

Blue & Gold

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UMPI's Wind Turbine Spins

A 600 kW wind turbine began spinning at the University of Maine at Presque Isle in May, providing a green energy resource for the campus's electricity needs and helping the University in its efforts to reduce its carbon footprint.

The turbine – the very first midsize wind turbine to be installed on a University campus in the State of Maine – was officially commissioned on May 14 during a midday ceremony that included both addresses from top state officials and a unique ribbon cutting at the turbine site that featured a Native American drumming song and the release of environmentally-friendly balloons.

During the first half of the event, held inside the University's Campus Center, remarks were delivered by UMPI President Don Zillman; Sumul Shah, President of Lumus Construction, Inc.; Commissioner Vendean Vafiades of the Maine Public Utilities Commission; University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude; representatives speaking on behalf of Maine's Congressional Delegation; and Presque Isle City Manager Tom Stevens.

The celebration moved outside to the wind turbine site – located near the athletic fields at the southern end of campus – during the second half of the event. In addition to the release of environmentally-friendly, dove-shaped, paper balloons (similar balloons were released during the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan), the University celebrated the ceremonial commissioning with the release of more than 100 small, paper mementos from the top of the 65-meter turbine tower as a remembrance of the historic day. Wind-themed refreshments and videos showcasing UMPI's wind turbine installation were available inside the Campus Center following the ceremony.

The Wind Turbine Commissioning Ceremony was held just two years after University officials announced their intentions to move forward on installing a wind turbine on campus.

"What a remarkable adventure we have been on in the past few years as we've worked to make this wind turbine a reality," President Zillman said during the ceremony. "We are so pleased to see this moment finally arrive and gratefully

acknowledge that our wind turbine would not be standing here without the hard work and contributions of so many individuals. We intend to acknowledge those efforts in the years to come by sharing our experiences with those who would like to explore wind power options of their own."

The University's wind turbine is expected to produce about 1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year and save the institution more than \$100,000 annually in electricity charges. The \$2 million project is expected to save an estimated 572 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere each year, or the equivalent of removing 123 cars from the road. Wind turbine measurements taken over the next year will help to clarify those numbers.

The University set forth on this project for several reasons: a serious campus commitment to renewable energy and reduction of carbon fuel use and global warming; a desire to serve the community as a pioneer in projects that others might want to pursue themselves; a desire to increase the educational programs both for UMPI students and for students around the state; and a desire to reduce its \$375,000 annual electric bill, which is only expected to go higher over the next two decades.

Officials promised to make the wind turbine project very public and show all sides of completing an alternative energy project, both the value and cost-effectiveness of harnessing natural resources for clean electricity as well as any problems encountered along the way.

A website about the campus wind project serves as a major resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the University's efforts on the alternative energy front. To view photos, videos and a detailed history about the University's wind project, visit www.umpi.edu/wind. ★

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with alumni & friends

Homecoming 2009
COMPLETE SCHEDULE INSIDE!

University of Maine at
PRESQUE ISLE

North of Ordinary



Caroline D. Gentile's Legacy

The University of Maine at Presque Isle has received the largest gift ever given to an educational institution in The County's history.

Officials with the University of Maine at Presque Isle and its Foundation Board announced in May that through gifts and the estate of the late Caroline D. Gentile, the University's longest serving faculty member, UMPI received a legacy gift of more than \$1 million.

Gentile, known to many as Miss Gentile, dedicated herself in many ways to the institution over the course of her 56-year teaching career and gave more than \$500,000 several years ago to help build the wellness center that now bears her name. Including the legacy gift that she bequeathed to the campus, her gift to the University totals approximately \$1.1 million.

UMPI President Don Zillman and Larry Shaw, President of the University's Foundation Board, announced the details of the legacy gift during a press conference held in the Caroline D. Gentile Health and Physical Education Building.

"We take immense pleasure in announcing this legacy gift and what it means to the institution," President

Don Zillman said. "The remarkable aspect of this gift is that – in addition to the human legacy that Caroline Gentile left over 58 years of teaching, mentoring and program building of Physical Education and Recreation throughout the state – she has also left this remarkable financial legacy."

During the press conference, Shaw discussed the possibilities the Foundation Board is considering in how to utilize Miss Gentile's gift, including scholarships, distinguished lecturers, recreation and physical education-related activities, and improvements to Gentile Hall.

"The income generated from this gift is going to allow the University to spend more than \$25,000 per year on items that will continue to promote the work that Caroline Gentile spent her whole life doing," Shaw said. "It's inspiring to see her legacy continue and to think that 20 to 30 years from now, these initiatives will still be moving forward and her name is still going to be tied so closely to the principles in which she so strongly believed."

Charles Bonin, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Dick Gardiner, Director of Gentile Hall, provided details on green initiatives and other immediate changes that will be able to happen because of the legacy gift, how it will help to preserve Miss Gentile's building, and what the

gift means in terms of promoting health and physical education in The County. Bonin mentioned that one item officials anticipate purchasing is a pool cover for the Gentile Hall pool that could save up to \$16,000 annually in energy costs. He said officials also hope to conduct a study to find



CAROLINE D. GENTILE

out how to make Gentile Hall more energy efficient. Following their presentations, a video tribute to Miss Gentile was shown that describes what an important force she has been throughout the University's history.

Miss Gentile served the University for 59 years. She was hired in 1946 by Dr. Clifford O.T. Wieden to teach at the then Aroostook State Normal School, and build its Health, Physical Education and Recreation program (HPER). Through her extraordinary long range planning abilities and her more than a half-century as a classroom teacher, she created a physical education program that has served The County, the State, and the regions beyond. Over the years, the program has gained a reputation for excellence around New England. For more than 50 years, she orchestrated commencement every year, paying strict attention to protocol and tradition. She taught thousands of students, served on hundreds of committees, and influenced many a faculty member.

