as U.S. Marshal for the District of Maine; Woody Talcove, a UMaine graduate who is CEO of LexisNexis Special Services, Inc.; and Bernard Melekian, director of the U.S. Dept. of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. Area law enforcement personnel will also participate, as will UMaine student-athletes and members of the athletics staff.

Ph.D. graduate wins dissertation award

22 Sep 2011

Jonathan Paul, who recently completed a neuroscience Ph.D. in the UMaine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, has received the outstanding dissertation award from the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology (ISDP). Paul, who finished his UMaine degree in August, is in an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas Medical Branch Maternal-Fetal Center. As the winner of this prestigious award, Paul will give a presentation on his work at an upcoming meeting of the ISDP. UMaine Prof. Marie Hayes served as Paul's faculty mentor.

UMaine Engineer Participates in Canadian Study of Animal Health

22 Sep 2011

Contact: Darrell Donahue, ddonahue@umche.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu University of Maine chemical engineer Darrell Donahue participated recently in a

Canada-based expert panel charged with reviewing animal health risk assessment practices in order to protect the health of animals and people, and the environment and economy. The Council of Canadian Academies released Thursday the panel's report, "Healthy Animals, Healthy Canada" which provides an evidence-based independent assessment of approaches to animal health risk assessment in Canada. Donahue is a professor of chemical and biological engineering at UMaine. His research interests include quantitative risk assessment of food systems. The panel examined the risks associated with animal diseases and human health, including increased global trade and migration, higher population densities, and climate change. Donahue's major contributions to the report included evaluation techniques of risk assessments and implementation of an integrated multidimensional approach, which was part of a systems engineering focus. "Canada is a strong trading partner with the U.S. and particularly Maine," Donahue said. "The report supports international efforts to harmonize food safety regulations across the globe — something that Canada and the U.S. have been collaborating on." The review by Donahue and 11 other panelists took nearly two years. During the review, the panel determined that although animal health risk assessment in Canada is built on a solid foundation of knowledge and expertise, risk assessment practices may be enhanced by taking the integrated multidimensional approach, according to panel chair Alastair Cribb, a professor and dean of the faculty of veterinary medicine at the University of Calgary. This approach refers to the consideration of a wide range of consequences, specifically those that address animal health, human health and the environment. Currently risk assessment practices only examine the likelihood of a risk occurring and how serious the direct consequences are. A multidimensional approach moves beyond the recognition of the signs and hazards of a potential animal health event, to considering a full range of direct (such as trade losses) and indirect consequences (such as economic impacts on local communities), and towards fully documenting and assessing management decisions for the future. The panel also found that in order for Canada to stay at the forefront of animal health risk assessment there are numerous activities that can be improved such as: strengthening expertise and knowledge capacity; considering a broader range of consequences related to an animal health event; improving communication among risk assessors, managers and stakeholders; enhancing the transparency of the decision-making process; and setting aside resources for foresight assessments. The report was sponsored by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). For more information or to download a copy of the report, go to www.scienceadvice.ca/en/animal-health.aspx.

Forensic Research Noted in Newspaper Report

23 Sep 2011

Research being conducted by UMaine forensic anthropologist Marcella Sorg was mentioned in a Central Maine Morning Sentinel story about a 709-acre tract of land in rural Somerset County, Maine, that will be used as a place for disabled veterans to hunt and a variety of other uses, including Sorg's research. Sorg, who works with the UMaine-based Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, said she has placed pig bodies on the property to research how they decompose, which could lead to new findings of how what happens to human bodies in the Maine woods. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Economist in Story About Effect of Recession on Young People

23 Sep 2011

A Bangor Daily News story about the impacts of the recession on children and young adults included comments from UMaine economist George Criner. Responding to data released Thursday that shows more Mainers were living in poverty in 2010 than in any of the previous four years, Criner said entitlement programs help but are becoming unsustainable. He also told the BSN he sees the effect of the recession every day on college students and young adults entering the job market. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Honors College Preceptor Column on Website

23 Sep 2011

Justin Martin, the UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors College preceptor of journalism, has a [column](#) on the Inside Higher Ed website about how college life is more like real life than we believe. Martin argues students'

college years can be liberating and exciting, but students also experience "a myriad of deadlines, limited self-efficacy and a tightrope of time management." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Highmoor Farm Apple, Pumpkin Sale Oct. 14 at UMaine

23 Sep 2011

The annual apple and pumpkin sale held on the Orono campus by staff at Highmoor Farm, the UMaine College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture fruit and vegetable research facility in Monmouth, is scheduled for Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cyrus Pavilion Theatre behind Fogler Library. Details are included on the UMaine Cooperative Extension [website](#). A variety of Maine apples will be available for \$1 and \$2 a pound, depending upon the variety. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Student Innovation Plans Fashion Show, Idea Pitch Contest

23 Sep 2011

The University of Maine Foster Center for Student Innovation is holding two events designed to bring out the creativity of UMaine students and help them hone presentation skills. On Sept. 27 and Oct. 29, the center will launch its first "Whiteboard Pitch Competition" to give winning presenters a \$100 prize. In addition, the center is soliciting participants for a first UMaine "Epic Fashion Show," with lights, cameras, style, art, music and fashion, for budding clothing and accessories designers on Oct. 12. The whiteboard pitch competition is for UMaine students with ideas about a business concept, invention, nonprofit, fundraiser, art show, capstone or thesis -- anything that requires students to make a simple, non-technical presentation to a panel of judges, whose support and votes they'll need to win -- says Jesse Moriarity, Foster Center coordinator. "The idea is students will get five minutes to pitch an idea," she says. "It could be an art project, a business, a capstone project, invention, a nonprofit. They just need to convince the judges that this is where the \$100 should go. There will be no PowerPoints. It will be just a whiteboard." Two of the three judges have been selected: Jake Ward, assistant vice president for research, economic development and government relations, and Charlsye Diaz who teaches technical writing in the English Department and is considered an expert at pitching ideas. Ward can offer feedback on the quality of the concepts being proposed, while Diaz can critique the pitches themselves. Moriarity credits Renee Kelly, director of economic development and co-director of the innovation center, for the pitch competition concept. Moriarity says the experience can help students improve their presentation skills, which can be applied not only in project presentations, but also to public speaking or interviews -- times when many people find themselves tongue-tied by nervousness. The UMaine competition also can serve as a practice run for any student entrepreneurs with an interest in competing for a \$150,000 prize at the Juice Conference Nov. 4-5 in Camden. "If we have any students who want to pitch at that, this is a good opportunity to practice," she says. Moriarity says consideration is being given to holding a pitch competition on a monthly basis and then possibly holding a grand finale, where the winners of monthly pitch contests could compete for an even bigger prize. "If we get a lot of interest, then, absolutely, we want to keep it going," she says. Thanks to "HerCampus," a student-run online magazine, UMaine, in collaboration with UNO Chicago Grill and the Foster Center, the first University of Maine Epic Fashion Show is scheduled Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the innovation center. "This event is a special opportunity for students and alumni to showcase their creative side of life," Moriarity says. "It will be a night to remember with lights, cameras, style, art, music and fashion." Photo submissions are open to students and alumni. Organizers are seeking art, fashion, creative ideas and models in preparation for the event. The due date for all submissions is Sept. 30 and should be sent to Drew King at Drewking10@hotmail.com. Contact: Jesse Moriarity, (207) 581-1454

Jemison on climate change panel

25 Sep 2011

John Jemison of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty was one of several experts discussing climate change at a Common Ground Fair public policy discussion on Saturday in Unity. As reported in a Sunday Maine Today Media (Maine Sunday Telegram, Kennebec Journal, Central Maine Morning Sentinel) story, Jemison reported on his discussions with farmers about how they are modifying operations to deal with changing weather conditions.

Martin column on same-sex marriage

25 Sep 2011

Justin Martin, UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors College Preceptor of Journalism, [wrote an opinion column, "Will Maine chart a new path for gay marriage?"](#) for Saturday's Portland Press Herald. Martin, who looks at the issue in terms of evolving public opinion and generational perspectives, notes that Mainers are likely to see a same-sex marriage ballot initiative in November 2012.

Former players reflect on Walsh

25 Sep 2011

A [Saturday Bangor Daily News story](#) featured former players Peter Metcalf and Jack Capuanao, along with former assistant coach Grant Standbrook, sharing their perspectives on former Black Bear hockey coach Shawn Walsh, who died ten years ago Saturday. Walsh coached the Black Bears from 1984 until his death from cancer.

Riordan, Socolow column previews Digital Humanities Week

25 Sep 2011

Saturday's Bangor Daily News included [a column, "The humanities are vital for Maine today."](#) by UMaine professors Liam Riordan (history) and Michael Socolow (journalism). In the column, Riordan and Socolow provide perspectives on the value of the humanities, in the context of [Digital Humanities Week](#) at UMaine, which begins on Monday Sept. 26.

Welcomer writes on agricultural economy

25 Sep 2011

Stephanie Welcomer, interim associate dean of UMaine's business school, [wrote a Saturday Bangor Daily News column](#) about growth opportunities -- and the associated challenges -- in Maine's agricultural economy. Welcomer was one of four UMaine professors who participated in an extensive survey of Maine farmers about "threats, opportunities and their needs for the future." The column was part of the newspaper's Saturday series of opinion columns by deans of business schools around the state.

UMaine Psychologist Comments in USA Today Article

26 Sep 2011

Comments from UMaine developmental psychologist Peter LaFreniere were included in a USA Today [story](#) about childhood playtime. LaFreniere told the newspaper that rough-and-tumble play for boys in particular helps teach emotional regulation, a skill that helps boy grow into men who keep aggression and anger in check. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Report on Youth Triathlon

26 Sep 2011

Sunday's Cub Tracks Youth Triathlon, which was held at UMaine's track and field complex, was featured in a Bangor Daily News [article](#). Lisa Trimper, a health educator with Eastern Maine Medical Center and the wife of UMaine coach Steve Trimper, said the main goal of the event is to increase youth awareness of physical activity, nutrition and healthy lifestyle behavior. UMaine sophomore Ashley Higgins, a member of the Black Bear swimming and diving team and one of more than 120 student-athletes who volunteered during the event, was interviewed for the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Food Safety Study Noted on Website

26 Sep 2011

The website Food Safety News has a [story](#) about a new UMaine-U.S. Food and Drug Administration study in the Journal of Food Protection. The study, which included contributions by UMaine economists Mario Teisl and Caroline Noblet, found a possible correlation in the past 20 years between media coverage of food safety issues and safe food handling and consumption. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Study finds dairy products in adult diets improve cognitive function

26 Sep 2011

Contact: Georgina Crichton, whige003@mymail.unisa.edu.au; Pete Elias, mfeliasumaine@aol.com; Margaret Nagle, (207) 581-3745 Adults who consume dairy products at least once daily have higher cognitive function than those who rarely or never drink milk or eat dairy foods, according to a new study by researchers from the University of South Australia and University of Maine. Those who consumed the most dairy products had the highest scores in an extensive cognitive test battery that included multiple measures of visual-spatial ability, verbal memory, working memory, reasoning ability and executive functioning (the ability to plan, organize and integrate cognitive functions). Those who seldom or never consumed dairy performed lower than average for this study population. The research was led by doctoral student in nutrition and psychology Georgina Crichton of the University of South Australia, in collaboration with UMaine psychologist/epidemiologist Merrill "Pete" Elias, and psychologists Michael Robbins and Gregory Dore. It involved 972 adults free from stroke, dementia and kidney disease who participated in the community-based Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study at the University of Maine. The 35-year Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study, initiated by Elias in 1975, is one of the longest-running NIH-funded scientific investigations relating aging, arterial blood pressure and cardiovascular disease risk factors to comprehensive measures of neuropsychological test performance. The longitudinal study focuses on relations among risk factors for cardiovascular disease and cognitive performance across the adult life span. Beginning in 2001, data collected on participants in the Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study also included responses to the 41-question Nutrition and Health Questionnaire, which focuses on dietary intake and lifestyle. More than a third of the 972 participants in the study of the relationship between dairy food intake and cognitive function reported eating milk products daily, and more than half reported consuming dairy between two and six times weekly. Cheese was the most popular dairy product, most often eaten two to four times a week. Nearly a third of the participants said they drank at least two and a half cups (600 ml) of milk daily, mostly skim or reduced-fat. This cross-sectional study is one of the few to investigate whether dairy food intake is associated with levels of cognitive function while controlling for multiple confounding variables, including cardiovascular disease risk factors such as blood pressure, obesity, cholesterol and other lipids. Previous investigations have focused on the benefits of milk products in relation to body weight and cardiovascular health and dementia. The researchers point out that milk consumption has decreased worldwide in recent years. In the United States, the trend has coincided with a dramatic increase in soft drink consumption. Diet modification to include more dairy products is one lifestyle change that could slow or prevent age-related cognitive impairment and decline, according to the researchers, who reported their findings in the *International Dairy Journal*. "The reality is that dairy has many benefits in those who are not restricted from consumption for health reasons," Elias says. "We have learned in recent years that components of dairy — calcium, whey protein, vitamin D and magnesium — may play a role in reducing levels of obesity, diabetes and hypertension. Now we know that eating dairy also is positively associated with cognitive functioning."

Segal scheduled for radio interview

26 Sep 2011

Prof. Howard Segal of the UMaine history faculty will be a live guest on Tuesday morning's talk show, hosted by Pat LeMarche and Don Cookson, on WZON radio (101.3FM and AM620). The interview is scheduled for 8:05 a.m. Segal, LeMarche and Cookson will discuss the Warren Report, which examined the assassination of President Kennedy, on the anniversary of that report's release.

UMaine celebrating state treat with Whoopie Pie Mountain

26 Sep 2011

Bakers at the University of Maine Dining Services serve up an average of 20,000 whoopie pies, with some four different flavors, each year on campus. Not that anyone's counting. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, the popular sandwich-size cake with a sweet frosting inside becomes the official state treat. At Hilltop Dining, chefs, cooks, bakers, staff and students will celebrate the designation by preparing a "Mountain of Whoopie Pies," a four-foot-tall replica of Mount Katahdin made with 1,500 whoopie pies. The display will include at the base of the mountain whoopie pies with blue frosting to resemble the Penobscot River, and different flavors and colors -- pumpkin, chocolate chip, blueberry and a white cake with chocolate frosting filling -- will form the rest of the state's famous mile-high outcrop. UMaine President Paul Ferguson and Amos Orcutt, the president of the Maine Whoopie Pie Association whose primary job is president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, will be among several who will celebrate the whoopie pie on the day, 90 days from passage of bill LD71, when the whoopie pie becomes the Maine state treat. A photos session and brief remarks are scheduled at 4 p.m., shortly before pieces of the mountain of cake, frosting and imagery are carried off on plates and trays between 4:30-8 p.m. Whoopie pies will be free for UMaine students with Dining Service meal plans and for the minimal charge for a meal, with a whoopie pie dessert, for others. Rep. Paul Davis, a Republican from Sangerville, co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Emily Cain, a Democrat from Orono, showing bipartisan support for Orcutt's initiative. The idea for the whoopie pie celebration at UMaine came up as a Dining Service events committee considered what to do for a fall "monotony breaker" event. "They decided to do a whoopie pie mountain with different flavored and colored whoopie pies and food coloring," says Glenn Taylor, Black Bear Dining's director of culinary services. A small event quickly became a larger event as word of the whoopie pie mountain spread, explains Melissa Lewis, Hilltop Dining Service manager. The mountain would not be just any mountain, but Mt. Katahdin. When Janet Waldron, UMaine's vice president for administration and finance, heard about it, the former Maine Commissioner for Administration and Finance suggested holding the party on the day the whoopie pie becomes the state's official treat. Orcutt's passion for acknowledging the whoopie pie as Maine's edible icon came after reading a 2009 New York Times article alleging Pennsylvania was the originator of the dessert. "It didn't seem right, so I started checking around," he says. He spoke with many aging Mainers who remembered their grandmothers baking and serving whoopie pies in the 1920s. "My research went back to the 1920s," he says. "Pennsylvania could only document whoopie pies back to the 1950s. People said, 'Amos, you've got to do something about it.'" In 2010, Orcutt bumped into Rep. Davis at a Dover-Foxcroft whoopie pie festival, a fundraiser for a local theater, and heard about an Ashland Community High School mock legislation day exercise, in which students proposed designating a Maine whoopie pie day and designate the treat as the official state dessert. "It was almost a perfect storm," says Orcutt. He persuaded then-Gov. John Baldacci to declare the fourth Saturday in June as "Maine Whoopie Pie Day." And Davis made good on an earlier pledge to support legislation celebrating the whoopie pie, and the Maine State Whoopie Pie Association formed with Orcutt as chief advocate. For all the sugar and spice in the recipe, the traditional chocolate cake with a creamy filling has noteworthy economic implications, say Orcutt, who argued at a legislative hearing that the time-honored whoopie pie should be declared the state dessert or treat. "Some people seem surprised that legislators would hold a hearing on making the whoopie pie the state dessert," Orcutt says in a whoopie pie association fact sheet. "The greater surprise should be why this didn't occur before now. I would argue that the whoopie pie is more than a dessert. It is an important contributor to the Maine economy." The designation, he says, "will help hundreds of small businesses -- the whoopie pie makers, bakers and storekeepers in every county in Maine. As testimony at the public hearing revealed the number of jobs associated with this industry, it is economic development at its finest." For those who cannot make the celebration at Hilltop, Dining Services plans to serve whoopie pies at York and Wells Central in Wednesday. For those who like to avoid sugar-saturated desserts, Lewis says the blueberry whoopie pies will have a cream cheese frosting inside. Long time University of Maine nutritionist Katherine Musgrave also has supported Orcutt's mission to elevate the status of the whoopie pie. "A dessert should be fun and enjoyable," she says. "Don't worry about the nutritional value -- everyone needs a treat, especially during difficult times." *Sept. 26, 2011* *Contact: Glenn Taylor or Melissa Lewis, (207) 581-3463; [George Manlove](#), 581-3756*

UMaine Ties to Orono Noted in BDN Story

27 Sep 2011

A Bangor Daily News [report](#) about the Town of Orono's inability to gain a grant to spruce up its downtown noted the close ties between UMaine and Orono. Although the town was not awarded the grant, several businesses are pledging to proceed with facade improvements, which the grant application noted might draw UMaine students downtown. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Psychologist in Report on Texas TV Website

27 Sep 2011

Austin, Texas' ABC affiliate television station KVUE posted a story about child-driven playtime that cited research by UMaine developmental psychologist Peter LeFreniere, who wrote in a research article that boys need rough and tumble play to teach them how to control their emotions. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cruise Ship Tourism Research Noted in Press Herald

27 Sep 2011

A 2010 UMaine economic impact study of the effect of cruise ship tourism was mentioned in a Portland Press Herald [brief](#) about cruise ships due to visit Portland this weekend. The study found that in 2008, more than 47,000 passengers from 31 cruise ships pumped between \$5.8 million and \$8 million into the regional economy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Acclaimed U.S. Military Bands to Perform at UMaine

27 Sep 2011

Two United States military bands have included the University of Maine on their tours in October. The U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty's New England Winds will perform in Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall on Oct. 17, and the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors will perform at Minsky Oct. 28. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free. The New England Winds is from Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, and presents a program featuring something for all musical tastes: popular, Broadway, patriotic, jazz and folk music, as well as pieces from the traditional woodwind quintet repertoire. The Jazz Ambassadors travel thousands of miles each year throughout the nation and abroad, keeping the will of the American people behind the members of the armed forces and supporting diplomatic efforts around the world. Since its formation in 1969, the Jazz Ambassadors have appeared in all 50 states and throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Three UMaine student musicians will accompany the Jazz Ambassadors on stage. Contact: Adam Kuykendall, (207) 581-2289

Bookstore centennial celebration Friday

27 Sep 2011

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the University Bookstore, the official bookstore of the University of Maine. To commemorate the occasion, a "birthday party" will be held this Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the store, located in the lower level of the Memorial Union. Students, faculty and staff members, alumni and friends are all invited to join the festivities that will include historical displays, giveaways, refreshments and more. [University of Maine President Paul Ferguson](#) and other distinguished guests will be a part of the celebration. This centennial milestone provides the occasion to reflect upon the rich history of this significant university institution. The bookstore has been serving the campus community since 1911, when the university acquired the "College Store," which was opened around 1910 in Coburn Hall by four alumni, the Sampson brothers. The university eventually changed the name of the operation to "University Store Co." selling textbooks, supplies and athletics merchandise. In 1917, the store was relocated to Fernald Hall, where it remained for 50 years. The diverse services at the Fernald location also included a barbershop, soda fountain, grill and snack bar. As the university grew, so did the University Store Co., which in 1967 was moved to the Memorial Union now home to the Faculty Development Center and Wade Center for Student Leadership. This location primarily served as the home for merchandise and supplies, while textbooks were sold from an annex in the parking lot of the Maine (now Collins) Center for the Arts. In 2001, all bookstore functions were

consolidated to the current location in the lower level of Memorial Union, where the store operates as the University Bookstore. From here, the store has continued to evolve in response to student needs. Textbook options now include rentals and eBooks, along with traditional offerings of new and used books. Trade books, magazines, supplies and merchandise selections all reflect customer preferences and trends. Each year, the bookstore furthers promotes the ideas of partnership, collaboration and giving back. In fact, proceeds from the sale of specific items are regularly donated to campus-sponsored student organizations. All proceeds of the sale of the Holiday Ornament Series are donated to each year's selected student organization, a tradition that began in 2003. Contributions and support are also provided for fundraisers, New Student Orientation, volunteerism and alumni events. The bookstore also provides incentive awards to departments for use in support of students who excel in their academic fields. The relationship with faculty is essential in the bookstore's ability to keep accurate, more affordable textbook options available. As a direct outcome of faculty members choosing to use textbook editions for more than one semester, the bookstore last year was able to pass along \$1 million in savings to students through its used book program, with an additional \$1 million and more being returned to students through the textbook buyback program. The UMaine bookstore remains one of the largest providers of used textbooks in the country. "The University Bookstore is proud of its heritage and accomplishments, but is quick to note that all thanks go to students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends for helping to make 100 years of service possible. says store manager Dick Young. "It is through their support and open dialogue that the store is able to remain a worthwhile operation that is integral to the university mission at large. The birthday celebration this Friday is truly to recognize and extend appreciation to the entire community." *Sept. 27, 2011 Contact: [Thomas Diaz](#) Marketing Coordinator University of Maine Auxiliary Services (207) 581-4350*

UMaine Receives Funding for First-Generation College Student Support

27 Sep 2011

The University of Maine has been awarded a second year's funding in a five-year grant to assist 400 first-generation, low-income students and students with disabilities to pursue UMaine bachelor's degrees. The U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Programs has provided \$561,225 this year to the TRiO Student Support Services Program at UMaine, allowing them to provide a wide array of services that increase retention and graduation rates for targeted students. Students in the TRiO Program will have access to academic skills-building services, financial aid counseling, financial literacy workshops, financial aid grants, individualized academic and career planning services, peer mentoring, and other services designed to help assure their success at the University of Maine, according to TRiO program Director Alan Parks of College Success Programs. Parks says first-generation, low-income students and students with disabilities are among the students at highest risk for not completing bachelor's degrees. He notes that only 27 percent of Maine adults have a bachelor's degree and that the UMaine TRiO program will have lasting and important impact on the university and the state. UMaine TRiO-SSS is one of 11 such programs at colleges and universities in Maine, and 1,026 across the nation. First funded at UMaine in 1970, this Program has assisted well over 10,000 students to earn a bachelor's degree and beyond. For more information about UMaine's TRiO-SSS program, visit: www.umaine.edu/sss. Contact: Alan Parks, (207) 581-2320

Fried BDN Column on Student Voting

28 Sep 2011

In her biweekly Bangor Daily News [opinion column](#), UMaine political scientist Amy Fried commented on the issue of whether students should be voting in their college town or in their hometown. She argued students should vote where they live, which is a constitutional right supported by the U.S. Census and Supreme Court cases. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Alumni House Building Manager in Newspaper Story

28 Sep 2011

Kathy Hill, the building manager for UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House, was [interviewed](#) by the Bangor Daily News for a story about Tuesday's Disney Institute business seminar held in Bangor. Hill said although there was some

discussion about for-profit entities, she found she could apply many of the lessons she learned to a nonprofit such as UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of College Fair

28 Sep 2011

UMaine hosted Tuesday a college fair which drew high school students from dozens of Maine schools and had more than 200 college and university representatives. Bill Munsey, associate director of undergraduate admissions at UMaine, told Bangor television station WABI (Channel 5) there were colleges and universities from all over the country at the event. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Water Quality Researchers Interviewed

28 Sep 2011

The Central Maine Morning Sentinel interviewed two UMaine researchers in advance of an upcoming private well water quality issues conference in Connecticut which they will both attend. John Peckenham, director of the Maine Water Resources Research Institute at UMaine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center, who will deliver a talk about analyzing contaminants in private drinking wells in Maine, said naturally occurring pollutants and manmade chemicals are both concerns and can cause illness over many years. Laura Wilson, assistant scientist at UMaine's Cooperative Extension, said she will emphasize the importance of using social media to raise awareness about threats to drinking-water quality. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine 4-H Camp Featured in Lewiston Newspaper

29 Sep 2011

UMaine's 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond was the setting for a Lewiston Sun Journal [story](#) about Paris Elementary School children who spent two nights at the camp learning about the environment and technology. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Former Faculty Members in Newspaper Report

29 Sep 2011

Ron and Lee Davis, former UMaine faculty members, will receive the Hands of Peace Award at the upcoming 22nd annual harvest supper, according to a Bangor Daily News [report](#). Ron Davis, who is known locally for his work with the Orono Bog Boardwalk, was affiliated with UMaine's Climate Change Institute. Lee Davis taught biology and chemistry at UMaine's Onward Program. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Whoopie Pie Event

29 Sep 2011

Several news outlets covered Wednesday's whoopie pie event at Hilltop Dining Commons, during which a 4-foot-tall model of Mount Katahdin -- made of around 1,500 whoopie pies -- was unveiled to mark the law that makes the whoopie pie Maine's state treat. University of Maine Foundation President Amos Orcutt, president of the Maine Whoopie Pie Association, was the pushed for passage of the law earlier this year. The Bangor Daily News [interviewed](#) Hilltop Dining Service Manager Melissa Lewis and Kathy Kittridge, director of dining services. CBS affiliates WABI (Channel 5) in Bangor and WGME in Portland interviewed Orcutt during the event, which drew students, staff and other onlookers. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Family and Friends Weekend begins Friday

29 Sep 2011

Family and Friends Weekend begins at the University of Maine on Friday Sept. 30, with a 5-7 p.m. cookout featuring live entertainment by [John Rush](#), also known as the human iPod. Rush, who is a popular performer on college campuses around the country, is a singer-songwriter who performs a combination of his own music and familiar favorites. A series of Saturday events is highlighted by a Black Bears home football game against the University of Delaware. Family and Friends Weekend concludes on Sunday with outdoor activities including a nature walk and a pancake breakfast. [The entire schedule is online.](#) *Sept. 29, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571*

Dairy Research Highlighted on NSF website

29 Sep 2011

Science360, the news website of the National Science Foundation, [highlighted](#) Wednesday a news release about UMaine contributions to a study of the link between dairy consumption and adult cognitive function. The study, on which UMaine psychologist/epidemiologist Merrill "Pete" Elias and psychologists Michael Robbins and Gregory Dore collaborated with a researcher in Australia, found adults who consume dairy products at least once daily have higher cognitive function than those who rarely or ever consume dairy products. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Camire Comments in Newspaper Potato Editorial

29 Sep 2011

A Bangor Daily News [editorial](#) on the debate over potatoes in the nation's school lunch programs included comments from UMaine food science and human nutrition professor Mary Ellen Camire. She says potatoes are a good source of nutrition and that small new potatoes available at the beginning of the season contain a particular starch that is harder to break down into sugar. Colored potatoes also bring antioxidants to the table, she says. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

MTV program student casting call

30 Sep 2011

mtvU, MTV's college channel, is looking to cast a few UMaine students for a series called "Dean's List." The episode will be produced in conjunction with the Campus Consciousness Tour taking place on campus Thursday Oct. 20. Specifically, producers are searching for students who are involved in initiatives that promote green/sustainable living. "Dean's List" list is a music video countdown program. Students who are actively promoting environmental consciousness, and have an interest in sharing messages with students nationwide, would be of interest to the program's producers. Any student who wishes to be considered should send the following to castme@mtvu.com - name - contact information - a photograph - information about his or her work related to environmental initiatives - a statement about why he or she wishes to be part of the program The deadline is approaching soon, so quick responses would be appreciated. *Sept. 29, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571*

Historian in Column About Life Along Border

30 Sep 2011

UMaine Libra Professor of History Scott See was mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News column](#) by Kathryn Olmstead, a former UMaine associate dean and associate professor of journalism. Olmstead wrote about two Maine Humanities Council talks that asked participants to explore their views of the Maine-Canada border as a concept and a reality. Olmstead noted See gave a lecture about the nature of borders and commonalities among people who live along borders. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Notes UMaine Research into Produce Washes

30 Sep 2011

In a [post about the best way to wash fruits and vegetables](#), the website ivillage cited research by UMaine Cooperative Extension and department of food science and human nutrition. The report notes UMaine research found that distilled water is the most effective way to remove pesticides and microbes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Study to Explore Cancer Treatment, Patient Functionality, Expectations

30 Sep 2011

For the nearly 9,000 Maine residents and more than a million nationwide undergoing cancer treatment, the resulting fatigue and exhaustion forces lifestyle changes, and choices, that can affect family and friends, in addition to patients themselves. Patients in treatment cannot continue doing what they are used to doing, or would like to do, and must depend upon others for help. Researchers at the University of Maine School of Nursing are beginning a study this month that aims to explore cancer patients' preferences, values and needs while undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy, so they can explore what community support services might be desirable to help keep life as normal as possible. Patricia Poirier, assistant professor of nursing, says a major focus of nurses caring for patients undergoing treatment for cancer is maintaining and supporting quality of life, particularly "functional status." Functional status -- the ability to carry out one's usual activities -- has been shown to decline during both radiation therapy and chemotherapy, she says. "The one thing we know is radiation makes people tired," says Poirier, who is co-principal investigator in the study with associate professor of nursing Ann Sossong. "We don't really know why it makes people tired or what to do about it." Daily radiation treatments for four to eight weeks, or months of chemotherapy, not only financially strains people without adequate sick leave at work, but it's time consuming and exhausting. Patients with families may have to choose, say, between cooking and taking kids to an after-school ball game, or grocery shopping. "Once we find out what people want to do and can't, we could look at getting more support in place," Poirier says. A former radiation oncology nurse for 25 years before going into teaching, Poirier has researched and published on cancer patient fatigue, beginning with her doctoral dissertation. Poirier and Sossong are actively seeking volunteers. They are talking with cancer centers in Brewer and Augusta to secure permission to interview as many as 200 cancer patients with a newly developed questionnaire, the Comprehensive Inventory of Functioning-Cancer (CIF-CA), a unique instrument that measures both actual and desired functional status. Inability to perform desired activities may have a detrimental effect on individual's relationships with family and co-workers, Poirier says. Findings from the project, made possible by a modest grant from the American Nurses Foundation, will help provide a valid and reliable instrument that oncology nurses can use to identify what activities patients most wish to maintain during cancer treatment. The results will help oncology nurses in all settings develop patient-centered, evidence-based models of nursing care, says Poirier. "Previous studies have all measured actual functional status, that is, what activities patients actually engage in or are able to engage in. Research has not shown what activities patients desire to engage in or what activities are most valuable to them," she explains. The CIF-CA questionnaire "asks people both 'what can you do during treatments and what would you like to be doing during treatment?' so we can help people with choices they may have to make." Poirier, originally from Western Maine, says she and Sossong want to interview patients from rural areas -- as opposed to Southern Maine -- where transportation or a lack of community services could intensify the conflict between everyday obligations and cancer treatments. Poirier and Sossong will personally do interviews with the questionnaires. They expect the project to end by June 2012, when they'll submit their findings for publications in one or two of several professional nursing journals. For additional information about the study, Poirier can be reached on the Orono campus at (207) 581-3009; Sossong can be reached at (207) 581-3427. Contact: Patricia Poirier, (207) 581-3009; Ann Sossong, (207) 581-3427

UMaine, GMRI Researchers Awarded Grant to Explore Fish Body Size and Resiliency

30 Sep 2011

Are bigger fish better? That question is at the root of a collaborative research effort by scientists at the University of Maine and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI). The project will look at how changes in the sizes of fish in a given population influence overall health and ability to resist external pressures such as fishing and climate change. Andrew Pershing, a UMaine associate professor and ecosystem modeler at GMRI, will lead this groundbreaking study, which has received a three-year, \$215,000 grant from the Lenfest Ocean Program. Pershing will be joined on the project

by GMRI fishery ecologist Graham Sherwood and UMaine researcher Walt Golet. The team will build a series of computer models to examine the consequences of what is known as “fishing down the size spectrum.” “As an animal gets bigger,” says Pershing, “its metabolism becomes more efficient, meaning that it requires less food to support each gram of tissue in its body. Consequently, removing a large fish may have a larger impact on the population than removing the same weight of smaller fish.” The researchers will tailor their models to Atlantic cod and northern bluefin tuna, which are species that have been heavily exploited and are the target of national and international management efforts. The team will generate computer models of feeding, growth and activity costs. The project will look as a whole at the role of body size in fish communities, with an emphasis on understanding the impact of size-selected fishing on their resiliency. The goal is to generate recommendations for increasing the resiliency of the species through fishing quotas, spatial management or gear design that is targeted at shifting efforts away from specific sizes. The Lenfest Ocean Program (www.lenfestocean.org) funds scientific research on policy-relevant topics concerning the world’s oceans. GMRI, which is based in Portland, is a nonprofit marine science center that works to find solutions to the complex challenges of ocean stewardship and economic growth in the Gulf of Maine bioregion. For more information, go to www.gmri.org. Contacts: Andrew Pershing, andrew.pershing@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu; Blaine Grimes, (207) 228-1655 or bgrimes@gmri.org

Sociologist Comments on Wardrobe in the Workplace

30 Sep 2011

UMaine sociologist Amy Blackstone was quoted on YouBeauty.com, a website co-founded by Dr. Mehmet Oz, in a [story about the TV show "Pan Am"](#) and the importance of image in the work place and to one's career. Blackstone said research shows more attractive people are likely to receive favorable treatment in the work place. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Building a Better Clothespin, with AMC Assistance

30 Sep 2011

While some people might wonder what's wrong with the design and function of a clothespin, a detail-oriented designer from Winterport, Maine would argue plenty. With assistance from the University of Maine Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC), designer and inventor Charley Earley has redesigned the traditional clothespin for commercialization. He calls his round, 3-inch-diameter device “EKLIPSE.” “When you look at a traditional clothespin, there are disadvantages, which are widely accepted,” says Earley, a project manager and senior designer with Bucksport's Lewis & Malm Architecture firm. “With a traditional clothespin, you need to provide energy to pinch it. Fifty percent of the commonly accepted products has nothing to do with holding anything, which to me represented waste.”



Then there is the issue of spring clothespins popping apart into three pieces if they're not pinched carefully. And the traditional clothes peg without a spring "to me was weakest where it needed to be strongest," Earley says. Wooden clothespins and clothes pegs, he says, are destined to fail as they age. They accumulate mold spores in the wood, rot or rust, and it's awkward to hold a handful while

trying to attach wet laundry to a clothesline. So, Earley went to work with drawings and computations to design and build a better clothespin. The University of Maine School of Law's Maine Patent Program, "Search for Prior Art," research showed no patents existed on a circular design with a split center and internal "micro ribs" to grip fabric. Earley took his drawings to the UMaine AMC last fall for testing and refinement, at the same time preparing and processing his EKLIPSE application with the US Patent Office. "EKLIPSE was designed from the beginning to be very simple," he says. "It wasn't a huge project, but it was pretty interesting," says John Belding, director of UMaine's AMC. "He was concerned about the material's kinetic performance, so we looked at different raw materials for him." Sixteen to be exact, before arriving on a polycarbonate ABS composite. The AMC also conducted fatigue tests on the materials to be sure the EKLIPSE would work in hot weather and in cold environments like a freezer, if used as a frozen food package clip. AMC staff and students, including Zack Belding, a May 2011 mechanical engineering technology graduate, and also John Belding's younger brother, created a computer-assisted design (CAD) for milling several prototypes of the new multiuse clip. After settling on one, the university used its manufacturing technology to create the final drawings for preparation of a plastic injection mold. Unable to find a Maine-based molding manufacturer to produce his final product, Earley took the milled EKLIPSE prototype to an upstate New York molding company. MAMCO Precision Molding helped build the mold, test the university-recommended materials and has begun turning out Earley's novel clothespin clip in three colors -- red, white and blue -- in volume. With assistance from UMaine's School of Economics' Knowledge Transfer Alliance, Earley now is pursuing a marketing and distribution plan so he can get the EKLIPSE into market entry mode. He anticipates a worldwide market for the EKLIPSE, a Patent Pending, Made in USA product. "It's a global product," Earley says. In Europe and throughout the world, "most everyone uses a clothes line to dry clothes, and automated dryers are not nearly as prolific as in North America, and actually represent a burden to the environment and energy waste, not to mention clothing lifespan." Earley notes that his EKLIPSE is easier for people with disabilities, since they can grab a stack of the circular pins and simply draw them down over the fabric being hung on a line. It also can be used in any way a traditional wood or plastic clothespin can be used, including pinching snack or chips bags closed, or holding a stack of cards. "Part of the excitement of EKLIPSE will be allowing users to discover applications for a better, multiuse clipping device," he says. Earley says he appreciates the convenience of working with UMaine to create and perfect EKLIPSE. "The nice thing about working with the university is you sign an agreement to protect your intellectual property rights, and you get the benefit of professional engineering," he says. "I am very happy that the design of EKLIPSE was fully refined right here at UMaine." Contact: Charley Earley, (207) 659-6683; John Belding, (207) 581-2717

WABI covers suicide prevention/awareness walk

02 Oct 2011

WABI television broadcast a Sunday story about UMaine's "Out of the Darkness" 3.5 mile walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention causes and activities. The annual event is organized by staff members in the UMaine Counseling Center.

