

New UMM Students Tour Downeast Sights

MACHIAS – First-year students at UMM were treated to a tour of some of Downeast Maine's most beautiful



viewpoints and recreational spots during their first week on campus. The excursion trips, part of fall orientation, were planned to show new students what the area has to offer and to help them get to know one another.

The trips

included: touring West Quoddy Head Light House (shown), Lubec; exploring the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research, Beals Island; hiking the Great Wass Island Preserve, Beals; and canoeing on Six Mile Lake, Marshfield.

UMS Trustees Approve Budget Request

BANGOR – The UMS Board of Trustees recently voted to approve a two-year university budget request for consideration as part of the State of Maine's biennial budget for fiscal years 2012-13.

The System's two-year budget request is based on flat enrollment reflecting Maine's declining traditional student demographics, significant cost reductions taken at each of the seven universities and the System Office, and the adoption of an annual tuition and fee request of no more than 3%. The request seeks a \$7.1 million increase in current (FY2011) operations base appropriation for FY2012 and an additional \$7.4 million increase in FY2013.

The budget request includes a \$1 million increase in R&D funding in FY2012 and an additional \$1 million in FY2013 for the Maine Economic Improvement Fund. University researchers utilize this funding to leverage additional federal and private dollars to fund university-based research projects, more than \$58 million was leveraged in the most recent fiscal year reported.

Trustees meet again Nov. 14-15 at UMF.

UMaine Landfill Gas Negotiations Approved by Trustees

ORONO – The UMS Board of Trustees, at last week's meeting, authorized UMaine to conclude negotiations on a 20-year energy agreement that could potentially save the university \$13 - \$17 million while reducing the university's carbon footprint by more than 40 percent.

UMaine has been negotiating with Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (CWS) to develop an agreement supplying landfill gas to fuel the university's central steam plant. Generated at the Juniper Ridge landfill in Old Town, the gas would travel to UMaine through an approximately seven-mile pipeline. If negotiations result in a formal agreement, CWS would construct and install the pipeline after securing regulatory approval for the project.

In addition to providing a substantial and stable energy supply at a discount rate, an agreement would result in a 30,000 ton annual decrease in UMaine's carbon footprint. It is possible that UMaine could be using landfill gas to provide fuel for the steam plant in the 2011-2012 academic year.



New UMA Exhibit Open through Oct. 20

AUGUSTA – A new UMA Danforth Gallery exhibit, entitled drawing: *marks, traces & imprints*, has just opened and runs through October 20. The exhibit investigates the scope of drawing in the works of ten contemporary artists.

Exhibiting a variety of ideas ranging in scope and scale, each of the ten artists selected offers the viewer a unique and personal look at drawing. Personal identity, meditative mark making, mythology, mapping and the place of nature in the contemporary world are some of the ideas that these artists examine.

The Danforth Gallery, located in Jewett Hall on the UMA campus, is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UMFK Partners with Area Chamber of Commerce for Local Celebration

FORT KENT – UMFK and the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce combined their respective “Homecoming” and Scarecrow Festival celebrations into a large, community-wide event this past weekend in Fort Kent.



Photo by Julia Bayly (for Bangor Daily News)

The four days of festivities featured many events, including a downtown Fort Kent Street bazaar and the ever-popular annual parade.

The UMFK “Homecoming” kicked-off with its pep rally, which was held on Crocker Beach to celebrate the reunion of returning alumni, current students, faculty, athletes, staff, and friends.

UMF Celebrates Community Service with Third Annual “Month of Service”

FARMINGTON – UMF students, faculty, and staff kick-off the 2010 academic year with the third annual “Month of Service.”

Developed to bring members of the campus and Farmington community together as they participate in volunteer activities for the public good, this year’s program engages campus volunteers throughout the month of September at food pantries, churches, public service providers, non-profit agencies and more.



UMF students review the schedule of community service opportunities during the university’s Month of Service.