In March of 2000, Miss Gentile was inducted into the Eleventh Maine Women's Hall of Fame. In 2003, she was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. In November of 2006, MAHPERD [Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance] honored Miss Gentile with its top distinction: the Highest Praise Award. ★





UMPI Owls featured in *The New York Times*

FOR MANY YEARS, members of the UMPI Men's Baseball team have had to hit the road for every single game they've played. It hasn't always been easy, but it's something they've been willing to do in order to play the game they love.

That dedication caught the attention of *New York Times* sports reporter Bill Pennington, who wrote a moving story about UMPI's "road warriors" that appeared on the front page of the Sunday Sports section on March 1, 2009. Pennington's story, *On the Road Again*, followed the UMPI Owls Baseball team – this year there were 16 players, two coaches, one manager – on their February road trip to Virginia to play games against Ferrum College, Lynchburg College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Averett University and Southern Virginia University.

After the story ran, Coach Saucier, the team, Athletic Director Bill Casavant and other UMPI officials began receiving emails from people across the country who wrote to say how moved they were by Pennington's article. Some sent donations to support the

team; others asked how they could purchase team gear. "Go Owls!" was a recurring statement in those letters.

The story also sparked the interest of media outlets from New York City to Phoenix, Arizona. So far, Coach Saucier has spoken with radio stations in Phoenix, in Dallas, Texas, and in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Owls and *The New York Times* story garnered a mention on *Sports Illustrated online*. On March 20, Coach Saucier, the entire team, and even the Owls Athletics bus appeared on the ESPN show "First Take." On April 11, a feature story on the team appeared on the New York City-based YES Network, the most-watched regional sports network in the country. According to its website, the network is available in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania on cable and is also available nationally on DirecTV.

Coach Saucier said the story's producer spent time in Presque Isle with team members prior to their trip to NYC and met them again when they played Lehman College in the Bronx. The story was aired after the New

York Yankees' post-game report on the sports show "Sports Life New York City."

It's the kind of attention the team never dreamed of. But how did a story about a baseball team in Presque Isle, Maine, get into *The New York Times* in the first place? Bill Pennington explained by email that he was "slightly familiar" with the region because some of his wife's relatives are from the general area (they're spread from Québec to Fort Kent to Moncton), but he did not know that Presque Isle had a ball team. Pennington said he had been working "on and off" on a series of stories about people in college athletics who play for the love of the game.

"About a month ago [in February], I was thinking about people who endure various hardships but who do so willingly to play. I was thinking of various obstacles, be they cultural, economic, and then, geographic. And when it came to geography, one of the first places I thought of was Northern Maine," he wrote.

After checking out the UMPI team's baseball schedule and

learning about some of the situations the team routinely faces (such as playing four games in one day), Pennington said he was struck by the fact that no one ever seemed to complain.

"I was also amazed that no one had written much about a situation I knew was fascinating and engaging. So I figured I better get to know this team," he wrote.

The story has meant a lot to the UMPI Owls. The article mentioned that the team never has fans cheering them on because they're hundreds of miles from home. Coach Saucier said several people have called to say they'll be at upcoming games, inspired by this team with so much heart. The article pointed out that the team ended its road trip to Virginia winless but in good spirits. Since then, the Owls completed another road trip, this time to New York and Massachusetts, and came away with four wins. Perhaps the words of encouragement from people across the country played some part in helping the team to clinch those games.

It's going to be quite a season to remember. Go Owls! ★

Omega Sigma Beta Celebrates 25 Years of Reunions

Brothers from the University of Maine at Presque Isle's Omega Sigma Beta fraternity gathered on July 18th to celebrate their 25th year of annual reunions. The brothers, including family and friends, have gathered in beautiful Wayne, Maine every summer since 1985. Many have never missed the event.

Although the Omega Sigma Beta Fraternity no longer has an active chapter at UMPI, brothers from the early '70s to the mid '90s continue to gather annually every summer on the third weekend in July. For many, the bonds that brought the members together remain as strong as ever. Friendships are rekindled annually.

The first Omega Sigma Beta reunion began during the summer of 1985. It has been held in the same place every year. The day is filled with memories, laughter, and renewal that are directly associated with their college experience at UMPI. Activities during the day include informal sporting events, swimming, tie dying shirts for the youngsters and cookouts. The festive atmosphere continues through the weekend and many camp overnight.

Although most who attend continue to live in Maine and other New England states, some who attend travel from as far away as California. One brother travels from Ireland. For many, the opportunity to reconnect and renew friendships from their youth far outweigh the time and expense associated with travel. For many it is one of the annual highlights of their summer. Personal vacations are arranged accordingly, demonstrating the bond of brotherhood and caring for one another.