Kaye in story about prescription drug disposal

02 Oct 2011

Comments from Prof. Lenard Kaye, director of UMaine's Center on Aging, were included in a [Maine Sunday Telegram story](#) about Maine's efforts to safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs. A return program is effective but expensive, because there are no approved incineration facilities in Maine. State officials are investigating the possibility of a composting process to manage the issue.

Bookstore centennial news coverage

02 Oct 2011

Saturday's [Bangor Daily News included a report](#) on Friday's celebration of the UMaine bookstore's 100th anniversary. The story includes comments from President Ferguson, Vice President for Finance and Administration Janet Waldron, bookstore manager Dick Young and Colleen Gagnon, who has worked at the store for 31 years.

County farm features Black Bear corn maze

02 Oct 2011

Goughan's Berry Farm near Caribou is featuring the UMaine Black Bear logo in a corn maze at the center of a six-acre field this fall. The maze is drawing a crowd, farm owner [Mark Goughan tells the Bangor Daily News](#). Goughan provides visitors with clues to solving the maze that highlight the value of higher education.

Fantasy Baseball Camp Featured in BDN

03 Oct 2011

UMaine's fantasy baseball camp, which was held last weekend at Mahaney Diamond, was featured in a Bangor Daily News sports story. BDN reporter Pete Warner participated in the camp and wrote about some of his experiences with the attendees, which included former UMaine athletes, UMaine alumni and other members of the media. UMaine baseball head coach Steve Trimper organized the camp which was directed by his assistant coaches and players. John Warden, a former Detroit Tigers player, was a special guest. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report on Suicide Prevention Walk

03 Oct 2011

Sunday's third annual Out of the Darkness Walk, which raises money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and is held on campus and in Orono, was covered by Bangor television station WABI (Channel 5). Kylie Cole, the prevention and education coordinator and a staff psychologist the UMaine's Counseling Center, was interviewed for the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mallory Interview in National 'Foodie News' Newsletter

03 Oct 2011

The October national Foodie News [newsletter](#), a publication of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D.C., included an article about locally grown wheat making a comeback in New England. It included an interview with Ellen Mallory, a University of Maine Cooperative Extension sustainable agriculture specialist, who explained that interest in local wheat began as organic dairy farmers in Maine and Vermont began to grow their own organic grains to feed cattle and save money. Interest expanded, however, as the local foods trend prompted other farmers to grow their own grains for local flour and bread. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Wednesday Collins Center event canceled

03 Oct 2011

The Northern New England segment of the Gazillion Bubbles Show, including a performance scheduled for UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts on Wednesday Oct. 5, has been canceled. Ticket holders are asked to call the Collins Center for the Arts box office at (207) 581-1755 for a refund or to exchange those tickets for another show later this season.

Foundation leader Orcutt to retire

03 Oct 2011

Ellen Stinson, chair of the University of Maine Foundation Board, has announced that Foundation President/CEO Amos E. Orcutt plans to retire in 2012 after 22 years of service in that role. During Orcutt's tenure at the Foundation many new programs and initiatives have been undertaken. He was instrumental in the planning, design and completion of Buchanan Alumni House, which has become the architectural gateway to the UMaine campus. Under Orcutt's leadership, the Foundation's asset growth has been dramatic, increasing from \$25 million in 1990 to approximately

\$200 million currently. Over the past ten years, the Foundation raised \$98.9 million and added 685 endowed funds for a total of 1,365 funds. During that same period, the Foundation paid over \$54.3 million to the university in support of its students, faculty and programs. The Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) volunteer organization providing charitable support since 1934. It is responsible for solicitation, administration and investments of endowment gifts for the benefit of the University of Maine with offices on the UMaine campus in Orono and in Falmouth. Members of the Foundation Board praised Orcutt for his contributions and leadership in meeting the many needs of the university, management of investments and the establishment of strategic alliances improving operational efficiency. "I have grown to enjoy a deep affection for Amos and a strong friendship with him," says Paul Ferguson, UMaine's president. "I value his wisdom and advice and I appreciate the well-earned and widespread respect he enjoys, based on his successful, long-term leadership of the UMaine Foundation. Through dedicated service and unyielding commitment, Amos has contributed in ways that will have a lasting impact on the university he has served so well. I wish him and Lola much happiness in retirement and I will certainly continue to enjoy our conversations in the future. Amos will always be an important part of the UMaine community." "He leaves the organization in excellent condition and will be missed for his energy, consistently good judgment and commitment to the mission of the Foundation," Stinson says. Orcutt grew up in Maine, graduating from Bucksport High School before earning a UMaine agricultural sciences degree in 1964. He is a national award recipient for outstanding leadership and excellence for institutionally related Foundations. The Board will form a selection committee to conduct a national search for the Foundation's next President/CEO. "We have the utmost confidence in a seamless leadership transition," Stinson says. "The Foundation is in a good place with a solid and experienced staff to continue serving the philanthropic needs of our alumni and friends of the University of Maine. Currently there is no established timeframe for filling the position; the Board would like the process to be as thorough and thoughtful as possible." *Contact: Ellen Stinson, Chair of the Board 207 581-5100 For immediate release (photo available) October 3, 2011*

Advance on International Group's Visit to AEW

04 Oct 2011

The New England Cable News website is carrying an Associate Press report on Tuesday's visit to the UMaine AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center by the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which promotes economic policies that have a positive social impact. The group will get a tour and briefing on the DeepCwind Consortium, which is the leading group in a deepwater offshore wind power plan. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Foundation President Resignation in News

04 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about University of Maine Foundation President Amos Orcutt's announcement Monday that he is resigning after more than 22 years at the organization. Orcutt said in an interview the foundation is doing well and it's time for another person to take it to a higher level. The University of Maine Foundation is a volunteer-based organization founded in 1934 that is responsible for soliciting, administering and investing endowment gifts to benefit the University of Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on International Economic Group's Visit to UMaine

05 Oct 2011

Bangor television station WABI reported on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's visit Tuesday to UMaine's AEW Advanced Structures and Composites Center to learn about the center's work in the area of deepwater offshore wind energy. Center Director Habib Dagher said in an interview that UMaine and the Paris-based OECD share the same interest in offshore wind technology. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

"Drawing On" Exhibition at UMaine Gallery

05 Oct 2011

Drawing On, an exhibition of drawings by eight Maine artists, presents works drawn directly on the walls of the Lord Hall Gallery at the University of Maine. Working over the course of two weeks, the artists have created an environment of unique but temporary drawings that focus on the immediacy of the drawing process as well as the impermanent nature of artistic forms. The artists in Drawing On include David Allen, Kathleen Florance, Susan Groce, Orson Horschler, Reese Inman, Nina Jerome, James Linehan, and Ed Nadeau. The exhibition opening will be held on Friday, October 14 from 5:30-7 p.m. The public and university community are welcome to attend. For further viewing, the gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This exhibition is part of Where to Draw the Line: The Maine Drawing Project, a statewide visual arts initiative, developed by the Maine Curators Group, which represents a unique collaboration between Maine's arts organizations. Museums and galleries across the state are offering exhibitions that focus on the process of drawing and how artists use it as a vehicle for creating diverse forms of visual expression. Lord Hall Gallery is handicapped accessible. All events are free and open to the public. Contact: Joe Carr at (207) 581-3571

Los Angeles Blog Cites Sandy Caron Research on 'Cougars'

05 Oct 2011

The Los Angeles-based Ocelot Era [blog](#) cites research by Sandra Caron, UMaine professor of family relations and human sexuality, in its Oct. 4 discussion about older women dating younger men. Caron and her former advisee, Nichole Proulx, conducted the research. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Fogler Presentation on Maine Towns, the Great Depression

05 Oct 2011

Economic downtown. Property being seized. Available revenue declining. Sound familiar? Those headlines from the Great Depression are eerily similar to what we are hearing today. If you believe as Pearl Buck once said, that "if you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday," Fogler Library invites you to join its Special Collections department Thursday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m., when Richard Hollinger, head of Special Collections, will give a presentation titled, "Maine Towns During the Great Depression." "The Great Depression constituted the greatest economic downturn in recent Maine history," Hollinger says. "As the institutions primarily responsible for providing for the poor, town governments in Maine were on the front lines of efforts to cushion its impact. Federal programs and state assistance mitigated but did not eliminate their responsibility. At a time when tax revenues were dramatically down, because residents could not pay them, the demands for assistance went up quickly." Hollinger's presentation will explore the situation in different towns. He will discuss what resources were available, and how virtually all locations experienced the gap between available revenues and desperately needed resources. Some towns, he notes, seized large numbers of properties on which taxes were delinquent; others sold liens on unpaid taxes as a way raising revenue; in other cases, unpaid taxes were written off. He will examine these diverse responses and how they have increasing relevance to today's struggles with the current financial crisis. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. "Maine Towns During the Great Depression" is sponsored by the Fogler Library Friends. Contact: Gretchen Gfeller (207) 581-1696

UMaine's Safe Campus Project Joins State Coalition

06 Oct 2011

The University of Maine Safe Campus Project has become a full member of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Safe Campus Project coordinator Carey Nason has joined the coalition's board of directors. For more than 30 years, the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA) has represented and served Maine's sexual violence service providers. MECASA works toward ending sexual violence by providing public policy advocacy, assistance to Maine's sexual violence service providers, public awareness and prevention activities and statewide training. "We are delighted that Safe Campus has joined the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault," says Elizabeth Ward Saxl, coalition executive director. "Given the high prevalence of sexual violence that occurs on college campuses across

Maine, it's an important step. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage more fully with such a key campus organization." Safe Campus, which was founded at the University in 2001, provides information and resources about safety in relationships and focuses on positive, pro-active ways to promote safe and healthy relationships. Contact: Carey Nason, (207) 581-2515

BDN Report on European Delegation Visit to Composites Center

06 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily [covered](#) Tuesday's visit to the UMaine AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center by the international Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, which is based in France. The OECD was visiting to learn more about UMaine's research into deepwater offshore wind power. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Master Gardener Program Mentioned in Newspaper Report

06 Oct 2011

Seacoast Online, the website for a number of newspapers in southern Maine and New Hampshire, [reported](#) on an open house held in South Berwick, Maine, noted the presence of a display by the UMaine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program. The story said the UMaine table had a composting bin with worms, and children who were at a nearby apple-tasting table were dropping their apple cores into the composting bin to feed the worms. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Educator in Story About Timing of Fall Foliage

06 Oct 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant climate change educator Esperanza Stancioff was quoted in an Associated Press wire story about the changes in timing to the arrival of fall foliage, and the possible link to climate change. Stancioff, who runs the "Signs of the Seasons" phenology project in which gardeners, 4-H programs, teachers, students and family collect data, said there are signs that things are changing, and some species are being affected while others are not. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Channel 5 Covers UMaine 'Take Back the Night' Rally

06 Oct 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) reported on UMaine's Take Back the Night rally against domestic violence on Wednesday. Inclement weather forced some of the events into Memorial Union. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Mitchell Sustainability Lecture at UMaine Oct. 13

06 Oct 2011

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell will be at the University of Maine on Thursday Oct. 13 to participate in a lecture event on communication between scientists and the public. Free and open to the public, it begins at 12 noon at UMaine's Wells Conference Center. Those interested in attending are asked to reserve a ticket by calling 581-3244. UMaine's annual Senator George J. Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability, the talk will feature Carnegie Mellon University Prof. Baruch Fischhoff discussing "Helping Science Speak for Itself: Improving Communication Between Scientists and Citizens." Following that keynote talk, Mitchell will speak about the important role that institutions of higher education can play in helping diverse stakeholders solve sustainability-related problems facing Maine and other regions. Fischhoff, a cognitive psychologist and professor of social and decision sciences at Carnegie Mellon, is interested in helping the public deal with health, safety and environmental risks. He will discuss his research on communication strategies that can explain science in ways that help people make more informed decisions about complex issues.

Fischhoff's leadership roles include serving as chair of the FDA's Risk Communication Advisory Committee and serving on the EPA's Scientific Advisory Board and chairing its Homeland Security Advisory Committee. He focuses on helping the public understand and respond to health and environmental risks. The university's [Senator George J. Mitchell Center](#) is home base for Maine's [Sustainability Solutions Initiative](#) (SSI), an ambitious initiative working with Maine communities to strategically address issues related to economic, social and environmental concerns. That initiative is supported, in part, by a \$20 million National Science Foundation grant. The Mitchell Center and SSI are lecture sponsors, along with the National Science Foundation and the [Maine EPSCoR Office](#). *Oct. 6, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571*

UMaine's Darling Marine Center to Host International Diving Symposium

06 Oct 2011

Contact: Chris Rigaud, (207) 563-3146 ext. 232 or crigaud@maine.edu The University of Maine's Scientific Diving Program will host the 2011 American Academy of Underwater Sciences Symposium, a gathering of international underwater scientists and diving professionals, Oct. 10-15 at UMaine's Darling Marine Center in Walpole, Maine, and also at locations in the Portland area. The AAUS symposium is held to share information and exchange ideas about scientific diving. "Hosting the AAUS symposium is quite an honor for a university in a state that is not generally known as a scuba diving destination," said Chris Rigaud, who is the diving safety officer at the Darling Center. During the Oct. 13-15 pre-symposium sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to dive on Monhegan Island, in coastal locations near the Darling Center, and at Kettle Cove in South Portland. UMaine Professor Robert Steneck and Research Associate Professor Richard Wahle will lead workshops on diver-based suction sampling for collecting newly settled lobsters and quantitative observation of the adult American lobster. Diving industry professionals and members of the AAUS will conduct other instructional courses and equipment demonstrations. During Oct. 10-13 pre-symposium sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to dive on at the Darling Center, which is located on the shores of the Damariscotta River, and also at Kettle Cove in South Portland; take instruction classes and watch equipment demos; learn about diver-based suction sampling, which is a monitoring tool for newly settled lobsters; and do a quantitative observation of the adult American lobster. The scientific seminar portion of the program will be held Oct 14-15. UMaine Research Professor Rhian Waller, and graduate students Pamela Fraungruber, Phoebe Jekielek and Thomas Leeuw will present seminars during the science symposium. Rigaud is also the lead instructor for UMaine's Scientific Diving Program, which helps UMaine scientists and students safely and effectively conduct underwater research. Based at the Darling Marine Center, the program has been helping UMaine researchers increase understanding and improve management of the marine and aquatic environment for more than 40 years. AAUS is dedicated to the development of safe and productive scientific divers through education, research, advocacy, and the advancement of standards for scientific diving practices. Currently, the AAUS community consists of more than 120 international member organizations. The symposium is not open to the public.

Prescription drug return activity Oct. 29

06 Oct 2011

The Orono Student Nurses Association and the UMaine police department are organizing a prescription drug return effort, scheduled for Saturday Oct. 29, 9-11 a.m. at UMaine's Memorial Union. Unneeded prescription medicines may be turned over, provided they are in their original containers.

Illustrated lecture on the history of chemistry and alchemy

06 Oct 2011

Arthur Greenberg, a chemistry professor at the University of New Hampshire, will present a Wednesday, Oct. 12 UMaine lecture on the history of chemistry and alchemy. Greenberg's lecture, which will feature the use of illustrations and anecdotes, is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. in 316 Aubert Hall. The talk is UMaine's third annual ChemFest lecture, part of National Chemistry Week. UMaine undergraduate students will host area high school teachers and students before the lecture, for a discussion and demonstrations, including one featuring liquid nitrogen ice cream. For more

information, [contact Prof. Francois Amar](#).

Faculty research committee seeking funding proposals

06 Oct 2011

UMaine's Faculty Research Funds Committee will review submissions for the Regular Faculty Research Funds Awards and the Scholarly Materials and Equipment Awards beginning November 18, 2011. Those who are interested can find information on the guidelines for submission, forms and due dates online. The program is open to tenured, tenure-eligible and soft-money faculty.

Newspaper Features Senior Companion Program

07 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News ran a [feature](#) about the 30th anniversary of UMaine Cooperative Extension's Senior Companion Program. Ann Swain, the statewide director of the program, was quoted about the volunteers who are connected with homebound senior citizens. Debra Eckart, the program administrator for Cooperative Extension, said in an interview the first site east of the Mississippi River was created in 1961 in Washington County. UMaine Professor of Social Work Sandy Butler was also interviewed about the importance of companionship for senior citizens. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Link Between Global Warming and Foliage

07 Oct 2011

An Associated Press report, which included a comment from Esperanza Stancioff of UMaine Cooperative Extension and Maine Sea Grant on the possible links between global warming and changes to the timing of the fall foliage season ran in several media outlets. USA Today [included](#) Stancioff's comment that things are changing, but the question is how things are changing. CBS News also ran the story on its website. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Innovation Engineering Announcement

07 Oct 2011

Several news outlets, including the Boston Globe covered Thursday's announcement that the Blackstone Foundation has launched a \$3 million fund to help Maine's entrepreneurial community create more innovative companies and jobs, and expand innovation engineering offerings through UMaine's Foster Center for Student Innovation. Jake Ward, UMaine assistant vice president for research, economic development and governmental relations, said more than 400 students will receive funding to take innovation and entrepreneurship courses. The courses will be based initially at the Foster Center and spread to the rest of the UMaine System by next fall. In a front-page Bangor Daily News [story](#), Renee Kelly, the director of economic development initiatives at UMaine, said funding will give students an opportunity to connect with Maine businesses. The Portland Press Herald also [covered](#) the announcement. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Chamber Jazz Ensemble Concert Nov. 1

07 Oct 2011

Members of the University of Maine Chamber Jazz Ensemble will present their formal concert in Minsky Recital Hall in the Class of 1944 Hall Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Soloists or small ensembles composed of 11 students and a variety of instruments with piano accompaniment will present great jazz standards and originals by Milt Jackson, Duke Pearson, Charlie Parker, Eddie Harris, John Coltrane, Horace Silver, John L. "Wes" Montgomery, Miles Davis, Du Bose and Dorothy Hayward, George and Ira Gershwin and Charlie Parker. Students will have opportunities to perform solos, according to Karel Lidral, UMaine associate professor of music and ensembles director. The group is not

auditioned and university instrumentalists at all class and skill levels may participate. Ensemble members also represent a wide variety of academic majors. The organization's major emphasis is on developing skills in the art of jazz improvisation, in addition to what scholars have called "the other salient aspect of jazz, swing feeling," Lidral says. The piano in the ensemble replaces the standard jazz rhythm section, usually piano, bass, and drums, in the same spirit that orchestral reductions for the piano are used by recitalists in the "classical" realm, Lidral says. The Chamber Jazz Ensemble is a major component of the UMaine minor in jazz studies, which includes classes in jazz improvisation, chamber jazz arranging and piano; jazz history; and the performance of jazz in the chamber ensemble or the Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$7; UMaine students are admitted free with a MaineCard. More information is available at the Collins Center for the Arts box office at 581-1755 or [online](#). Following the Nov. 1 concert, the group will present a free concert from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the "Jazz Corner" of Union Central in the Memorial Union. Contact: Karel Lidral, 207-581-1256

Employers, Students Preparing for UMaine Engineering Job Fair Oct. 19

07 Oct 2011

Some 63 companies that employ engineers will be at UMaine Wednesday, Oct. 19, looking to meet future employees or prospective interns from the College of Engineering. The 2011 Engineering Job Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the New Balance Student Recreation Center. The annual event is an opportunity for students to learn about some of the engineering firms in Maine and New England, meet company representatives and pass along a resume that could lead to a job after graduation or on-the-job experience through a co-op or internship, says Patty Counihan, director of the UMaine Career Center. The Career Center is cosponsored with the College of Engineering. Students can talk with company representatives about the job market and the type of projects the companies do. Students are advised to bring resumes, prepare 30-second introductory pitches, research the companies they'll speak with beforehand, and bring energy and a smile. The number of participating companies has increased slightly from last year, Counihan says. Counihan says the event historically has attracted some of the best engineering companies in the Northeast, looking specifically for UMaine students. Additional information is on the Career Center [website](#). UMaine President Paul Ferguson and Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering, will give welcoming statements at 9:55 a.m. Contact: Patty Counihan, 581-1359 (949-1925 - cell); George Manlove, 581-3756

2011 Maine Heritage Lecture Topic New England Environmental Movement

07 Oct 2011

The 2011 Maine Heritage Lecture at the University of Maine Monday, Oct. 24, from 7-8:30 p.m., will feature UMaine McBride Professor of History Richard Judd discussing "Saving Second Nature: The Environmental Movement in New England" at the Wells Conference Center. This fourth annual Maine Heritage Lecture will focus on the pastoral landscapes of New England -- the valley farms, familiar woods and past-enshrouded fishing out ports that became iconic symbols of New England beauty, according to sponsors, the University of Maine Humanities Initiative and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The lecture will explore how farm, village and woods were idealized and romanticized in the tourist literature and regionalist writing of the late 19th century, and how these idealized images shaped New England environmental politics. New England environmentalists avoided the common premise that nature and culture were separate and antagonistic worlds, and instead embraced as their rallying points a blended landscape rich in cultural symbol and ecological harmonies, what Thoreau called "a partially cultivated country," and what environmental historians today call "second nature." This environmental goal generated a vast array of policy innovations, from farmland preservation to protecting the northern "working wilderness." Those innovations mark New England environmentalism as unique and distinctive from the movement in general. Professor Judd's primary field of interest is U.S. environmental history, particularly in New England. He originally came to UMaine in 1980 as a postdoctoral fellow, returned to California in 1981 to work the next three years as assistant-associate editor for the *Journal of Forest History* (now merged with *Environmental History*). Since rejoining the History Department in 1984, he has taught a series of courses concentrated in nineteenth and twentieth century America, including urban history, economic and industrial history, environmental history, and Maine history. He has led graduate level seminars in U.S. history since 1865 and in U.S. environmental history. He has published, edited or co-edited numerous books and journal articles in his field, and currently edits the Maine Historical Society's quarterly journal, *Maine History*. Contact: Tonya

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David Lint 1952-2011

07 Oct 2011

Former UMaine police officer David Lint has died at the age of 59. An Orono resident who was also a well-known Celtic storyteller, Lint served on the UMaine police force for 26 years. He is survived by four children and his wife of 38 years, Claire Lint, UMaine's assistant manager of dining services. One of their sons, Matthew, is also a member of the UMaine Dining Services staff. According to an obituary on the [Birmingham Funeral Home Web site](#): "A visitation will be held from 3-6pm on Sunday, Oct. 9, at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town with a Knights of Columbus prayer service at 4:30pm. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10am at Holy Family Church, 429 Main St., Old Town. All are invited to a light luncheon following the service in the parish hall. Interment will be 9am Tuesday, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Old Town. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to Holy Family Catholic Church, 429 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468. "

Museum to return artifact to Arizona tribes

08 Oct 2011

Saturday's [Bangor Daily News features a story](#) about a centuries-old ceramic pot that's part of UMaine's Hudson Museum collection. The pot, which contains the cremated remains of a member of the Hohokam people, has been in Maine since it was given as a gift to William C. Wells of Orono in 1937. He donated it to UMaine approximately 50 years ago. Representatives of the Gila River Indian Community, which represents Arizona Indian tribes, recently became aware of the artifact and contacted Hudson Museum officials to make arrangements for its return. Prof. Dan Sandweiss of the UMaine anthropology faculty told the BDN that the university and museum were willing to return the pot because it's "legally and morally the right thing to do."

Food Drive Oct. 14

08 Oct 2011

UMaine's Classified Employees Advisory Council and Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, in partnership with radio station WFBF (97.1 FM), are planning a "stuff the bus" food drive for Friday Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. near the Black Bear statue outside Memorial Gym. Members of the UMaine community are invited to donate non-perishable food items in support of the Black Bear Exchange, UMaine's food pantry located at the back of Estabrooke Hall.

Football win gets national attention

09 Oct 2011

Chris Treister's overtime two-point conversion score, which gave the UMaine Black Bears a 25-24 Saturday win over James Madison, was #2 on ESPN Sports Center's "Top 10 Plays" on Sunday morning. A Virginia television station's news coverage [includes video highlights](#) from the game, including the decisive play. More game details are in a [Maine Sunday Telegram report](#).

Caron research in Huffington Post

09 Oct 2011

The Huffington Post [features a blog entry](#) based on research conducted by UMaine Prof. Sandra Caron and her former student, Nicole Proulx. In a 2006 study, Caron and Proulx looked at marriages where the wife is at least ten years older than the husband.

Innovation grant announcement news coverage

09 Oct 2011

President Ferguson was one of several speakers, including all four members of Maine's Congressional delegation, to speak at Friday's Brunswick announcement of the Blackstone Charitable Foundation's \$3 million grant to start a Blackstone Accelerates Growth program in Maine. The grant will fund several collaborative efforts, including the expansion of opportunities for students at UMaine and other Maine colleges and universities to access UMaine's Innovation Engineering curriculum. The announcement was detailed in Saturday's [Portland Press Herald](#) and [Bangor Daily News](#), along with coverage on [WCSH](#), WMTW and WGME. More details are in a [news release](#).

Drawing On project highlighted

09 Oct 2011

Prof. Laurie Hicks from the UMaine art department was interviewed for a Friday WABI television story about [Drawing On](#), an exhibit that opens at UMaine's Lord Hall on Friday Oct. 14. Part of the Maine Drawing Project, the exhibit features several artists drawing directly on the walls in the Lord Hall Gallery. WLBZ television also broadcast a story on the project last week.

Houston Newspaper Notes UMaine Football Win

11 Oct 2011

A [blog posting](#) on the Houston Chronicle website noted the UMaine football team's overtime win Saturday against sixth-ranked James Madison. Blogger Jerome Solomon linked to an ESPN video of UMaine football player Chris Treister making a play to win the game for the Black Bears, and said Treister came up with a big play at the end of the game, whereas Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub could not do the same at the end of Sunday's game, which the Texans lost to the Oakland Raiders. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Foliage Expert in Report

11 Oct 2011

Bill Livingston, UMaine associate professor of forestry resources, was interviewed for a Portland Press Herald [story](#) about this fall's late foliage season. Livingston said fall colors are brightest when there has been a string of cold nights, with temperatures in the low 40s or 30s, followed by sunny days. So far, this October has been marked by rain or record warmth. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lectures, Discussions Part of UMaine Canada Weeks 2011

11 Oct 2011

The University of Maine Canadian-American Center is cosponsoring a series of lectures during its 12th annual celebration of Canada Weeks Oct. 13, Oct. 19 and Oct. 20. On Thursday, Oct. 13, the center presents University of Laval professor of history Jocelyn L  tourneau from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Bodwell Lounge of the Collins Center for the Arts as the Canadian-American Center Distinguished Lecturer. L  tourneau's talk, "Quebec is moving. OK. But in what direction?" is a luncheon event, free to those who RSVP to the center (207-581-4220). L  tourneau has written 15 books, including *A History for the Future: Rewriting Memory and Identity in Quebec*. He will discuss historical consciousness in 21st century Quebec. On Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Coe Room of the Memorial Union, the focus is current Canadian research as part of the Alice R. Stewart Canadian Studies Lecture Series, with Charles Deshaies speaking on "A Very Bad Week: The Devastating Losses for the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation in Central Canada, June 14-11, 1945." He will be followed by speakers Stefano Tijerina ("The Conflicting Agendas of Canadian Development Aid to Latin America: Policy Response to the Pressures of the International System, 1934-1974") and Rebecca White ("Mother's Pensions in Maine and New Brunswick"). Box lunches will be provided during the free and public event. On Thursday, Oct. 20, in a talk sponsored by the University of Maine Humanities Initiative, University of

New Brunswick associate professor of history Sasha Mullally will speak on "The Poetics and Heroics of Interwar Rural Medicine: Placing the Work of 'Country Doctors' in a 'Golden Age' of Medicine, 1920-1950." She speaks from 3:30-5 p.m. in Hill Auditorium in Barrows Hall. The event is free. The programs are presented with support from the U.S. Department of Education, Title VI, and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Department of Modern Languages and Classics and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For additional information, contact Craig Harris at (207) 581-4220. Contact: Craig Harris, (207) 581-4220

Maine Folklife Center Launches Web Song, Story Sampler

11 Oct 2011

The Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine has launched an interactive website offering layers of written and recorded narratives, stories and songs, a sampling of the thousands of archived materials representing Maine culture, color and life. The Maine Song and Story Sampler (MS&SS) [website](#), with accompanying lesson plans for [K-12 teachers](#), is the culmination of a year's work by Folklife Center Director Pauleena MacDougall and history graduate student Josh Parda. "The original intent was to build awareness in the state of the rich material we have here, the cultural heritage that we have in Maine," MacDougall says. With 50 clickable Google map "balloons," she says both members of communities and schools can delve deep into files, photos and information that preserve Maine's cultural character. "It's a little slice of Maine's cultural heritage," she says. The site presents audio and video recordings of traditional songs and stories as downloadable mp3s and mpeg4s on a map on the Internet with accompanying transcriptions of the text and musical notations -- thus creating a global audience for Maine and some of the Northeast's unique traditions. Visitors to the site can click on a Google map of the Northeast, find their community, and click on a link to a song or story from their community. Each song and story includes the name and biographies of the singer or storyteller and collector, date and place of collection and other interpretive information, including photographs, MacDougall says. The web page locates the songs and stories in time and place. "We have chosen a variety of songs and stories that reflect the diverse occupations and ethnicities of the people of Maine, as well as a range of both inland and coastal communities, large cities and small towns," says MacDougall. "Visitors to the site will be able to choose to listen to and read transcripts of recordings from specific communities in Maine and the Maritimes." MacDougall plans to continue to add to the map in the future. The sampler project provides an opportunity for teachers, parents and other educators to introduce the diversity of Maine's folklife to students of all ages, MacDougall adds. "There are innumerable ways in which this rich collection may be utilized," she says. The Curriculum Connection Series has been prepared, with assistance from Bangor High School history teacher Geoffrey Wingard, to offer guidance and suggestions for educators of primary, middle and secondary level students on how to use the collection as a stand-alone resource and in conjunction with other instruments. The series first presents 12 sample lessons aligned with the Maine Department of Education endorsed Maine Learning Results. The learning results are organized in eight content areas, one of which is social studies. The social studies component is further subdivided into 5 social studies standards and 12 performance indicators. The MS&SS curriculum series presents one sample lesson and assessment for each of the 12 performance indicators. Educators can search the MS&SS site for specific regions or communities, or use the summary exercises as primary or supplementary material. They can structure entire courses and units in Maine studies, folklore and social studies. The MS&SS also provides links to relevant external material. "The Maine Folklife Center is a resource for educators and students across the state," MacDougall says. "It is our hope that the Maine Song and Story Sampler and the Curriculum Connections Series will provide teachers and learners with tools to unlock the robust folk traditions of Maine and a means to begin to explore our region." The website, designed by associate professor Joline Blais and students in a New Media design lab class in the spring, was developed with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Contact: Pauleena MacDougall, 581-1891

UMaine Celebrating Rudy Vallee Day Wednesday, Oct. 12

12 Oct 2011

In celebration of Rudy Vallee Day, Wednesday, Oct. 12, the All Maine Women, Senior Skulls, Sophomore Eagles and Sophomore Owls honor societies will be on the steps of UMaine's Fogler Library at 3 p.m., singing The Maine Stein Song, handing out Stein Song cards and chalking down the University Mall. Hubert Prior Vallee, a Vermont native who was raised and went to high school in Westbrook, where he played drums in his high school band, attended UMaine as a

member of the class of 1925, adopted the nickname Rudy given him by classmates who knew of Vallee's admiration of the music of sax player and recording artist Rudy Wiedfoeft. Vallee became one of the most popular vocalists -- the archetypal image of the early crooners, according to Vallee biographers -- of the pre-swing era with his signature megaphone, which he used to enhance his nasal voice. He made The Maine Stein Song a number one musical hit in 1929, and went on to become what some consider the first mass media pop star. In addition to his successful recording career, Rudy Vallee was in dozens of Hollywood films and starred on Broadway. Rudy Vallee returned to UMaine as the honored guest at the Class of 1925's 50th reunion on Oct. 11, 1975. That weekend he conducted the marching band in its version of The Stein Song. It was Rudy's last appearance at UMaine before his death in 1986 and this day was designated as Rudy Valley Day. Vallee is buried in Westbrook. UMaine's Fogler Library's Special Collections Department maintains a collection of Rudy Vallee papers and memorabilia. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Report on Rudy Vallee Day

12 Oct 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) carried a report on plans for Rudy Vallee Day, the Westbrook native and legendary singer and actor who popularized UMaine's fight song, "The Stein Song." Students plan to gather at 3 p.m. Wednesday on the steps of Fogler Library to sing the song in honor of Vallee, who spend one semester at UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

4-H Camp Grant in Newspaper

12 Oct 2011

UMaine's 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Woodstock will share in a \$692,736 federal grant to implement physical activity and nutrition programs for every student in Oxford County, according to a news story in the [Lewiston Sun Journal](#). The grant includes funding for an experiential education coordinator who will be an employee of the 4-H center and will help with outing clubs, school trips to the 4-H Learning Center, work with teachers, lead backpacking and canoe expeditions, and lead summer camp day programs. The grant was a collaborative effort between the Oxford Hills School District, the Telstar School District in Bethel, the 4-H center and the Bethel-based Mahoosuc Kids Association. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Baker Comments on Religion and Sports in Detroit Newspaper

12 Oct 2011

A report in the Detroit Free Press on the mingling of sports and religion included comments from UMaine History Professor Emeritus William Baker, who has written a book entitled "Playing with God: Religion and Modern Sport." Baker told the paper that baseball is affected by the general culture, which has been affected by the rise of evangelical religion. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on Integrity of Law

12 Oct 2011

Amy Fried's biweekly [Bangor Daily News column](#) examines equal enforcement of the law in the wake of the recent controversy over college students voting in Maine. Fried argues that laws should not be enforced selectively, as she believes they were in this case. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Portland Radio Station to Interview Fried

12 Oct 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried will be interviewed at 8 a.m. Thursday on Portland radio station WMPG's "Hukkin' A Chainek" show hosted by Steve Hirshon. Fried will discuss her new book, "Pathways to Polling." WMPG

can be heard at 90.9 or 104.1 on the radio in southern Maine, or via [streaming on the station website](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Global Affairs Expert to Deliver Talk

12 Oct 2011

Don Kraus, chief executive officer of Citizens for Global Solutions, will speak at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Bangor Room of the University of Maine Memorial Union. He will deliver a lecture entitled "Global Cooperation: The Only Way Forward" as part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series. The talk is free and open to the public. Citizens for Global Solutions is a national member-driven movement that empowers and educates people to be engaged global citizens. Kraus currently co-chairs three NGO working groups: the Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping (PEP), the Washington Working Group on the International Criminal Court (WICC), and the CEDAW (women's rights treaty) task force. He also plays a lead role in the Law of the Sea Working Group, a broad group of organizations and trade associations focused on U.S. ratification of the convention. A Virginia resident, he also compiles the Global Solution Report Card, an annual assessment of congressional voting records. Kraus is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post and has been quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, and many other publications. He has been interviewed on CNN, BBC, NPR, and many other radio and TV shows. Kraus has previously served as executive vice president of Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS) where he directed its government relations department and political action committee. Prior to that, he served as the Executive Director of the Campaign for United Nations Reform and its affiliated political action committee, CUNR PAC. Kraus is also a past president emeritus of the Center for UN Reform Education, a UN reform think tank. He currently serves on the advisory board of the United Nations Association, National Capitol Area. The talk is co-sponsored by Marxist-Socialist Studies Interdisciplinary Minor, Maine Chapter of Citizens for Global Solutions, School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA), and Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) Maine. Contact: Doug Allen, (207) 581-3860 or doug.allen@umit.maine.edu

Corro radio interview previews Homecoming

12 Oct 2011

Chris Corro from the UMaine Alumni Association was a live Wednesday morning guest on WVOM's George Hale/Ric Tyler Show, providing a detailed preview of UMaine's [Homecoming Weekend](#), scheduled for Friday-Sunday.