Projects include caring for abandoned horses at the Double B Equine Rescue Corporation; helping cook and serve the monthly community lunch at Farmington’s Old South Church; working at the Healthy Community Coalition’s Hope Community Garden and much more. UMF officials anticipate that nearly to 200 students will be involved in this year’s Month of Service activities.

USM Hosts Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert

GORHAM – There is music for everyone at the Eighth Annual Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert at USM. The free concert will take place September 25 at 1:00 p.m. on the lawn outside of Cortwell Hall at the Gorham campus.

The student band will be under the direction of master conductor Peter Martin. USM student Joel Graham will guest conduct the “New Colonial March,” by Maine’s “March King” R.B. Hall. Attendees may bring a picnic, or purchase a barbecue lunch (at old-fashioned prices!) beginning at noon from the campus dining services.



USM Outdoor Band Concert in Gorham

The rain location for the concert and barbecue will be the Brooks Dining Center on campus. For more information, call the Music Box Office at 780-5555. Find a full list of this fall’s concerts and more about USM at www.usm.maine.edu/music.

Extension Funded for Continued Potato Blight, Pest Prevention Research

ORONO – UMaine Cooperative Extension researchers have received renewed U.S. Department of Agriculture Funding of \$432,000 for potato late blight and pest management research and education for 2010.

Funding for the program has been ongoing since 1994, except for 2007, when the funding was discontinued but brought back at the request of potato farmers.

As many as 30 undergraduate students have worked in the program monitoring fields from Palmyra to Fort Kent for signs of late blight fungus or pest infestations.

The program also works with Maine farmers to protect potato fields from late blight disease.

UMPI Unveils Sculpture during Homecoming Festivities



PRESQUE ISLE – UMPI officials hosted a special unveiling ceremony during Homecoming 2010 festivities near Folsom Hall to celebrate a new outdoor sculpture on campus that has been installed as part of the State of Maine's Percent for Art program.

The unveiling of the stone sculpture *To the Other Side*—

which was created by Arrowsic-based artist Andreas von Huene—took place following UMPI President Don Zillman's State of the University Address.

The installation of the sculpture symbolizes the final step in the \$2 million renovation project completed at Folsom Hall. The sculpture, completed in August 2010, is made out of "Freshwater Pearl" granite from a quarry in Frankfort and measures 73 inches high by 43 inches wide.

UMFK Gallery Features Allagash Native

FORT KENT – UMFK's Blake Library Gallery will feature an exhibit created by UMFK alumnus Darrell McBairy, entitled "Allagash Summers: The Philip Calvin Hughey Sr. Photographs." The photos were taken in the 1930s and 1940s in Allagash by the Reverend Philip Hughey, Sr. The collection of photographs will be on display through September 30.

The exhibition contains a series of photos of hand-tinted lantern slide and black and white images of river drivers, farming operation, and community members. The exhibit will coincide with the publication of *Allagash Summers: The Philip Calvin Hughey Sr. Photographs* by McBairy.



UMFK alumnus Darrell McBairy's photo of a Baptism at St. John River Ferry

McBairy's collections may be viewed in the Blake Library Gallery, Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

USM College Fair is September 26

GORHAM – The USM Office of Undergraduate Admission will host a college fair coordinated through the New England Association for College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) from 1:00-3:00 p.m., September 26, in the Costello Sports Complex on USM's Gorham campus.

More than 250 colleges and universities, as well as representatives from USM's Office of Financial Aid, FAME, and the New England Board of Higher Education will be present to answer any questions future college students and their families may have.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-800-4USM, ext. 5670.

NOAA Grant Funds New Socioeconomic Study of Downeast Fishing Communities

ORONO – UMaine's School of Marine Sciences has received a \$178,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a two-year study on how new fishing regulations in New England affect fishing communities socioeconomically.



The study, which begins in October, is being undertaken with colleagues at the UMM, the College of the Atlantic, and the Penobscot East Resource Center, in addition to UMaine graduate and undergraduate students.