During the past few years the organization has become philanthropic, making donations to not-for-profit organizations that need financial support. This year the group will concentrate on UMPI, encouraging individuals to join the UMPI Alumni Association in order to help support the institution. There is talk among the organizers to develop a formal memorial endowment with UMPI to honor brothers that have passed on. ★

Phish

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS of the Homecoming Weekend at the University of Maine at Presque Isle will be the unveiling of the historic **IT Men** (pictured at right) which have been installed on the west end of Pullen Hall. **President Don Zillman** will be on hand to 'cut the cord' to reveal the IT men - reborn - during Homecoming events **September 18, 19 and 20, 2009.**

In anticipation of the third Loring-hosted phenomenal Phish festival, August 2, 3 and 4, 2003, the giant green IT men greeted concert attendees as they arrived at the gates of the former air force base in Limestone, Maine. Professor Anderson Giles has been tenderly protecting the gigantic, lime-green, traffic control plywood figures for 6 years; caring for them through our long Aroostook winters and rainy, damp springs, awaiting the opportunity to instill them with new life; IT has finally arrived. Professor Giles worked closely with then-Loring Development Director, Brian Hamel, to salvage the IT men and move them to the UMPI campus with the intent of utilizing them as reminders of the three phenomenally creative Phish concerts. Tim Doak and Tim Roix of B.R. Smith Associates, Inc., have generously donated numerous hours to



Omega Sigma Beta brothers at their reunion.

Pictured from left: Mike Robinson, Scott Cook, Jim Harvey, Frank LeBlanc, Jerry Bussewitz, Rich Bonomo & Steve Upton

Retrospective Exhibition

Three Phantasmagoric Phish Phestivals

assess the restoration needed and have engineered the secure installation of "Don & Charlie," [the IT Men] on the west end of Pullen Hall. A helpful crew of UMPI Facilities employees (including Dave, Richard, Joe B., Joe M. and Phil) have reconstructed and refurbished these giants under the guidance of Professor Giles. The intent of their installation is the broader aspect of what they represent beyond the rock spectacle: the illumination of higher education, for example, or the role aviation has played in the history of Presque Isle, Limestone and Aroostook County, Maine. They also bring recognition to our Fine Art program on campus.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery at the University of Maine at Presque Isle will be hosting a retrospective, highlighting the three enormous Phish Festivals that were held at the former Loring Air Force base in Limestone, Maine in 1997, 1998 and 2003. With the current reunion of the Phish band, which is generating sell-out venues across the nation, we thought it appropriate to recall some of the fond memories of the three remarkable concerts held in northern Maine. Each of these concerts resulted in remote Limestone becoming the 'largest city' in the State; there have been estimates that when added together the attendance for the three shows was approximately 200,000 fans and generated in excess of \$25 million in revenue.

THE GREAT WENT, LEMONWHEEL and **IT** will be fondly remembered by legions of fans who enjoyed the concerts as well as the hospitality of our Aroostook County people. Each of these festivals was a multi-layered creative extravaganza, reminiscent of famed creative theorist John Cage's ideas about the sharing of communal creative energy, in what he called "happenings." The creative phenomenon that was generated by the Phish organization was recognized by national and international media outlets. *Rolling Stone* magazine had a feature article about the **IT Festival** which remarked, "On August 2nd and 3rd, more than 60,000 Phish fans witnessed the end of Phish's summer tour – and one of the most bizarre rock spectacles ever seen."



With a careful sense of documentation, Professor Andy Giles is able to supply the gallery and present a broad spectrum of artifacts and photographs that Giles has been actively collecting since 1997. The exhibition will include an extensive collection of relics, memorabilia, posters, and art works from the three shows which will be featured in the Reed Fine Art Gallery in the Campus Center at the University of Maine at Presque Isle October 4 through November 21. An opening reception is being planned for Sunday, October 4, 2009.

There will be other events, lectures, forums, gallery talks, etc. surrounding the Phish Festivals during the weeks between Homecoming and the close of the Retrospective Exhibition. WUPI radio will also host guest Phish commentators and perhaps broadcast a Jam or two. UMPI will have an interactive website for Phans to record some of their memories and to show images of The Great Went, Lemonwheel and IT Festivals. Keep checking the website for date, time and place updates as they become available. ★

Homecoming 2009

Friday-Sunday, September 18-20 * Schedule accurate as of press time

★ FRIDAY, September 18

12pm Student Recognition BBQ & Pep Rally for Fall Athletics Outside Wieden Hall - We kick off Homecoming 2009 by recognizing students, a sample of our shining stars who have contributed so much to the UMPI campus! Join us for a BBQ (only \$6) and the presentation of our fall athletics in the Men's Golf, Soccer, Cross Country teams and Women's Volleyball, Soccer and Cross County. Wear your Blue and Gold. Go Owls!

3pm STATE of the UNIVERSITY ADDRESS Wieden Auditorium - Join the campus and community at large as we are addressed by "President Don" on current and future campus initiatives.

4pm Fine Art Majors Exhibit RECEPTION Reed Fine Art Gallery, Campus Center - Selected works of 2009 Senior Thesis Projects by Jana Dumond, Roger A. Rabideau, Jr., and Shane Smith are featured.

5:30pm Women's Soccer Spaghetti Supper Campus Center - Enjoy a feast while helping our women's soccer team with this fundraiser! \$5; \$3 for children!

8pm Alumni Social new Hampton Inn, 768 Main St., Presque Isle - Informal gathering for all alumni & friends; giveaways, refreshments and more! Hosted by Sharon Roix '64, Laura (Bouchard) Gardiner '82, and Keith Madore '95.

★ SATURDAY, September 19

9am Alumni Baseball Game - Presque Isle High School Field - Stop in and take in a game of the famed NY Times and ESPN Men's UMPI Baseball Team as they play against our own Alums! Contact Leo Saucier to reserve your spot on the Alumni team: 207.768.9421 or leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu.

9am - 4pm Fine Art Majors Exhibit Reed Fine Art Gallery, Campus Center - Selected works of 2009 Senior Thesis Projects by Jana Dumond, Roger A. Rabideau, Jr., and Shane Smith; some works by previous Fine Art students from the University and Art Department collections are included.