Poignant 'A Finished Heart' Set for Black Box Theater Performance

12 Oct 2011

Portland musician and composer Elliott Cherry will bring his moving dramatic reading of "A Finished Heart" UMaine's Black Box Theater in the Class of 1944 Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. The reading is 75 minutes, followed by facilitated discussion with the author. The event is free and open to the public. The presentation, with piano accompaniment, deals with a range of death and dying issues including love, caregiving, forgiveness and the loss of a loved one. It is based on Cherry's conversations with his husband Chris Chenard, who received a doctorate from UMaine shortly before he died of pancreatic cancer in 2007. Cherry's performance is based on a diary of conversations he had with his husband of 16 years as Chenard's health deteriorated. Cherry says on his website that he wants to share his story "to help others empathize with and reflect upon end-of-life experience. I wish to strengthen people's compassion for each other through an emotional connection based on human commonality. "The culmination of purpose in our marriage is that I could help my mate die, and he could guide and comfort me," Cherry says. "How would this time unfold? Dying was our teacher, and we learned from each other. Through this process, we found our deepest meaning by bringing all emotions and intuition into experience without judgment." This event is cosponsored by the UMaine Center on Aging, Department of Communication and Journalism, College of Education and Human Development, the UMaine Employee Assistance Program, Psychology Department, School of Nursing, School of Performing Arts, and School of Social Work. More information is on Cherry's website www.AFinishedHeart.com. Contact: Sandy Butler, (207) 581-2382; Sandy Caron, (207) 581-3138

Snowe Letter in New Hampshire Newspaper

13 Oct 2011

U.S. Sen Olympia Snowe of Maine has written a letter that appeared on Fosters.com, the website of New Hampshire's Foster's Daily Democrat, in support of the announcement that the Blackstone Charitable Foundation is providing a \$3 million grant to help support Maine business and innovation, including UMaine's innovation engineering program. Snowe is a graduate of UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Folklife Center's News Interactive Website Noted

13 Oct 2011

The Village Soup website of noted a new effort by the UMaine-based Maine Folklife Center to offer access to written and recorded narratives, stories and songs that represent Maine culture. The Maine Song and Story Sampler [website](#) is the culmination of a year's work by Folklife Center Director Pauleena MacDougall and history graduate student Josh Parda. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Reports on Weinberger's move to Connecticut

13 Oct 2011

The news that Steve Weinberger, UMaine assistant vice president of human resources, is leaving for a similar position on the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education was noted in the [Hartford Courant](#). Weinberger, who is from Connecticut, is joining former UMaine President Emeritus Robert Kennedy, who is currently president of the Board of Regents. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Stein Song Video on BDN Website

13 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News [covered](#) Wednesday's celebration of Rudy Vallee Day, which honored the legendary actor and singer who popularized UMaine's fight song, The Maine Stein Song. The coverage included a video of a group of UMaine students, including members of the All Maine Women, Senior Skulls, Sophomore Eagles and Sophomore Owls, who sang the song Wednesday afternoon in front of Fogler Library. The students also handed out cards with Stein Song lyrics and chalked the lyrics on the sidewalks in the University Mall. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blackstone Charitable Foundation Commits \$3 Million to Accelerate Growth in Maine

08 Oct 2011

Blackstone Charitable Foundation has announced it is committing \$3 million to accelerate growth in Maine. The initiative involves UMaine's Innovation Engineering program, preparing students for tomorrow's workforce.

UMaine Bookstore to Celebrate Homecoming with 'Alumni Author Day' October 14

13 Oct 2011

For this year's UMaine homecoming, the University Bookstore will host five UMaine alumni authors to meet members of the public and sign copies of their latest books on Friday, Oct. 14. "We're very excited to have these distinguished alumni come back to campus," says University Bookstore Director Dick Young. "It's great for the UMaine community to see how well some of our graduates have done not only with their writing, but professional careers as well." The authors are: Dr. Peter Cummings, ('97) The Neuropathology of Zombies, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cummings is a medical examiner board certified in anatomic, forensic and neuropathology. He is originally from Maine and currently lives outside of Boston with his wife, son and two dogs. Cummings has also written a textbook, The Atlas of Forensic

Histopathology, but the novel *The Neuropathology of Zombies* is his first work of fiction. Sandra Caron ('79, '82G) and J. Michael Hodgson ('79, '82G) *Tackling Football: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the College Game*, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Caron is professor of family relations and human sexuality at UMaine. She has been involved both professionally and personally in college athletics, but has loved the college football game for more than three decades. Hodgson utilized his 30-plus years of college football experience as player and coach to co-write this comprehensive and fun guide with Caron. Lynn Plourde ('77, '78G) *Only Cows Allowed!*, 12-2 p.m. Ever since she can remember, Plourde has loved words and reading. She thinks that being a children's book author is the best job in the world. She has written more than 20 books for kids, including *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud*, a Junior Library Guild Selection, and *Wild Child*, an ABA Pick of the Lists. She lives in Winthrop with her family. Lisa Turner ('85) *The Eat Local Cookbook: Seasonal Recipes from a Maine Farm*, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Turner owns Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport with her husband Ralph. Now in their 15th year of farming, they manage more than 10 acres of certified organic vegetables and five greenhouses, which they heat in the winter with used cooking oil. They sell produce to 18 restaurants from Freeport to Wells. An avid home cook, Turner wrote *The Eat Local Cookbook* to help folks use the four seasons of vegetables they purchase through a CSA or farmers' market. In addition, the Bookstore will unveil the 2011 Holiday Ornament at about 2 p.m. Each year, proceeds from the UMaine-themed ornament are donated to a selected student community-service organization, a tradition that began in 2003. All are welcome to join; light refreshments will be served. For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact Thomas Diaz, marketing coordinator for University of Maine Auxiliary Services, at (207) 581-4350 or email thomas.diaz@maine.edu. Contact: Thomas Diaz, UMaine Auxiliary Services, (207) 581-4350

UMaine Museum of Art to Host Oil Painting Workshop with Philip Frey

13 Oct 2011

BANGOR, Maine – The University of Maine Museum of Art will host an oil painting workshop on Saturday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 29. Professional artist Philip Frey will lead the two-day workshop at the museum, which is located at 40 Harlow Street. Both days will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. with an hour lunch break. The workshop will focus on seeing, mixing and placing color accurately; drawing; composition; and brushwork. Frey will offer demonstrations and individual instruction. Participants will paint from life. The cost is \$75 for UMMA members and \$90 for nonmembers. All skill levels are welcome. To register or for more information, contact UMMA Education Coordinator Eva Murray at 561-3360 or email eva.murray@umit.maine.edu. To view Frey's work, go to www.philipfrey.com. Contact: Eva Murray, 561-3360.

Arline Thomson Art Sale Set for Homecoming Weekend

13 Oct 2011

ORONO, Maine – The estate of the late artist and former University of Maine designer and illustrator Arline Thomson is holding an art sale Friday and Saturday to benefit the UMaine Honors College. The sale will be held 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in Colvin Hall. More than 300 original pieces of art will be available for purchase. The subject matter includes images of UMaine; the Maine coast; scenes from England; flowers; and the artist's note and holiday card collection. Thomson, the recipient of the 2007 Vincent A. Hartgen Award, which is bestowed by the UMaine's Patrons of the Arts for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the arts at UMaine, died last fall, two days short of her 98th birthday. Beginning in the early 1960s, Thomson worked as an artist, graphic designer and illustrator for the UMaine Department of Public Affairs, Central Services and University Press, retiring in 1985, but continuing on an as-needed basis until 1994. Thomson was predeceased by her husband, long-time UMaine Honors Director Robert Thomson, for whom the Honors Center in Colvin Hall is named. Even after his passing, Arline continued her close relationship with the Honors College. Thomson's journal entries and hundreds of pen and ink drawings she made in London were exhibited at UMaine, and were included in her book, "Discovering Elizabethan London." For more information, contact Emily Cain, Honors College coordinator of advancement, at 207-581-3308 or emily.cain@umit.maine.edu.

International Group's Visit Covered on USDA Blog

14 Oct 2011

The blog for the U.S. Department of Agriculture had an entry about the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development's recent visit to UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center. The visit was organized by USDA Rural Development in order for the Paris-based OECD to review how renewable energy projects are supporting rural economic development in the United States. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Study on Racino Economics Mentioned in BDN Report

14 Oct 2011

In a [report](#) on a push to locate a racino in Washington County, the Bangor Daily News mentioned a 2007 study by UMaine economist Todd Gabe who found a racino in the county could generate \$12-\$13 million a year in slot revenue alone, mostly from out-of-state or Canadian visitors. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Advance on E2Tech Conference

14 Oct 2011

The Free Press, a weekly newspaper that covers midcoast Maine, [noted](#) the upcoming free public forum about Maine's evolving wind energy resource, sponsored by the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2Tech). The forum will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at UMaine's Wells Conference Center. UMaine Professor of Economics Gary Hunt will participate as a panelist. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Forestry Professor in TV Report on Foliage

14 Oct 2011

Comments from Bill Livingston, UMaine associate professor of forest resources, were included in a WCSH TV news report about this year's foliage. Livingston said the foliage is about a week late this year, and there is no way to predict the intensity of the coming winter from the intensity of color changes in the fall. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

International Women's Group in Bangor Daily News Article

14 Oct 2011

The Women of the World group, a social group of women sponsored by UMaine's Office of International Programs, was featured in a Bangor Daily News [story](#). The group has met monthly since 1978 for an ethnic meal and cultural presentation highlighting some part of the planet. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Preparing for National 'Campus Consciousness Tour'

14 Oct 2011

University of Maine student and staff volunteers are busy making last-minute preparations for Thursday, Oct. 20, when UMaine hosts the Campus Consciousness Tour, a national initiative to raise awareness of ecological and sustainability issues among college students. The events will feature a concert by Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter, producer and performer [Janelle Monáe](#), considered one of today's hottest emerging artistic entrepreneurs, with her own record label, The Wondaland Arts Society. She'll perform at 8 p.m. in the Collins Center for the Arts. Discounted ticket prices are \$12 for students and \$20 for the public. "We'd really like a lot of students to come to this show," says project coordinator Jose Roman, an assistant vice president of student entertainment. "They'll get a really great performance. She's a great performer." Opening for Monáe will be a band from her record label -- "fun." -- which will perform a free acoustical concert at 2:30 p.m. on a stage on the UMaine Mall near a tent eco-village for sponsors of the event, which include REVERB, Brita, Ben & Jerry's, Silk, Oxfam's GROW campaign, and Fair Trade University, among others. Campus Consciousness Tour is organized by REVERB, a Portland, Maine-based non-profit organization rooted within

the music and environmental communities to encourage fans to take direct action toward a sustainable future, the organization says. REVERB was founded by environmentalist Lauren Sullivan and her husband Adam Gardner, a guitarist for the band Guster. The UMaine Green Team and any other entity on campus committed to sustainability initiatives are invited to attend and participate, Roman says. Events planned on the mall throughout the day are designed to attract the entire UMaine community and the public. Prizes from a "prize wheel" include signed posters and Meet and Greet passes with Janelle Monáe. Monáe is engaged in a nationwide tour specifically to promote campus consciousness. Other national acts, including Guster, Phish, Sheryl Crow, the Dave Mathews Band, and Jack Johnson, periodically participate in the tours. "The university prides itself in being green," says Roman, "so I'd like to help the university's image in going in that direction. We're trying to get people to attend this thing. This is a huge event." Brita plans to give away more than 500 reusable Nalgene water bottles in an effort to reduce use of plastic water bottles, Roman says. The company also will have filtered water-filtration stations set up on the mall, he says. In addition, the day's events include the filming and production of the mtvU show "Dean's List," which also promotes sustainability efforts on college campus across the nation. Doors for the Janelle Monáe and fun. concerts open at the CCA at 7 p.m. to give concert-goers an opportunity to visit with event sponsors, who will be set up with information booths in the CCA atrium. Concert tickets are available through the CCA box office, online, and also will be available during the day on the mall. Activities will move indoors to Memorial Union in the event of bad weather. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Intermedia Student's Artwork Gets Positive Review

14 Oct 2011

An exhibit at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport of UMaine Intermedia MFA student Gabrielle D'Italia's work was [reviewed](#) in the Free Press, a weekly newspaper that covers midcoast Maine. The reviewer said the formal and material decisions D'Italia makes in her work feel deeply considered and are rich with emotional content and suggestive power. The reviewer also said she sees a bright future for D'Italia. the exhibit, called "Pieced," will be on display through Dec. 11, 2011. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bayer comments in lobster processing story

14 Oct 2011

Prof. Bob Bayer, executive director of the Lobster Institute at UMaine was quoted in a Fishermen's Voice news story challenging the assertions published in a recent Boston Globe report on the business of processing Maine lobster. The Fishermen's Voice report provides perspectives from Bayer and others in the lobstering industry describing the business relationships between Maine processors and those based in Canada.

Dill comments in Sunday Telegram flea story

16 Oct 2011

Jim Dill, a pest management specialist on the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty, was quoted in a [Maine Sunday Telegram story](#) about fleas and how to manage them in a household setting. Dill points out that ridding a home of fleas is a tricky proposition, but that regular vacuuming is key.

Sorg in report on painkiller addictions

16 Oct 2011

Marcella Sorg, a forensic anthropologist in UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center who researches issues related to substance abuse, commented in a [Saturday Portland Press Herald report](#) about Maine's problems related to people with painkiller addictions. The story, by Press Herald reporter John Richardson, was the first in a six-part series.

Libby Interviewed for FoodCorps Story

17 Oct 2011

UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Ellie Libby was interviewed by the Kennebec Journal for a [story](#) about FoodCorps, a new national service organization that is an offshoot of AmeriCorps. UMaine was one of 10 national partners selected to participate in the program. Libby told the newspaper Maine has the maximum number of FoodCorps service members than any state can have, and those people are doing work all over Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bee Research Noted in Globe

17 Oct 2011

The Boston Globe has an [Associated Press report](#) on a \$3.3 million federal grant given to researchers in five eastern states, including researchers at UMaine, to study the decline in native bee populations. The grant will be used to examine how the bees' diversity is affected by factors such as landscapes, farm size and pesticide use. They will also study whether the bees are vulnerable to certain pathogens and parasites. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Museum of Art Exhibits Featured

17 Oct 2011

The new exhibits at the UMaine Museum of Art were featured in a Bangor Daily News [story](#). The exhibits, which opened Friday and run through Dec. 30, include painting, photograph, and assemblage. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine 'Project Reach' Helping Teachers Reduce Student Language Barriers

17 Oct 2011

The number of schoolchildren in Maine for whom English is a second language -- some 4,800 -- increased in the past year by 53.3 percent, while K-12 populations in the state declined by 8 percent in the same period, according to state education data. Of the 179 school districts in Maine, 103 of them have at least one English Language Learner (ELL), a federal term for what the Maine Department of Education refers to as English as a Second Language (ESL) students. The need to better instruct Maine teachers on how to effectively work with and educate these students is urgent, says Shelly Chasse-Johndro, the University of Maine's Project Reach director who teaches ESL classes on campus and throughout the state for working teachers and future teachers now in college. The Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the College of Education and Human Development recently received \$1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Education to continue and expand efforts to better prepare current and future teachers of children who speak no English, or limited English, or even Franco-American or Native populations for whom culture is embedded in language. The project also will study the impact of its teacher training efforts and contribute to a growing body of scholarship on STEM and ESL education through a longitudinal study. "It's especially important to understand the impact of language proficiency on students' ability to perform in science, technology, engineering and math areas," Chasse-Johndro says. "One of Project Reach's key goals is to understand how we can better prepare teachers to help ELL students to succeed in STEM areas so that they can fully participate in Maine's workforce." Project Reach provides five core courses leading to the Maine state ESL endorsement. The coursework covers areas essential to ESL student needs in the classroom. It includes core courses on ESL methods in the classroom, curriculum development, testing and assessment, linguistics and multiculturalism, in addition to STEM/ESL connections. "English language learners need explicit instruction of academic English and guidance to understand how conversational language is different from the language of school," says Laura Lindenfeld, the grant's principal investigator and associate professor in Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and the Department of Communication and Journalism. "Teachers working with these children need to understand that strategic language development and culturally responsive pedagogy are central to helping ensure their students' success." Research shows that ESLs with stronger language skills are more likely to complete high school and enter college, and success in STEM courses depends in part on language proficiency, she says. Conversely, when teachers are not trained to work with ESL children, the students sometimes are assigned to special education classes,

which is a detriment to them and a strain on staff. Since 1999, the University of Maine has received Department of Education funding to support ELL teacher training through Project Opportunity, the predecessor of Project Reach, which is designed to serve teachers already in the field. The project is an innovative collaboration between the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, the College of Education and Human Development, the Maine EPSCoR office and the Sustainability Solutions Initiative. Project Reach also is partnered with the Maine Department of Education and 15 school districts. The comprehensive, statewide teacher-training project ensures that Maine's teachers can assist ESL students in meeting state and local standards, especially in STEM areas, and to accelerate their acquisition of language, literacy and content, Lindenfeld and Chasse-Johndro say. The project supports pre- and in-service teachers to complete their teaching certification with an ESL endorsement. As many as 285 practicing teachers will undertake the training over the new five-year grant cycle. Of those, 250 will receive some sort of education through workshops in their districts or through UMaine courses. As many as 60 selected participants can qualify for scholarships and tuition waivers to participate in project activities and complete required coursework, Chasse-Johndro says. "We think most of the ESL students are in urban populations, such as Lewiston and Portland, but rural schools are required to have someone who is trained in ESL even if they have just one student," Chasse-Johndro says. "It's important that all teachers are trained to work with ESL kids, even though they don't have ESL kids in their classes, yet," she says. Contact: Shelly Chasse-Johndro, (207) 581-3847 or Laura Lindenfeld, (207) 581-3850

Advance on Maine Chinese Conference

18 Oct 2011

Eliot Cutler, a Maine businessman and former gubernatorial candidate, will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 Maine Chinese Conference on Oct. 28-29, according to a [report](#) in the Bangor Daily News. UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is one of the host organizations of the event, and Habib Dagher, director of UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, is scheduled to speak at the event, which will be held at Husson University in Bangor. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

BDN Previews Janelle Monae Concert

18 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News [previewed](#) Thursday's Janelle Monae concert, which will take place at UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts. The Grammy Award-nominated singer is performing as part of MTV's Campus Consciousness Tour to promote sustainability. Tickets can be purchased at the Collins Center [website](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Neuroscientist Comments in Article on Drug-Addicted Newborns

18 Oct 2011

Marie Hayes, a UMaine professor of psychology, was interviewed for a Kennebec Journal [report](#) on babies who are born addicted to prescription painkillers. Although the long-term physical effects on newborns are not known, Hayes said there is cause for concern about the effects of opiate exposure before birth and the withdrawal process. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Culturefest 2011 International Student Showcase October 29

18 Oct 2011

The University of Maine will hold its 24th annual Culturefest Saturday, Oct. 29, a festival of cultural exhibits, traditional singing, dancing, clothing and cuisine from around the world presented by UMaine's international students. Held annually in the UMaine Field House from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Culturefest features cultural exhibits, an international food court, international style show and cultural performances throughout the day. The festival typically attracts more than 1,200 visitors from campus and from communities across Maine. It is sponsored by the UMaine Office of International Programs and provides UMaine's international students a showcase for their talents and traditions from as many as 70 countries and cultures from around the world. Culturefest is free and open to the public. Members of

the UMaine International Student Association will serve traditional homeland cuisine in the food court area from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for a small donation. A talent show, a fashion style show, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., show and information tables with maps, flags and cultural items are part of the day's events. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., children's activities are scheduled. According to the Office of International Programs, Culturefest is a unique opportunity to meet with hundreds of international students eager to discuss cultures and customs from their home communities in Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. It is the largest event of its kind in the state. More information about Culturefest and the Office of International Programs is available by calling (207) 581-2905 or visiting the Culturefest [web page](#). Supporters of the event include the Office of International Programs, International Student Association, Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, Student Government, Division of Student Affairs, Residents on Campus and Iota Nu Kappa. Contacts: Sarah Joughin, (207) 581-3423

MPBN Interviews Drummond on Bee Study Collaboration

18 Oct 2011

Maine Public Broadcasting Network interviewed University of Maine Cooperative Extension professor of insect ecology and insect pest management Frank Drummond on Monday for a news report on a research project on the decline of native bee populations in the eastern U.S. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has award researchers from UMaine, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Cornell University, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the University of Tennessee \$3.3 million to study how bees' diversity is affected by factors including landscape, farm size, pesticide use and exposure to pathogens and parasites. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Peace Corps 50th anniversary to highlight Oct. 28 events

18 Oct 2011

The University of Maine will celebrate the Peace Corps' 50th anniversary and its own strong tradition of service with a Friday Oct. 28 reception for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), scheduled for 2-4 p.m. in the Career Center library on Memorial Union's third floor. All RPCVs in Maine are welcome and invited to bring a souvenir or food dish from their country of service. There will also be an opportunity for RPCVs to share brief comments about their experiences traveling and working abroad. A panel with representatives from the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Teach for America, City Year and the Student Conservation Association will discuss service opportunities and options available to students during a 12 noon-1:30 p.m. session, also on Friday Oct. 28. That forum is scheduled for Memorial Union's Bangor Room.

UMaine Announces 2011 Maryann Hartman Awards

18 Oct 2011

The University of Maine's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program has announced the four recipients of the 2011 Maryann Hartman Awards, an annual recognition of women whose work inspires others and raises awareness of contemporary women's accomplishments. This year's recipients of the Maryann Hartman Awards to Maine Women of Achievement are Constance Carter of Orono, founder of Operation Breaking Stereotypes (OBS), Susan Davies of Veazie, a former professor of Christian education at Bangor Theological Seminary, and Dora Anne Mills of Brunswick, the former director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Sarah Eaton of Deer Isle, a founding member of Looking Out for Teens and first-year UMaine student will receive the Young Women's Social Justice Award. A UMaine teacher and scholar in speech communication at the University of Maine, Maryann Hartman was considered by friends and associates as an advocate, friend, mother and a woman of courage and vitality. Hartman died of cancer in 1980 at age 53. The awards ceremony is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. at the Buchanan Alumni House at UMaine on Wednesday, Oct. 26. It is a free and public event, but prior registration is requested by calling Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program at 581-1228. Constance Carter's OBS organization brings together Maine students in grades 7-12 with their diverse counterparts from New York City, Boston and even between schools in Maine. "This project radically alters both Maine and New York/Boston students' perceptions of other races and cultures," according to her nominator. "During the past year, Connie developed a new curriculum for OBS, one that

involves addressing the importance of being a good digital citizen. The new curriculum teaches students about their presence online and the concept of reputation management, including online safety, their digital footprint, exploring values to guide their behavior, and the responsible use of social media." A 2010 documentary about Carter's program is still being played at film festivals across the country. Susan Davies, recently retired from the seminary, is co-editor of two books and author of several articles. "Sue became the first woman minister at the Union Congregational Church in Hancock, Maine in 1977. While working as a professor at the Bangor Theological Seminary, Sue has opened the curriculum to classes on gender, race, class, feminist theology and feminist ethics," according to her nominator. "In her work, she was known for consistently supporting the lesbian women and gay men students in all of their struggles. She also worked with churches in the 1980's and 1990's to move the gay community from the margins to the center of the church, despite widespread resistance and hostility from some church members." After 15 years as head of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dora Anne Mills recently was named vice president for clinical affairs at the University of New England. Prior to assuming her position in 1996 as director of the Maine CDC and as Maine's chief health officer, Mills practiced pediatrics in Tanzania, East Africa, Los Angeles and Farmington, Maine. Her experiences abroad had a profound influence on her and she was able to incorporate much of her new knowledge into her practice in the U.S., according to WIC/WSP. Mills is widely recognized for her public health accomplishments, including reducing Maine's rates of tobacco use, teen pregnancy and childhood obesity. Mills now is charged with strengthening UNE's clinical partnerships and its community and public health mission. Sarah Eaton comes from Deer Isle, where her work with fellow students earned her the Young Women's Social Justice Award. Looking Out for Teens (LOFT) educates students about the dangers of alcohol, drug and tobacco use. In addition to LOFT, Eaton has been involved in many walks to raise awareness for cancer, multiple sclerosis and juvenile diabetes. She also has worked on a safety education project through the National Honor Society, a project dedicated to educating teens about seat belt use, Internet safety and abuse, and the dangers of texting and driving. For more information, or to make reservations, call the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program at 581-1228. Contact: Angela Hart, (207) 581-1228

Police to conduct traffic checks

19 Oct 2011

The University of Maine police department will conduct traffic checks in the coming months, as part of an effort to ensure traffic and roadway safety. Officers will conduct road checks in campus areas that get the most traffic. Traditionally, road checks are conducted to discourage the operation of motor vehicles by drivers under the use of intoxicating beverages or drugs. Road checks are typically conducted at night and on roads near establishments that sell alcohol, or in areas where there have been alcohol-related accidents. Daytime road checks may be conducted to update the public on Maine's new texting-while-driving law and for seat belt law enforcement. *Oct. 19, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571*

Coverage of UMaine-Developed Biofuels Pathway

19 Oct 2011

The international Reuters wire service released a [story](#) and [video](#) about a revolutionary method developed at UMaine to make biofuels from the cellulose in wood fiber. Clay Wheeler, a UMaine chemical engineering professor, developed the unique process along with undergraduates working in his lab. Scientific American ran the report on the front page of its website, while [Dawn.com](#), which is based in Pakistan, also picked up the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Camire Talks Potatoes in USA Today

19 Oct 2011

UMaine food science and human nutrition professor Mary Ellen Camire was interviewed for a [USA Today story](#) about potatoes and school lunches. Camire, who is also the spokesperson for the Institute of Food Technologists, said potatoes may help lower blood pressure because they are rich in potassium, which can balance out sodium in a diet. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Notes Treister's Game-Winning Play

19 Oct 2011

UMaine football quarterback Chris Treister's game-winning two-point conversion in an Oct. 8 game was mentioned on the website for The Exception Magazine. The magazine linked to the GEICO College Football Play of the Year contest Facebook page, where fans can vote for the top college plays of the week. The UMaine play is leading the four weekly finalists. To vote, go to <https://www.facebook.com/bestofcollegefootball>. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

WABI Notes UMaine Collaboration with Local Police

19 Oct 2011

Bangor television station WABI interviewed UMaine spokesman Joe Carr about an alert Tuesday morning to inform the community about an assault suspect who was thought to be headed to UMaine's Orono campus. Carr told WABI that UMaine's collaborations with the Orono and Old Town police departments are important because of the shared borders between campus and the municipalities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine to Host Public Forum on Wind Energy Resources

19 Oct 2011

Wind power energy experts in transmission, air quality and economics will share their views and answer commonly asked questions at a free public forum on the subject being held Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the University of Maine's Wells Conference Center. The forum is sponsored by the statewide nonprofit Energy and Environmental Technology Council of Maine ([E2Tech](#)) to discuss Maine's wind power industry and regional energy goals for the future. A panel consisting of UMaine professor of economics Gary Hunt, Charles Colgan from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, Colin High from Resource Systems Group in Vermont, and Brian Conroy, director of electric system engineering for Central Maine Power, will engage in a discussion about benefits and consequences of generating electricity from Maine wind resources. Chris Facchini of Channel 2 (WLBZ) in Bangor will moderate the discussion, which will be shared by teleconference with a location at USM. The event is one of a series of public forums E2Tech is organizing in a town hall meeting structure to provide accurate information and facilitate public discourse on key energy and related economic issues. E2Tech anticipates other forum topics to include: onshore wind energy development, offshore wind energy development, and ocean energy potential for Maine - tides and wind. Issues to be discussed Oct. 26 include wind power jobs and economic impacts, wind power subsidies, wind power consistency and the electrical grid, and effect on air quality and carbon emissions. E2Tech promotes environmental and energy technology -- clean tech -- in the belief that the sector is critical to economic development and environmental sustainability in Maine. The council says it serves as a catalyst to stimulate growth in Maine's clean tech sector by facilitating networking among professionals and serving as a clearinghouse of information through events and forums, conducting special projects, and engaging in general sector support. Organizers request that people wishing to attend the forum register through the [E2Tech website](#).

Harry Brown, E2Tech executive director, can be contacted at (207) 650-7778 for further details. Contact: Harry Brown, (207) 650-7778; George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Pendse research presentation Nov. 10

19 Oct 2011

[Prof. Hemant Pendse](#) will give a presentation, "Forest Bioproducts -- why now, why in Maine," at the next Research Cafe, presented by the UMaine Vice President for Research office. The session is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in Fogler Library's University Club. Pendse is director of UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Institute (FBRI) and chair of the Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering. FBRI works to find new and innovative uses for sustainably harvested wood from Maine forests, using contemporary technology to create new bioproducts such as transportation

fuels, wood-based chemicals and consumer products.

University of Maine Foundation annual meeting

19 Oct 2011

The [University of Maine Foundation](#) held its 77th annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 at the university in Orono. Ellen Stinson, who was re-elected as Foundation board chair, told the more than 250 guests that the Foundation experienced a 20 percent return on investments in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011. The Foundation's total assets grew by \$26 million, to \$184 million. In addition to Stinson, the following officers were elected by the board: Gregg M. Piasio, Falmouth, Vice Chair John I. Simpson, Bangor, Treasurer Amos E. Orcutt, Bangor, Assistant Treasurer/President Patricia M. Dunn, Scarborough, Secretary Brent Slater, Bangor, Clerk University of Maine Cooperative Extension Executive Director John Rebar was the keynote speaker. Rebar, who has been a member of Extension's administrative team for 17 years and executive director since 2009, gave a presentation, "4-H, the first time a student joins UMaine." Jodi Harnden, a former 4-H participant who is currently a UMaine student, shared her experiences with 4-H and the path that led her to the university where she is a double major in mathematics and secondary education mathematics. Stinson also announced that Foundation President and CEO Amos Orcutt plans to retire in 2012. "Whatever Amos does, he does it with style and class, so I think we can expect his transition from president/CEO to retirement to be seamless," Stinson said. In accordance with the succession plan adopted by the board, a national search will be conducted for Orcutt's successor and a search committee, chaired by board member Darryl Brown, has been appointed. In addition to board members, UMaine President Paul Ferguson and UMaine Alumni Association Board Chair Kurt Marston will also serve on this committee. "We are confident that we will identify a new president/CEO who, building upon Amos' good works, will lead the Foundation to its next level of success," Stinson concluded. *The University of Maine Foundation is an independent, non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. Established in 1934, the Foundation exists to encourage gifts and bequests that nurture academic achievement, foster research and elevate intellectual pursuit at the University of Maine. Oct. 19, 2011 Contact: [Amos Orcutt](#), University of Maine Foundation President/CEO (207) 581-5100*

Maine Campus Noted in Press Herald Op-Ed

20 Oct 2011

UMaine student Michael Shepherd, the editor of UMaine's Maine Campus newspaper, was mentioned in a [Portland Press Herald op-ed](#) by Anthony Ronzio, the past president of the Maine Press Association and the editor and publisher of the Kennebec Journal and Central Maine Morning Sentinel. Ronzio wrote that Shepherd represents the future of Maine journalism as the leader of one of the region's best college newspapers. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer Interviewed About Same-Day Voter Registration

20 Oct 2011

A Bangor Daily News [article](#) about same-day voter registration included comments from UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer. Brewer said the issue, which will be on the ballot for the Nov. 8 statewide election, is a partisan one, and eliminating same-day voter registration helps Republicans. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Story Focuses on International Students on Basketball Team

20 Oct 2011

Several members of the UMaine men's basketball team were interviewed for a Bangor Daily News [report](#) on the international student-athletes playing for the Black Bears this year. Coach Ted Woodward's team includes a contingent of four from Europe, two Canadians and one Israeli, which means international players make up 47 percent of UMaine's 15-man roster this season. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Has Biofuel Story

20 Oct 2011

The Green Optimist, a [website](#) that focuses on alternative energy, carried a Reuters story about UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler's two-step process for making biofuel from wood. Wheeler said in the story he anticipates the value of biofuel will continue increase as petroleum sources become more scarce. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of UMaine Engineering Job Fair

20 Oct 2011

Bangor television station WLBZ covered Wednesday's UMaine Engineering Job Fair, which was held at the student recreation center. There were 65 companies at the fair, according to the report. UMaine civil and environmental engineer Eric Landis said in an interview that in a knowledge-based economy, we need engineers to drive innovation. Senior Jessica Sanborn who is studying mechanical engineering, told the reporter she is eager to enter the workforce. [WVII](#) and WABI also reported on the job fair. Both stations interviewed Patty Counihan, the director of the UMaine Career Center. WABI talked to UMaine students Keegan Kilroy and Ruth Castillo. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Alum Francis Crowe Profiled in Investor's Business Daily

20 Oct 2011

Civil engineer Francis Crowe, a 1905 graduate of the University of Maine who went on to oversee construction of 19 of the largest dams in the Western United States, including the Hoover Dam, was profiled in an Investor's Business Daily article on the Hoover Dam project . The UMaine College of Engineering's [Francis Crowe Society](#) is named in his honor and recognizes university's engineering graduates who have distinguished themselves in the profession. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

BDN Updates Memorial Gym Fundraising

21 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News is [reporting](#) that fundraising for renovations to Memorial Gym and the UMaine fieldhouse are approaching the \$14 million goal. UMaine Athletic Director Steve Abbott said the project will get underway if UMaine System trustees approve the plan at their next meeting in November. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Tidal Power Project

21 Oct 2011

A tidal power project in Washington County in which UMaine researchers participated was the subject of a Bangor Daily News [story](#). The story said Ocean Renewable Power Co., which worked with UMaine engineers and marine scientists to research areas such as turbine design, assessing the energy sources, and the impacts on both marine life and human communities, has retired its turbine in Cobscook Bay to be replaced by a different turbine in March 2012. The BDN story also mentioned Ryan Beaumont, a UMaine graduate who is the mechanical engineer for the project. For more information about UMaine's role in the research, see the current cover story of UMaine Today magazine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New York Newspaper Notes UMaine Bee Research

21 Oct 2011

The Watertown Daily Times of northern New York state had a report on researchers who are studying the collapse of native bee colonies in the eastern U.S., and noted a federal grant to study the health of bee colonies, in which UMaine

Cooperative Extension professor of insect ecology and insect pest management Frank Drummond is involved. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Discovery News Features UMaine Robotic Venus Flytrap

21 Oct 2011

Discovery News carried an [article](#) Oct. 20 about a novel robotic Venus flytrap created at UMaine by mechanical engineering professor Mohsen Shahinpoor that uses soft artificial muscle nanomaterials to replicate the sensory responses of the small carnivorous plant, the Venus flytrap. Shahinpoor hopes the model and associated research will lead to improved artificial muscles in humans, specifically those with facial paralysis. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Maine Produce on Menu for Dining Services' Maine Harvest Week

21 Oct 2011

UMaine Dining Services' menus for UMaine students Oct. 25-27 will feature such fare as baked and candied apples, roast salmon with blueberry salsa, winter squash soup, pumpkin cheesecake and wild rice-stuffed acorn squash, as students are introduced to some delectable and creative ways to prepare and serve Maine-grown produce. The three-day event is in recognition of national Food Day on Monday, Oct. 24 and to educate students about the variety of Maine crops -- about 16 tons annually -- procured by the university whenever possible, according to Glenn Taylor, director of culinary services. Local farmers have been invited to visit the campus and exhibit their products. "It's really to promote what we try to do day-to-day," adds Kathy Kittridge, director of dining operations. "We'll decorate our three all-you-care-to-eat facilities with all kinds of food items and where they came from," Taylor says. Kerry Chasteen, Dining Services quality assurance manager, says Dining Services in the past has sponsored an apple festival and a Farmers Connection, separate events, to raise student awareness of healthy food and locally grown produce. This year, she says, "we thought it would be really great to incorporate all of these into one event over several days." UMaine typically buys 1.5 tons of blueberries, eight tons of potatoes, three tons of squash and 3.5 tons of apples from more than a dozen Maine farmers from Cape Elizabeth to Madawaska, in addition to prepared foods like salas and sauces, coffee, ice cream, broccoli, granola, apple cider and desserts from 12 Maine companies. On Tuesday, dining facilities will offer apple-themed meals -- breakfast, lunch and dinner -- in addition to customary menu option. On Wednesday it's Maine potato and squash-based meals, and Thursday, blueberries are the featured fruit. Maine-grown carrots, broccoli, corn, pumpkins will be among the vegetables complementing the meals during the week. Contact: Glenn Taylor or Kathy Kittridge, 581-3463

News report on bee study

22 Oct 2011

WLBZ television broadcast a Friday story about a multi-state research project looking at why U.S. bee populations are declining. UMaine Prof. Frank Drummond, who was interviewed for the story, is one of the researchers leading the project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The other states involved are Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Tennessee.

Mitchell speaks at conference for girls

22 Oct 2011

UMaine police officer Deb Mitchell was quoted in a [Saturday Bangor Daily News story](#) about Friday's Totally Trades Conference at Washington County Community College, where 130 middle school and high school girls gathered to learn about careers in fields where most of the workers are men.

Brewer comments on voter registration ballot measure

22 Oct 2011

Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was quoted in a Bangor Daily News story, [also published in the Brunswick Times Record](#), analyzing Question 1 on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot. The question asked voters if they wish to "reject" a new law that requires registration two days before an election.