It involves surveys, recorded oral history interviews, focus groups and an assessment of economic and socioeconomic data to define the needs, requirements and capacity of Eastern Maine fishing communities.

UMA's Outdoor Convocation October 1

AUGUSTA – On October 1, UMA will hold its annual convocation, the university's major academic event of the year. This is the first time UMA will be holding convocation outdoors.

The convocation program will revolve around UMA's academic theme this year of *Communication in the 21st Century*. Naomi Baron, Professor of Linguistics at American University, will be the keynote speaker.

At the conclusion of the event, UMA President Handley will recognize several students for their academic or service leadership.

Convocation is free and open to the public. To RSVP, contact Kathleen King at 621-3403 or kathleen.d.king@maine.edu.

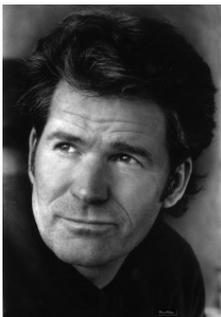
UMaine Tidal Power Research Part of \$10 Million Grant

ORONO – Earlier this month, [Gov. John Baldacci announced](#) that the U.S. Department of Energy awarded Ocean Renewable Power Co. a \$10 million grant to fund a commercial-scale tidal energy development project in Cobscook Bay near Eastport.

As a partner in the project, UMaine researchers are supervising the program, which incorporates state-of-the-art visual and acoustic monitoring technology. Portland-based OPRC announced August 18 that its Beta Power System, the largest ocean energy “power plant” ever installed in U.S. waters, had successfully generated grid-compatible power from tidal currents at the Eastport site.

UMF Visiting Writers Series Presents Andre Dubus III

FARMINGTON – The UMF Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program presents best-selling author Andre Dubus III as the first writer in its fall 2010-11 Visiting Writers Series.



Dubus (shown, at left) will read from his work on September 23, in *The Landing* in the UMF Olsen Student Center. The reading is free and open to the public and will be followed by a signing by the author.

Dubus’ novels include, “House of Sand and Fog,” “The Garden of Last Days,” and “Bluesman.” He has a collection of short fiction called “The Cage Keeper and Other Stories” and will be releasing his memoir, “Townie,” in February 2011.

UMPI students host Fit and Fun Day

PRESQUE ISLE – Local kids will unknowingly be getting exercise while taking part in fun activities during the 12th semi-annual Fit and Fun Day, to be held on October 2 in Gentile Hall and sponsored by UMPI’s Physical Education Majors Club and ACE Rent-a-Car.

For the past several years, the club has organized the free play day for area children in grades 1 through 5 to teach them about health and fitness in a fun environment. Activities will include parachute games and Frisbee, among others.

This year, the climbing wall and swimming pool will be open to all Fit and Fun Day participants. Each child participating will receive a free prize.

UMM Athletics Offering Free Youth Soccer Program

MACHIAS – The UMM Clippers Athletic Department is offering a six-week youth soccer program for children in the Machias area.



The program begins September 25, and is free to all Washington County children in grades Pre-K through six. The youth soccer program is an opportunity for area children to learn basic soccer techniques and have fun. Players will be mentored by the coaching staff and members of the UMM men’s and women’s soccer teams.

Games and practices will take place at the UMM soccer field on Saturday mornings: September 25, October 2, October 9, October 16, October 30 and November 6.

For more information or to register, please call UMM soccer coach Tony Turini at (207) 255-1348 or e-mail aturini@maine.edu.

USM and YCCC to Help Students Further Their Education

PORTLAND – USM and York County Community College (YCCC) are launching a new partnership that will focus on helping students further their education beyond an associate’s degree.

A new “resource office,” will open this week at the YCCC campus in Wells. One of the goals of establishing this partnership and setting up the office is to develop a better relationship between USM and Maine’s community colleges.

Several workshops and events are scheduled for the coming semester to help students learn how to prepare for transferring to and getting the most out of their college experience. The office will also host a USM campus tour for prospective YCCC transfers.

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