10am Bachelor of Social Work Alumni Brunch Normal Hall Faculty Lounge - Gather with fellow BSW alums! If interested contact Shirley Rush at 207.768.9427 or email shirley.rush@umpi.edu.

10am-2pm UMPI Bookstore Open 20% discount to Alumni on Clothing & Glassware

10am - Women's Volleyball Wieden Gymnasium - versus University of Maine at Fort Kent

10:30am Wind Turbine Join President Don Zillman and Charlie Bonin for an up-close and personal tour of the turbine and see how it works.

11am - Men's Invitational Cross Country Meet Park Family Field

2008-2009 Sports in review

2009 Athletes of the Year:

★ Tyler Delaney and Erica Davis
2008-2009 Sunrise Conference Championship Teams:
Women's Cross Country 2008
Women's Volleyball 2008 (undefeated in conference play)
Men's Golf 2008
Softball 2009 (undefeated in conference play)
2008-2009 Sunrise Conference Runner's Up
Women's Soccer 2008
Women's Basketball 2008-09
Men's Baseball 2009
NAIA Sunrise Conference Coach of the Year
Chris Smith (women's cross country)
Terry Cummings (women's volleyball)
Tracy Guerrette (softball)
NAIA Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Year
Brett Hooper (men's golf)
Emily Moore (softball)
Tyson Tash (baseball)
NAIA Sunrise All-Conference Teams (in their respective sport):
Emerson Wright (men's cross country)
Shelly Hanson (women's cross country)
Michelle Phillips (women's cross country)
Hannah Smith (women's cross country)
Julie Rugg (women's cross country)



Michelle Ferry (volleyball)
Erica Davis (volleyball, basketball, softball)
Megan Korhonen (basketball)
Erin Pelletier (soccer)
Katie Moody (soccer)
Chelsea Boudreau (soccer)
Emily Moore (softball)
Kathleen Higgins (softball)
Brittany Humphrey (softball)
Danielle Humphrey (softball)
DJ Charette (baseball)
Corey Harding (baseball)
Tyler Delaney (baseball)
NCAA AD3I All-Conference Honors:
Player of the Year: Erica Davis (basketball)
Rookie of the Year: Justin Fereshetian (men's cross country)
Ben Rosser (men's basketball)
Defensive Player of the Year: Katie Moody (soccer)
First Team: Erin Pelletier (soccer)
Chelsea Boudreau (soccer)
Katie Moody (soccer)
Kathleen Higgins, Desiree Smith, Danielle Humphrey, Erica Davis (softball)
Tyler Delaney, Corey Harding (baseball)

Second Team: Justin Fereshetian (men's cross country)
Kurt Whisler (men's cross country)
Emerson Wright (men's cross country)
Brittany Humphrey, Nicole Russell, Emily Moore (softball)
AJ Pennartz (baseball)
Devon Peaslee (soccer)
Honorable Mention: Shelly Hanson (women's cross country)
Michelle Phillips (women's cross country)
Hannah Smith (women's cross country)
Makayla Gahagan (soccer)
Jessica Kinney (soccer)
Joshua Peaslee (soccer)



ATHLETIC STAFF, from left: Bill Casavant, Leo Saucier, Tracy Guerrette, Chris Smith, Connie Levesque, Terry Cummings, Aaron Tomlinson, Josh Holman, Tammy Krul, Alan Gordon, Barb Blackstone. missing: Ryan Guerrette, Chris Standefer

11:30am Alumni Luncheon

& Awards Campus Center - We will be honoring the classes of 1999 (10 year), 1984 (25 year) and 1959 (50 year). We will also be recognizing the Educator of the Year Award recipient **Jane White Kilcollins '93** and the Distinguished Alumni Award recipient **Ronald Fitzgerald '69**.

RSVP to the Alumni Office: alumni@umpi.edu or phone 207.768.9755. Cost is \$10/person.

11:45am - Women's Invitational Cross Country

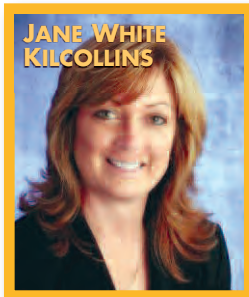
Meet Park Family Field

12pm Women's Soccer Game *UMPI vs University of Maine at Machias Park Family Field* - Refreshments sold at the game; admission is FREE

2pm Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society Inductions Campus Center - The University is proud to induct the Fall 2008 class of the National Honors Society. Inductees are recognized for achieving a minimum 3.5 overall grade point average through at least their first two semesters of college. All are welcome.

2pm Men's Soccer Game *UMPI vs University of Maine at Machias Park Family Field* - Refreshments sold at the game; admission is FREE

2-5pm Alumni, Families & Community "Swim and Gym" Gentile Hall - Alumni and their families are invited to bring the family for a relaxing swim in the pool or hit the gym for your daily dose of exercise, or play on the



multi-purpose court. FREE for Alumni and Families.

5pm Hall of Fame Reception Campus Center

5:30pm Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner Campus Center - Three Alumni will be inducted in the UMPI Athletics Hall of Fame: **Stephanie (Gagnon) Brewer '03**, **David Hamel '98** and **Tim Olore '83**. RSVP: connie.levesque@umpi.edu, 207.768.9506. \$15/person.

★ SUNDAY, September 20

ALUMNI SPORT DAY!

Watch fellow Alums battle it out against our current teams and see who will win! Refreshments and T-shirts for all alumni team members!