President Ferguson column in Sunday Telegram

23 Oct 2011

The Maine Sunday Telegram includes a [guest column from UMaine President Paul Ferguson](#). In the column, Ferguson adds his perspectives relative to the recent announcement of the Blackstone Charitable Foundation's \$3 million grant to support collaborative statewide economic development initiatives. UMaine's Innovation Engineering program represents a critical component of those initiatives, and the grant will allow for its expansion to include other Maine colleges and universities.

Maine author Jim Nichols at UMaine Oct. 25

23 Oct 2011

Maine author [Jim Nichols](#) will read from his latest work, "Hull Creek," at 4:30 on Tuesday Oct. 25 in Room 120 of the University of Maine's Little Hall. Nichols has published work in many venues, including Esquire, Zoetrope ASE, Narrative, Night Train, River City, elimae, The Clackamas Review, American Fiction Vol.9, Conversely and Portland Monthly. He is a past winner of the Willamette Fiction Prize and a prize winner in the River City Writing Awards. His collection "Slow Monkeys and Other Stories" was published in 2003 by Carnegie Mellon Press and his novel "Hull Creek" appeared in April, 2011. "Hull Creek" has received widespread praise and positive reviews. It's a story of the hard life and challenges facing the men on the Maine coast who make their living from the sea. The reading and following book signing are open to the public. This is a free event, sponsored by the University Bookstore in cooperation with the UMaine Department of English. *For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact [Diane Genthner](#), trade book manager for the University of Maine Bookstore, by email or by calling (207) 581-1744.*

Newspaper Covers Farriers Association Event

24 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News had a [report](#) on this weekend's Maine Farriers Association conference and clinic, which was held at UMaine's Witter Farm, a center for livestock research and animal science teaching near the UMaine campus. The conference drew attendees from the Maine Standardbred, show, sport and draft horse areas. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Emergency communications system test Nov. 9

24 Oct 2011

The University of Maine will conduct a full-scale emergency communications system test on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Outdoor sirens, which represent an integral part of the system, will sound for several minutes shortly after 12 noon. Those sirens are audible throughout the UMaine campus and, under certain conditions, in parts of the surrounding communities. UMaine created a multifaceted emergency communications system in 2007. It allows UMaine safety and communications professionals to quickly notify the community during emergency situations by using several mechanisms to communicate vital information. When the system is activated, several notifications occur in quick order:

- a posting on the university's [primary Web page](#) and several other UMaine pages
- a telephone recording at 581-INFO
- a posting on First Class, the university's email and online conferencing system
- a message on the UMaine News [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#)
- a text message sent to those who have subscribed to [UMaine's umaine.txt system](#)

After those messages are created and delivered, police personnel will sound the sirens. In the UMaine system, the siren is a signal that people on campus should seek information through the Web, telephone, text message, social

media or First Class. Members of the UMaine community who have not yet subscribed to the [umaine.txt text messaging system](#) are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Oct. 21, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571

UMaine Student Group Receives Fundraising Boost for Septic Project in Honduras

24 Oct 2011

ORONO, Maine – The University of Maine student chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-UMaine) has received a \$5,000 grant from the Woodard & Curran Foundation. The funding will be used for EWB-UMaine’s sanitation project in the village of Dulce Vivir in Honduras. EWB-UMaine is seeking another \$11,000 to fund a planned March 2012 trip to Dulce Vivir, where the group is working to implement a student-designed community sanitation system. The poor sanitation conditions in Dulce Vivir limit economic opportunities of its 120 residents and cause environmental and health concerns. “This \$5,000 grant means more than most can imagine,” EWB-UMaine President Dan Gerges said in a news release from the Woodard & Curran Foundation. “The money will be put towards construction materials and supplies. Receiving this grant takes some of the pressure off fundraising, allowing us to focus our efforts on ensuring a safe and effective design. Above all, however, it will help to improve the lives of the people of Dulce Vivir.” The grant to EWB-UMaine is the first issued by the Woodard & Curran Foundation, which was established in October 2010. EWB-UMaine’s project was chosen from nearly 30 applications received from nonprofit organizations throughout the eastern United States. “Our committee did an excellent job evaluating each application, and when our review was complete, selection of the Dulce Vivir project was unanimous,” said Bruce Nicholson, chairman of the Woodard & Curran Foundation’s Giving Committee, in the foundation news release. EWB-UMaine students were last in Dulce Vivir in March 2011 to begin installation of the sanitation system. The group is aiming to finish the current project before the start of the next Honduran rainy season in June 2012. “Through our project, we are all learning how to use the material we’re studying in class to help people and make a real difference,” said Rita Cooper, who is serving as the project lead and was the EWB-UMaine president last year. “We are very lucky to have such passionate students and great professional mentors who put in time outside of classes and jobs to work together to design and construct this challenging project.” An EWB-UMaine team of five students and three professional mentors is planning to travel to Dulce Vivir during spring break in February and March, depending on whether fundraising goals are met. The group will implement a septic tank and construction of a raised mound leach field. The \$11,000 will go towards materials such as soil, sand, rebar, cement, and timber; construction tools; the plastic septic tanks; travel expenses for the group; and the construction of a small storage shed to protect maintenance equipment from being exposed to weather. EWB-UMaine, which was founded in 2007 and is made up of students and their professional mentors, has been working for four years with Dulce Vivir residents, consulting with the community on its priorities, collecting information needed for the system design, and developing contacts needed to ensure the project’s success. On its first trip to Honduras in 2008, the student group designed a drainage system, which has prevented runoff from the surrounding hills from flooding the area. The residents still have problems with their pour-flush latrines, however. Poor soil conditions and a high groundwater table cause the cesspits connected to the latrines to overflow into backyards, especially during the rainy season. The new septic system designed by EWB-UMaine students will eliminate waste in the backyards and clean the water to prevent environmental and health concerns. To ensure the long-term functionality and sustainability of the project, community members will receive training on how to maintain the system and EWB-UMaine will maintain contact with residents and provide technical support for at least five years. To learn more or donate to the project, go to www.umaine.edu/ewb/ or contact any of the people below. EWB-UMaine is the UMaine chapter of EWB-USA, a nonprofit humanitarian organization established to support community-driven development programs worldwide through partnerships that design and implement sustainable engineering projects. Contact: Dan Gerges, daniel.gerges@umit.maine.edu; Jean MacRae, (207) 581-2137 or jean.macrae@umit.maine.edu; Monica Plante, monica.plante@umit.maine.edu

Community conversation with President Ferguson Thursday

24 Oct 2011

A Community Conversation with President Paul Ferguson Thursday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m. Hauck Auditorium University of Maine President Paul Ferguson will offer his perspectives and first impressions of UMaine as he nears the end of the first quarter of his inaugural year. The conversation will provide an opportunity for President Ferguson to describe the

collaborative process he has initiated -- and will continue -- in shaping a bold-yet-pragmatic vision and plan for UMaine's future. This will also include a timetable for developing a strategy for that future. All members of the UMaine community are invited to join in this conversation on Oct. 27, engaging President Ferguson in discussion about these directions and concepts.

UMaine Researchers Discover Revolutionary Process for Biofuel

24 Oct 2011

Researchers have long been interested in waste products as sources of biofuel. In Maine, those waste items could include treetops and limbs deemed by the forest products industry as unusable and often left behind in the woods. A University of Maine engineer and his research team have, however, discovered a revolutionary new chemical process can transform forest residues, along with other materials such as municipal solid waste, grasses, and construction wastes, into a hydrocarbon fuel oil. Considering the amount of wood in Maine – including around 6 million green tons of additional available biomass, according to a 2008 Maine Forest Service Assessment of Sustainable Biomass Availability– the new fuel has the possibility of 120 million gallons per year of gasoline, diesel, heating oil and kerosene mixtures while providing all the steam and power needs of the processing plants. In addition, the U.S. transportation industry, which is dependent on hydrocarbon fuels because of their high energy density, could benefit from the revolutionary finding. Based on a mixed-carboxylate platform, the new fuel was developed by M. Clayton Wheeler, a UMaine associate professor of chemical and biological engineering, and undergraduate students in his lab. The fuel has been determined to have a number of properties that make it better suited to serve as a drop-in fuel – which refers to the ease of which it can be used in a number of fuel tanks and pipelines – than many hydrocarbon fuels being widely researched and even those currently on the market. In an early round of analysis, the UMaine oil was found to have boiling points that encompass those of jet fuel, diesel, and gasoline. Further refinement to meet emissions standards would be needed in order to use the UMaine oil in vehicles that drive on public ways, but Wheeler believes the oil can be refined as simply as any other current oil at a standard refinery. The process by which the oil is created, known as thermal deoxygenation or TDO, is relatively simple, Wheeler says, and will work on the cellulose found in wood or other substances that contain cellulose or carbohydrates. “The process is unique,” Wheeler says. “No one else in the world is doing this.” The TDO process starts with the conversion of cellulose to organic acids. The acids are combined with calcium hydroxide to form a calcium salt. That salt is heated to 450 degrees Celsius (900 degrees Fahrenheit) in a reactor, which constantly stirs the salt. This produces a reaction resulting in a dark amber-colored oil. The reaction removes nearly all of the oxygen from the oil, which is a key step that distinguishes TDO from other biofuel processes. Oxygen is removed from as both carbon dioxide and water, and without the need for any outside source of hydrogen to remove the oxygen. Therefore, most of the energy in the original cellulose source is contained in the new oil. “Biomass has a lot of oxygen in it. All of that oxygen is dead weight and doesn’t provide any energy when you go to use that as a fuel,” Wheeler says. “If you’re going to make a hydrocarbon fuel, one of the things you have to do is remove oxygen from biomass. You can do it by using hydrogen, which is expensive and also decreases the energy efficiency of your process. So if there’s a way to remove the oxygen from the biomass chemically, then you’ve densified it significantly. Our oil has less than 1 percent oxygenates. No one else has done anything like this.” Researchers in Wheeler’s lab at UMaine recently used unpurified, mixed carboxylates which were produced from grocery store waste such as banana peels, cardboard boxes and shelving to successfully make a batch of the fuel. The use of municipal solid waste illustrates another important point about the potential of the UMaine fuel – it does not require an uncontaminated cellulose source, which makes the TDO process and resulting oil even more attractive. Many other pathways to hydrocarbons require purified feedstocks or intermediates, which adds more complexity and cost to their processes. “You don’t need pure wood or pure cellulose,” says Wheeler. “Anytime you can use something without having to separate it, your costs go down.” Wheeler and his team already have the ability to produce several liters of the fuel per month in the laboratory. The process can be scaled up using equipment and chemicals commonly found in facilities such as some pulp mills. To watch a UMaine video about Wheeler’s process, click [here](#). Contact: Clay Wheeler, (207) 581-2280 or cwheeler@umche.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Martin column in Columbia Journalism Review

25 Oct 2011

The Columbia Journalism Review *Campaign Desk* segment features an Oct. 21 column by Justin Martin, UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Science Honors Preceptor in Journalism. [In the column, "A Grand Year for Free Speech,"](#) Martin analyzes 2011 worldwide news events as they relate to freedom of expression, writing that "the voices of the world's dissenters are getting louder and harder to confront. The world's repressed are audibly putting their enemies on notice."

Story on Upcoming Cohen Lecture

25 Oct 2011

The William S. Cohen Lecture, which will be held Nov. 17 in UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts, was [advanced](#) in the Bangor Daily News. Retired U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones will give this year's lecture, which is organized by UMaine's William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce. The Cohen Center was founded to bring distinguished speakers with informed perspectives on matters related to international policy and commerce to the University of Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Story on Engineer's New Biofuel Process

25 Oct 2011

UMaine chemical and biological engineer Clay Wheeler and the revolutionary process he discovered for turning wood into biofuel was the subject of a story on the Pakistan Today [website](#). The story was based on a recent Reuters report, which noted the simplicity of the process and the high-quality product Wheeler got in his lab. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

BDN Reports on Drop In Residence Hall Burglaries

25 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [report](#) on UMaine crime statistics announced Monday. The report noted burglaries at residence halls have dropped dramatically, something that spokesman Joe Carr attributed to a new building entry system installed in dormitories. Robert Dana, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said safety is one of UMaine's highest priorities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

National Weather Service cites UMaine for storm preparedness

25 Oct 2011

[caption id="attachment_13608" align="alignright" width="300" caption="National Weather Service meteorologists Richard Okulski (l) and Michael Hill with UMaine VP for Finance and Administration Janet Waldron"]



[/caption] National Weather Service officials visited the University of Maine last Friday to officially convey "StormReady" recognition to the university. This designation, valid for three years, means that UMaine has met NWS standards for natural disaster preparedness. In his letter announcing this recognition, Richard Okulski, meteorologist in charge of the NWS operation in Caribou, noted that the university is in

compliance with "rigorous guidelines," including: - the development of severe weather safety plans - the active promotion of severe weather safety initiatives through awareness activities and safety training. Maine has four other StormReady communities and institutions: Bangor, Caribou, Fort Fairfield and the University of Maine at Presque Isle. It is the sixth New England college or university with this designation, joining UMPI, the University of Vermont, Harvard, Boston College and Boston University. *Oct. 25, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](mailto:Joe.Carr@maine.edu) at (207) 581-3571*

Gift in Dearborn's Memory to Help Scientific Diving Students

25 Oct 2011

The University of Maine Scientific Diving Program has received a \$5,000 donation in memory of Distinguished Maine Professor and Professor Emeritus of Marine Sciences John H. Dearborn, and in recognition of his contributions to marine and underwater science. Massachusetts-based J.F. White Contracting Company donated the funding, which will be used to provide financial assistance to UMaine students who are majoring in marine sciences and enrolled in the scientific diving class, which is based at UMaine's Darling Marine Center in Walpole. Chris Rigaud, who serves as the center's diving safety officer, heads up the scientific diving class. UMaine Research Professor Rhian Waller accepted the gift on Oct. 15 during the annual banquet of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences, which was hosted by UMaine and held in Portland. "Dr. John Dearborn was a respected scientist, beloved teacher and perhaps more importantly a man who confronted every adversity with determination and wry humor," said James F. Clark, the vice president of the diving division of J.F. White, a multi-disciplined contracting firm whose capabilities include marine construction, underwater cable installation and repair and deep ocean salvage. Dearborn, who died in November 2010, had a career in zoology and marine sciences at UMaine from 1966 to 1999. His writing and interest in marine animals, especially echinoderms, continued long after his retirement and until his death. Dearborn's fieldwork, begun as a modern pioneer in Antarctic marine biology in the 1950s, took him to many locations, including Antarctica, the Arctic and the Juan Fernandez Islands off the Chilean coast, in addition to a number of dives on research submersibles in the Gulf of Maine. Contact: Chris Rigaud, (207) 563-3146 ext. 232 or crigaud@maine.edu

Barron to co-host Friday radio program

25 Oct 2011

UMaine women's basketball coach Richard Barron will co-host the George Hale/Ric Tyler Show on Friday morning, filling in for Hale. The program runs from 6-9 a.m. on WVOM, 103.9 FM.

Martin publishes column, appears on radio program

25 Oct 2011

The Christian Science Monitor features [an opinion column, "For more innovation at colleges, push faculty to live near campus,"](#) by Justin Martin, UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Science Preceptor in Journalism. In the column, Martin suggests that higher education institutions would benefit in several ways by offering financial incentives for faculty members to live on or near campus. Martin was also interviewed Tuesday for a WLIP (Wisconsin) radio program, discussing a Christian Science Monitor column he wrote about Generation Y back in August.

Benefactors Tom and Sally Savage donate \$500,000 to support Black Bear athletics

26 Oct 2011

Tom (Class of 1968) and Sally Savage of Key Largo, Fla. have donated \$500,000 to help fund University of Maine upgrades to athletics facilities at Alford Arena and Memorial Gym. "Once again, Tom and Sally have overwhelmed us with their extraordinary generosity," says UMaine President Paul Ferguson. "This gift provides a tremendous boost to our efforts to upgrade these facilities, which are critically important to our student-athletes, our coaches and the thousands of fans who enjoy Black Bear sports." Tom Savage is a retired attorney. The Savages, who have a summer home in Searsport, have long been among the university's most generous benefactors. In 2007, they were recognized with UMaine's Stillwater Society Presidential Award, given to university supporters who are notable for extraordinary

achievement in their professional and personal lives. Seventy percent of the donation, \$365,000, is earmarked for the recent renovations at Alford Arena, home to the UMaine ice hockey and basketball programs. That \$4.85 million project features significant infrastructure upgrades including new seating, upgraded ice-making infrastructure and a new air-handling system. The balance of the gift will help fund a \$14 million upgrade to the Memorial Gym and Field House. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees will discuss ratifying the final plan for that project at its November meeting. "Tom and Sally have been great friends to everyone involved in UMaine athletics," says Steve Abbott, UMaine's athletic director. "The Alford Arena upgrades are already making a big difference for our fans and student-athletes, and there's incredible excitement surrounding the Memorial Gym and Field House plans. These developments are only possible because of gifts like this one, and we are most thankful for their support." *Oct. 26, 2011*
Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571

New Steinway Piano in BDN

26 Oct 2011

The upcoming celebration of the new Steinway piano in UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts was the subject of a [story](#) and video on the Bangor Daily News website. Collins Center Associate Director Adele Adkins told the BDN the piano has a big, beautiful voice that fills the hall. The CCA will celebrate the new piano on Wednesday, Nov. 2 in a concert featuring the Irish Chamber Orchestra and renowned pianist Leon Fleischer. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Biofuel Process in R&D Magazine

26 Oct 2011

UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler and the revolutionary process he developed for making biofuel from wood were featured on R&D Magazine's [website](#). The simple process converts cellulose into acids, and those acids are converted into a fuel that is suitable as a drop-in fuel. An Associated Press story on the topic also ran on the website of The Republic newspaper of Columbus, Ohio. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hartman Award Coverage

26 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [story](#) about three Maine women and a UMaine student who have been named winners of the Maryann Hartman Award. Connie Carter, Dr. Dora Anne Mills and Rev. Sue Davies will be honored in a ceremony Wednesday night at UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House. UMaine first-year student Sarah Eaton of Deer Isle will be given the Young Women's Social Justice Award for her work with Looking Out for Teens. The Hartman Award is named for former UMaine teacher and scholar in speech communication Maryann Hartman, who died of cancer in 1980 at the age of 53. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Radio Report on the Problems of Prescription Drug Abuse

26 Oct 2011

A Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio [report](#) on the problems of prescription drug abuse in Maine included comments from Marcella Sorg, a forensic anthropologist in UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center who researches issues related to substance abuse. Sorg told MPBN the state must do a better job educating patients about the risks posed by opiates. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Experts Available to Discuss 'Very Good' Cranberry Crop

26 Oct 2011

This year was a very good year for Maine cranberries, possibly a \$2 million year for growers, according to University of Maine Cooperative Extension cranberry professional Charlie Armstrong. "Many of the growers got record yields for

their particular farms, and were it not for the fact that our largest grower pruned last year, we would probably be looking at a new record for Maine cranberry production" Armstrong says.~"But even with the pruning that was done to half of the cranberry acres in the state after last year's harvest, it wouldn't surprise me if we still surpassed last year's record crop of nearly 30,000 barrels -- or 3 million pounds -- because we had very good cranberry weather this season, overall." Armstrong, who is available to discuss the 2011 cranberry crop and its benefit to the Maine economy, says a nice blend of sunshine and rain allowed many growers to run irrigation systems a few times during the entire season, "which is remarkable," he adds. The value of last year's crop came in at just over \$1million. With a higher prices expected for this year's berries, the value of that same amount of fruit should be closer to \$2 million, he says. "A very encouraging trend that the Maine cranberry industry is witnessing is one of an ever-increasing yield per acre on an individual grower basis," says Armstrong. "I think this speaks to the value of the assistance being given by the University of Maine, as well as to a cooperative spirit of 'grower-helping-grower' that exists in the industry." The Cooperative Extension [website](#) dedicates a page to cranberry-related educational materials for teachers. Armstrong created the page after multiple inquiries from teachers looking for cranberry items and information to use in classrooms around Thanksgiving. Armstrong, in Orono, can be reached at (207) 581-2967. In addition, Extension educator Kathleen Savoie, an expert on canning and preserving foods, jams and jellies, is available in her Cumberland County office in Portland to discuss cranberry recipes and preservation tips. Contact: Charlie Armstrong, (207) 581-2967; Kathy Savoie, (207) 780-4205 or ksavoie@maine.edu

Hermon Youngster Noted for Completion of Extension Program

27 Oct 2011

A Bangor Daily News article on twin brothers Matthew and Ben Nichols [noted](#) that Matt Nichols became last spring one of the youngest people to complete UMaine Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener program, which includes 40 hours of in-depth training in the art and science of horticulture. Nichols had special permission to enroll because he is only 13 years old. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Savage Donation In Newspaper

27 Oct 2011

The Bangor Daily News had a [story](#) about the news that Tom and Sally Savage of Key Largo, Fla., have donated \$500,000 for athletic facilities upgrades. Tom Savage, who graduated from UMaine in 1968, is a retired attorney. The Savages are recipients of UMaine's Stillwater Society Presidential Award, given to university supporters who are notable for extraordinary achievement in their professional and personal lives. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Story on Wind Power Forum

27 Oct 2011

Bangor TV station WLBZ (Channel 2) covered Wednesday's E2Tech forum on the future of wind power in Maine, which was held at UMaine's Wells Conference Center. Gary Hunt, a UMaine economist, was among the speakers. James Labrecque, a local inventor who is a consultant to UMaine's mechanical engineering department, was interviewed for the story and said he believes natural gas is a better alternative energy source than wind. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Biofuel Finding

27 Oct 2011

UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler's work on a revolutionary pathway to biofuel is the lead story Thursday on the Science360 News Service [website](#). Portland TV station WMTW (Channel 8) also noted the finding with an Associated Press story on its website. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hartford Courant Notes UMaine in College Tuition Story

28 Oct 2011

A report on [tuition increases](#) at Connecticut's five public universities compared UMaine to the rest of the flagship universities in New England. The report said UMaine has the lowest charge for tuition and fees of the New England flagships. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bangor Daily News Report on Biofuel

28 Oct 2011

A biofuel discovery made by UMaine chemical engineering Associate Professor Clay Wheeler and students in his lab was the subject of an [article](#) in the Bangor Daily News. The BDN included a UMaine video about the process to make the biofuel. Wheeler told the newspaper the process is unique in its simplicity. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Website Has Engineer's Robot Venus Flytrap

28 Oct 2011

The website PhysOrg [posted](#) a UMaine news release about a robot version of a Venus Flytrap constructed by UMaine's Mohsen Shahinpoor, a mechanical engineering professor. Shahinpoor made the robot out of a nanomaterial he invented several years ago that can be used to mimic muscle function. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Features UMaine Student-Athlete

28 Oct 2011

UMaine junior Yuri Chornobil was the subject of a feature story in the Brighton Pittsford Messenger Post of Brighton, N.Y., for both his achievements in academics and athletics. Chornobil, a Brighton native, is a member of the Black Bears men's swimming and diving team, and a zoology-biology major who is headed to Australia next fall to do field work at the Great Barrier Reef. He will also spend six weeks this spring in the Caribbean for a marine-based science study. UMaine swimming coach Susan Lizzotte told the newspaper Chornobil is a hard worker both in and out of the pool. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Forestry Professionals Tour Research on Maine's Future Forest

28 Oct 2011

Contact: Brian Roth, (207) 581-2861 or brian.roth@maine.edu ORONO, Maine – A diverse group of forest landowners, managers, forest products companies, conservation organizations, and state agencies had a first-hand look Thursday at research focused on options for sustainably managing Maine's northern forests into the future during a field tour hosted by the University of Maine's Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU). Around 90 forestry professionals representing approximately 8.5 million acres of Maine's managed working forests participated in the field tour in Somerset County, which was sponsored by Plum Creek Timber Company. Participants represented organizations such as Baxter State Park, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands, Forest Society of Maine, Katahdin Forest Management, Prentiss & Carlisle Company and others. The tour provided an opportunity for the group to discuss the most pressing issues facing Maine's forest managers by showcasing results from long-term and current forest research in the areas of wood supply, economics, forest pests, harvesting and wildlife habitat. The centerpiece of the tour was a visit to the Austin Pond study site established by CFRU in 1977 to study methods for regenerating the forests that were decimated by the massive spruce budworm outbreak of that era. Participants witnessed the long-term positive effects of management activities such as herbicide application during the 1970s and pre-commercial thinning in the 1980s on the forest stands that exist today. A recent report commissioned by the Maine Department of Conservation found that due to timber management practices after the spruce budworm outbreak, Maine's stock of softwoods such as spruce, fir and pine can handle increased logging over the next 20 years. The CFRU consists of more than 30 member organizations and was created in the middle of the spruce budworm crisis of the mid-1970's. It was one of the first

collaborative efforts of its kind to combine the resources of forest landowners and researchers in the name of finding effective, science-based solutions to ongoing issues and controversies.

UMaine to Build Nation's Only Cellulose Nanofibrils Pilot Plant

28 Oct 2011

ORONO, Maine – The University of Maine's Forest Bioproducts Research Institute is building a pilot-scale plant for manufacturing cellulose nanofibrils (CNF), a wood-based reinforcing material that is increasingly of interest to researchers worldwide looking for super-strong materials that could replicate synthetic plastics. The pilot plant, which is being funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Forest Service, will be the only one of its kind in the nation, and will serve as a source of the material for those who want to explore the uses of cellulose nanofibrils (CNF). Currently, researchers and industrial companies who want to buy the material purchase it from sources in Japan and Germany. "With development of new natural and functional nanomaterials, UMaine will be recognized as an innovator in novel cellulose nanofibril processing," said FBRI Director and UMaine Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering Hemant Pendse, one of the researchers involved with the project. "UMaine will have the ability to process cellulose nanofibrils in ways that open up new markets and applications for cellulose nanocomposites." UMaine is involved in the project with a consortium of six other universities and the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). Last April, UMaine and FPL began a research collaboration on the conversion of wood components into novel nanomaterials, the incorporation of an array of nanomaterials into forest products to increase their functionality, durability, and end use performance, and the development of new generations of high-performance wood-based materials. UMaine will be the sole supplier of CNF to researchers from other universities in the consortium, which include the Georgia Institute of Technology, North Carolina State University, Oregon State University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University and University of Tennessee. Sean Ireland, of pulp and paper industry group TAPPI and Verso Paper in Bucksport, is also involved in the consortium. Applications for the CNF material include automobile components, paint and coating additives, and water filters. Development and commercialization have been hampered by the lack of availability of CNF material in sufficient quantities to conduct meaningful technology demonstrations. This project will address this need by scaling up the mechanical laboratory preparation method to a pilot-scale operation. The grant will fund the purchase of an ultrafine grinder, a piece of equipment which breaks down cellulose-based pulp into a water-based slurry, and a pilot-scale spray dryer, which uses gases to dry the material. The ultrafine grinder will be able to produce about 1,000 pounds of material a day in slurry form. The drying process will produce approximately 1-2 pounds of dry material per day. Both pieces of equipment are expected to be in place next spring in Jenness Hall, the home of UMaine's Process Development Center and FBRI. UMaine already has an operational bench-scale ultrafine grinder. Cellulose nanofibril material is valued because of its strength – a strand of it is as strong as a synthetic fiber such as Kevlar. It takes on different properties depending on how it is dried. When a sample of the CNF slurry is dried with heat, the material becomes hard and strong, and can be cut into different shapes and sizes. When freeze-dried, the material is super-absorbent and insulating. The cellulose nanofibrils are about 1,000 times smaller than paper fibers. The material can be made from any source that contains cellulose, such as wood, grasses, and corn or wheat straw. "If you can make products from nanofibrillated cellulose that normally use plastic, you can reduce the use of petroleum," said Doug Bousfield, UMaine professor of chemical and biological engineering and director of the Paper Surface Science Program who is also collaborating on the project and has already incorporated cellulose nanofibrils in paper coatings. "It makes sense for Maine, and that's what's exciting about it. There is a long list of ideas but it takes resources to try them out. What this project does is put the equipment in place to generate a lot of raw material with which people can experiment." UMaine already produces some cellulose nanofibrils via both mechanical means and chemical means, the latter of which produces cellulose nanocrystals. Doug Gardner, a UMaine professor of wood science and technology and the head of the Nanocomposites Research Group who is also a collaborator, said although the mechanisms are not yet in place for researchers and companies to order the material, there has already been unofficial interest from private industry. The material would not be free for those who want to order it, but UMaine would offer it at a reasonable price. Other UMaine researchers involved include FBRI Associate Director Mike Bilodeau, who is the principal investigator on the project, and UMaine Associate Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering David Neivandt, who is also the director of product development for UMaine's Pulp and Paper Process Development Center. Contact: Hemant Pendse, (207) 581-2290 or Pendse@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Aubert Hall Art Installation Set for October 29

28 Oct 2011

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756 ORONO -- A Portland artist will install a glass sculpture in front of Aubert Hall at the University of Maine Saturday, Oct. 29, a "Percent for Art" project included as part of the Aubert renovations. Portland mixed media artist and photographer Shoshannah White has created an illuminated, three-dimensional, 4-foot-by-4-foot glass cube with a panoramic photograph of an American elm tree imbedded. The work was commissioned by a committee that reviewed proposals from several Maine artists as part of the multi-phased Aubert renovation project, which has been done over the last decade. White's piece "is a beautiful three-dimensional piece that has low lighting and the image of an elm tree," says Lavon Bartel, a retired longtime Cooperative Extension administrator who still serves the university in a variety of ways. She helped coordinate the selection process for the Aubert artwork. Aubert is home to the UMaine Chemistry Department, School of Marine Sciences and Native American Studies. François Amar, chair of the Chemistry Department, says the renovations greatly improved the ambiance in Aubert, using natural light to create bright open spaces in the building. "We have a bright, cheerful and comfortable space," he says. "It feels like a good space to be in. Employees find it a nice place to come to work."

Basketball players deliver tickets

30 Oct 2011

[Saturday's Bangor Daily News reported](#) that members of the UMaine women's basketball team personally delivered season tickets to a few fans in the Bangor/Orono area recently. Coach Richard Barron attributed the idea to Eileen Flaherty, UMaine's associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator.

Multiple reports on Shahinpoor innovation

30 Oct 2011

Several news reports, including one on the British Web site "Wired," and one in [Popular Science](#) describe a new robot developed by UMaine Prof. Mohsen Shahinpoor and collaborators. The robot, built with metallic jaws and sensors, can catch insects. Shahinpoor points out that the material used in the robot could eventually be used in the development of artificial muscles. The innovation is reported in an article in *Bioinspiration and Biometrics*.

Biofuel Discovery on Website

31 Oct 2011

The website [Teru Talk](#) highlighted the news that UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler has developed a new pathway to biofuel from wood and wood-based products. Teru Talk focuses on the clean conversion of waste and biomass to energy, fuels and other commodities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Stephen King in Halloween Editorial

31 Oct 2011

Horror writer and UMaine alumnus Stephen King and his wife Tabitha King, also a writer and a UMaine graduate, were mentioned in a BDN editorial about Halloween. The editorial noted that the Kings give generously to libraries around the state, recreation groups and education efforts, notably to UMaine. The editorial made the link between the King's donation and the story that the Kings meet through Tabitha King's work-study job at UMaine's Fogler Library. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Speakers at Maine Chinese Conference

31 Oct 2011

The Maine Chinese Conference, held last week in Bangor, featured two speakers from UMaine, according to a [Bangor Daily News report](#). Jeff Hecker, dean of UMaine's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and UMaine modern languages Professor Ray Pelletier, both spoke at the conference, which aims to promote educational and business relationships between Maine and China. UMaine graduate student Ning Lu appeared in a photograph in the BDN while attending the conference.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Winter parking rules in effect

31 Oct 2011

The UMaine [Parking Services Office](#) reminds commuters that UMaine's winter parking ban begins tonight and continues through May 1, 2012. During that time period all staff, commuter and visitor lots close at midnight and reopen at 6 a.m. (even if it is not snowing). Please remember that the Bridge Tennis Court Lot and the South College Ave Lot are open for overnight parking, if needed. Feel free to consult a [parking map](#) if you have any questions regarding the location of these lots.

UMaine art museum gallery talk Nov. 9

01 Nov 2011

[University of Maine Museum of Art](#) Director George Kinghorn will host an informal gallery talk at the museum, in downtown Bangor, on Wednesday Nov. 9 at 12 noon. The talk, and accompanying tour, will cover the Carlo Pittore exhibition "Studio Life," at the museum through December 30. The presentation, part of the museum's ART@NOON gallery talk program, is free and open to the public. *Contact: [Kathryn Jovanelli](#) (207) 561-3350*

Harvest for Hunger Collection to Exceed 90 Tons

01 Nov 2011

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension's Maine Harvest for Hunger Program this year generated 179,712 pounds of fresh garden produce donated to charity by volunteer gardeners around the state. Nearly 500 volunteer gardeners in about a dozen counties this year donated the nearly 90 tons of vegetables and fruit to 114 food pantries, shelters or charitable organizations around the state, according to Extension educator Barbara Murphy in the South Paris Oxford County office. Murphy, who oversees the program, values the produce at \$303,713, based on a sales price averaging \$1.69 per pound. The number of participants more than doubled from 200 in 2010 and the number of organizations benefiting from the gardeners' generosity more than tripled, from 45 last year. Murphy calculated that farmers and gardeners collectively logged 5,890 hours in this year's Harvest for Hunger effort. Murphy considers the program, which is still receiving donated produce as the growing season winds down, highly successful given the challenging, if not poor, growing conditions throughout much of the summer. Inconsistent rain, combined with hot, dry periods, took an especially large toll on winter squash, "which always adds tons to the totals," she says. Donated fruits and vegetables have increased in volume each year, as has the number of gardeners participating, in addition to the need, Murphy says. Since 2000, volunteers have donated almost 542 tons of fresh produce to the Extension's Harvest for Hunger program. For information and details on future participation, Murphy can be reached by email at [mailto:Barbara.murphy@maine.ed] Barbara.murphy@maine.edu or by telephone at 1-800-287-1482 in Maine. Participating counties producing the most produce for the program are listed in order: Kennebec, Penobscot, York, Oxford, Washington, Hancock, Franklin, Cumberland, and Knox, Waldo and Lincoln combined, Piscataquis and Somerset. In addition, Highmoor Farm in Monmouth and university experimental gardens contributed more than 6 tons. Murphy says with as much as 20,000 pounds anticipated from Androscoggin and Penobscot counties, the grand total could reach 100 tons, the amount donated in 2010. Contact: Barbara Murphy, 743-6329, 1-800-287-1482 (toll free in Maine) or e-mail [mailto:barbara.murphy@maine.ed] barbara.murphy@maine.edu

Newspaper Report on Alfond Arena Upgrades

01 Nov 2011

A [Bangor Daily News report](#) on the new chiller system under the ice at Alfond Arena noted some on-ice issues during Saturday night's UMaine men's hockey game against Providence College. Scott White, the Alfond Arena operations manager, said there were some problems regulating the temperature of the ice, but that is normal for a new chiller system and should work itself out in a few weeks. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Letter Notes UMaine Wind Power Research

01 Nov 2011

A [letter to the editor](#) in New Hampshire's Hampton Union newspaper about the topic of nuclear power plants mentioned UMaine's research into the potential for deepwater offshore wind energy. The letter argued that wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine might make unnecessary the restart of a nuclear reactor in New Hampshire. UMaine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center is researching deepwater offshore wind energy. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Biofuel Discovery

01 Nov 2011

Two websites ran stories about the findings of UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler, who has discovered a relatively simple pathway to take wood and convert it into biofuel. BioRefining Magazine noted that the process removes most of the oxygen from the oil, a key step that distinguishes Wheeler's process from other methods. The website [Oil Price](#) said the whole of the U.S. transportation system could benefit from the finding. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

MaineBiz Story on Clean Tech Corridor

01 Nov 2011

UMaine's Office of Industrial Cooperation was mentioned in a MaineBiz magazine story about the Maine Clean Tech Corridor, a collaborative campaign to encourage clean tech investment and to attract to Maine small to medium-sized clean tech companies that cannot easily or affordably access necessary services elsewhere in New England. Tom Brubaker, the head of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, told MaineBiz UMaine has the researchers and the former Brunswick Naval Air Station has plenty of space for small to medium-sized clean technology companies to open offices and labs. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Channel 5 Covers Maine Business School Job Fair

01 Nov 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) on Monday covered the Maine Business School's Job and Internship Fair, attended by UMaine students and more than 30 companies interested in meeting potential employees or interns. Nory Jones, director of graduate business programs, was among those interviewed. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension's Hopkins Wins Coveted Maple Syrup Award

01 Nov 2011

Kathryn Hopkins, University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator in the Somerset County office in Skowhegan, who co-founded the New England Maple Grading School in 2003, has received this year's international Golden Maple Leaf Award for developing and running the program. The annual fall event, now called the Maple Grading School, is scheduled through 2014, when Nova Scotia will host it. The school is supported by the International Maple Syrup Institute and moves around the country to make it more accessible to those in the maple syrup industry. Hopkins also

has been invited to speak at two state maple associations' annual meetings of this coming year, in New Hampshire and Indiana. Contact: Kathryn Hopkins, (207) 474-9622

Gabe in El Paso news story

01 Nov 2011

Todd Gabe of the UMaine School of Economics faculty was quoted in an El Paso Times story based on his research study "Knowledge in Cities," published in 2010. The study labels El Paso as a "Comforting Region" where the economy is based on "above average knowledge in customer and personal service and mental-health-related fields, and below average knowledge in engineering and production fields."