9am Disc Golf Tournament UMPI Disc Golf Course

-This popular pastime has made its way to campus! Help us break in UMPI's very own 9 Basket Disc Golf course! For more information contact Aaron Tomlinson at 207.768.9474 or aaron.tomlinson@umpi.edu. **Special thank you** to the project contributors: *Class of 2008, Class of 2009, S.W. Collins Company, and Dragon Products.*

9am - 4pm Fine Art Majors Exhibit Reed Fine Art Gallery, Campus Center

- Selected works of 2009 Senior Thesis Projects by Jana Dumond, Roger A. Rabideau, Jr., and Shane Smith; some works by previous Fine Art students from the University and Art Department collections are included.

9:30am Alumni & All-Comers Cross Country Race! *Park Family Field* - Test your speed and skill and see if you can still dash! To register contact Chris Smith at 207.768.9472 or email to christopher.smith@umpi.edu

10am Men's Alumni Soccer Game *Soccer Field* - Contact Alan Gordon to reserve your spot on the Alumni team at 207.768.9473 or email alan.gordon@umpi.edu.

11:30am Alumni Athlete Hot Dog Roast *Park Family Field*

12pm Women's Alumni Soccer Game *Soccer Field* - Contact Alan Gordon to reserve your spot on the Alumni team at 207.768.9473 or email alan.gordon@umpi.edu.

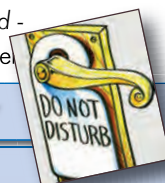
Main Event - Sat. 8:30pm

Northshore Comedy: "Three Funny Guys!" *Wieden Auditorium* - **Ryan Gartley** is no stranger to Aroostook County. Born and raised in Presque Isle, he is the son of Alumnus Ron Gartley and has been gracing stages throughout New England and in New York for many years, doing over 300 shows and opening for Al Klemick, Steve Scarfo and George Hamm. Ryan has been showcased on Comcast *Comedy Spot Light*. **Jim Colliton** has been on national TV shows like the late Ed McMahon's *Next Big Star*, Comcast *Comedy Spot Light* and Comedy Central *Laugh Riots*. Jim can also be heard on XM Satellite Radio's Comedy Channel. **Rob Steen** has been doing comedy for 18 years, beginning as a street performer at the age of 12 in Boston. Using his juggling and improv skills he decided to try stand-up comedy, and since he has kept a full calendar of over 350 shows per year! Rob has been featured on *Viva Variety* on Comedy Central, *Oddville* on MTV, Fox's *World's Funniest Videos*, and ABC's *America's Funniest Home Videos* and *Funniest People*. Rob is also a frequent guest on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. **LIMITED SEATING!** \$20/person at the door or \$15/person in advance (available in the Alumni Office or call 207.768.9755).



Where To Stay

The new Hampton Inn in Presque Isle is offering a special group discount to Homecoming attendees: \$99⁰⁰ per night (plus tax) for a standard guest room with two queen size or one king size bed. Call them at 207.760.9292 or visit www.presqueisle.hamptoninn.com.



Don Zillman



Dear Alums and Friends,

As our May Graduation neared, I reflected on what an extraordinary year this has been for UMPI. I stopped my list of major accomplishments at 15 knowing that I was missing many. We measured many of them by the statewide, regional, and national news coverage they received: two *New York Times* major articles on our men's baseball team — the road warriors; Boston TV coverage of the Andy Warhol photos; the *Bangor Daily News* lead editorial on our Retrospective Week of 1968, including the marvelous visit of journalist Richard Dudman; continuing recognition of the Maine Solar System model in various travel magazines; and the wind power venture described on Maine Public Broadcasting, the state's commercial channels, and in the major newspapers. Quite a year!

At the same time, we have been working our way through the worst economic year that most of us can remember. The impact on the University of Maine System has been considerable. But, when similar anguish comes from Harvard, Bowdoin, Colby and the like, we know we are not alone.

The University of Maine System has taken action to address both the needs of the state for more higher education and the realities that there won't be enough legislative dollars to pay for what we offer now. A series of System Task Forces, with able UMPI participation, is examining these New Challenges/New Directions. A good portion of my summer will be spent with my fellow Presidents, System staff, Task Force members, and the Board of Trustees trying to remake higher education in Maine. I can't begin to predict how this will come out. Our task on campus is to continue the exciting work we are doing, to reflect that there may be some activities that we can no longer do, and to help the System leadership reach decisions that will well serve our students and the people of Maine. I would encourage all of you to follow the discussions (they have been well covered in the state-wide media and the University of Maine System website) and to offer your perspectives in the opportunities for public comment.

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Engagements & Weddings

Aaron Paul Quint '03 and Julie Ann Poisson exchanged vows on January 5, 2008. The couple currently resides in Winslow.

Travis Parent '07 and Elizabeth Morrison were wed May 3, 2008 in Bangor.

Laura Lee Cowett '08 and Jody Franklin Doughty '99 were married June 7th, 2008 in Limestone. Laura is currently working at DFAS and Jody is employed by U.S. Cellular.

Kerry Wahl and Ben Curtis '04 were wed June 21, 2008.

Anna Delong '08 and Michael Osgood were wed on June 28th, 2008. Anna and Mike currently reside in Oklahoma.

Beth Corrow '92 and Marc Mazerolle were married August 2, 2008 in Caribou.

Nicolas Casavant '06 and Jessica Cyr '06 were married August 8, 2008.

Rebecca Ellen Dean '99 and Michael Christopher Carcoran were married on Sept. 27th, 2008 and now reside in Canaan. Rebecca is currently working as an Elementary Guidance Counselor.

Kurt Peterson '08 and Danielle Atcheson exchanged vows on November 29th, 2008. Kurt is employed by Precision Lawn Care Services.

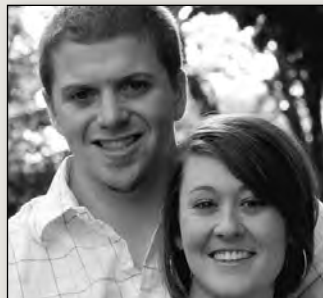
Melissa Jewett '05 and Steven Blanchette were married June 6, 2009.

Angela York '06 and Nicholas Bubar were married on June 27, 2009.

Marissa Gardiner '07 and Jonathan Post were married in June of this year.

Erin Soucy '00 and Cole

Gagnon were wed this past July; they reside in Portland. Brian Morrison '08 and Brittany Cronin '09 have announced their engagement. A July 2010 wedding is being planned.

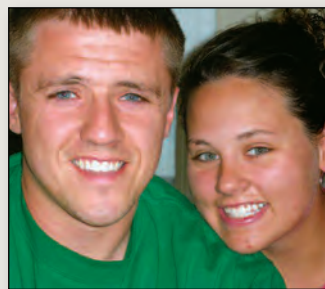


Brian Morrison '08 and Brittany Cronin '09

Michael Collins '07 married Ashley Roberston on July 18, 2009.

Amanda Lee Chaloux '07 and Nicholas David Crane will wed August 22nd, 2009.

Colleen MacIntyre '07 and Gary Mayer will wed in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 17, 2009.



Colleen MacIntyre '07 and Gary Mayer

Rene Laliberty '03 and P.J. Gorneault '05 were wed August 8, 2009. Rene is currently employed as an academic counselor at UMPI's Upward Bound program. P.J. is employed at the Caribou Middle School as a physical education teacher.

Kerri McNeal '99 and Mark Pare have announced their engagement. The couple were wed in New Gloucester, Maine on August 8, 2009.

Kristen Ireland '08 and Colby Lauritsen will be married on Sept. 18th, 2009.

Alicia Boyd '09 and Zach Smith plan to marry on October 24, 2009.

Brandi Hill '09 and Carl Morneau have announced their engagement. A May 2010 wedding is planned. Brandi is currently employed by TDBanknorth in Presque Isle.

Matthew Bouchard '08 and Shawna Nadeau plan to wed August 2010.

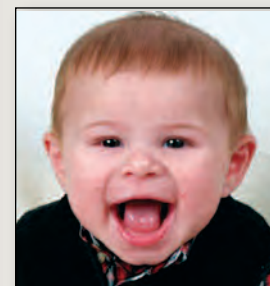
Matt Free '07 and Brandie Sloan plan to wed on August 28th, 2010. The couple currently lives in Sidney. Matt is employed by Pepsi.

Daniel James Ballanger '09 and Melanie Olivia Mowbray '09 have announced their engagement. No wedding date has been set. Both are currently employed by Lowe's.

Births

Jon Ala '02 and Emily Ala '00 welcomed a new little boy, CADEN on July 25, 2008.

SAMUEL BOYD WHITCOMB was born on October 22, 2008. He was 7lbs. 4 oz. and 21 1/2 inches long. Samuel is the son of Jennifer (Boyd) Whitcomb '98 and Wayne Whitcomb. Samuel has a brother, M.J., who is 3. ROBERT DAVID FREE was born on July 30th, 2008.



Robert David Free



It has been a great three years. I am excited about this year's *Blue & Gold*; we had to add four more pages so that we could include all the great things that are happening. I am fortunate to be able to support my fellow alums in my role as director and to assist in the movement of our campus forward in areas of community outreach and development. Thanks to the leadership of President Don and the support of the Alumni and Foundation Boards, this publication is filled with some of UMPI's greatest accomplishments.

The University of Maine at Presque Isle Alumni Association's mission is to continue building relationships between the campus and its alumni. We want you to help us maintain two-way communication; help us provide direction for our association. We encourage you to give back through fundraising which will help support student and campus initiatives; give back by helping us plan alumni events. Help us with recruiting new students by sharing your experiences. Help us to network through job postings; and help us establish and take part in alumni chapters throughout the State.

These past years I have had the wonderful opportunity to gather with Alumni and Friends in Southern Maine for a Sea Dogs game and social, our Alums at the MAHPERD conferences, during Homecomings and at many other gatherings. Alums travel from all over to these events and I see many familiar faces and friends and meet new ones all at the same time. I leave these events knowing that time did not matter. Whether they graduated 25, 10, 5 or just 1 year ago, what mattered is that we all still have a strong connection to our beloved UMPI.

Your Alumni Association has made great strides. We have an enthusiastic board of directors. We have successful and exciting homecomings. We've revitalized our annual fund and created a foundation for you as alums to keep in touch with us through our Alumni email list and we need your support to continue our growth.

Keep in touch with your faculty, staff and your friends, come back for Homecoming this September 18-20, and attend events on campus. But most of all; remember we are all part of a family, a very proud family, the UMPI family.

We hope to hear from you soon!

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He arrived at 6:52 AM weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Robert is the son of Matt Free '07 and Brandie Sloan.

Jon Cole '03 and Ashley (Putnam) Cole '06 welcome LEVI on April 10, 2009.



Levi Cole

DECLAN MILLER arrived on May 26, 2009. Declan is the son of Greg '01 and Kellie (Thomas) '99 Miller and the brother to Madison Miller. Rachel (Underwood) Tomlinson '02 and husband Aaron (UMPI's Head Athletic Trainer) welcomed their daughter Aunica Ruth July 1st. She was 7 lbs and 1 oz, 20 inches.