Business Job Fair in MPBN Report

02 Nov 2011

This week's UMaine Business Job Fair was featured in a Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio report about why the unemployment rate in the State of Maine is lower than the national average. Therese Hursh, a UMaine accounting student who is in school to earn her undergraduate degree after more than 20 years in the workforce, was interviewed for the story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cosgrove Mentioned in Stadium Fundraising Story

02 Nov 2011

UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove was mentioned in a Bangor Daily News story about an effort to build a new football stadium for Bangor High School. Cosgrove, a Bangor School Department parent, is serving on a board of directors for the Friends of Cameron Stadium fundraising group. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Reports on Extension Gardening Program

02 Nov 2011

A UMaine Cooperative Extension kids' gardening program was the subject of a news item in the Current Publishing newspapers in southern Maine. The Kids Can Grow program, which started in 1999 and has grown to encompass most of Maine and parts of New Hampshire, is now going national through a website. The program, founded by Frank Wertheim, the educator at Extension's York County office, teaches children the basics of growing vegetables in a community garden and also fosters civic responsibility by donating vegetables to local shelters. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Mahon set for presentation in Australia

02 Nov 2011

John Mahon, the John M. Murphy Chair of International Business Policy and Strategy in the Maine Business School, is scheduled for a Thursday presentation at the [Centre for Corporate Public Affairs'](#) Heads of Function and Senior Practitioners dinner in Sydney, Australia. [Mahon, a scholar and consultant with an international profile](#) in the area of corporate issues management, will give a talk, "Why poor issues management will ruin good corporate reputations."

Folklife Center project reported

02 Nov 2011

The mid-coast news organization Village Soup reported on the [Maine Song and Story Sampler](#) from the Maine Folklife Center. That Web site, with associated lesson plans for K-12 teachers, was created by Folklife Center director Pauleena

MacDougall and history graduate student Josh Paradis. The site features video and audio files depicting songs and stories, along with other information that helps describe the work and its significance. Prof. Joline Blais and UMaine New Media students designed the site, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ferguson Featured in Maine Sunday Telegram Guest Column

23 Oct 2011

A [Maine Sunday Telegram](#) guest column featured President Paul Ferguson where he spoke about getting young Mainers on the fast track to success.

WABI Reports on Ferguson's Surprise Visit to UMaine Football Team

01 Nov 2011

WABI (Channel 5) reported on a surprise visit by President Paul Ferguson to the University of Maine Football team.

Extension 4-H Program Inspires Students' Sustainability Projects

02 Nov 2011

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has received renewed funding for a 4-H program that has introduced hundreds of middle and high school students to sustainable lifestyle practices and inspired them to positively influence their schools and communities through service-learning activities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture recently allocated \$140,000, the third installment of a five-year, \$660,000 grant-funded 4-H project. The grant focuses on "at risk" youth in schools and school districts with high eligibility rates for the National School Lunch program, according to Bryant Pond program director Ryder Scott. The program introduces entire middle and high school classes to service-learning, sustainability and, ultimately, leadership toward those ends. Since the Maine Sustainable Communities project started three years ago, more than 35 middle and high school classes from throughout Maine have participated at either Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Western Maine or Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Lincolnville. Scott has been impressed with the results. In 2009, Buckfield Middle School students left the five-day residential experience to go home and start a school garden. The students last year decided to raise honeybees to improve garden pollination, Scott says, and the garden won a statewide award this year from Maine Agriculture in the Classroom. "We teach principles of ecology, environmental studies and principles of sustainability, conservation, recycling and reuse and ecology, and combined with that -- and this is the unique part -- we have combined it with a service-learning curriculum," Scott says. "Our intent is to spark an interest in change -- making communities and schools more environmentally and ecologically sustainable." Students learn, for instance, about organic foods and composting by hauling kitchen and meal scraps to a compost site after camp meals as part of that sustainability package, Scott says. The Maine Sustainable Communities Project civically engages youngsters, who often feel powerless to effect change in an adult world, he says. During the typical two- to three-day camp experience, 4-H staff and teachers guide students through a facilitated process where they're asked how they would make life better in their community. Then they create an action plan. Both Bryant Pond and Tanglewood "have supported lots of successful programs that the students have conceived during their experiences at the 4-H camps," Scott says. "I've been an outdoor educator for 15 years, and for me, the service-learning component is the biggest success story for us. By integrating service-learning and sustainability into a program, it's more than a knowledge transfer lesson," he says. "The implicit message is we're all connected and action matters. Student participation is important. You're exposing them. You're giving them a true sense of empowerment. I have to believe it's a life-long lesson." The program is one of several overseen by Extension professor Cathy Elliott, a founding member of the National Network for Sustainable Living Education who teaches and conducts research and presentations on sustainability. She and Kristy Ouellette, Extension educator for 4-H Youth and Family Development, in the Lisbon Falls office, are the principal investigators for the grant. Contact: Ryder Scott, (207) 665-2935; Cathy Elliott, (207) 581-2902

College of Liberal Arts Announces New Undergraduate Research Fellowships

02 Nov 2011

Dean Jeffrey Hecker has announced the recipients of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fellowships for 2011-12. The fellowships were developed to enhance and increase undergraduate student involvement in faculty-supervised research and creative activity. Each fellowship provides a \$1,400 award for the student, and additional funding, if needed, to cover costs associated with the project. This year's fellowships were supported with funds from the Intensive English Institute. Fellowship recipients are: Kristina Anderson, "Ruminations as Transdiagnostic Factors in Psychological Disorders," (adviser Sandra Sigmon); Jaclyn Bogner, "Moderating Role of Sexist Events on Beliefs about Appearance in Women with Eating Psychopathologies," (adviser Sandra Sigmon); Jonathan Cole, "Virtual Simulations of Age-related Impairment," (adviser Nicholas Giudice); Ashley Conley, "Effects of Emotion Regulation on Interpretation and Recall of Neutral Faces in Depression," (adviser Lira Yoon); Alisha Gagnon, "Coping and Dual Vulnerability Model of Seasonal Affective Disorder," (adviser Sandra Sigmon); Christopher Goodwin, "Improving Accuracy of Gold Nanocluster Simulations Using a Two Temperature Model," (adviser Francois Amar); and Joshua Leger, "Visual Augmentation for Aging and Navigation," (adviser Nicholas Giudice). Also, Kristin Kirouac, "'Arctic War?': Examining the Possibility of Armed Conflict in the Arctic," (adviser Seth Singleton); Avner Maiberg, "Simulating Spread of Disease using Household Epidemiological Model," (adviser David Hiebeler); Cynthia Merrill, "Birdsacre Wildlife Sanctuary: A New Media Narrative told through Cordelia's Eyes," (adviser Bill Kuykendall); Sarah Nichols, "Swan's Island New Media Memory Project," (adviser Bill Kuykendall); Jack Obery, "Effects of Suggestion on Dream Recall Frequency," (adviser Lira Yoon); Emma Strubell, "Simulating Spread of Disease Using Household Epidemiological Model," (adviser David Hiebeler); Olivia Teer, "Cognitive Predictors of Generalized Anxiety Disorders," (adviser Sandra Sigmon); and Anna Werner, "Grow It Yourself: An Alternative Reality Game for Gardeners," (adviser Joline Blais). Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-4756

BDN Features Literacy Volunteer Phil Locke, Former Math Professor

02 Nov 2011

The Weekly section of the Bangor Daily News carried a [feature story](#) about retired UMaine math professor Phil Locke, who has received a WLBZ "2 Those Who Care" John W. Coombs award for his community service work. Locke spends his time now as an English language teacher for Literacy Volunteers of Bangor, helping with Orono Bog Boardwalk maintenance, collecting wildlife data for state fish and wildlife officials, and playing violin on Marsh Island, the article says. The award ceremony will be televised Nov. 5 on Channel 2 (WLBZ). Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

TV Report on Day of the Dead Celebration

03 Nov 2011

Bangor TV station WVII covered Wednesday's Day of the Dead celebration held at UMaine's Hudson Museum. Local schoolchildren learned about the holiday, an aspect of indigenous Mexican culture, which honors the deceased. Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777

Website Notes Extension Professor's Participation in Dairy Project

03 Nov 2011

Richard Kersbergen, UMaine Cooperative Extension professor of sustainable dairy and forage systems, will take part in a multi-state project to help organic dairy farmers better produce and market their milk, according to the website [EurekaAlert](#). The 4-year, \$2.9 million U.S. Department of Agriculture project, which is being led by the University of New Hampshire, also includes researchers from Vermont and Cornell. Contact: Jessica Bloch 207-581-3777

Halog Receives Global Sustainability Research Fellowship

03 Nov 2011

Anthony Halog, assistant UMaine professor in Industrial Ecology, LCA and Systems Sustainability, has been awarded a

month-long [Japan Society for the Promotion of Science](#) (JSPS) "bridge" research fellowship to establish research networks with Japanese researchers. Halog is a previous recipient of a JSPS two-year postdoctoral fellowship. The new grant is awarded to create and strengthen interdisciplinary, international scientific networks for research activities to develop new and effective global environmental and sustainability strategies to reduce global warming and pursue a low-carbon economy. He intends to strengthen relationships with leading Japanese scientists and scholars at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, National Institute of Environmental Studies, University of Tokyo, United Nations University and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. He also will introduce Japanese students to graduate studies options in industrial ecology and environmental sustainability at UMaine's School of Forest Resources. Contact: Anthony Halog, (207) 581-2944

Computer Engineering Students Tops in International Competition

03 Nov 2011

UMaine computing engineering students recently placed first and second in the Northeastern United States in an international programming competition, and in the top 100 of 1,500 teams from around the world. Three teams from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering participated in the fifth IEEEExtreme International Programming contest in late October. Competition results were announced this week, revealing that two of the UMaine teams won first and second places in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Region 1, which includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. Team members will receive plaques and certificates for their achievement. The team Megaflops, winning first in the Northeastern Region, included Jason Monk, Aaron McCollough and Forrest Flagg. The team ShortCircuits won second. Its members were Gabriel Noblesmith, Alexander Arseneau and Corey Birdsall. Megaflops and ShortCircuits solved nine and eight questions, respectively, and ranked 75th and 91st out of 1,500 teams worldwide. Nationally, their ranking was 13th and 21st. The IEEE's programming contest is a global competition, with more than 4,000 students from more than 65 countries participating this year. Teams have 24 hours to solve 15 questions dealing with topics like optimization, spatial movement and other computer algorithms. Teams are ranked on the number of questions solved and the time taken to solve them. Volunteer proctors professors Yifeng Zhu and David Kotecki of the UMaine computer engineering faculty sat with the teams to oversee the process. Contact: Yifeng Zhu, (207) 581-2499

President announces strategic planning group

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A message from [President Ferguson](#), announcing the composition of UMaine's Strategic Planning Leadership Team It is with great pleasure that I announce the composition of the Leadership Team that will be working with me and Linda Silka to bring together ideas for UMaine's Strategic Plan for excellence for the next five years. The membership brings together all segments of the university community to work together to hear ideas for how we build on our strengths and plan strategies for ensuring that UMaine continues to develop as the flagship campus. These thought leaders will help guide the important process in inclusive ways. I look forward to working with them and with you as we develop together a plan for the future. Strategic Planning Leadership Team President Paul Ferguson (Chair) Linda Silka (Project Facilitator) Director, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Kristen Andresen University Relations/Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors Robin Arnold Classified Employees Advisory Council Gail Garthwait Associate Professor, Instructional Technology (EDHD) Ben Goodman Undergraduate Student/BOT Student Trustee Dana Humphrey Dean, College of Engineering Brianna Hughes Doctoral Student/BOT Graduate Student Representative George Jacobson Professor Emeritus Scott Johnson Professor of Earth Sciences Jan Kristo Professor and Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development Distinguished Maine Professor Laurie LaChance President, Maine Development Foundation/UMaine Board of Visitors Laura Lindenfeld Associate Professor of Communication and Journalism Judy Josiah-Martin Director of Multicultural Programs, Division of Student Affairs Jim Page President, Sewall Co./UMaine Board of Visitors Kenda Scheele Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs Mike Swartz Professional Employees Advisory Council Howard Segal Professor of History Bob Strong Professor of Finance/NCAA Faculty Representative John Rebar Director, Cooperative Extension Robert Rice Professor of Wood Science/BOT Faculty Representative John Simpson Member, UMaine Foundation Board of Directors Jeff St. John Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Assessment Dan Sturup Interim Director, Auxiliary Services Jake Ward Assistant VP

for Research, Economic Development, and Governmental Relations

Grad student recognized for research project

03 Nov 2011

Karen Hutchins, a University of Maine Ph.D. candidate in Communication and Journalism and a graduate research assistant for [Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative](#), was recognized by the National Science Foundation for her research poster on partnerships between universities and municipalities. That recognition came at NSF's National EPSCoR Conference in October. Hutchins won the Judges' Pick Runner-Up Prize for her poster "Linking Knowledge with Action Through Municipality-University Partnerships: Predicting Interest in and Preference for Partnerships." The poster presents preliminary results from Hutchins' new statewide survey of 1,176 Maine municipal officials. Hutchins and her colleagues found that the strongest predictor of municipal officials' interest in developing partnerships with universities is their belief that researchers can help solve problems in their communities. The study also found that trust and past experience with university and college researchers significantly influence these partnerships. "The survey shows that there's a strong potential for partnerships," Hutchins says, noting that more than 50 percent of respondents indicated that they were likely or very likely to be interested in pursuing a partnership with university researchers. Hutchins observes that researchers and municipal officials are focusing on some of the same issues, such as energy production, but that academic institutions need to make more effort to reach out to communities. "Universities and colleges need to do a better job connecting with communities so that both parties understand that they can benefit from each other's knowledge and resources, thus improving the likelihood of developing partnerships and creating sustainable solutions to pressing issues in Maine." Ongoing research by Hutchins and her colleagues will help improve these connections. Their findings will contribute to models for strengthening collaboration between researchers and community stakeholders. Study co-authors include UMaine faculty members Laura Lindenfeld, Communication and Journalism; Linda Silka, director, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center; Kathleen Bell, School of Economics; and Jessica Leahy, School of Forest Resources. Hutchins and her colleagues are members of the Maine Sustainability Solutions Initiative's Knowledge-to-Action Collaborative, an interdisciplinary team of researchers working to improve communication between university researchers and community stakeholders. Launched with a 5-year, \$20 million EPSCoR grant from the National Science Foundation in 2009, SSI creates and supports innovative research partnerships between Maine's colleges and universities and stakeholders and communities throughout the state to help find solutions to intersecting economic, social and environmental problems. It is among the nation's largest and most innovative research programs in sustainability science. Nov. 3, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571

Police investigating damaged signs

04 Nov 2011

University of Maine police are asking for the public's help as they investigate a recent rash of sign vandalism on campus. Five building signs have been kicked and damaged since Wednesday, Oct. 26. Those signs are the blue markers for Cutler Health Center, Cumberland Hall, Aubert Hall, Oak Hall and Libby Hall. Police have recovered some physical evidence. They also ask anyone with information on these incidents to call the police department at 581-4040 or report anonymously online at the [UMaine Police Department Web site](#). The damage to each sign is estimated at \$1,200, mostly attributable to damage to the protective coating that prevents rust and corrosion. *Nov. 4, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571*

News Media Reports UMaine \$201,000 Red Tide Research Grant

04 Nov 2011

Multiple news outlets, from the [Bangor Daily News](#) to the website of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), reported on a \$201,187 federal grant awarded by NOAA to scientists at the University of Maine School of Marine Sciences for a three-year project to investigate methods for early detection of toxic Alexandrium blooms, or red tide. The agency has pledged a total of \$574,028 over the next three years. Contact: Laurie Connell, 581-2470

Coastal Paper Covers UMaine Wind Power Forum

04 Nov 2011

[The Rockland-based Free Press](#) newspaper carried a report on the Oct. 26 wind power forum held at the University of Maine, which provided a panel discussion of the topic by experts, including UMaine professor Gary Hunt of the School of Economics. Hunt has studied the cost of wind power generation and said wind energy is competitive when the hidden costs associated with the extraction and burning of fossil fuels are considered. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Sorg Interviewed for Story on Maine Drug Overdose Deaths

04 Nov 2011

University of Maine associate professor Marcella Sorg, director of the Rural Drug and Alcohol Research Program at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, was interviewed for an article in the Village Soup's Herald Gazette about a new report from the Centers for Disease Control on the three-fold increase in drug overdose deaths in the U.S. between 1999 and 2008. Sorg said methadone and oxycodone are the primary drugs causing fatal overdoses in Maine. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Sandweiss comments in Science story

04 Nov 2011

UMaine anthropologist Dan Sandweiss was quoted extensively in an Oct. 21 story in Science, looking at new evidence suggesting a human presence in the Americas 13,800 years ago. That date precedes the Clovis culture, long believed to be the New World's first, by almost 1,000 years. The new findings, developed by a group led by Texas A&M's Michael Waters, are based on sophisticated research techniques that place pre-Clovis hunters on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Sandweiss, who also serves as associate provost and dean of the graduate school, points out that the coastal location of this evidence is significant and that it "point(s) to a more widespread and complex early settlement system than some might have suspected."

Former National Security Advisor Jones to present UMaine Cohen lecture

04 Nov 2011

Retired U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones, who served as the first National Security Advisor in the Obama administration, will visit the University of Maine on Thursday, Nov. 17 to deliver a William S. Cohen Lecture. The talk is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts. Cohen, the Bangor native who represented Maine in Congress for 24 years and served as Secretary of Defense in the Clinton administration, will also participate in the event, joining Jones for a discussion in a moderated Q&A-type format. The subject will be the Arab Spring, a series of protests in the Arab world during the past several months. Jones, 67, is a Kansas City, Mo. native who graduated from Georgetown University in 1966 and was commissioned as Marine Corps second lieutenant in 1967. A Vietnam veteran, he served the Marine Corps in a variety of leadership roles, earning promotion to the rank of brigadier general in 1992. In 1999, Jones was promoted to the rank of general and he was named 32nd commandant of the Marine Corps, a post he held until 2003, when he became Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe. He retired from the military on Feb. 1, 2007, after 40 years of service. Jones' term as National Security Advisor ran from Jan. 20, 2009 through his resignation on Oct. 8, 2010. The lecture series is a function of UMaine's William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, established in 1997. Cohen, who is a former UMaine business faculty member, donated his collection of papers chronicling his Congressional career to UMaine's Fogler Library when the center was established. In January of 2001, Cohen gave the papers from his tenure as Secretary of Defense to the university. Cohen delivered the first lecture in the series in March of 1998; Madeleine Albright, then Secretary of State, followed in October of 1999; retired U.S. Senator and former astronaut John Glenn delivered the Cohen Lecture in May of 2001, followed two years later by former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Former CBS News

correspondent Dan Rather gave a Cohen lecture presentation in 2005; Washington Post journalist and author Bob Woodward visited UMaine in 2007; Attorney General Eric Holder gave the most recent talk in the series, in October 2009. The Cohen Lecture was established to bring to UMaine a distinguished speaker with informed perspectives on matters related to international policy and commerce. Free tickets to the event are available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending should contact the Maine Center for the Arts Box Office at 581-1755 or 1-800-MCA-TIXX. Box office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Oct. 24, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3571*

Brewer comments in Maine politics stories

06 Nov 2011

Mark Brewer of the UMaine political science faculty was interviewed for a [Seacoast Online story](#) looking ahead to Tuesday's statewide election. Brewer thinks turnout could be as high as 35 percent, due in part to significant television advertising related to the referendum questions. He also commented in a Lewiston Sun Journal story looking at the state of Maine's laws that allow for public financing of political campaigns.

Coverage of Red Tide Grant

07 Nov 2011

Several news outlets noted the news that UMaine has been awarded a grant to study early detection methods for red tide, a toxin found in some mudflat where shellfish are harvested and which can lead to a potentially fatal human illness. Portland's WGME TV station covered the announcement, and the Boston Herald ran an Associated Press story on its website. Laurie Connell of UMaine's School of Marine Sciences is the lead researcher on the grant. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Jersey Newspaper Feature on Smith

07 Nov 2011

UMaine football player Warren Smith was the subject of a [feature story](#) in the Press of Atlantic City newspaper. The New Jersey native, a quarterback for the Black Bears, has led UMaine to a 7-2 overall record so far this fall. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Economics Researchers Probe Potential Savings in Trash

07 Nov 2011

A fully functional table saw, a \$45 flashlight, a bag of canned food, baby strollers, car seats, plastic toys, bowling balls and returnable bottles and cans are some of the things residents of Maine communities have thrown in the trash this past summer and fall. Those discarded items could have been reused or recycled, according to George Criner, professor and director of the University of Maine School of Economics, who is overseeing a statewide trash analysis project to determine the contents of Maine's residential trash. The research, commissioned by the Maine Office of State Planning, will help state and municipal policymakers understand for the first time in more than a decade just what people are throwing away that might be reused, recycled or composted, instead of buried or incinerated. The economic implications of recycling and composting more and discarding less could influence consumer behavior in addition to policy. Early results have revealed that almost 20 percent of the household waste recently examined in 17 communities in 14 counties could have been recycled. If food and miscellaneous non-recyclable paper were composted, the household sector could divert roughly one-half of all waste from the landfill or incinerator, says Criner, the principal investigator of the state-funded project. "Solid waste management is costly, and is not going to get any less expensive," Criner says. "One purpose of the study is to update previous estimates on the content of Maine household garbage. Knowing the contents of the waste stream is helpful in designing effective and efficient recycling programs. Once all the data is in, we will correlate recycling rates with municipal programs. For example, does the data bear out our expectation that municipalities with pay-as-your-throw systems have higher recycling levels, and if so, by how much?" The study is particularly important as more municipalities consider moving to single-stream recycling, and as many communities in

the greater Bangor area are beginning to weigh the future of local solid waste management as waste-to-energy plant contracts are due to expire in 2018, says Criner, who has researched solid waste management issues since the late 1980s. Whether trash is recycled, composted or burned in waste-to-energy plants, each option has an economic consequence. Some alternatives are more profitable than others, and some are extremely costly. Economics undergraduate Travis Blackmer of Dedham, one of the students coordinating the analysis, compares selling a tractor-trailer load of recycled materials, such as compacted milk jugs, to a recycler for thousands of dollars with paying out thousands of dollars in hauling and disposal fees. Once people understand "this is what's in Maine's trash and this is the money we're leaving on the table," more people will embrace recycling and waste stream reduction, he says. "Towns are glad for the waste composition assessment," says Karl-dieter Chandler, a civil engineering student from Bartlett, N.H. who is coordinating the project with Blackmer and David Silver, a Ph.D. candidate in ecology and environmental science from Orono. "They want the data in hand to get townspeople on board." The project is mid-way through its second sort. On designated sorting days at each site in July and August, researchers analyzed 400-700 pounds waste per day in the 17 participating municipalities -- separating, sorting, weighing and documenting 65 subcategories of materials in the garbage. A second team is now revisiting and combing through trash in the same communities to compare "seasonal" garbage variations. The project will end in early 2012 with each participating municipality getting a report, in addition to the publication of a paper outlining the study results. "We will always have garbage, but we don't have to keep the status quo in dealing with it," Criner says. The research is showing that while the content of the trash is different from town to town, a general theme is emerging. "Maine can do better with recycling," he says. Contact: George Criner, (207) 581-3151; Karl Chandler, (207) 461-3516; Travis Blackmer, (207) 735-4574

Mark Woodward to moderate Cohen Lecture discussion

07 Nov 2011

Former Bangor Daily News executive editor Mark Woodward will moderate a discussion involving former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen and Retired U.S. Marine General James Jones, the first National Security Advisor in the Obama Administration, on [Thursday Nov. 17 at the University of Maine](#). The moderated discussion on the Arab Spring, a series of protests in the Arab world during the past several months, represents a new format for UMaine's William S. Cohen Lecture Series, which began in 1998. Cohen, the Bangor native who represented Maine in Congress for 24 years before joining President Clinton's cabinet, established the series when he donated the collection of his papers to the university's Fogler Library. The Nov. 17 event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at UMaine's Collins Center for the Arts. Free tickets to the event are available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending should contact the Maine Center for the Arts Box Office at 581-1755 or 1-800-MCA-TIXX. Box office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

UMaine pep rally to support the Black Bears

08 Nov 2011

The University of Maine is planning a Thursday, Nov. 10 pep rally in support of the Black Bear football team. It is scheduled for 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Memorial Union's Maine Marketplace. The marching band and cheerleaders will perform in the atrium outside the UMaine bookstore, while speakers including President Paul Ferguson and football coach Jack Cosgrove will fire up the crowd as the Black Bears move toward their last home game of the regular season, Saturday Nov. 12 at 12:30 p.m. against UMass. The Black Bears are 7-2, with a 5-1 record in Colonial Athletic Association play. They are ranked 13th nationally and moving toward a spot in the Football Championship Subdivision national playoffs. Thursday's pep rally will also provide an opportunity to recognize some of the other fall sports teams that have had successful seasons, including the field hockey team that finished the season with a 16-4 record and may qualify for the NCAA tournament field, which will be announced Tuesday evening. The men's and women's cross country teams are also preparing for Saturday's NCAA qualifier competition. The cross-country season's highlight to date has been the performance of senior Riley Masters, who won the America East men's individual championship for the second consecutive year. Those competitive successes lie against the backdrop of continuing outstanding academic performances by UMaine student-athletes. A recent summary of those academic achievements, based on the 2010-2011 academic year, notes that ten Black Bear teams had cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better while the average for student-athletes in America East sports was 3.11. Coach Scott Atherley's women's soccer team is set to receive the

2011 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for its impressive 3.42 2010-2011 team GPA.

Baseball Coach Featured in Outdoors Story

08 Nov 2011

Steve Trimper, the head coach of the UMaine baseball team, was featured in a Green Outdoors segment on WCSH6 TV. Trimper said in the segment he enjoys hunting and scouting hunting grounds. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

MPBN Story on Garbage Study

08 Nov 2011

Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio has a story about a study of Maine's garbage being done by George Criner, a professor in UMaine's School of Economics. Criner told MPBN the aim of the study is to document what is in the household waste stream of 17 Maine communities so that municipalities and state policy-makers can make wise decisions. UMaine economics undergraduate Travis Blackmer and Karl Chandler, who are working with Criner, were also interviewed for the story. The Village Soup website ran a UMaine news release about the study. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer in AP Report on Gambling Initiatives

08 Nov 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer was interviewed for an Associated Press [report](#), which appeared on the Boston Globe website, about the gambling proposals on Tuesday's ballot. Brewer told the AP some voters might be weary of seeing casino proposals in election after election but the geographic scope of the proposals and their potential impact on already-approved casinos should spark interest among voters statewide. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Kaye in Channel 5 Report on Older Adult Drug Addiction

08 Nov 2011

Len Kaye, director of the University of Maine Center on Aging, was interviewed for a special Channel 5 (WABI) report Monday on the problem of older adults becoming addicted to prescription medications. Mixing them with alcohol or homeopathic remedies, the wrong combination of pills, or even taking them at the wrong time, can lead a senior to become addicted to drugs, Kaye says. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

2011 Millay Prize Going to Master's Student, Poet Jason Canniff

08 Nov 2011

The University of Maine National Poetry Foundation will present this year's Frank and Helene Crohn Edna St. Vincent Millay Prize to Maine native and master's candidate Jason Canniff, a non-traditional student who teaches college composition and is poetry editor for The Stolen Island Review, the graduate literary magazine at UMaine. Canniff and this year's competition judge, nationally known poet David Trinidad, will offer readings during a ceremony Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Jenness Hall's Soderberg Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. The annual Millay poetry prize comes with a \$1,500 cash award. Originally from Mid-coast Maine, Canniff attended the University of Maine, studying English and working as a photography editor for The Maine Campus and as a part-time photographer for the Bangor Daily News. Canniff took time off in 2002 to explore a career in hospitality management and became involved in community projects. He resumed classes at UMaine in 2010 and worked with poet and associate professor Jennifer Moxley while serving as the assistant to the New Writing Series. He finished his creative manuscript "Shading Strings" and received a B.A. in English with highest honors from the Honors College in May 2011. Trinidad teaches poetry at Columbia College Chicago, where he co-edits the journal "Court Green." His most

recent book, "Dear Prudence: New and Selected Poems," has just been published. His other books include "The Late Show," with coauthor D.A. Powell, and "Plasticville." He also edited "A Fast Life: The Collected Poems of Tim Dlugos." Contact: Steve Evans, (207) 356-5921

TV News Interviews Student Researchers about Red Tide Grant

08 Nov 2011

Channel 2 (WLBZ) and Channel 7 (WVII) interviewed UMaine Ph.D. candidates Janice Duy and Amber Bratcher Monday for news reports about the research the students are doing with School of Marine Sciences research professor Laurie Connell on earlier detection of the toxic algae Alexandrium, commonly known as red tide, which can cause paralytic shellfish poisoning. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recently allocated \$574,028 for the research, a collaborative project with the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine's Dagher Named Chamber of Commerce Award Winner

08 Nov 2011

ORONO, Maine – The Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that Habib Dagher, the founding director of the University of Maine's AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, has been named the winner of the chamber's Catherine Lebowitz Award for Public Service. Dagher will receive the award, which is given to an individual from the public sector who has advanced the cause of economic opportunity in the Bangor region, during the chamber's annual awards dinner and ceremony on Jan. 19, 2012 at the Bangor Civic Center. Dagher is a professor of civil/structural engineering at UMaine and Bath Iron Works professor of structural engineering. Established by the National Science Foundation in 1996, the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center is a world leader in the development of cost-effective, high performance hybrid composite materials for construction applications. Under Dagher's leadership, the center has grown from 4 to 40 associated faculty and full-time staff in 10 years and annually employs more than 100 graduate and undergraduate students from an interdisciplinary mix of academic departments. The center does contract research for private companies worldwide, as well as U.S. government agencies, generating nearly \$10 million in external annual research and development funding. Recently, AEWCA received \$15 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for the formation of the DeepCwind Consortium for the development of offshore wind energy off Maine's coast. In addition to AEWCA's research program developing offshore wind technologies, the center will open the Offshore Wind Lab in 2012. This lab provides Maine with a unique facility for designing, manufacturing and testing of components for the wind industry. Contact: Habib Dagher, (207) 581-2138; hd@umit.maine.edu

Ribbon-Cutting November 10 for Rehabilitated Bike Paths

08 Nov 2011

The University of Maine will celebrate the rehabilitation of the university's 34-year-old bicycle paths with a ribbon-cutting Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. near the Bridge Tennis Courts beside the New Balance Student Recreation Center. UMaine President Paul Ferguson's wife Grace Ferguson will oversee the event. The project, funded mostly by a Maine Department of Transportation Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant, included the rehabilitation of 2.6 miles of bicycle paths and the addition of a new half-mile section from the Hilltop parking lot to Park Street. The path is available to the public from the Orono campus to Stillwater Avenue and Perkins Street in Old Town, and now to Park Street in Orono, near the Orono Land Trust's Marsh Island Preserve, and opposite a new student housing project under construction. "The reconstruction of the bike path represents an important re-investment in the university's recreational trail system," Grace Ferguson says. "The paths are well-used by the university and Old Town and Orono communities." Scheduled to participate in the ribbon-cutting are Sally Jacobs of the Orono Land Trust, a long-time advocate of the bicycle paths and walking trails, Jeff Aceto, assistant director of Facilities Management for Construction Administration and Regulatory Compliance, and representatives from UMaine Student Affairs, among others. Elaine Clark, UMaine's executive director of facilities, real estate and planning, says the university is grateful to the Maine Department of

Transportation for funding both the bike path rebuild and construction of the new extension to Park Street. "The bike paths are important not only for recreation, but for transportation by students, faculty and staff between Orono, campus and Old Town," Clark says. The reconstructed paths have generated praise from Old Town and Orono city officials. "As an avid bike path user I would just like to say 'wow,' quite a nice job." Old Town Fire Rescue Chief Steve O'Malley said in an email to Aceto. He is a runner and cyclist who says he uses the trails regularly. "Thank you to all, as the bike path and university trail system contributes greatly to enhancing the quality of life in the Orono and Old Town area." Orono Town Manager Sophie Wilson also complimented UMaine for the work. "The improvement to the bike path will be a wonderful benefit to the community, both on campus and off," she told Aceto. Gardner Construction Company of Bangor was the main contractor. Lynch Construction of Holden built the new half-mile segment from the Hilltop lot to Park Street in Orono. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Broadway Website Notes TV Stars' Honorary UMaine Degrees

09 Nov 2011

Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, stars of the hit TV show "MythBusters," were the subjects of a story on the [Broadway World website](#), which noted both men are honorary members of the UMaine's Francis Crowe Society, which recognizes UMaine engineering graduates and others have made considerable engineering contributions and honored the profession. Hyneman has an honorary engineering degree from UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Ticks Notes UMaine Participation

09 Nov 2011

A Lewiston Sun Journal report on winter ticks and Maine's moose and deer population included a mention of UMaine participation in research into how the ticks may have affected moose. Lee Kantar, the state's moose and deer biologist, said he has been working the last two winters with UMaine diagnostic lab technicians doing necropsies on moose to determine how he moose died. He also noted this year two students are specifically looking at lungworm infestations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on Improving Elections

09 Nov 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried's biweekly [Bangor Daily News column](#) lists five steps for better elections in Maine. Fried says we must act to defend Maine's political traditions against "late money from shadowy funders, deceptive ads and shrewd presentations." Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Blackstone Interviewed About Sexual Harassment

09 Nov 2011

The website My Health News Daily interviewed Amy Blackstone, a UMaine sociologist, for a report on how sexual harassment can damage women's health. Blackstone said victims of harassment can experience long-term depression and feelings of self-doubt. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Using Social Media to Assist Maine's Agricultural Community

09 Nov 2011

As the nation's farmers increasingly are using the Internet and social media for accessing crop, market and weather reports, communications, and agricultural research, a new tri-state Cooperative Extension collaborative will bring agricultural service providers up to speed on the latest online and social media tools to make their work with farmers more effective. University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator and assistant professor Ellen Mallory is co-ordinating a three-year professional development project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northeast

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NE-SARE) program to help agricultural and conservation colleagues in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont learn about new communications technologies and applications. The Universities of New Hampshire and Vermont are project partners. Mallory says USDA has provided SARE professional development funding in the three states over the last three years for training Extension and other agricultural service providers in local grain production, on-farm energy sources and conservation. The collaborators surveyed their audience about the next initiative, and exploring social media "got the most votes." Beginning in mid-December, Extension and agricultural educators will participate in at least five of up to 15 periodic online training sessions on specific social media tools, then use one of the tools in their outreach work with farmers. Project coordinators will provide follow-up support for participants, including online group discussions to troubleshoot and share experiences with the various tools. "The first session will be on 'what is the landscape of social media,'" Mallory says. "We'll be covering how to figure out which tools are best suited for what specific things we're trying to do." The grant of nearly \$35,000 in each of the next three years will fund outreach for the NE-SARE program and also separate professional development training in whole farm sustainability. The social media project has a dual purpose -- increasing educators' ability to use online tools, in addition to making them aware of how farmers are using them. Making better use of technology also can reduce travel expenses, while maintaining quality outreach activities, according to Mallory. "We're looking for a more cost effective way to provide information," she says. "It's driven by the fact that farmers are getting a lot of information that way, and we need to be keeping up by adapting." While young generations of farmers are particularly tech-savvy in the 21st century, even older, more traditional farmers are using digital technology, utilizing informational tools such as YouTube, Twitter, Adobe Connect, Facebook, LinkedIn, and an assortment of aggregators, search engines and survey programs. "Some have beautiful websites and use them for communicating with customers, such as blogging," says Mallory, who holds a joint appointment with Cooperative Extension and the UMaine Department of Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. "Of course, there's a whole scale, a range of how well people use these online tools, but there are some really skilled farmers using them very effectively." People who provide education and support for farmers, "at a minimum, should understand what's available and what farmers are using," she says. Contact: Ellen Mallory, (207) 581-2942

Martin columns published

09 Nov 2011

Two new opinion columns by Justin Martin, UMaine College of Liberal Arts - Honors Preceptor of Journalism, have been published on major news Web sites in recent days. "[Cable TV, going the way of newspapers,](#)" on the Christian Science Monitor site, looks at trends related to cable subscriptions, which are steadily declining. In a Columbia Journalism Review column, "[Speech in Israel is not free,](#)" Martin writes about Israel's "anti-free speech policies that do not represent modern democracy."

Recycling Study in Press Herald

10 Nov 2011

The [Portland Press Herald](#) ran a story about UMaine economist George Criner's statewide study of the effectiveness of recycling programs. Criner told the Press Herald that most municipalities in Maine offer recycling programs, but the question is whether people participate. Travis Blackmer, a senior economics major who is helping with the study, said his own recycling habits have changed as a result. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer Comments on Elections

10 Nov 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer commented in a [Kennebec Journal report](#) on the outcome of Tuesday's elections. Arguments against a substantial increase in gambling facilities, and whether the state could support it, likely convinced voters to reject the two gambling proposals that were on the ballot, Brewer said. Comments from Brewer also appeared in an Associated Press story that ran on the [Native American Times website](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Softball Coach Hiring

10 Nov 2011

Several news outlets reported that former UMaine softball player Lynn Coutts has been named the Black Bears' new coach. Coutts is a member of the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame and is married to former UMaine baseball player Mike Coutts. In a [Bangor Daily News story](#), Coutts said she is eager to move forward on the field, in the classroom and in the community. UMaine Athletic Director Steve Abbott said Coutts has great vision for the program. Coutts told the [Portland Press Herald](#) she is eager to start recruiting. Bangor TV station WABI also reported on the hiring. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fox News Website Has Blackstone Comments on Harassment

10 Nov 2011

The women's health section of the Fox News website is running a [report](#) that includes comments from UMaine sociologist Amy Blackstone about how sexual harassment can damage women's health. Blackstone said victims of sexual harassment can experience long-term depression. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine, Library of Congress to collaborate on folklife collection project

10 Nov 2011

The University of Maine and the Library of Congress have entered into an agreement that will allow for the preservation of an invaluable collection held at UMaine's Folklife Center. The collection, known as the Northeast Archives of Folklore and History, was developed over the course of 50 years by legendary UMaine professor and folklorist Edward "Sandy" Ives (1925-2009). It documents the history and traditions of Maine, other New England states and the Canadian Maritimes. This collaboration will lead to preservation according to the highest possible standards, while dramatically expanding access to the audio files, video files, photographs and other materials it includes. UMaine President Paul Ferguson will announce the details of the agreement at a news event on Wednesday Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in UMaine's Buchanan Alumni House. David Taylor, head of research and programs at the Library of Congress, will discuss that institution's role in preserving the collection and making it more accessible to scholars and others with an interest in this region's history. Folklife Center Director Pauleena MacDougall will share her perspectives as the leading expert on the collection and its impact. Taylor, who is a Fairfield native, studied anthropology at UMaine working closely with Ives. He is a member of UMaine's Class of 1974. Nov. 10, 2011 Contact: [Joe Carr](#) (207) 581-3571

UMaine Researcher Developing Database of Environmental Reactions

10 Nov 2011

ORONO, Maine – University of Maine geochemist Amanda Olsen is part of a national research team that is starting a database to help scientists understand the speed at which environmental reactions take place. Olsen is partnering on EarthKin – the name of the database, which alludes to reaction kinetics, the study of the rates at which chemical processes occur – with researchers from Saint Francis, Penn State and Columbia universities. The project is being funded by a \$103,137 National Science Foundation grant, of which UMaine received \$66,145. The researchers will compile EarthKin will be a one-stop database that will allow access to researchers working on a range of projects, from the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and permanently storing it in the ground to cleaning up contaminated environmental sites. When completed, EarthKin will be available to scientists free via the Internet at [www.earthchem.org](#), an NSF-supported website and community-driven effort to facilitate the preservation, discovery, access and visualization of the widest and richest geochemical datasets. The web site will not only include existing data, but researchers will be encouraged to upload new results into the database. EarthKin will be one of the first attempts to include experimental data in a web-based data management platform. In order to accomplish this, the researchers will build news tools and data structures that will allow the existing EarthChem platform to incorporate a new type of data. The concept of EarthKin was made possible by recent advances in geoinformatics – the field of developing

technological and computational tools to facilitate information dissemination in the geosciences – that have significantly increased access that researchers have to geological information. Recent endeavors include the online publishing of large data sets to make the data available to a larger community. Contact: Amanda Olsen, (207) 581-2194 or amanda.a.olsen@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

TV Report on Cellulose Nanofibrils Plant

10 Nov 2011

Bangor's WVII television station had a report on a pilot plant that is in the works at UMaine to make cellulose nanofibrils, a pulp-based super-strong material that could be a replacement for petroleum-based plastic materials. Hemant Pendse, the director of UMaine's Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, said in an interview the pilot plant will allow UMaine to produce the product on a scale that will enable researchers across the country to work on different applications of the material. The plant will be the only one of its kind in the U.S. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Robert White Receives Continuing Education Service Award

10 Nov 2011

Robert C. White, recently retired associate provost and dean for the University of Maine Division of Lifelong Learning, has received the Outstanding Service to Continuing Education Award for the New England Region from the national University Professional and Continuing Education Association. He received the award Oct. 26 at the New England Conference in Providence, R.I. White has been part of the UMaine community for 33 years and oversaw the founding of the Division of Lifelong Learning in 1996. He has chaired and served on numerous national, state and campus task forces dealing with continuing education, distance education, university outreach, and allied health issues. C. Sue McCullough, associate dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning and director of the University of Maine Frederick Hutchinson Center in Belfast, nominated White for the award. "Bob's entrepreneurial leadership established both degree and certificate programs, live and online for high school students as well as for traditional college-age and adult non-traditional learners," McCullough says in her nomination. "He fostered a Summer University that enrolls around 6,000 students annually. He enabled faculty to plan and implement travel study courses. He established an off-campus center in mid-coast Maine in 2000, the Hutchinson Center, which enrolls over 1,200 students annually. The Division of Lifelong Learning currently produces 27 percent of all credit hours at the University of Maine." The division includes an array of units that link the academic and research mission of the university with the outreach mission of a land grant and sea grant university. During his tenure as dean of the division, White oversaw the Women's Resource Center, Hutchinson Center, Franco-American Centre, Maine Studies, Bureau of Labor Education, Bachelor of University Studies, Wabanaki Center, Peace and Reconciliation Studies, UMaine Online, Summer University, Conference Services, Continuing and Distance Education, College Success Programs and the University of Maine's Diversity Leadership Institute. Lu Zeph, director of the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies at UMaine, has been named interim associate provost and dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Camden Conference Course on U.S. in 21st Century World

10 Nov 2011

ORONO -- The University of Maine's Continuing Education Division is accepting course registrations for a special three-credit class designed around the annual [Camden Conference](#) in February focusing on the United States' strengths and weaknesses in a 21st century world. The course is being team-taught by UMaine faculty members on three Saturdays: January 28, March 17, and April 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hill Auditorium in the Engineering and Science Research Building at Barrows Hall. For academic credit, attendance is required at all three class sessions, in addition to the three-day Camden Conference in Camden Feb. 17-19. The title of the 2012 conference is "The U.S. in a 21st Century World: Do we have what it takes?" The UMaine course will examine a full range of economic and political issues facing America today. Questions to be explored include how the nation can best compete with the ascendant powers of China and India, the implications of the Arab Spring for U.S. national interests and what decisions must be

made at home, if the country hopes to successfully project power and influence abroad? The list of speakers at the conference includes the former governor and Congressman from New Mexico Bill Richardson, a former U.S. Energy Secretary and ambassador to the United Nations in the Clinton Administration. Ambassador Nicholas Burns, formerly Under Secretary in the State Department and a senior career Foreign Service Officer, will moderate. Teaching the class at UMaine are G. Paul Holman, visiting associate professor of international affairs in UMaine's Political Science Department, and UMaine political science professors Seth Singleton and Richard Powell. The course goal is for students to gain an appreciation of the dynamics of the global system in the contemporary period and an understanding of the constraints and opportunities facing U.S. foreign policy. Students also may attend the Camden Conference through satellite broadcast venues in Belfast, Rockland and Ellsworth. Additional details are on the [Continuing Education website](#). Contact Marlene Charron at (207) 581-4095 for registration information.

Dagher in Podcast About Offshore Wind

11 Nov 2011

Habib Dagher, the director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was interviewed by Sustainable Business Weekly, which claims to be the world's largest sustainable business podcast. Dagher discussed the DeepCwind initiative which seeks to harness wind power in the deep waters of the Gulf of Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sun Journal Has Story About Webster Appearance

11 Nov 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal ran a [Maine Campus story](#) about a UMaine College Republicans meeting at which Maine Republican Party Chair Charlie Webster spoke to about 20 people. Webster discussed issues such as gay marriage and the recent campaign and election. The story included comments from students Derek Lane, the head of UMaine's College Democrats, and Eric Lichtenberg, the head of the College Republicans. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Intermedia MFA Student Interviewed About Temporary Graffiti

11 Nov 2011

A [Bangor Daily News article](#) about a mysterious pigeon graffiti artist in Bangor included comments from Kat Johnson, a UMaine Intermedia MFA student. Johnson said she appreciates the graffiti - which is made from a paste of flour and water and is therefore temporary - takes an icon of an urban environment and elevates it to become a symbol of culture. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

McConnon Research Cited in Employment Op-Ed

11 Nov 2011

Research on micro-businesses by University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics Jim McConnon was cited in a [Bangor Daily News op-ed column](#) about how the state's economy would improve if each of Maine's 109,560 micro-businesses, or sole proprietorships, could hire just one person. Writer Eloise Vitelli, program director for the statewide Women, Work and Community organization, says if only one third of them created a job, more than 36,000 people could go back to work. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

McConnon Interviewed for Rising Food Price Article

11 Nov 2011

University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics Jim McConnon was interviewed for a recent Ellsworth American article about rising food prices taxing budget-strapped consumers. McConnon explained that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has predicted a 3-4 percent increase in food prices in 2011, largely due to escalating

energy costs. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Extension 'Call Team' Standing by for Holiday Food-Safety Questions

11 Nov 2011

For consumers throughout the state with questions about safe food handling and preparation, leftovers or even recipes and nutrition as the holidays approach, a University of Maine Cooperative Extension team is only a phone call away for research-based answers. Hundreds of Maine residents have benefited from calling the Extension's Nutrition, Food Safety and Food Preservation Call Team over the last few years, according to Extension statewide food-safety specialist Jason Bolton. Six Extension food safety and nutrition specialists make up the call team, which can be reached by calling the nearest county Extension office or dialing a statewide toll-free number: 1-800-287-0274. Many consumer questions can be addressed online, where dozens of Extension publications address a multitude of topics, specialists in county offices also can answer most questions, Bolton says. If not, the call team is standing by. Consumers can expect to receive a callback within a few hours with answers. Questions typically include queries ranging from frozen turkey thawing tips when time is short to handling leftovers safely to whether an older Extension recipe is still safe and valid. Bolton calls the latter a good question, since changing ingredient ratios in a recipe can make food unsafe to can. Canning procedures are updated every year when results from new food preservation research are available, he says. Bolton recommends a food thermometer be included among essential kitchen utensils to be sure meat is cooked thoroughly. Poultry must be cooked at 165 degrees Fahrenheit as a rule. "With large gatherings, it's pretty important not to have everyone make a trip to the hospital," he says, adding improper preparation can result in a variety of food-borne illnesses. "Once again, if in doubt, throw it out. If the turkey isn't prepared properly, then the whole family can get sick." Kate Yerxa, the statewide Extension educator for nutrition and physical activity, says the call team also can address questions about nutrition and serving the recommended food categories from the new U.S. Department of Agriculture's "My Plate" chart. Thanksgiving is typically a very healthy meal because of its heavy use of vegetables, and turkey is a lean protein food, she says. The [Cooperative Extension website](#) has a complete list of county offices and contact information. Contact: Jason Bolton, (207) 942-7346 / 1-800-287-0274

Hutton, Fitzgerald in story on home-grown food

13 Nov 2011

Mark Hutton and Caragh Fitzgerald of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty was quoted in a Sunday Kennebec Journal story about Mainers who are saving money on groceries by growing produce in home gardens.

Ippolito comments in crowdsourcing report

13 Nov 2011

Jon Ippolito of UMaine's New Media faculty was interviewed for a Lewiston Sun Journal story about crowdsourcing -- broad-based online fundraising solicitation -- to support arts endeavors such as filmmaking. The story is based on the efforts of a Lisbon-based movie producer raise funds through a Web site called IndieGoGo.com.

Tuesday WVOM interview to feature Settele

13 Nov 2011

Jim Settele, assistant director of UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs, will be interviewed live on WVOM's Tuesday morning George Hale and Ric Tyler Show. In a discussion scheduled for just after 7:20 a.m., Settele, who is a recently retired Navy captain, will preview [Thursday's UMaine William S. Cohen Lecture](#). Scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts, the lecture will feature retired U.S. Marine Gen. James Jones, who served as President Obama's first National Security Advisor. Settele, who worked in the Pentagon before coming to UMaine as Navy ROTC commander, will share his perspectives on Jones' career and on the lecture's subject, the Arab Spring. Free tickets to the event are available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending should contact the Maine Center for the Arts Box Office at 581-1755 or 1-800-MCA-TIXX. Box office hours are Monday-

Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. WVOM is at 103.9 on the FM dial.

Radio Report on Poster Project

14 Nov 2011

Local radio station I-95 (95.7 FM) Cumulus Broadcasting Inc. had a report Monday morning about a collaboration between UMaine's Fogler Library and the Bangor Public Library to digitize hundreds of World War I and II posters. The actual posters are housed in Bangor, while Fogler Library is hosting the digital site. For more information on the project, see a UMaine Today story. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Cable TV Features Garbage Study

14 Nov 2011

[New England Cable News](#) reported on a study directed by UMaine economist George Criner that is looking into what people throw into the garbage and how much can and should be recycled. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Garbage Study Reported

14 Nov 2011

Reports about the University of Maine School of Economics' study of garbage in Maine, and what's in it that could be reused, recycled or composted, appeared on the Village Soup website. A Maine Public Broadcasting Network report about the research was posted on the Natural Resources Council of Maine's website. School of Economics Director George Criner says almost half of what's thrown in the trash could be diverted at substantial costs savings to Maine communities. Researchers will explain the project Friday, Nov. 18 in front of Memorial Union during a trash-sorting demonstration designed to encourage recycling. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Channel 5 Reports on UMaine Bike Path Ribbon-Cutting

14 Nov 2011

Channel 2 (WABI) covered the ribbon-cutting Nov. 10 for the newly rehabilitated, repaved and extended UMaine bicycle paths after 34 years of community recreational use. UMaine President Paul Ferguson's wife Grace Ferguson hosted the ceremony and was interviewed for the report. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

AP Article Advances William Cohen Lecture November 17

14 Nov 2011

The Boston.com website and other news publications carried an Associated Press report advancing the Nov. 17 William Cohen Lecture at the University of Maine, which will present speaker James Jones, retired U.S. Marine general, Vietnam veteran and President Obama's first national security adviser. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Coverage of Trustees Meeting

15 Nov 2011

Several media outlets reported on Monday's UMaine System Board of Trustees meeting. Bangor's WABI TV reported trustees approved the issuing of bonds to refinance \$30 million of debt and to provide \$7 million for a \$14 million renovation project to the UMaine field house and Memorial Gym. [The Bangor Daily News reported](#) that several members of the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine System, the union that represents UMaine faculty members, stood outside the meeting on the University of Southern Maine campus to protest contract negotiations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Report on Landfill Gas Deal

15 Nov 2011

The Bangor Daily News covered an [announcement](#) that UMaine and Casella Waste Systems have reached a deal to allow a pipeline arrangement that will include UMaine buying methane gas from Casella's Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. Janet Waldron, UMaine vice president for finance and administration, told the UMaine System board of trustees that Casella will seek financing to build the methane pipeline from the landfill to campus. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer in MPBN Story on Voter ID

15 Nov 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer commented in a Maine Public Broadcasting Radio story about a bill on tap for next year's Maine legislative session that would require voters to show identification at the polls. Brewer said policy-makers who support voter ID should be wary of the resounding defeat of the same-day voter registration law earlier this month.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hazing Expert Quoted in Washington Post

15 Nov 2011

Comments from UMaine Professor Elizabeth Allan, a national expert on hazing in college and university environments, were included in a [Washington Post story](#) about hazing at a high school in suburban Maryland. Allan said hazing is, on the surface, about being included, but even seemingly harmless antics can set the stage for other forms of hazing or abuse. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Biofuel Research Noted in Huffington Post Comments

15 Nov 2011

UMaine engineer Clay Wheeler's biofuel research was mentioned in the comments section of a Huffington Post's [Green blog post](#) about the BP oil spill. Wheeler has been transforming forest residues and other waste materials into hydrocarbon fuel oil. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Caron Comments in N.Y. Daily News 'Cougars' Story

15 Nov 2011

Sandra Caron, professor of family relations and human sexuality at UMaine, was interviewed for perspectives in a [New York Daily News story](#) Monday about older women dating younger men, 42-year-old Jennifer Lopez and a 24-year-old member of her dance troupe, in this case. Caron said the definition of "older" is changing and couples look for vitality and maturity in one another. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Art museum to host family "Art Factory" Dec. 3

16 Nov 2011

The UMaine Museum of Art will host a family event called "Art Factory" on Saturday Dec. 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the museum in downtown Bangor. This free event will provide hands-on holiday art-making opportunities for families who

wish to drop in at any time between 11 and 3. Participants will have opportunities to create eco-friendly wrapping paper, watercolors, ornaments or gifts. Supplies are free and instruction will be given throughout the day. UMMA Art Factory is generously sponsored by WBRC Architects and Engineers.

Farley quoted in magazine story

16 Nov 2011

Jonathan Farley of the UMaine Computing and Information Science faculty was quoted in PE Magazine story, "[Screen Play: Can engineering score by landing a bigger role in movies and on TV?](#)" PE Magazine is produced by the National Society of Professional Engineers. The story looks at ways "an expanded pop culture presence for engineering can be good for the field."

Comins Books Mentioned in Newspaper Column

16 Nov 2011

The "Answer Man" column in the Belleville News Democrat of Missouri included a mention of two books written by UMaine physics professor Neil Comins. The subject of the column, which seeks to answer readers' questions, was the potential effects of an asteroid hitting the moon. The columnist suggested readers pick up Comins' books "What If the Moon Didn't Exist?" or "What If the Earth Had Two Moons?" for more information. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Working Waterfront Features Scallop Research

16 Nov 2011

UMaine researchers Rick Wahle and Paul Rawson was included in a [Working Waterfront story](#) about the upcoming re-opening of several scallop fishing grounds in Maine. Rawson's work is in connectivity among different scallop grounds, while Wahle has been conducting a study of whether scallop density on the sea floor affects spawning effectiveness. The article was co-written by Catherine Schmitt, the communications coordinator for Maine Sea Grant, which is based at UMaine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine announces Library of Congress partnership

16 Nov 2011

A new collaboration between the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center and the University of Maine will preserve a unique archival collection that documents the history and traditions of Maine, other New England states and Canada's Maritime Provinces. That collection, the entire holdings of the Northeast Archives of Folklore and History, is part of UMaine's Folklife Center. UMaine President Paul Ferguson announced details at the university's Buchanan Alumni House this morning. The library will acquire the entire collection, preserve it at its state-of-the-art facilities and serve it to researchers. Digital copies will remain accessible at UMaine's Maine Folklife Center. The Maine Folklife Center will contract with outside specialists for audio and video file digitization while scanning manuscripts and photos on site in Orono. The original items, along with copies of the digital files, will move to the Library of Congress for further processing and storage while a copy will remain available in Orono. Founded in 1958 by the late Edward D. "Sandy" Ives (1925-2009), an eminent folklorist, oral historian and UMaine professor for more than 40 years, the Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History contains unrivaled documentation of community life, traditions and iconic occupations of the region, including commercial fishing and logging. Materials in the archives include over 3,000 one-of-a-kind audio recordings of interviews with ordinary people about their lives, along with 325,000 pages of interview transcripts and other manuscripts, 10,000 documentary photographs, and other materials. "The collection of the Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History is one of the largest and most comprehensive regional folklore collections in the country," says Dr. Peggy Bulger, Director of the American Folklife Center. "Its holdings are of great value to scholars and the general public. They capture historic recordings of people describing own lives in Northeast America, including work techniques and occupational lore, traditional songs and stories, foodways and "Downeast"

recipes, weather prediction and many other aspects of folklore and culture. Taken altogether, the documentary materials in this collection capture the distinctive texture of life in the Northeast. There is no better index of what makes past and present life in Maine, and the states and provinces that border it, unique than the contents of the Northeast Archives.” This agreement benefits the Maine Folklife Center in several ways, including enhancement of its ability to concentrate on newer digital technology as it continues its teaching, research and community outreach mission. And the agreement is beneficial to the Library of Congress because this acquisition brings a collection of international importance to the nation’s premier archive of American traditional culture. The collection will complement and enhance the American Folklife Center’s existing collections related to Maine, New England, and eastern Canada, as well as its extensive documentation of occupational culture and traditional music. "Thanks to the vision and foresight of the Library of Congress staff, working with UMaine personnel who appreciate the immense value of this collection, these works will be preserved according to the highest possible archival standards," says UMaine President Paul Ferguson. "Moreover, access will be enhanced and assured in both Maine and Washington for generations to come, to the benefit of students, scholars and those who care deeply about the rich traditions that have shaped our regional culture." "There are many valuable collections of traditional material from specific states and regions archived at the American Folklife Center, but none rivals the Maine Folklife Collection for its international, cross-border scope, its 50-year examination of traditions such as occupational song, and the daily life of loggers and fishers," says Dr. Michael Taft, head of the American Folklife Center's Archive. "Of special importance is that the collection is largely the work of Sandy Ives, his colleagues and students, whose expert skills at documentation add considerable value to the collected materials." "This agreement provides the Maine Folklife Center with a unique and wonderful opportunity: first, by preserving the collection in its traditional formats at the Library of Congress, assuring permanent care, and second, by providing resources that help us move forward using newer technology as we continue to train students in oral history fieldwork and archival processing methods; conduct community-based projects such as our recent work with paper mill and sardine cannery workers, provide resources to teachers and the public through such venues as our National Endowment for the Arts sponsored Maine Song and Story Sampler on the Web, and our programming at the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront," says Pauleena MacDougall, Maine Folklife Center director. The American Folklife Center was created in 1976 by the U.S. Congress to “preserve and present” American folklife through programs of research, documentation, archival preservation, reference service, live performance, exhibition, publication and training. The Center incorporates an archive, which was established in the Music Division of the Library of Congress in 1928 and is now one of the largest collections of ethnographic materials from the United States and around the world. The mission of the Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine is to enhance public understanding of the Folklife, folklore and history of Maine and Atlantic Canada, to encourage appreciation of the diverse cultures and heritage of the region, and thereby to strengthen and enrich our communities. Contact: [Joe Carr](#)

Digitized War Poster Collection Now Online

16 Nov 2011

Hundreds of World War I and II posters are now online thanks to a collaboration between UMaine’s Fogler Library and the Bangor Public Library. The 800 posters in the collection – believed to be among the country’s largest collections of war posters – were digitized in the past year and most are now accessible through the Bangor Public Library website. The Fogler Library web server is hosting the online collection. Eventually, the entire collection will be online and the public will be able to purchase full-size prints and high-resolution digital images of the posters, with proceeds benefitting the Bangor Public Library’s plan to conserve the original war posters. Many of the originals are too fragile to be displayed. The public can search the collection by subject area, such as “Home Front,” “Morale” and “Women” Eugene Daigle, Fogler Library’s manager of network services, and his wife Barbara, who are both veterans and UMaine alumni, underwrote the digitization project. The Bangor Public Library amassed its collection of war posters through the efforts of then-librarian L. Felix Ranlett, a World War I veteran who collected them as they were released. Go to <http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/WarPosters/warpostersindex.html> to access the collection. Contact: Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Armstrong talks cranberries on radio program

17 Nov 2011

Charlie Armstrong of the UMaine Cooperative Extension faculty was interviewed Wednesday on Deb Neuman's WVOM (103.9) radio segment about small businesses issues. A cranberry expert, Armstrong shared his perspectives on the cranberry industry in Maine and related small businesses. In addition, they discussed the support that Cooperative Extension provides to the cranberry and other agricultural sectors of Maine's economy.

Martin CJR column on journalistic corrections

17 Nov 2011

Justin Martin, College of Liberal Arts-Honors Preceptor of Journalism at UMaine, wrote [a column published Wednesday on the Columbia Journalism Review Web site](#). In the column, Martin writes about newspaper policies with respect to correcting errors. Based largely on his experiences as a journalist and as a consumer who has pointed out mistakes, Martin suggests that news organizations would be better off quickly correcting their errors than engaging readers in defense of their policies and decisions.

UMaine Art Museum to participate in Friday program

17 Nov 2011

The UMaine Museum of Art will participate in the Downtown Bangor Art Walk and Food Drive Friday, Nov. 18 from 5-9 p.m. Maps to participating artist studios, galleries and downtown merchants will be available at the UMaine museum, Ion Harlow St. in Bangor. Visitors are asked to drop off a non-perishable food item at any of the Art Walk locations. Donations will be given to the Shaw House.

MTVU program features UMaine and UMaine student

17 Nov 2011

UMaine student Lindsey Miller is the host of this week's edition of "Deans List," a television show that airs on MTVU, that network's university-oriented channel. A crew visited UMaine in October to film the program, which includes information about UMaine's sustainability efforts. [The program features ten music videos, chosen by Miller](#), that reflect sustainability concerns. Upcoming air times for the program: 11/17- 3PM, 10PM 11/18- 1PM, midnight 11/19- 10am, 7PM 11/20- noon, 9PM

Water supply message from VP Waldron

17 Nov 2011

To: Members of the UMaine Community From: Janet Waldron, vice president for administration and finance Officials at the Orono-Veazie Water district, which supplies the UMaine campus, have let us know about a non-emergency issue related to that water supply. Standard testing protocols revealed that the district's water exceeded acceptable levels of Total Trihalomethanes during the July-September time frame. There is no immediate risk nor is there any need to boil water or seek alternatives. The water district does say, on its Web site, that "some people who drink water containing Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer." They recommend that individuals with specific concerns consult medical professionals. More details are available online at the water district's Web site. Click on "important information." For more information, contact the water district office at 866-4449.

Folklore Collection Coverage

17 Nov 2011

Several news outlets covered the news Wednesday that a collection of Maine folklore and history amassed by late UMaine professor Edward "Sandy" Ives had been given over to the Library of Congress, which will invest \$650,000 to digitize the collection. [A Maine Public Broadcasting Network report](#) included comments from Pauleena MacDougall,

the director of the UMaine-based Maine Folklife Center, who said the collection represents one of the most significant regional collections of folklore and oral history in the world. [The Bangor Daily News](#), which included on its website a piece of audio from the collection, noted the materials include hundreds of thousands of audio recordings, interview transcripts, photographs and other items. Bangor TV stations WABI and WVII also covered the news conference. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Segal Comments in Economist 'Technocracy' Article

17 Nov 2011

Comments from UMaine professor of history Howard Segal are included online in the Nov. 19 edition of [The Economist](#) analyzing governments characterized as technocracies, or those led by engineers scientists and others with technological expertise. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine's Mackenzie Heading to Vietnam on Fulbright

17 Nov 2011

Sarah (Sally) Mackenzie, associate professor of educational leadership in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant at the Vietnam National University (VNU) in Hanoi for spring 2012. In addition to teaching in the VNU College of Education's Department of Research and International Relations, she will consult with government officials and others throughout Vietnam on school reform, teacher preparation and leadership development. Mackenzie, of Brunswick, is a widely published author on educational leadership and has worked extensively with school leaders in Maine and nationally. She is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2011-2012. The [Fulbright program](#) is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Its primary funding is an annual appropriation from the United States Congress to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Fulbright recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas established the program, which now operates in more than 155 countries, in 1946. The program has given some 300,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and scientists an opportunity to study, teach, research and exchange ideas on shared international concerns. Contact: Sarah MacKenzie, (207) 581-2734

Holiday Children's Book Drive Under Way through November

17 Nov 2011

The College of Education and Human Development, in collaboration with the University Bookstore and the Old Town-Orono Kiwanis Club, has begun accepting books for its annual children's holiday book drive, now in its 34th year. New books for toddlers through teens can be dropped off unwrapped at the office of college Dean Anne Pooler at 151 Shibles Hall or the Bookstore during the month of November. The Bookstore again is offering a 20 percent discount on any children's book purchased there as part of the drive. In addition, for every book purchased and donated, the Bookstore also will donate one. Kiwanis members will distribute the books to deserving community children and teens at the club's annual holiday party for area children. Dean Pooler will host children from the university's Child Study Center at 9:15 a.m. on Nov. 30 at Shibles Hall for an informal ceremony. In the event of rain, the Shibles gathering will be rescheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 2. Contact: Lisa Daniel, (207) 581-2441

UMaine Orchestra, Oratorio Society Concert Saturday

18 Nov 2011

The UMaine Orchestra and Oratorio Society will present an evening celebrating the bicentennial of Franz Liszt's birth, Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall, featuring tenor Francis John Vogt and conductor Ludlow Hallman of the School of Performing Arts faculty. Liszt's Psalm XIII and J.S. Bach's Magnificat will

be featured. Tickets are \$9 or free for students with a MaineCard. Contact: Collins Center for the Arts box office, (207) 581-1755

Hazing Study Noted on Website

18 Nov 2011

In a [story](#) about hazing on college campuses, the website TakePart cited a national study, led by UMaine researchers Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden. Allan and Madden found 55 percent of students who join fraternities, sororities, sports teams, student clubs and other groups experience hazing during their initiation. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Cohen Lecture Series

18 Nov 2011

Events surrounding Thursday's William S. Cohen Lecture, which included a talk by Gen. James Jones and roundtable with Cohen, were covered by several local media outlets. Jones was President Barack Obama's first National Security Advisor and Cohen, a Bangor native, is the former congressman, senator, and secretary of defense under President Bill Clinton. [The Bangor Daily News](#) reported Jones said the outcome of uprisings in the Middle East could have an important impact on U.S. security. Bangor TV station WABI noted Jones said the death of Osama bin Laden is strategically very important. WVII also had a story about the lecture. The UMaine-based William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce presented the lecture, which is held every other year. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Recycling, Trash Exhibit Friday

18 Nov 2011

Representatives from the UMaine Office of Sustainability and the School of Economics engaged in an analysis of the specific contents of residential garbage that could be diverted through reuse, recycling or composting have scheduled an educational exhibit and display from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 in front of the Memorial Union. George Criner, School of Economics director, says news about the switch from separated trash recycling at UMaine to a new single-sort process, in which glass, plastics, paper, cardboard and other recyclables now go into one blue bin for off-site sorting, seems slow in catching on. He'll explain the new system, discuss the substantial financial savings that can be accomplished through recycling and hand out flyers explaining to students, faculty and staff how the new system works. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Blackstone Interviewed for Article on Sexual Harassment

18 Nov 2011

University of Maine sociologist Amy Blackstone was interviewed for a recent article on the MyHealthNewsDaily website about the how sexual harassment can hurt a woman's health. Blackstone has researched various types of workplace harassment among men and women of multiple ages and demographics. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Harvest for Hunger Collects 140 Tons of Produce, Surpassing 2011 Goal

18 Nov 2011

After receiving and updating final totals for this year's Harvest for Hunger campaign, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension gardening program coordinator says volunteer gardeners around the state donated more than 140 tons of garden produce to charity. "Thanks to everyone's effort, we have exceeded our goal of 250,000 pounds," says Extension educator Barbara Murphy in the South Paris Oxford County office. "I am speechless. My heartfelt thanks for

all of the terrific work." Murphy, who coordinates the program, had announced her gratitude several weeks ago that preliminary results indicated 90 tons -- 180,000 pounds -- of fresh fruits and vegetables were donated this year. The final figure is now 140 tons, or 280,076 pounds. Nearly 500 volunteer gardeners in about a dozen counties this year donated produce to 114 food pantries, shelters or charitable organizations around the state. Murphy also revised upwards the value of the produce to \$473,328, from \$303,713 earlier. The number of participants more than doubled from 200 in 2010 and the number of organizations benefiting from the gardeners' generosity more than tripled, from 45 last year. Contact: Barbara Murphy, 743-6329, 1-800-287-1482 (toll-free in Maine)

UMaine's Annual Indian Basketmakers Sale Dec. 10

21 Nov 2011

ORONO — The 2011 Maine Indian Basketmakers Sale and Demonstration will take place Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Arts at the University of Maine. The event is free and open to the public. The annual holiday event features Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Basketmakers who sell their hand-made, one of a kind, ash-splint and sweetgrass basketry. Workbaskets, such as creels, pack and potato baskets, and fancy baskets ranging from strawberry and blueberry shaped baskets to curly bowls, will be available for purchase, along with quill jewelry, woodcarvings and birchbark work. Traditional music, demonstrations of brown ash pounding, basketmaking, and birchbark work and a children's workshop, in addition to traditional drumming and dancing, will be part of the day's activities. The schedule is as follows:

- 9 a.m., Doors open for the public;
- 10 a.m. - Traditional welcome with Penobscot Chief Kirk Francis and traditional greeting songs;
- 10:30 a.m. - Celebrating the return of Penobscot Material Culture to Maine in the Maine Indian Gallery, third level
- 11 a.m. - Brown ash pounding and work basket demonstration with Micmac Eldon Hanning;
- 11:30 a.m. - Sweetgrass Angel workshop for children with Penobscot Ruth Johnson in the Maine Indian Gallery;
- 12 p.m. - Birchbark presentation with Barry Dana, Hudson Museum;
- 1 p.m. - Fancy basket presentation with Passamaquoddy George Neptune;
- 2-3 p.m. - Burnurwurbskek Singers with traditional signing and drumming;
- 3 p.m. - Drawing for the Hudson Museum Friends Maine Indian Basket Raffle.

This year's Hudson Museum Friends Raffle basket is made by Pam Cunningham of the Penobscot Nation. Cunningham was a member of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance Board of Directors from 1998 to 2002 and a master weaver through the Maine Arts Commission's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship program since 1999, according to Hudson Museum Director Gretchen Faulkner, who hosts the annual basketmakers' sale. Visitors also can explore the Museum's Maine Indian Gallery and "Transcending Traditions; The Next Generation and Maine Indian Basketry," a special exhibit in the Merritt Gallery of the works of five young contemporary artists. The event hosted every year by the Hudson Museum is a collaboration with the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance. The museum can be contacted at (207) 581-1904 for details. Contact: Gretchen Faulkner, (207) 581-1904

Fire displaces UMaine students

20 Nov 2011

Twenty-one UMaine students were displaced by a Saturday night fire at the off-campus Stillwater Apartments complex on College Avenue. [As the Bangor Daily News reported](#), university student affairs personnel were at the fire scene attending to the students, arranging for campus accommodations and other interventions as necessary to help those students continue their studies without interruption.

Football team selected for playoff field

20 Nov 2011

The UMaine Black Bear football team has qualified for the national FCS playoffs. The NCAA announced the playoff

field on Sunday, with the 8-3 Black Bears receiving a first-round bye. They will play Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. on Saturday Dec. 3. More details are in a Portland Press Herald blog post by Kevin Thomas.

News report on trash analysis

20 Nov 2011

Prof. George Criner of the UMaine School of Economics and senior economics major Travis Blackmer were interviewed for a WLBZ television story about an extensive project analyzing the content municipal trash in 17 Maine communities. Initial results suggest that 20 percent of the discarded trash could have been recycled, saving those municipalities significant amounts of money.

Martin set for Monday radio interview

21 Nov 2011

Justin Martin, UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences - Honors Preceptor of Journalism, will be interviewed Monday afternoon (3 p.m. eastern time) on Wisconsin radio station WLIP. [In a discussion that will be available live online](#), Martin will discuss the state of the cable television industry in the U.S.