OBITUARIES

Theresa Ficca '82 died September 24, 2007. Theresa was a 3rd grade school teacher who loved her job very much.

Dorothy Nadeau died April 8, 2008 at the age of 78. Dorothy was an employee at UMPI in the '70s and '80s.

O'Neil Saucier '75 died May 7, 2008 at the age of 65. Neil was a lifetime member of the Maine Chiefs Association and the VFW. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Carroll Harris '85 died May 25, 2008 at age 70.

Jacqueline Hall Greaves '71 died June 6, 2008 at the age of 80. Jacqueline taught at Presque Isle High School from 1971 to 1994.

Lewis Taavi Wirra died June 7, 2008 at the age of 53. Lewis was employed at UMPI's Houlton Outreach Center.

Anna Elizabeth (Smith) Shaw '32 died July 12, 2008 at age 97. Anna taught in the Mars Hill school system for 38 years.

Sr. Mary Timothy OP (Maxine) McHatten '55 died July 25, 2008 at the age of 76. Sr. Mary received her degree in Elementary Education. In 1956 she became a Dominical Sister. She later received her Ph.D. in biblical studies from the University of Ottawa, Canada.

Cynthia Albert-Ames '82 died July 26, 2008 at the age of 46.

Rosalind Sodergren '33 died August 4, 2008 at the age of 96.

Ruth Anita Bustard Somers '54 died September 14, 2008 at the age of 75. Ruth served as the President of the Maine State Society in Washington, DC in 1980 and 1981.

Caroline Gentile died September 19, 2008 at the age of 84. Ms. Gentile was a professor at the University for 54 years and was responsible for planning the school's Health, Physical Education and Recreation program.

Charles Ray Leighton '43 died October 23, 2008 at the age of 87. Leighton invented the

first potato harvester to use a current of air to separate potatoes from rocks and dirt. He also patented the bag tier that closes vegetable bags that are often seen in grocery stores today.

Janiska Boudrea '81 died December 28, 2008 at the age of 61. Janiska was the owner and operator of Falmouth Flowers for the past 15 years.

Marguerite Foster '27 died January 18, 2009 at age 101. She was the original creator of the locally renowned "Chip Dodge Print" and was an accomplished self-taught artist for much of her life.

Hope Akeley '35 died March 12, 2009 at the age of 95.

Louise Norsworthy '40 died March 31, 2009 at the age of 91. Louise taught in the Woodland consolidated school until her retirement in 1978.

Wesley Shorey '60 died at the age of 80.

Almira (Weston) Kingsley '41 died April 10, 2009 at the age of 89.

Helyn Brewer '69 died April 10, 2009 at age 79.

Marie-Anne Gauvin '51 died April 14, 2009 at the age of 79.

Margaret 'Pectie' Charette '79 died on May 4, 2009.

John Robert Carter '76 died on May 4, 2009 at age 54. John started Carter Builders, Inc., which he ran until 2007.

Vivian Crabbe '29 died July 12, 2009 at the age of 99. She taught for 35 years in Maine and Massachusetts. ★

1930s

Katherine Stevens Degon '35, age 91, has been married for 66 years on October 30, 2008. Both Katherine and her husband, Elmer, are now retired. They have five children, all who have responsible jobs; the oldest is 64. Katherine taught six years in a rural one-room school. She also worked for the Health and Wellness Department for the State of Maine. She and her husband currently reside in Augusta where they have lived for more than 48 years.

1950s

Dr. Reginald Reed '57, after graduating from Teachers College at Presque Isle, was drafted into the military. Dr. Reed's two-year military requirement was waived due to the need for teachers in the Caribou area. He met his wife, a teacher as well, in 1961 and married two years later. They have been married for 46 years. Dr. Reed went on to earn his bachelor of science in elementary education, his masters in elementary principalship, certificate of advanced study in superintendency from the University of Maine at Orono, and his doctorate in educational administration and leadership from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Reed now serves as the Business and Community Liaison at the Loring Job Corps Center.

1970s

Terry Chalou '74, after 31 years as a high school math teacher and technology coordinator, returned

to UMPI as an adjunct instructor, teaching mathematics and education classes. He resides in Easton with his wife Barbara, a professor at UMPI.

Cid Dyjak '74 has been coaching soccer for 29 years, 26 years as the girls' soccer coach at Orono. Throughout his career as a coach he has earned a record of 213-140-68. Cid was recently recognized as the NSCAA New England Girls Small School Coach of the Year. **Deborah Albert '75** is in her 34th year of teaching in Winslow, Maine. After 29 years at the elementary level (P.E. and Health), Deb was transferred to Winslow High School to teach freshman health. Deb is looking forward to retiring after three more years.

1980s

Tammy (Hall) Eldredge '80 and her husband Will reside in Merrimack, NH. Tammy works at a local pre-school and her husband works in software engineering in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Their daughter, Christine, is a freshman at Nashua Christian Academy.

James "Chico" Hernandez '83 has made it into a new book on the State of Maine. The book, "Maine" is from the America the Beautiful series. It notes that Chico, who graduated from UMPI, was a standout wrestler and later went on to become the team's head coach. Chico has also been featured on a Wheaties box. He now is a social worker for the

Maine State Prison. He resides in Washburn with his wife and two daughters.