TV 7 Reports on UMaine Recycling Efforts

21 Nov 2011

[Channel 7 \(WVII\)](#) reported on a UMaine School of Economics research project that examines the contents of trash in Maine being sent to landfills and incinerators that could be reused or recycled at a substantial solid waste cost savings. Students Travis Blackmer and Karl Chandler explained how the university's new single-sort systems works and how consumers and municipalities can benefit from reducing some of the things being thrown away. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Armstrong on Sunday Business Radio Program

21 Nov 2011

Charles Armstrong, UMaine Cooperative Extension cranberry professional, was a guest on the Sunday, Nov. 20 edition of WVOM FM radio program "[Back to Business](#)" with host Deb Neuman. The hour-long program included a discussion about how to grow cranberries and interviews with a Columbia Falls cranberry grower and the owner of Cranberry Island Kitchen in Portland who discussed cranberry recipes. Armstrong also was interviewed for an [article](#) in the Nov. 20 Sun Journal Sunday edition about the success of a Turner cranberry farm. George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Press Herald Gives Positive Review on Art Student's Exhibit

21 Nov 2011

An art reviewer for the [Portland Press Herald](#) has praised the current exhibit by UMaine third-year master of fine arts student Gabriella D'Italia of Newburgh at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport. About D'Italia's quilted fabric piece "White Finery," reviewer Daniel Kany writes, "It's less that D'Italia transforms the material than brings it alive." Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Orono, Old Town, UMaine Police Receive National Accreditation Recognition

21 Nov 2011

The University of Maine, Old Town and Orono police departments have received distinctive recognition status from a national law enforcement accreditation agency, a precursor to becoming fully accredited and confirmation that the

departments have met more than 100 standards of excellence. UMaine Police Chief Roland LaCroix made the announcement Monday, Nov. 21. The designation follows an extensive review and public comment period in February 2011, in which representatives from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) examined all aspects of the departments police policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services, according to LaCroix. Verification by the team that the three police departments met the commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation -- a prized recognition of public safety professional excellence, according to LaCroix and Lt. Paul Paradis, the department's training, development and accreditation manager. Old Town, Orono and UMaine police departments were found in compliance with 112 national standards. Once a department attains recognition status, it submits annual reports attesting to continued compliance with the standards for three years. The department then becomes eligible for full accreditation, a status that includes only five percent of law enforcement agencies in the United States. "It's an achievement," says Old Town Police Chief Don O'Halloran. "You might have been doing the right things all along, but the accreditation is the formal verification." The full time officers on the departments are all sworn officers, fully trained through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy after a 720-hour program. "Having our policies and procedures recognized by CALEA helps ensure the quality of service that we provide to our community and demonstrates that UMPD is a professional agency that operates under nationally recognized law enforcement standards," LaCroix says. The CALEA review covers every aspect of a department's operations, from administration, communications, officer hiring and promotion, to records management, investigations, evidence protection, equipment and officer training, says Paradis, "from the streets to the courts." "It also includes a review and documentation of any use of force, so departments can identify possible patterns that may need further analysis," Orono Police Chief Gary Duquette adds. Contact: Chief Roland LaCroix, (207) 581-4040

Grad and professional school fair Nov. 30

22 Nov 2011

Students interested in pursuing a University of Maine master's or doctoral degree are invited to learn more at a Graduate and Professional School Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 4-6 p.m. at Stodder Hall. UMaine is home to the state's largest [graduate school](#) and broadest array of graduate programs, including more than 70 master's degrees, 30 doctoral programs and a number of graduate certificates. Programs to be represented at the Nov. 30 event will include the Maine Business School, the School of Marine Sciences, the School of Policy and International Affairs and the departments of Chemical Engineering and Communication and Journalism, along with the College of Education. Refreshments will be provided and raffle prizes will include an iPod and a graduate application fee waiver.

UMaine Sociology Instructor Wins National Award

22 Nov 2011

UMaine adjunct sociology faculty member Michael Rocque has received the Outstanding Student Award from the Division on People of Color and Crime at the American Society of Criminology. The award recognizes outstanding student research on race, ethnicity, crime and justice. The award was based on a paper by Rocque, "Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System and Perceptions of Legitimacy: A Theoretical Linkage," recently published in "Race and Justice," the official Journal of the American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime. Rocque is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice. He received the award Nov. 17 in San Francisco. Contact: Michael Rocque, (207) 581-2380

BDN Reports Faulty Hair Dryer Caused Student Housing Fire

22 Nov 2011

[The Bangor Daily News](#) reported that fire investigators have concluded a malfunctioning hair dryer caused the weekend apartment complex fire that left 23 UMaine students in need of alternative housing. No injuries were reported and affected students have been relocated. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Segal remembrance of colleague David Smith published

22 Nov 2011

A [column remembering University of Maine American history professor David Smith](#) by History Department colleague Howard Segal appears in the November 2011 issue of American Historical Association's Perspectives on History journal. Segal remembers Smith, who died in 2009, as a prolific author whose diverse research interests ranged from Maine history to science, forestry, agriculture and climate change. Among his books are *The First Century: A History of the University of Maine, 1865–1965* (1979) and *The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station: A Bountiful Alliance of Science and Husbandry* (1980).

Washington Post Gardening Article Lists Extension Publication

22 Nov 2011

A November 22 Associated Press article appearing in the [Washington Post](#) on extending garden life using hoop houses and cold frames includes a link to a University of Maine Cooperative Extension [publication](#) on tips to extend the growing season.

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Mayewski comments in Voice of America climate series

24 Nov 2011

A five-part series by Voice of America News about how climate change and rising temperatures are affecting Africa includes an extensive interview with University of Maine Climate Change Institute Director Paul Mayewski, who provided perspective on the increasing pace of climate change globally. South Africa is about to host an international conference on climate change.

Press Herald reports on Harvest for Hunger tally

24 Nov 2011

The [Portland Press Herald reported](#) on the final results of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Harvest for Hunger program, which received more than 140 tons of fresh garden produce donated by more than 500 gardeners throughout the state this year.

Editorial cites UMaine trash, recycling work

24 Nov 2011

A recent [editorial in the Bangor Daily News](#) cited an extensive, statewide study of the contents of residential garbage in 17 communities by the University of Maine School of Economics as evidence that solid waste can and should be reduced through reusing, recycling or composting as much as possible for environmental and economic reasons.

Boston Globe AP report on UMaine tobacco-free recognition

26 Nov 2011

The Boston Globe Web site features an [Associated Press article](#) noting that eight Maine colleges and universities have received recognition for their tobacco use policies. As the story points out, the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network recognized UMaine with ten stars, its highest possible rating.

Manev column on networks in BDN

27 Nov 2011

An opinion column, "[The value of networks.](#)" by UMaine Business School Dean Ivan Manev appeared in Saturday's Bangor Daily News. In the column, Manev describes the ways in which the Internet is affecting the development and use of network in business settings.

McConnon comments in small business retail story

27 Nov 2011

James McConnon from the UMaine School of Economics faculty was quoted in [a Bangor Daily News story](#) based on "Small Business Saturday," a movement encouraging consumers to patronize small, local businesses. McConnon says he sees indications that the owners of such businesses can expect a slightly better holiday season than they experienced in 2010.

Globe Features Indian Basket Sale

28 Nov 2011

A Boston Globe story advanced the upcoming Maine Indian Basketmakers Sale and Demonstration, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at UMaine's Hudson Museum. According to the story, the museum, which is located in the Collins Center for the Arts, has 500 pieces of Wabanaki clothing, tools and art in its gallery. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

McConnon in Sun Journal Shopping Analysis

28 Nov 2011

Jim McConnon, University of Maine Cooperative Extension specialist and professor of economics, was interviewed by the [Lewiston Sun Journal](#) for perspective on the holiday shopping outlook for the 2011 season. McConnon says shoppers are being careful in their bargain hunting, but are expected to spend slightly more than last year -- a positive sign, given the suppressed economy in Maine. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

December 5 SPIA Presentation Postponed

28 Nov 2011

A lecture and reception scheduled by UMaine's School of Policy and International Affairs for Monday, Dec. 5 at the Buchanan Alumni House with H.E. Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C., has been postponed indefinitely. Contact: Peter Fandel, (207) 581-1835

James Madison Fellowship applications available

28 Nov 2011

The application for the 2012 James Madison Fellowship is now available at the [Fellowship's website](#). College seniors and college graduates who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government, or social studies are eligible for this Fellowship, which carries a maximum stipend of \$24,000 for up to two years of graduate study in a program leading to a master's degree in American history, political science, or education offered by any accredited university in the United States. Fellowship recipients are required to teach American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12 for a minimum of one year for each academic year of graduate assistance they receive. Those interested in more information on the James Madison Fellowship can visit the website listed above, contact the Madison Foundation at 1-800-525-6928 [or by email](#), or contact University of Maine Faculty Representative Mark Brewer at 581-1863 [or by email](#). The 2012 [Madison Fellowship application must be completed online](#), and is due March 1, 2012.

Experts Comment In Reports On Holiday Sales

29 Nov 2011

UMaine economist James McConnon was quoted in a Maine Public Broadcasting Radio story about reports of stronger-than-expected Black Friday sales in Maine. McConnon said strong sales could be the result of consumers with less personal debt and a decline in personal savings rates. Nory Jones, a UMaine associate professor in the Maine Business School and the director of Graduate Business Programs, told the [Portland Press Herald](#) in a story about Cyber Monday that many shoppers see online shopping as more civilized than standing in line at a store, and sees a strong future for the online shopping day. Jones provided Portland TV station WCHS with safety tips for shopping online.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Nanoscale Research Noted On Website

29 Nov 2011

The website [Azonano](#) noted a UMaine-Northwestern University research project, which includes contributions by UMaine physicist Dean Astumian, looking into artificial molecular machines. Astumian stated that all nanoscale machines experience collision with the surrounding molecules, causing thermal noise, and researchers are working on a chemical method by which the noise would be used for constructive purposes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Op-Ed on Households and Federal Tax

29 Nov 2011

Gloria Vollmers, a UMaine accounting professor, has an [op-ed](#) in the Bangor Daily News about the kinds of American households that are not paying federal taxes. Vollmers argues that a large part of those that are not paying include the working poor, families and the elderly, and those groups should not be condemned for their low incomes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Nursing Students Raising Funds for Belize Outreach

29 Nov 2011

Twelve University of Maine nursing students, a recent nursing graduate, and a faculty adviser are raising money for a Spring Break public health, service-learning mission with underprivileged families in and around the city of Belize in Central America. Undergraduates, members of the UMaine Orono Student Nurses Association, will be accompanied by UMaine School of Nursing lecturer Susan Wheaton, RN, Feb. 27 through March 6, working with medical teams in Belize. The program is coordinated by the [International Service Learning](#) organization, a non-governmental organization that has offered medical service volunteer programs since 1993 in Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean and Africa. After orientation and field training upon arrival in Belize, the UMaine students will set out in teams for towns and villages to conduct community health surveys to assess health services needs among villagers. Those identified as in need of medical care will be invited to a clinic staffed and supervised by licensed medical professionals. Students will rotate through patient intake, triage, examination, diagnosis, treatment and pharmacy stations. Expenses are estimated at just more than \$2,000 per traveler, according to Nancy Fishwick, director of the UMaine nursing school. Students have set up a website for blog posts and tracking fundraising. "Being able to travel with nursing students to areas of need in health care will provide this opportunity of growth both personal and, more importantly, as a nurse," Wheaton says in a recent blog post. "If you can support these nursing students ... you will be part of an amazing journey. Everyone at some points needs the special care of a nurse." A passion for public health and justice in healthcare fuels her interest in the project, says Spanish-speaking Allison Doe, a fourth-year nursing student from Bowdoinham. Doe has previously volunteered independently at an Ecuadorian pediatric hospital, with the Chilean Red Cross and with migrant workers in Downeast Maine. "Traveling to Belize will be a wonderful opportunity for a

mutual learning experience between both us, the travelers, and the communities we will be serving," Doe says in a blog post. The students hope this will be the first of ongoing annual visits to Belize. The next fundraising event the students have organized is a bake sale and raffle Dec. 5-6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Memorial Union. Contact: Allison Doe, (207) 423-0193; Susan Wheaton, (207) 581-2594

Cain named Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow

29 Nov 2011

Emily Ann Cain, the Maine House of Representatives Minority Floor Leader, will spend the day at the University of Maine on Tuesday, Dec. 6 as part of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow Program. Cain is a UMaine graduate and current graduate student who represents House District 19, which includes part of Orono. She will meet with students, faculty members and staff members during the day-long program, which begins with an 8:30 a.m. visit to UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center's offshore wind laboratory. Cain will also speak to three classes and visit a series of research laboratories and outreach centers. The day will end with a 4 p.m. reception hosted by UMaine President Paul Ferguson in Fogler Library's University Club. Reporters interested in the full schedule should call 581-3743. The Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows Program, which began in the spring of 2006, brings Maine elected officials and senior policymakers to UMaine for intensive one-day programs through which they can learn more about UMaine, the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, and the work of the university's faculty members and students. It is also intended to provide opportunities for UMaine students to have access to high-level public officials, through whom they can learn more about government and the development of public policy. Cain is serving her fourth term in the Maine House, having been elected in 2004 at the age of 24. She is the youngest woman to serve as minority floor leader in the Maine House, following service in the last legislative session as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. A Maine resident since the age of 18, Cain was born in Kentucky. She has also lived in Illinois and New Jersey. In addition to her legislative service, Cain works part-time as Coordinator of Advancement in UMaine's Honors College. Contact: [Joe Carr](#) at (207) 581-3743

Boston Globe Notes Funding For Buoy Research

30 Nov 2011

The Boston Globe website included an Associated Press story about \$1.7 million in funding for the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems, known as NERACOOS, which includes UMaine's Physical Oceanography Group and UMaine Professor Neal Pettigrew. The [Bangor Daily News](#) also ran the AP story, which mentioned the funding will enable researchers to collect data that will be used to benefit the fishing industry and commercial shippers. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Cosgrove Honor

30 Nov 2011

Several state and national news outlets, including the website Boxscore News, noted that UMaine football coach Jack Cosgrove, a 1978 UMaine graduate, was named Tuesday the New England Football Writers Division I FCS Coach of the Year. Cosgrove, in his 19th season as head coach, has led the Black Bears to an 8-3 record and a berth in the FCS playoffs. The announcement was also noted on a Portland Press Herald blog. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Graphic Designer Mentioned in BDN Story

30 Nov 2011

Mike Mardosa, a graphic designer at UMaine, was mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) (<http://bangordailynews.com/2011/11/29/living/geaghan-brothers-crafts-new-brews-for-the-queen-city/>) about a new brewery opening in Bangor. Mardosa designed labels for Geaghan Brothers Brewing Company. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

20th Century Horn Research In Scientific American

30 Nov 2011

The work of W. Franklin Dove, a biologist who studied animal production while at UMaine in the early 20th century, was mentioned in a blog on the [Scientific American website](#). Dove spent years of his career removing and implanting immature horn buds in the skulls of animals such as goats and cows to show that horn tissue developed separately from the skull and fused to the skull as it grew, and how the animals used their horns to gain dominance. The research is noted in a recently released book about anomalies in the development and evolution of animals. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Faculty member scheduled for dramatic reading

30 Nov 2011

Playwright William Yellow Robe, a member of the UMaine English faculty, will read "Glooskape's Children," a play by Donna Loring, on Friday Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. The staged reading is scheduled for the Black Box Theater on the second floor of UMaine's Class of 1944 Building.

Standardbred Program Highlighted in BDN

01 Dec 2011

The Bangor Daily News has a [feature story](#) about UMaine's standardbred program, which teaches students the ins and outs of how to train and handle a breed of horse trained for harness racing. UMaine student Amy Bologna was interviewed for the article and student Amy Hofmann was featured in a series of photographs. The story included comments from Robert Causey, a UMaine associate professor in animal and veterinary sciences and the standardbred program director, who said Maine has a strong tradition of turning racehorses into pleasure horses. Many local racehorse owners donate retired horses to the UMaine program, according to the story, which is based at UMaine's Witter Farm. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Globe Reviews Historian's New Book

01 Dec 2011

UMaine history Professor Richard Judd's new book, "A Landscape History of New England," was reviewed in the Boston Globe. Judd co-edited the book, which explores the understanding of landscape through a sense of memory and social identity. The reviewer wrote that the essays in the book capture the New England of living memory. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Article on Engineering Program in Brunswick

01 Dec 2011

A new engineering partnership between UMaine and Southern Maine Community College was mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about new uses for the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. The partnership will be based at the Brunswick facility and will offer seamless educational opportunities, starting with an associate degree and leading to both a baccalaureate and master's degree in engineering. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Grant for Ocean Monitoring

01 Dec 2011

UMaine's physical oceanography research was in a [Bangor Daily News follow-up story](#) to the news of continued

funding for the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems, known as NERACOOS. The UMaine Physical Oceanography Group, headed up by UMaine Professor Neal Pettigrew, will receive some of the \$1.7 million grant from the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to maintain buoys and manage and make available to the public the data the buoys generate. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

TV Report on Student Protest

01 Dec 2011

Bangor television station WLBZ has a report on Wednesday afternoon's Occupy UMaine protest, which was held outside Fogler Library. Students plan to protest every Wednesday, spurred on by the national Occupy movement. Several students, who said they are members of the Maine Peace Action Committee, were interviewed for the story.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Reports on Nursing Students' Belize Plans

01 Dec 2011

[The Bangor Daily News](#) carried information from a UMaine news release about a group of students from the university's School of Nursing raising funds for a public health mission over spring break with underprivileged families in Belize. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Kaye Discusses Importance of Male Caregivers

01 Dec 2011

Len Kaye, director of the University of Maine Center on Aging, was featured in a Channel 5 (WABI) interview with Joy Hollowell on the often underappreciated role of male caregivers who spend time with ill family members. Comments from Kaye included in a UMaine news advisory about how holiday celebrations can negatively affect elders and others was posted on the [Physorg.com website](#) today. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

UMaine Researchers Awarded Grant to Study Red Tide Effects

01 Dec 2011

University of Maine Research Professor Laurie Connell will lead a team of researchers investigating methods that would provide early warning detection of toxic Alexandrium blooms, also known as red tides, in the Gulf of Maine. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is based in the U.S. Department of Commerce, announced the anticipated three-year, \$574,028 project. UMaine will receive \$201,187 in the first year. Some species of Alexandrium algae produce toxins that can become concentrated in shellfish tissue. Eating shellfish tainted with these toxins can lead to paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), a potentially fatal human illness. The research will allow scientists to detect and measure levels of toxic Alexandrium cells in water samples, providing Maine officials with an early warning of increased potential of PSP contamination in shellfish. The project could pave the way to similar projects in other regions affected by harmful algal blooms. "The ability to directly detect toxic Alexandrium species using the inexpensive monitoring devices we have developed will increase Maine's ability to focus limited resources to areas that are either emerging PSP hot spots or to safely allow for targeted closures of shellfish harvests, focusing only on impacted beds," Connell said. "Our project will serve as a demonstration model for other state and local agencies for the implementation of these detection platforms." The monitoring advancements will improve capabilities and cut costs for the red tide forecast system, a NOAA investment in New England to protect public health and jobs, and coastal economies. This project was funded to UMaine through a national competition of NOAA's Monitoring and Event Response of Harmful Algae Blooms (MERHAB) program. Research will be carried out at UMaine with research partners at the Maine Department of Marine Resources Biotxin Monitoring program. "These resources will enable the university's world-class scientists and students, in collaboration with the critically important Biotxin Monitoring

program at Maine's Department of Marine Resources, to explore cost-effective ways to properly detect the spread of red tide in the Gulf of Maine,” said Senator Olympia J. Snowe of Maine. “The technological advances made by research like this, along with continued funding for shellfish monitoring programs, will ensure that our state’s hardworking harvesters have all the tools at their disposal to ensure the continued success of this vital fishery. While we have made great strides in bloom prediction and monitoring, it is clear these problems are continuing to increase in magnitude and demand our ongoing commitment and attention.” Contact: Laurie Connell, laurie.connell@umit.maine.edu

Offshore Wind Project in Working Waterfront Story

02 Dec 2011

UMaine's deepwater offshore wind power research was mentioned in a [Working Waterfront story](#) about the issue. The story noted UMaine's Offshore Wind Energy Laboratory, which is based at the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center on campus, is collaborating with industry partners on new tools for offshore wind turbine construction and siting. Elizabeth Viselli, associate project manager for the center, was interviewed for the story. Also mentioned was the research being done by UMaine marine scientists and ornithologists on initial environmental monitoring studies. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Climate Scientist Interviewed About Warm Weather

02 Dec 2011

Wednesday's unseasonably warm temperature prompted a report in the Lewiston Sun Journal that included an interview with Sean Birkel, a post-doctoral research associate at UMaine's Climate Change Institute. Birkel said one spell of above- or below-normal weather is not necessarily a symptom of climate change, but historical temperatures show Maine is warming, especially the winters. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Maine Tree Club Offers Outings and Education

02 Dec 2011

PORTLAND, Maine— The Maine Tree Club is inviting citizens and visitors interested in learning more about one of the state's greatest resources to join the club, an educational project designed for people of all ages to learn about trees, offered by University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Maine Forest Service. The Maine Tree Club is planning at least three outings around the state in 2012 to get people into the woods for hands-on learning and enjoyment. These outings, guided by experts, are planned for the mountains and coastal regions, as well as other parts of Maine. Through the outings and twice-monthly fact sheets featuring different Maine tree species, club members will learn to recognize 50 different types of trees over a period of two years and gain skills that can be applied in their own yards and communities. Participants receive additional materials including a 10-power hand lens for close-up viewing of tree parts, an attractive notebook for the tree species fact sheets, a pocket guide to Maine trees, and several practical guides related to tree growth and care. Maine's trees attract tourists by the thousands, support the state economy, and deliver constant inspiration to area artists, poets and naturalists. They are at the root of Maine's identity. As one Maine Tree Club member put it, "the Maine Tree Club has been a great way to reacquaint myself with the trees I grew up with and for so many years was distant from." The annual registration fee for the Maine Tree Club is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$35 per family, and \$65 per group of up to 15. A limited number of Maine Tree Club scholarships are available for those in need. There is no deadline for registration. Request a free informational brochure by calling University of Maine Cooperative Extension at 207-781-6099 or 1- 800-287-1471 (in Maine), or e-mailing extension.cumberland@maine.edu Contact: Amy Witt, 207-781-6099, amy.witt@maine.edu

Bookstore ornament sale to benefit student group

02 Dec 2011

Every year, the University Bookstore—the University of Maine's official bookstore—commissions the design of a UMaine ornament. Each edition is carefully crafted of the finest materials and depicts a university landmark or symbol. However, the real beauty of the ornament, modeled this year after Stevens Hall, is how it benefits others. Through its annual commemorative ornament program, the bookstore provides the proceeds from ornament sales to a UMaine student organization that works to help others. This year's selected beneficiary is Circle K International. Circle K International is a collegiate service organization that is part of the Kiwanis family. Circle K International is the largest organization its our kind with over 13,000 members worldwide. They accomplish service projects and raise money for communities both locally and globally. Recently at UMaine, Circle K International significant funds for pediatric cancer research, UNICEF, Camp Sunshine in Sebago, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute in Boston. In the area communities, Circle K International holds food drives and does volunteer work at Manna Ministries in Bangor & Orono Commons. Richard Young, UMaine's director of Auxiliary Services, noted that student volunteer organizations like this that get to the heart of the ornament program, which began in 2003. “The students in these organizations dedicate their energy and talent to making a difference,” Young says. “We at the University Bookstore are honored to recognize their important work through the ornament program. We are a student-focused organization, and this initiative is a special way that we can give back.” The 2011 ornament, as well as the complete collection, is available at the University Bookstore, located on the lower level of Memorial Union on the University of Maine campus. Ornaments are also available through the University Bookstore website at www.bookstore.umaine.edu. Previous beneficiary organizations have included Alternative Spring Break, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega, Rotaract, Colleges Against Cancer, Central American Service Association, Engineers Without Borders & Habitat UMaine. Sales from previous years will still go to the organization of that year. *High-resolution images are available upon request. Please contact [Tom Diaz](#), UMaine auxiliary services marketing coordinator, at (207) 581-4350.*

Hazing Expert Comments on Florida A&M Student Death

05 Dec 2011

National hazing expert Elizabeth Allan, a UMaine faculty member, was interviewed by the [Florida Times Union](#) about the death last week of a Florida A&M student who was a drum major the school's marching band. Allan, who in 2008 released a national hazing study with fellow UMaine faculty member Mary Madden, told the newspaper many perpetrators know hazing is wrong, but often don't interpret what they're doing as hazing. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Jain Research Noted on Website

05 Dec 2011

The website Environmental Research Web posted information about research done by UMaine engineer Shaleen Jain and a former UMaine graduate student. Jain, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, researched the the impact of past typhoons on the Korean peninsula, providing climate risk analysis to help officials make informed decisions about how and there they should adapt their current water systems. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Political Scientist in Occupy Bangor Story

05 Dec 2011

Sol Goldman, an adjunct faculty member who teaches law classes in the UMaine department of political science, was mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about the Occupy Bangor encampment outside the Bangor Public Library. One Occupy Bangor member told the BDN that Goldman, who is not an Occupy Bangor member, offered to step in to solve an impasse between the group and the city about whether the group can remain in front of the library. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Report on Fraternity Members Back in House

05 Dec 2011

The [Bangor Daily News reported](#) most of the members of UMaine's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity are back in their house on College Avenue following repairs and renovations this semester. The house was shut down in September by Orono town officials as several code violations were discovered after an inspection. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine's Witter Farm Wins Agri-Mark Top Quality Producer Award

06 Dec 2011

The University of Maine J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Center's dairy operation has received the top quality producer award for Agri-Mark Region 14 for 2011. Region 14 consists of all the Agri-Mark farms in the state of Maine and one in Chatham, N.H. The award recognizes efforts by students and staff at the Witter Farm dairy operation to produce the highest quality milk possible. Dean Ashworth, dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture praised Witter Farm Superintendent Jake Dyer, farm staff Lizz Carpenter, Mark Tucker, Ben McLaughlin and Rick Seekins, along with students in UMaine's animal and veterinary sciences program for the award. Agri-Mark is a New England and upstate New York dairy farmers cooperative. It owns the Cabot brand of Vermont Cheddar, butter and other dairy products in addition to the McCadam brand of New York Cheddar, Pepper Jack and other cheeses. The co-op posted sales of \$781 million in 2010 and markets more than 300 million gallons of fresh milk annually for more than 1,275 dairy farms in New England and New York, according to Agri-Mark. Contact: Frederick Servello, (207) 581-3228

Newspaper Notes UMaine Participation in Robotics Event

06 Dec 2011

A [Portland Press Herald story](#) about a high school robotics competition noted that UMaine students served as referees, judges and scorekeepers. The event was held Saturday at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Update on Saturday's Football Playoff Game

06 Dec 2011

The [Bangor Daily News reported](#) that the UMaine football game Saturday against Georgia Southern will again be available Internet-only ESPN3 or by purchasing the game on pay-per-view. UMaine athletic director Steve Abbott told the BDN the game, which is an NCAA football quarterfinal, will be shown at The Marketplace in the Memorial Union. He added that should the Black Bears win and advance in the playoffs, UMaine will bid to host the semifinal game. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Pep Rally to Support Black Bear Football Team Dec. 7

06 Dec 2011

A pep rally for the Black Bear football team will be held at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Maine Marketplace of the Memorial Union. The UMaine team is headed to Statesboro, Ga., for a Dec. 10 matchup with third-ranked Georgia Southern in the NCAA national quarterfinals. The marching band will perform in the atrium outside the UMaine Bookstore. Speakers are expected to include football coach Jack Cosgrove and team member Roosevelt Boone. MCing the event will be Danny Williams. The Black Bears have a 9-3 record following a 34-12 NCAA second-round victory over Appalachian State Dec. 3. UMaine is the only team left in the CAA still alive in the NCAA tournament.

Economist Comments on European Crisis

07 Dec 2011

Adrienne Kearney, a UMaine macroeconomist who studies international finance, was quoted in [a Bangor Daily News](#)

[story](#) about how the financial crisis in Europe could affect Maine businesses. Kearney told the BDN a slowdown in consumer spending in Europe would affect Asia, which exports much of its goods to that region, where China and Malaysia are two of Maine's top trading partners, largely due to the semiconductors manufactured in South Portland at Texas Instruments. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer Interviewed About Collins' Job Creation Bill

07 Dec 2011

Comments from UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer were included in an MPBN radio report about a new nonpartisan jobs creation bill introduced Tuesday by U.S. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine. Brewer said he hopes the bill will end partisan gridlock in the Senate because both parties want elements of the bill, such as the extension of the payroll tax cut, to get done.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

College of Engineering Noted in Lego Event Advance

07 Dec 2011

In an advance for the upcoming Maine Lego League Championship, [the Central Maine Morning Sentinel newspaper](#) noted UMaine's College of Engineering is one of the sponsors. The annual Lego championship is the largest science and engineering education event in Maine, and this year's event will feature 66 teams of children ages 9 to 14, who have been practicing, building and researching their robots in preparation for the championship. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on Division of Wealth

07 Dec 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried's biweekly [Bangor Daily News column](#) focused on the shift in wealth of the past decades and what that means for everyday people and the opportunities they will have in the future. Fried wrote that a nation with a highly skewed distribution of wealth is a nation with less opportunity for people to make their way in the world. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sentence in Student Hit-and-Run Death

08 Dec 2011

The [Bangor Daily News](#) and other media outlets reported on the sentencing of a South Berwick man who was convicted of manslaughter and drunk driving in the January 2010 death of UMaine student Jordyn Bakley. Garrett Cheney was sentenced to 15 years in prison with all but seven suspended for the incident. Bakley would have graduated in 2011 with a double major in education and women's studies and UMaine Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Robert Dana told the court Bakley worked in the food court in the Memorial Union. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Op-Ed Column on Government's Fiscal Responsibilities

08 Dec 2011

A UMaine faculty and a staff member combined to write an [opinion column](#) in the Portland Press Herald about the lack of fiscal leadership on the part of both Congress and President Obama. John Mahon, the John M. Murphy chaired Professor of International Business Policy and Strategy at the Maine Business School, and Michael Hastings, the director of UMaine's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, wrote both the Democrats and Republicans are

avoiding making any suggestions that might impact the 2012 election. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of UMaine Football Pep Rally

08 Dec 2011

Several Bangor television stations covered Wednesday's pep rally in the Memorial Union in support of the UMaine football team's quarterfinal playoff game against Georgia Southern Saturday. WABI did a live broadcast from the pep rally, including an interview with Raibonne Charles, a senior defensive lineman and forestry major. WVII also interviewed senior linebacker Vinson Givans, a sociology major. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Razor Clams are Cutting Edge Research at the University of Maine and Roger Williams University

08 Dec 2011

ORONO, Maine - Clams of all kind are big business in New England, but the razor or jackknife clam, while worth between \$2.50 and \$6 per pound, has not been a focus of clam diggers. The elongated, elusive bivalve is hard to dig from the mud and usually only accessible at extremely low tides, resulting in an inconsistent supply. Market demand would likely increase if a steady supply of quality razor clams could be developed. Paul Rawson of the University of Maine School of Marine Sciences is leading an effort to develop ways to grow razor clams on shellfish farms. With a \$93,616 award from the Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC), Rawson will work with Dale Leavitt of Roger Williams University, Diane Murphy of Woods Hole Sea Grant and Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, and Dana Morse of Maine Sea Grant and UMaine Cooperative Extension. The project is entitled: "Optimization of Hatchery and Culture Technology for Razor Clams." In previous work, Leavitt evaluated the equipment and techniques needed to culture razor clams. While the approaches showed promise, Leavitt reached a bottleneck in the hatchery. "We had very promising results with the grow out stage of razor clam production in our earlier NRAC-sponsored research but had trouble supplying seed to the growers. So, with this grant, we hope to solve the early production stage problems that limited us the last time around," he said. Earlier trials and data from other countries indicate razor clams can have fast growth rates, making their culture potential even greater. The team hopes to produce 1 million juvenile razor clams in 2012, working at the UMaine Darling Marine Center (DMC), the Roger Williams University Blount Shellfish Hatchery, and the Aquacultural Research Corporation, in Dennis, Mass. "The razor clam project is very exciting and I am glad that we've been asked to help work through several bottlenecks that presently exist in the culture of razor clams," said DMC Hatchery Manager Michael Devin. "We will be challenged, but I'm looking forward to helping growers and the shellfish industry in general." "The shellfish culture industry in the northeast has a reputation for ingenuity and resourcefulness and we are excited to be helping them explore and solve issues related to the culture of alternative species," Rawson added. For project information and updates, visit [the Maine Sea Grant website](#), or call Maine Sea Grant, at (207) 841-1435. Contact: Catherine Schmitt, Maine Sea Grant, catherine.schmitt@umit.maine.edu

Dagher Comments in Newspaper Report on Offshore Wind

09 Dec 2011

Habib Dagher, the director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was quoted in a Bangor Daily News report on the potential for deepwater offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. Dagher said the recent news that a Norwegian company is seeking to put in a wind farm in the gulf galvanizes commercial deepwater development in Maine and the U.S. The story also noted UMaine has been among the leaders in the state in research related to offshore wind. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Margaret Chase Smith Foundation Taps UMaine to Administer Sen. Margaret Chase Smith's Skowhegan Library

09 Dec 2011

The Margaret Chase Smith Foundation has announced that it has entered into an agreement with the University of Maine under which, beginning Jan. 1, 2012, UMaine will administer the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan,

Maine on behalf of the foundation. Since its opening in 1982, the library has been operated under the auspices of Northwood University of Midland, Mich. On January 1, 2012, the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation, an organization established by Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in 1983 to support the library, will assume ownership and responsibility of the library. The University of Maine will operate and maintain the library. The Margaret Chase Smith Library is recognized as one of the premier Congressional research libraries in the United States. It has a three-fold mission of serving as an archive, museum, and educational and public policy center. Charles L. Cragin of Raymond, president of the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation, and Merton G. Henry of Scarborough, vice president of the foundation, both original members of the board, expressed appreciation to the university for assuming responsibility for the daily operations of the library. "Senator Smith's ties to the University of Maine were many. She was a strong supporter of the university throughout her life. We know she would be thrilled to have her library come home to the university," Cragin says. Senator Smith was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the university in 1949. "We want to express our deep appreciation to Northwood University, which assumed responsibility for the construction and operation of the library in 1979. Under its stewardship, the library has flourished. Northwood has been a great friend of the library and we know that it will continue to foster the legacy of Senator Smith," Henry said. "The university is honored and excited about this opportunity to operate the Margaret Chase Smith Library. The library has an excellent relationship with the university and its Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. This will expand the potential uses of the library by university scholars and continue to contribute to preserving the remarkable legacy of Senator Smith," says Paul W. Ferguson, president of the University of Maine. Senator Smith, a Republican, was first elected to the U.S House of Representatives in 1940 and to the U.S. Senate in 1948, where she served through 1972. She was one of the most successful politicians in Maine history and was the first woman in the United States to be elected to both the U.S. House and the Senate, and the first woman from Maine to serve in either. She was also the first woman to have her name placed in nomination for the U.S. presidency at a major party's convention in 1964. Contact: Michael Quinlan (207) 775-7271, and Merton Henry (207) 885-1450, Margaret Chase Smith Foundation; Charles Morris, University of Maine Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center (207) 581-4135

VillageSoup Reports on UMaine Ocean Weather Buoys Grant

09 Dec 2011

The coastal Knox VillageSoup reported comments from U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree about the importance of the Northeast Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems weather buoys, formerly known as GMOOS, managed by a partnership that includes the University of Maine. NOAA has agreed to maintain funding for the program, which informs mariners and fishing vessels off the coast about offshore sea and weather conditions, for five years. The program received \$1.77 million for the first year.

Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Leeds Students Selected for Engineering Expo at UMaine

09 Dec 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal reported today that a Leeds Central School class has been selected to attend the Maine Engineering Expo at the University of Maine in March, after a "Dig into Science" contest organized by the S.W. Cole Engineering firm in Bangor. The fourth- and fifth-grade students prepared a YouTube video in which they act the parts of reporters and scientists discussing how science has affected their lives. The Expo is designed to introduce Maine youngsters to science and technology at an early age. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Channel 5 Covers Student Campout for 'Habitat'

09 Dec 2011

Channel 5 (WABI) interviewed several UMaine student members of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity Thursday who have been camping out near the Mall to draw attention to and raise money for the effort to reduce

substandard housing for people who cannot afford improvements. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

MPBN to Broadcast Recorded William Cohen Lecture Today

09 Dec 2011

Remarks by retired U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones, who served as the first National Security Advisor in the Obama administration and called for the U.S. to back NATO when aiding future revolutions abroad, as it did in Libya, will be aired today at 1 p.m. on MPBN's Speaking in Maine program. Jones delivered his remarks during the recent William S. Cohen Lecture at UMaine. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Admissions Director Interviewed for Press Herald Report

12 Dec 2011

Sharon Oliver, UMaine's director of admissions, was interviewed for a [Portland Press Herald report](#) about the UMaine System's strategies to reverse a trend of declining enrollment. Oliver said the admissions department has upgraded its website, added student blogs and started marketing through social media in order to attract more out-of-state students. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Offshore Wind Research Noted on Clean Energy Website

12 Dec 2011

In a story about federal funding for offshore wind power projects, the website [Cleantechnica.com](#) noted the research being done by UMaine and the DeepCwind Consortium at the AEWI Advanced Structures and Technology Center. The story said UMaine was the recipient of a grant from the Department of Energy for wind power research. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New York Times Op-Ed Cites Hazing Research

12 Dec 2011

A [New York Times op-ed piece](#) about hazing cited a 2008 study done by UMaine education faculty members Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden. The study found that most college students involved in clubs, teams and organizations experience hazing, but 95 percent never report it. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Globe Features UMaine Official, Family

12 Dec 2011

Wayne Maines, UMaine's director of Safety, Environmental Management, Transportation and Security, and his family were featured in a [Boston Globe story](#) about Maines' daughter Nicole, who is a transgender child. The story illustrates the experiences of transgender children and their parents. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Programs Mentioned in Container Housing Story

12 Dec 2011

Efforts by the Knowledge Transfer Alliance (KTA) and Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) to help a Brewer manufacturer that retrofits shipping containers into housing units were mentioned in a [Bangor Daily News story](#). The KTA is an initiative within UMaine's School of Economics that helps Maine communities and businesses overcome hardships cause by economic or natural disasters, while the AMC provides engineering support and acts as a service center to design and build projects. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Al Jazeera TV Features Dagher, UMaine Wind Power Research

12 Dec 2011

Habib Dagher, the director of UMaine's AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was interviewed by the [Al Jazeera network](#) for a TV report on the prospects of deepwater offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. Dagher told Al Jazeera the goal is to replace gasoline and heating oil with clean energy from the gulf.

Professor Proposes Duet with Pink

12 Dec 2011

A UMaine professor has posted a [YouTube video](#) in which he asks pop singer Pink if she will perform a Christmas duet with him in order to raise funds for female mass rape victims in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Martin recently posted the video in which he proposes he and Pink collaborate on the song, "Happy Christmas," which was written by John Lennon. All of the funds from the duet would be donated to Doctors Without Borders, an international aid organization with programs in the Congo. In the video, in which Martin speaks directly to Pink, he says the Congo is easily the most miserable place for women on the earth. More than 2 million women have been raped in the Congo in recent years as a means of political intimidation and retaliation, he notes. "The situation in this part of Africa has been tugging on my conscience for quite some time," Martin says. Martin picked Pink not only for her powerful singing voice, but also because he sees humanity in her songwriting. The YouTube video shows Martin singing part of "Happy Christmas." He says in the video he does not want to take any of the potential profits. Martin envisions the recording being released for Christmas 2012. Martin is the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors Preceptor of Journalism and a columnist for Columbia Journalism Review. Prior to joining the UMaine faculty, Martin reported from more than a dozen countries, including Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon and Israel. A three-time Grammy Award winner, Pink is one of the top-selling pop artists of the last decade. She has released five albums and a greatest hits compilation. Contact: Justin D. Martin, (207) 659-4223 or justin.d.martin@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

News Story on Margaret Chase Smith Library

13 Dec 2011

The Central Maine Morning Sentinel carried a [news story](#) about the announcement that UMaine is taking over daily operation and programs of the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. Charles Morris, a senior research associate at UMaine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, told the newspaper the move is an important one for the university system and the people of Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

New Media Faculty in Report on Maine Rural Partners

13 Dec 2011

Bill Kuykendall and Joline Blais of UMaine's New Media Department were mentioned in a Village Soup online story as they discussed citizen media makers and the use of media to engage people with their own community during a meeting of the Orono-based nonprofit group Maine Rural Partners. Kuykendall called for a collaborative approach among professional and citizen media-makers to bring relevant news to the fore and stimulate community conversations about important issues. Contact: Jessica Bloch, [207-581-3777](tel:207-581-3777)

Liquid Natural Gas Economic Study Noted in BDN

13 Dec 2011

[An article](#) in the Bangor Daily News about a proposed liquid natural gas terminal in Down East Maine cited a UMaine study which found an LNG terminal would create 90 operational jobs, 350 construction jobs and 230 "indirect" jobs in the region. The study was prepared in 2005 by UMaine economists Todd Gabe and Jonathan Rubin, Margaret Chase

Smith Policy Center's Charles Morris and Lisa Bragg, who was a UMaine graduate student at the time. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Blog Noted on Atlantic Website

14 Dec 2011

UMaine political scientist Amy Fried's blog Pollways was noted in a column on the [Atlantic Magazine website](#). Atlantic linked to a Fried blog post in which she discussed U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe's reelection campaign and what the campaign is doing to enroll voters as she faces a possible threat in the Republican primary. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Education Week Includes Wilson Article

14 Dec 2011

The magazine [Education Week](#) includes an article co-written by Maja Wilson, a lecturer in UMaine's College of Education and Human Development. The article focuses on the Common Core, a national K-12 academic standards initiative that has been adopted by Maine and most of the other states in the U.S. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hazing Expert in Atlanta Newspaper Report

14 Dec 2011

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution interviewed UMaine's Mary Madden, an education professor who in 2008 released with fellow faculty member Elizabeth Allan a national report on hazing, in a story about the hazing of band members at a Florida university. Madden said it takes a lot of courage to come forward to report hazing because of the likelihood of retribution. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Taylor Comments in Story on Wave of Municipal Fraud

14 Dec 2011

Tom Taylor, the chair of UMaine's department of public administration, commented in a story on the [Bangor Daily News website](#) about the recent wave of fraud by municipal officers and town officials. Taylor said he would like to see increased professionalism, including the hiring of town or city managers to work on finances and other local matters under the scrutiny of a council or select board. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

IMFA Open House, Exhibit, Campus Walk Planned Thursday

14 Dec 2011

The University of Maine Intermedia MFA program will hold its annual open house exhibition, titled this year "Converging Paths: Intermedia MFA Art Walk" on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 5-7 p.m., beginning at Lord Hall. The event is intended to educate the public and college-age students about the UMaine IMFA program. During guided tours along a path illuminated by 288 luminaries placed by MFA student Dee Clark to three other campus buildings, guests can see and experience a wide range of Intermedia MFA student work, including video installation, painting and drawing, wall stencils, radio broadcasts, live performance, sculpture and music. Tours guided by master of fine arts students will leave Lord Hall at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. to Crossland, Holmes and Carnegie halls. Maps with information on the artists featured at each of the locations will be provided. The schedule of start times for live performances during the art walk is: Lord Hall, Room 100: 5 p.m., Sarah Cottrell, research assistant to IMFA Program Director Owen Smith, and Smith will give an opening address; 5 p.m., Aaron Boothroyd will perform live music in the lobby; 5:15 p.m., Jennifer Hooper will read from her original short story, "Begin"; 5:45 p.m., Sean George will perform "Correction"; and at 6:45 p.m., Oren Darling will present a paper, "Printing the Next Economy: The Return of the Artist-Inventor" Holmes Hall, Room 105: 5 p.m., an Amy Pierce performance titled "Alter/ation" On WMEB 91.9 FM: 6 p.m., Kat Johnson, an audio

broadcast, "Experiments for Thesis Intermedia Score: Audio and Text Prototypes The Intermedia MFA Program and the Intermedia Student Organization are cosponsors. For more information on the Intermedia MFA program, visit www.intermediamfa.org. For more information on the exhibition, contact Sarah Cottrell by email at sarah.cottrell@umit.maine.edu. In conjunction, graduating IMFA student Allison Melton is holding a CD release party Friday, Dec. 16, from 8:45-9:15 p.m. at the Bear Brew in Orono. As part of her thesis work, Melton, who competes professionally as a "lumberjill," created a CD of music titled "Anna Log Stumped," written and performed by Melton in a variety of musical styles to playfully explore gender roles and being a lumber jack/jill. Contact: Owen Smith, (207) 581-4389; Sarah Cottrell, sarah.cottrell@umit.maine.edu

Strukov in Story About Portland's Russian Sister City

15 Dec 2011

Andrei Strukov, a UMaine instructor of Russian and an instructional technology development specialist and web developer at UMaine, was in a photo that accompanied a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about Portland's interest in reviving its relationship with the Russian city of Arkhangelsk, Russia. Strukov was acting as a translator during a meeting Wednesday of Portland and Arkhangelsk officials. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

SteriPEN Research Noted in Article

15 Dec 2011

A [Bangor Daily News article](#) about the SteriPEN, a compact water purifier which was recently named one of TIME Magazine's Top 100 All-Time Gadgets, noted that some of the research for the device was done in laboratories at UMaine in the department of molecular and biological sciences. The article noted that the company turned to UMaine for research in the use of ultraviolet LEDs in water purification and also for product testing. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Student in TV Report on Toy Donations

15 Dec 2011

Anna Assenmacher, a graduate student in UMaine's Maine Business School, was interviewed for a WABI-TV about the MBS Corps toy drive, which collected about 150 toys for local children whose parent might not be able to afford toys during the holidays. The MBS Corps is the volunteer outreach and social responsibility arm of the Maine Business School. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Wabanaki Scholars Lecture Series Announced

15 Dec 2011

The University of Maine Wabanaki Center, part of the Division of Lifelong Learning, has announced the dates for three lectures, part of its Wabanaki Scholars Series titled "Bringing Wabanaki perspectives to the forefront of education." On Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6-9 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall, Rebecca Sockbeson of the Penobscot Nation and faculty at the University of Alberta will present "Cipenuk Red Hope: Weaving Policy Toward Decolonization & Beyond" and Gail Dana-Sacco of the Passamaquoddy Nation and University of New England will present "Nujialoosune: Indigenous Research as Exploration and Discovery in Motion." The presentation is free and public. Future presentations are scheduled Jan. 19 with Sherri Mitchell and Bonnie Newsom and on Feb. 2 with Maria Girouard and Suzanne Greenlaw. The lecture series is cosponsored by the Wabanaki Center and the Penobscot Nation Cultural and Historic Preservation Department, with assistance from the Maine Community Foundation People of Color Fund. Contact: Darren Ranco, (207) 581-1417

Warmer Winters Bad for Beeches

15 Dec 2011

Maine's beech trees have been under attack for decades by a disease that typically shows up as disfiguring cankers on a tree species that is supposed to have a smooth and silvery bark. Affected trees grow slowly and can survive for years. Unfortunately, the diseased trees produce few beechnuts, a loss of an important food source for the Maine black



bear. According to University of Maine researcher William Livingston of the School of Forest Resources, warmer winter temperatures from 1999 to 2002 allowed populations of the invasive, bark-feeding scale insect to explode, resulting in beech trunks turning white with millions of scale insects. Insect feeding and the severe drought at that time weakened the trees' resistance to fungal infection and many trees died, including those along the Quebec border. Beech bark disease has been recorded and monitored in Maine since at least 1932. It is now widespread in southern and eastern areas of the state. However, for 70 years trees along the border between western Aroostook County and the Canadian province of Quebec were free of disease and maintained healthy growth. But in 2003, beech tree mortality in that area increased 31 percent over the year before. Mortality rates in northern Somerset, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties also increased sharply. Both diseased and healthy trees that had survived for decades began to die. Livingston and Matthew Kasson, a former UMaine graduate student now at Pennsylvania State University's Department of Plant Pathology, sampled hundreds of trees in the study area. They found a heightened incidence and severity of beech bark mortality and widespread presence of the fungus *Neonectria*. By taking core samples of the affected trees and comparing growth patterns to meteorological records, the researchers determined that the diseased and dying beeches had been weakened by dense populations of the invasive scale insect *Cryptococcus fagisuga*, which was favored by drought conditions and warmer winter temperatures from 1999 to 2002. After 2002, typical sub-zero winter temperatures and normal summer rains returned, and the scale populations disappeared. However, the damage was done and beech trees died from 2003 to 2005. "Even though [beech bark disease] has been in Maine for decades, combinations of warmer winters and droughts are associated with unprecedented levels of beech tree mortality," according to Livingston and Kasson, who published their findings in the journal *Forest Pathology*. If the warm start to the 2011-12 winter is an indicator of moderate temperatures for the coming season, forest health specialists will closely monitor beech scale populations in the year ahead. Tough times may be coming again to the beech forests of Maine. Contact: Meg Haskell, 207-581-3766 William Livingston, 207-581-2990

UMaine Developing Database for 'Cradle to Grave' Sustainability

15 Dec 2011

University of Maine industrial ecologist and certified Life Cycle Assessment professional Anthony Halog has received a \$150,000 federal grant to create a comprehensive new online database to allow researchers, scientists and industrialists to assess ecological, social and economic implications of new and emerging products, starting with wood-based biofuels. Halog says the database will benefit Maine and other states with an economic reliance on forestry, and could become a national model for assessing how "green" new and emerging products are, and what advantages or disadvantages come with the manufacture or provision of various services and products. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a global environmental initiative to assess products from "cradle to grave," according to Halog. It objectively examines how much the creation, distribution, use and eventual disposal of products affects natural resources and the environment. "The trend is to make any product environmentally sustainable," says Halog, a School of Forest Resources faculty member. "Any product, existing or emerging, if you want the product to be greener, and more ecologically benign, you can apply a life cycle assessment. At every stage of the supply chain, there are stakeholders. Each has specific environmental, social and economic interests. This database looks at every stage of the supply chain." Halog's

database is being created as an XML (extended markup language) database with assistance from Ph.D. students Nana Awuah Bortsie-Aryee and Binod Neupane. It will be a computer-based, standardized decision support system to help supply chain stakeholders understand the sustainability of developing forest-based bioenergy in the Northeast. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Sustainable Bioenergy Grant program is funding the project. Halog expects the preliminary database to be available on the Internet in the summer of 2012. The "one-stop database," Halog says, will include environmental emissions data, in addition to economic and social data, which include jobs creation, for biofuels development. A standardized and publicly accessible LCA database also will curb the practice of "greenwashing," when manufacturers make false claims about a product's sustainability. The database is starting with life cycle sustainability assessments of forest-based biofuels being developed at the University of Maine. "The usefulness of this database is if you scale up the technology, is it environmentally competitive with corn-based fuels?" Halog says. "Here in Maine, we're interested to know if we scale up production, will it be profitable and sustainable?" Corn-based fuels, for instance, were once considered a technological breakthrough in the emerging field of ethanol and biofuel development, but detrimental effects on food production, land and water use, and the energy needed to produce it, has resulted in decreasing interest and research funding for its development, Halog says. An LCA might have projected the product's long-term deficiencies, he says. The database will be one of the latest attempts to contribute to the [United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\) initiative](#) on "Towards a Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment: (LCSA) Making Informed Choices on Products." Contact: Anthony Halog, (207) 581-2944

Saros Involved in Groundbreaking Research on Impact of Pollution

16 Dec 2011

University of Maine ecologist Jasmine Saros provided research for a groundbreaking finding about the long-term effects of pollution published in the Dec. 16 issue of the journal *Science*. The research team, led by Gordon Holtgrieve, a University of Washington postdoctoral researcher, found that nitrogen derived from human activities has polluted lakes throughout the Northern Hemisphere since the late 1800s, and the fingerprint of these changes is evident even in remote lakes located thousands of miles from the nearest city, industrial area or farm. The findings are based on samples taken from 36 lakes ranging from the southern United States to northern Europe. Saros is the associate director of UMaine's Climate Change Institute and an associate professor in the School of Biology and Ecology. Other collaborators involved in the study were from the Science Museum of Minnesota, National Marine Fisheries Service, University of Alberta, University of Regina, McGill University, Yunnan Normal University, Idaho State University, Lund University, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Studies Institute and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Funding came from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alberta Water Research Institute, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the National Science Foundation and Canada Foundation for Innovation. A [University of Washington news release](#) has more information. Contact: Jasmine Saros, (207) 581-2112 or jasmine.saros@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Orlando Newspaper Interviews Hazing Expert

16 Dec 2011

UMaine education Professor Mary Madden was interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel for a story about the continued hazing issues at college and university marching bands in Florida. Madden, who co-authored a 2008 national hazing study with fellow UMaine faculty member Elizabeth Allan, told the Sentinel she hoped the fact that some students in Florida were coming forward might encourage others also to report hazing, which many people mistakenly perceive as a problem affecting primarily fraternities, sororities and athletes. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Coverage of Saros' Role in Nitrogen Research

16 Dec 2011

Several media outlets ran the announcement that a group of 19 scientists, including UMaine's Jasmine Saros, contributed to a study that found a rise in nitrogen levels in remote lakes was likely due to human activity. The Vancouver Sun had a story about the announcement, which came from the University of Washington and was published

in the Dec. 16 issue of [Science Magazine](#). CTV, Canada's largest private television network, posted on its website a story from Canada Press.

Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Kaye Magazine Column Offers Holiday Advice for Vulnerable Elders

16 Dec 2011

Len Kaye, director of the University of Maine Center on Aging has a column, "Making the Most of Holidays," in the December 2011 issue of [Maine Seniors](#) magazine, offering tips and advice to help elders avoid stress and depression during the holidays. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Faculty MEIF Research Awards Announced

16 Dec 2011

The University of Maine Office of the Vice President for Research has announced recipients of faculty research awards by the Maine Economic Improvement Fund to support the use of high-end instrumentation.

Six proposals were selected for full or partial funding, and span a wide range of MEIF priorities. Funds awarded total \$25,000. Recipients include: Andre Khalil, professor of mathematics, and colleagues, \$5,000 for use of the UMaine Supercomputer to model the 3D chromosomal decondensation growth in normal and cancerous cells. Sarah Nelson, research scientist at the George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, and Ecology and Environmental Sciences colleagues, \$4,680 for the use of sample preparation and analysis equipment for the study of dragonfly larvae from national Parks and Wildlife Areas. Stephen Shaler, associate director, Advanced Structures and Composites Center AEWC, and colleagues, \$4,770 for the use of FIB-SEM to study the 3D architecture and topochemistry of wood cells. Sam Hess, professor of physics, \$5,000 for the use of the advanced optical microscopy to study of the hemagglutinin cell membrane interaction and the effect of viral entry. Rosemary Smith, professor of electrical and computer engineering, \$2,610 for the use of the TEM (transmission electron microscope) to determine the shape and size of nanopore/nanoelectrode structures for use in gene sequencing. Michael Kinnison and Matt Altenritter of the School of Biology and Ecology, \$2,640 for the use of the Cameca electron microprobe in the Bryand Global Science Center to study the efficacy of scutes as indicators of sturgeon marine migration. The objective of the fund is to create a program that facilitates collection of preliminary data and proof of concept for pilot projects in emerging areas of science and engineering by providing access to high performance instrumentation available at the University of Maine. Preliminary findings will support preparation of competitive and relevant external funding applications to NSF, NIH, EPA, DOD and other agencies.

Forbes Column Lauds Dagher Wind Energy Foresight

16 Dec 2011

A column in [Forbes](#) magazine cited a recent talk by Habib Dagher, director of the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center AEWC, who discussed the groundbreaking research and development of deepwater wind-energy turbines off the coast of Maine being led by UMaine with 35 collaborating companies. Writer Anthony Wing Kosner compares the promise of environmentally clean wind energy production far off shore to the risky, dirty business of mining for oil-based energy options. Contact: George Manlove, (207) 581-3756

Coverage of System Chancellor Finalists

20 Dec 2011

Several news outlets picked up the recent announcement that three finalists, including UMaine adjunct associate

professor James Page, have been selected for the position of UMaine System chancellor. The [Bangor Daily News](#) carried a story, which noted Page, who is in the department of philosophy, was also a finalist last year for the position of UMaine president. WABI also reported on the announcement. The other finalists are Meredith Hay, a special adviser to the chair of the Arizona Board of Regents, and Rebecca Wyke, the vice chancellor for finance and administration at the UMaine System. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

UMaine Graduate Students Win Awards at Soil Science Meetings

20 Dec 2011

Two papers written by University of Maine graduate students received first-place awards at the recent International Annual Meetings of the Soil Science Society of America in San Antonio, Texas. Jay Raymond, who is working on a master's degree, was awarded first place for his session in the graduate student competition for his paper, "Soil Drainage and Forest Type Influences on Soil Organic Carbon Fractions in a New England Forested Watershed." His co-authors were UMaine faculty researchers Ivan Fernandez, Tsutomu Ohno and Kevin Simon. Farrah Fatemi, who recently earned a Ph.D. under Fernandez, authored a paper that was named first place at the 2010 conference. Her paper was titled, "The Effects of Long-Term Forest N Enrichment and Acidification on Soil CNP Dynamics." The co-authors were Fernandez, Simon, David Dail, Lindsey Rustad and Stephen Norton, all of UMaine. Fernandez organized and moderated at the conference the "Symposium on Bioenergy and Soil Sustainability: Forest, Range and Wildlands" with Thomas Fox, a UMaine alumnus who is now a faculty member at Virginia Tech. The intent of the symposium was to elicit perspectives from researchers in various geographic regions on the question of soil sustainability with increased utilization of forest resources for bioenergy interests. The talks included both research results, regional perspectives on priorities, and thoughts about the future of this topic. Presentations from the symposium are [posted online](#). Contact: Ivan Fernandez, (207) 581-2932 or ivanjf@maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Orono Middle School Officials Laud UMaine Connection

21 Dec 2011

A WLBZ-TV report about the news that Orono Middle School has been named one of the top schools in the country included comments about the importance of the school's connection with UMaine. Orono Middle School Principal Robert Lucy said the school's relationship with UMaine enriches his students' education. Teacher Ellen Carr said students are able to sit with college students, ask questions, and feel like they were an important part of the learning experience. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Extension Noted in Newspaper Report on Peer Group

21 Dec 2011

The Lewiston Sun Journal ran an [article](#) on a peer helper group at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford, where the group recently organized a school-wide wellness day which included an appearance from UMaine Cooperative Extension nutrition educator Kate Chaisson. Chaisson gave a presentation about ideas for healthy eating. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Fried Column on Tax Cuts

21 Dec 2011

In her biweekly column in the [Bangor Daily News](#), UMaine political scientist Amy Fried comments on a plan set forth by Maine's governor to cut taxes first. Fried writes that tax cuts could mean the cutting of programs such as Head Start, assisted living for seniors, MaineCare and Medicaid. She argues there are alternatives for cutting taxes as a first option which can help put Maine back in balance. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

University of Maine Foundation Launching Search for President, CEO

21 Dec 2011

The University of Maine Foundation has hired a national firm, AGB Search of Washington, D.C., to manage the recruitment and selection process for the replacement of president and CEO Amos E. Orcutt, who is retiring in 2012. Jim Lanier, who will guide the search, joined AGB (the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges) as senior fellow for Board Education and Consulting in 2005 to create the AGB Consulting Group. Working with Lanier will be Jamie Ferrare, senior vice president of AGB and principal of AGB Search. "AGB Search was chosen from a number of highly qualified firms to assist us with the search," says Darryl Brown, chair of the search committee. "We are pleased that AGB Search is on board to help our committee with this important undertaking." In addition to Brown, the search committee includes University of Maine President Paul Ferguson, UMaine Alumni Association chair Kurt Marston and Foundation board members David Austin, Patricia Dunn, Carroll Lee and John Simpson. Orcutt, who announced in October his intent to retire in the new year, has been with the Foundation since June 1990. The Foundation plans to have its new president/CEO on board by July 1, 2012. Contact: Darryl Brown, (207) 581-5100

UMaine Francis Crowe Society Inducts Four

21 Dec 2011

The University of Maine College of Engineering's Francis Crowe Society recently inducted four new members. Inducted as Distinguished Engineers were Malcolm "Mac" Knapp, Vaughn Wildfong and Lynda Kay Knapp Fredette. Patricia Cummings was inducted as an Honorary Engineer. Kingfield native and 1956 mechanical engineering graduate Knapp is retired after a career in the automotive industry working with fuels, lubricants, small airplane engines and powertracks for battle tanks and other military vehicles. Wildfong of East Longmeadow, Mass. and vice president of sales and technology at JohnsonFoil/Paperchine, Inc., earned a B.S. in chemical engineering in 1992, an M.S. in civil engineering in 1993 and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1998. He has spent his career in the papermaking industry. Fredette received a B.S. in civil engineering in 1984 and has worked in the civil and environmental engineering field. She currently is with Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut. Cummings of Bangor and a 1989 UMaine journalism graduate and honorary member of the Class of 1944 served as director of development for the College of Engineering for the past five years, and was named an honorary engineer. She is now associate vice president for development and alumni relations at UMaine. Civil engineer Francis Crowe, a 1905 graduate of the University of Maine, went on to oversee construction of 19 of the largest dams in the Western United States, including the Hoover Dam. Contact: Victoria Blanchette, (207) 581-2204

Center on Aging Releases New Legal Needs Report

22 Dec 2011

A new University of Maine Center on Aging statewide survey of more than 230 older adults shows that legal needs of aging Maine residents continue to increase at a time when free or low-cost legal aid is scarce. The study also found that many older adults, the majority over age 70, female and living on less than \$20,000 a year, do have legal issues, but don't realize it. The survey suggests that elders in Maine, particularly those who are homebound, suffer from some sort of disability, or who have limited literacy or English-speaking skills, would benefit from improved access to information from family members or professional caregivers about social service benefits, eligibility and access to free or low-cost legal services. "[Legal Needs Assessment of Older Adults in Maine: 2011 Survey Findings from Key Populations of Older Adults \(PDF\)](#)" was completed this month for Legal Services for the Elderly (LSE). The agency will use the information to develop ways to reach underserved populations, according to primary authors Len Kaye, director of the [Center on Aging](#) and professor of social work, and Jennifer Crittenden, a researcher and fiscal and administrative officer at the Center. "We see this report as having far reaching implications for Maine's older adult population," Crittenden says. "It provides clear evidence as to the negative impacts of recessionary times on older adults. In short, resource scarcity has influenced the nature of the most pressing legal needs identified by those surveyed. In times like these, issues of access to benefits, healthcare and support programs are often the most important issues for Maine's seniors." One need in particular that emerged from the survey is a need for an elder rights handbook, according to Jaye Martin, executive director of LSE. "Many other states have handbooks and it is our hope we may be able to identify a source of grant funding to develop a handbook here in Maine," she says. "We have client-education

and self-help material, but it is not organized in a handbook form." Although almost 40 percent of the survey respondents said they use the Internet, the vast majority said they rely on Area Agencies on Aging, social services organizations and mailings for information on legal services. The survey follows one done in 2010 by the Center on Aging that determined older adults' most pressing legal questions involved understanding Medicaid Part D, and advice on personal finances, estate planning and wills, and housing. Scams, home repair problems, getting or keeping government benefits, debt collection and finding medical services surfaced as the top 2011 issues requiring legal advice. Martin says problems detected through the surveys may worsen as LSE has experienced funding cuts over the past two years and pending state budget cuts would result in the closure of LSE's Medicare Part D Appeals Unit, which annually helps more than 900 elders get needed prescription drugs. Those and other emerging needs of underserved elders, including those in growing and aging immigrant population, will be discussed at the 2012 Access to Justice Symposium in South Portland Jan. 25-26 sponsored by the Maine State Bar Association, Maine Bar Foundation and its Justice Action Group, and the University of Maine School of Law. A U.S. Administration on Aging grant supported the studies. For free legal assistance, seniors in Maine can contact the LSE Helpline at 1-800-750-5353 or visit the website for information at www.mainelse.org. Contact: Len Kaye, (207) 262-7922; Jaye Martin, (207) 621-0087

Insurance News Website Notes Survey of Older Adults' Legal Needs

23 Dec 2011

A UMaine news release about a new Center on Aging study that found aging Mainers' legal needs continue to rise at a time when low-cost or free legal aid is scarce was carried by the website [Insurance News](#). Study authors Len Kaye, the Center on Aging director and a UMaine social work professor, and Jennifer Crittenden, a researcher at the center, wrote that they use the survey to develop ways to reach under-served populations. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brewer Comments on Flow of Campaign Money

23 Dec 2011

UMaine political scientist Mark Brewer was interviewed in a [Bangor Daily News story](#) about how last-minute campaign money from sources outside Maine, including PACs, can impact an election. Brewer said outside money is starting to become more of an issue in Maine, and many of these groups view fines they pay for ethics violations as part of the cost of doing business. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Op-Ed Touts UMaine Composite, Forest Bioproducts Research

23 Dec 2011

In an [op-ed column](#) in the Portland Press Herald, Bill Beardsley, the commissioner of the Maine Department of Conservation, said the State of Maine is well-positioned in the area of natural-resource economies thanks in part to research at UMaine. Beardsley cited UMaine research programs that are examining composite wood, liquid fuel, and sugar from trees. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Hazing Report Includes Allan Comments

23 Dec 2011

Comments from Elizabeth Allan, a UMaine education professor and nationally recognized expert in the issue of hazing, were included in an [Inside Higher Ed report](#) online. Allan, who with fellow UMaine faculty member Mary Madden co-authored a landmark 2008 hazing study, was interviewed about recent hazing incidents among marching band members at Florida A&M. Allan said there is a great deal of ignorance about the different settings in which hazing can occur, and the recent incidents show hazing happens in all types of settings, not just fraternities and sororities. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Bayer Quoted in Radio Story on Asia's Lobster Market

23 Dec 2011

Bob Bayer, the director of UMaine's Lobster Institute, was quoted in a Maine Public Broadcasting Network radio report about the growing market in Asia for lobster, and a business that plans to ship a million pounds of live Maine lobster per year to Asian markets. Bayer said although Maine lobsters taste differently than lobsters most Asians eat, there is potential to grow the market. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Horton Joins Engineering Group at White House Event

23 Dec 2011

Karen Horton, a University of Maine associate professor of mechanical engineering technology, joined a group from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at a recent event at the White House that recognized local leaders in the effort to recruit and retain girls and women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The recognition event was part of the Champions of Change program, which was created as a part of President Barack Obama's Winning the Future initiative. Each week, a different issue is highlighted and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs to community activists, are recognized for the work they are doing to better their communities. Horton serves as the SWE government relations and public policy chair and participated in the event with other SWE leaders, along with officials from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and representatives from several federal agencies, in small group discussions with the champions and other notable guests from varying sectors and communities around engaging and supporting girls and women in STEM. "SWE and its membership regularly inform policy makers about the educational and workplace best practices that can lead to greater diversity in the engineering career field, both to increase equity of opportunity in STEM careers and to improve U.S. competitiveness," Horton said after the White House event. "We hope that the responsible federal agencies will make changes in their programs based on the ideas presented in the breakout sessions to expand girls' interest in engineering, improve the retention of college women studying engineering and support career opportunities for women engineers. The recently implemented NSF Career-Life Balance Initiative, which incorporates gender-neutral, family-friendly policies, is an example of this." The sessions, which focused on changing the stereotypes of girls in the STEM fields, mentoring, and supporting and retaining women in the STEM workforce, were followed immediately by a larger event focused on amplifying best practices learned in each area. Contact: Karen Horton, (207) 581-2136 or karen.horton@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu

Report On Hand Scanners in UMaine Dining Halls

27 Dec 2011

The [Bangor Daily News has a report](#) on the hand scanners, installed last semester, in several UMaine dining facilities. The scanners were installed to keep costs down and eliminate the sharing of MaineCards, a practice that can cost UMaine up to \$4,100 per card, the price of a meal plan for an academic year, according to Director of Auxiliary Services Dan Sturrup and Director of Dining Operations Kathy Kittiridge, who were both interviewed for the story. The website Third Factor, which covers news and insights into biometric identification and authentication, also [ran the story](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Dagher Included in Follow-Up to People To Watch

27 Dec 2011

UMaine's Habib Dagher, the director of the AEWAC Advanced Structures and Composites Center, was included in a [Bangor Daily News follow-up story](#) to its 11 People to Watch in 2011, which the newspaper released Jan 1, 2011. Dagher, the follow-up said, has seen his plan for an offshore wind farm move closer to reality with the recent news that a Norwegian energy company is interested in developing an offshore wind turbine in the Gulf of Maine. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Livingston Beech Research Noted in Sun Journal

27 Dec 2011

A Lewiston Sun Journal article about the prevalence of fungi and insects that are damaging Maine's beech trees included research from Bill Livingston of UMaine's School of Forest Resources. Livingston found warmer winter temperatures from 1999 to 2002 allowed populations of an invasive, bark-feeding scale insect to explode, resulting in beech trunks turning white with millions of scale insects. Insect feeding and severe drought at the time weakened the trees' resistance to fungal infections, and many trees died. More information is available in a [UMaine news release](#). Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sociology Lecturer Interviewed about Missing Girl

27 Dec 2011

Michael Roque, a lecturer in UMaine's sociology department, was interviewed about 20-month-old Ayla Reynolds, who has been missing from Waterville for more than a week. Roque told the [Central Maine Morning Sentinel](#) that Ayla Reynolds' young age, and the relative safety of Waterville, have driven national media attention toward the case. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Phytoplankton Research Noted in Working Waterfront

28 Dec 2011

The monthly newspaper [Working Waterfront](#) included on its website a mention of research conducted by UMaine's Mary Jane Perry into spring phytoplankton blooms. The blooms are an indication of carbon sequestration in the deep sea, a key process that researchers around the world are incorporating into global climate models. The article was co-written by Catherine Schmitt, communications coordinator of the UMaine-based Maine Sea Grant. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Ferguson Speaks to Orono High School students

20 Dec 2011

Orono High School received the 2011 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. President Paul Ferguson spoke to the students at a ceremony covered by [WABI \(Channel 5\)](#).

Down East Reviews Book on Somali Experience

28 Dec 2011

The book "Somalis in Maine: Crossing Cultural Currents," which was edited by four UMaine faculty members, was reviewed in the January 2012 issue of Down East magazine. The review said the book is an intriguing collection with stories that offer readers a wonderful introduction to a new generation of Americans whose lives and experiences too often remain hidden or inaccessible to many of us. The book was edited by UMaine sociology professor Kim Huisman Huisman; Mazie Hough, the associate director of UMaine's Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program; Kristin Langellier of the communication and journalism faculty, and Carol Nordstrom Toner, the Maine Studies program director. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Martin Column on Presidential Debates

28 Dec 2011

In his [latest column](#) in the Columbia Journalism Review, Justin Martin, a UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors preceptor of journalism, argues that one of the upcoming U.S. presidential election debates, particularly the one that focuses on foreign policy, should be held outside the U.S. The gesture of holding a presidential debate abroad, Martin wrote, would signal to other countries that the U.S. takes foreign policy seriously, as well as remind any

ethnocentric Americans that other countries are worthy of our time and respect. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

J. Norman Wilkinson, 1930-2011

28 Dec 2011

J. Norman Wilkinson, who taught performing arts at the University of Maine for 35 years, has died at the age of 81. Born in Liverpool, England, according to an obituary in the Bangor Daily News, Wilkinson also was an actor, playwright and Maine Masque theater director. His survivors include his wife of 54 years, Dorothy, a son and a daughter. There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Congregational Church of Wells, 1695 Post Road, U.S. Route One in Wells. Donations may be made in his memory to American Alzheimer's Association - Maine Chapter, 383 U.S. Route One, Suite 2C, Scarborough, Maine, 04074, or The Rotary Club of Ogunquit, P.O. Box 2338, Ogunquit, Maine, 03907.

Extension Homemakers Report in Sun Journal

29 Dec 2011

A report about a recent meeting of the Franklin County Extension Homemakers Advisory group, a partner of UMaine's Cooperative Extension, was included in the [Lewiston Sun Journal](#). The report noted Deborah Killam, an associate extension professor, was introduced as the Maine Extension Homemaker Council Advisor for 2012. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Follow-up to Forbes Column on Dagher's Wind Power Plan

29 Dec 2011

The Forbes magazine website has a [follow-up column](#) to a piece written several weeks ago in which the writer lauded UMaine's Habib Dagher, the director of the AEWCA Advanced Structures and Composites Center, for his innovative thinking in the plan for a deepwater wind farm in the Gulf of Maine. In the follow-up, the writer noted Dagher, and the State of Maine, possess a strong and compelling narrative about the role of innovation in our society. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Newspaper Editorial Notes UMaine Hazing Research

30 Dec 2011

An [editorial](#) in The Anniston Star newspaper of Anniston, Ala., noted a 2008 study of hazing by UMaine researchers Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden. The editorial called for stopping the tradition of hazing and cited statistics from the report, which found more than half of U.S. college students involved in clubs, teams or organizations have experienced hazing. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Lecturer Comments on Humbleness Study

30 Dec 2011

Jordan LaBouff, a lecturer in UMaine's psychology department, was quoted in a [report](#) on the website Psych Central about a new study that found humble people are more likely than arrogant people to offer a helping hand to someone in need. LaBouff, who was the lead author of the study, said the findings are surprising because in 30 years of research on helping behavior, very few studies have shown any effect of personality variables on helping. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Brunswick Pre-Engineering Center in Column

30 Dec 2011

In a [Bangor Daily News business column](#), Michael Aube, the president of Eastern Maine Development Corporation in Bangor included as a notable business development in 2011 UMaine's partnership with Southern Maine Community College to create a pre-engineering program at the former Brunswick Naval Air facility. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Martin Column on the Merits of Renting

30 Dec 2011

In his [latest column](#) in the Columbia Journalism Review, Justin Martin, a UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences-Honors College Preceptor of Journalism writes about his decision to rent rather than buy a house, despite low mortgage rates and affordable real estate. Martin writes that there is too much risk due to the bad job market, high national debt and legislative struggles to be tied to a piece of property. Contact: Jessica Bloch, 207-581-3777

Sydney Carroll Thomas 1954-2011

30 Dec 2011

Former University of Maine College of Education and Human Development faculty member Sydney Carroll Thomas has died at the age of 57. Thomas, who left UMaine in 2008, was an associate professor of counselor education and also taught in the Honors College. According to an obituary in the Bangor Daily News, Thomas joined the UMaine faculty after obtaining a doctorate at the University of Rochester in New York. Thomas is survived by two children and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at The Church of Latter-day Saints, 639 Grandview Ave., Bangor. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sydney's honor may be made to ASPCA, 424 East 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804 or at aspca.org; PETA at peta.org; or Avian Haven, 418 North Palermo Road, Freedom, ME 04941. Notes of condolences may be left at www.birminghamfuneralhome.com

Harold Westerman Passes Away

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Harold Westerman, former University of Maine football coach and athletic director, has passed away at the age of 94. Westerman spent 33 years at UMaine as an assistant football coach (1949-50), head coach (1951-66) and athletic director (1967-82). Under Westerman, the Black Bears won several conference championships and advanced to the Tangerine Bowl in 1965. He is a member of the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame and is one of four members of the Black Bear Football Ring of Honor. A UMaine athletics department news release, which has also been posted on the Bangor Daily News website, has more information. Contact: Laura Reed, laura.reed@umit.maine.edu; Jessica Bloch, (207) 581-3777 or jessica.bloch@umit.maine.edu