Grady T. Brown '84, after spending the past 23 years in the design, planning and implementation of architectural graphics in Houston, has been appointed President of ASI-Modulex, Inc., an international architectural graphics company headquartered in Dallas, Texas. "This is an exciting opportunity to lead one of the largest architectural graphics companies in the world; the only drawback is the need to leave my four children and three grandchildren in Houston to relocate to Dallas. However, after four years of making the four-hour commute between Houston and Dallas, a

weekend visit will not be a challenge," said Grady. "I am pleased to have been able to utilize the fine arts education that I received from illustrious professors like Andy Giles, Cliff Boudman and Mark Huff throughout my career, in addition to having been able to apply a fine arts degree to a commercial enterprise that has served me well. I look forward to the opportunity to visit the campus next summer while back in Presque Isle for a high school reunion."

Elaine (Plourde) Haines '87 married Neal Haines in August 1987, and they have resided in Caribou since that time. She is a Licensed Social Worker and has worked for Aroostook Mental Health

Center for 22 years as a mental health rehabilitation technician (counselor), assisting those with severe and persistent mental illness with their recovery.

1990s

Paul J. (PJ) Kinney '98 resides with his wife Kelley and three children in Presque Isle. Paul was promoted to Commercial Lines Underwriter in 2004 and in 2007 was promoted to Lead Underwriter. He received his Certificate in General Insurance from the Insurance Institute of America as well as his Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation in 2007. Paul is also a Certified Personal Trainer. **Joseph Porter '98** and his wife, Misty, reside in

from the Alumni Association President
Trisha House '01

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am excited to report that in the last year, the Alumni Association of the University of Maine at Presque Isle has had another memorable and productive year.

I would like to start by thanking Mark Shea for the two years he committed as President of the Alumni Association. The board appreciates all the time you put in to reviving our presence and making us the cohesive group we are today. I hope I can continue to exemplify that same success.

Homecoming 2008 brought the arrival of a few new events that we plan to make part of the festivities annually. An alumni baseball game attracted some alums who had been away for years to return for the weekend. For Homecoming 2009, we are looking forward to all the alumni sporting events, as well as the cultural events, award recognitions, and new entertainment from the Northshore Comedy Production. This is a group of talented comedians from New England that tour together and provide a diverse, entertaining show. Don't forget to look at the enclosed schedule of events for Homecoming 2009, September 18-20.



Houlton with their two sons. Joe has recently been promoted from Accountant to Controller to Assistant Vice President and Controller at Katahdin Trust Company. Joe is working towards an MS in Business from Husson College in Bangor. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Houlton Area Little League and Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association.

2000s
Rita Williamson '02, after living in Minnesota for a year, Kansas for five years, and south Texas for six months; she has finally returned to "The County," Mars Hill to be exact. She is in the UNE MSW program and will be starting her second

year and internship in the fall. Rita hopes to be practicing clinical social work and has made the decision to become a Mainer – possibly in the Bangor or Ellsworth area. Her Maine Coon cat, Claire, has been with her every step of the way.
Evan Graves '03 (pictured at right) recently completed the Philadelphia "Kick Asphalt" marathon. Evan beat his own personal best by more than a minute with a third place finish. The race ended at the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which was made famous in the "Rocky" movie.

Annie Stubbs '04 is a freelance fiction writer living in Bangor, Maine. Annie has just recently published a book through

Publish America. The book is titled *Shattered Heart*. Annie has other professional interests in digital art and photography.
Elliot Fox '05 is currently the Information Technology Director for the Albuquerque Job



Corp Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico as well as the GED Director for the Center, the younger and one of only two directors in New Mexico. Elliot has bought a new home in Albuquerque and loves the weather. NO more snow!!

Betsy (Tweedie) Allen '05 married Craig Allen in December of 2004 and they live in Blaine, Maine. Betsy graduated with her Masters of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Vermont College of the Union Institute and University. Betsy now teaches 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts at Central Aroostook Jr. /Sr. High School in Mars Hill and serves as the school's

National Honor Society Advisor.

Marilee (Waugh) Scott '07, after graduation, was hired to work as an Athletic Trainer by Cary Medical Center. She got married in October '07. She loves what she does for work and hopes to pursue her Masters degree one day.

Lacey Boone '07 is now living in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada; she has been there since August of 2008 and is doing great. Lacey is working in the area of child protection, Child and Youth Services, for the government as an assessor / investigator and she loves the job. She has made many good friends, and "my supervisor and team are great." ★

In April 2009, about 30 alums and families attended the 2nd Annual Southern Maine Alumni Chapter event at Hadlock Park, home of the Portland Sea Dogs, and dinner at The Stadium. We welcome new faces and look forward to reconnecting w/alumni in the southern part of the State. Interest has also been expressed for a Central Maine Alumni Chapter event in the Bangor area. If you have any ideas or want more information about this future event, we would love to hear from you.

On May 16, graduates were greeted by members of the Alumni Board as they marched out of Weiden Gymnasium and were presented official Alumni mugs, creating the bridge from student to alum. We are very proud of all your accomplishments and hope you stay in touch. Alumni merchandise is now available at the UMPI Bookstore. View the items at:



UMPI Alumni welcomed at Hadlock Field.



President Zillman and Liza Maynard, '09 at an Alumni gathering following the game.

www.umpi.edu/alumni-friends/merchandise. Thanks to alum, Greg Doak, Bookstore Manager, for making access to the merchandise easier for all.

We look forward to seeing returning Alumni and hopefully lots of new faces at one or all of the amazing Homecoming events September 18-20. If you are unable to attend, but want to remain in contact with UMPI, we would love to hear from you. You can contact the Alumni Relations office at 207.768.9568 or by e-mail at keith.madore@umpi.edu. We also have created a Facebook profile, so send us a friend request. We would love to see how you are all doing.

Trisha Deprey House
 Class of 2001
 Alumni Association President

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