



above: installation of the "IT Men" on Pullen Hall's west-facing façade

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## Thomas King serves as Distinguished Lecturer

The University of Maine at Presque Isle began its 2009-2010 University Distinguished Lecturer Series with renowned speaker Thomas King, the acclaimed novelist, short story writer, and creator of the popular CBC radio serial *The Dead Dog Café Comedy Hour*.

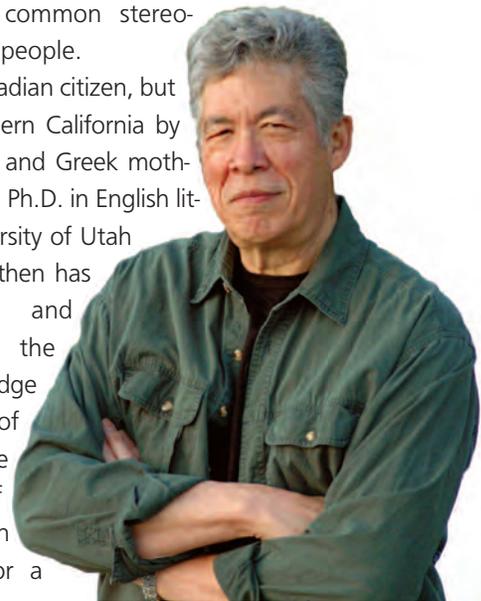
King – whose first novel *Medicine River* was made into a television movie that starred Native American actor Graham Greene, won Best Screenplay at the American Indian Film Festival, and was nominated for a Gemini award – spoke on issues related to the Native American experience when he delivered his talk *An Evening Wasted with Thomas King* on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Campus Center.

In this first Distinguished Lecture of the academic year, sponsored in part by Project Compass, Professor Thomas King asked the question, "What is it about us that you don't like?" With his characteristic dry wit and irony, King spoke about the Native American experience in the North American imagination – past and present – weaving together Native oral stories, history, politics and popular culture.

Thomas King is one of Canada's leading writers of

Native fiction. He uses humor as a storytelling strategy, and has become known for his complex characters that highlight the ironies and contradictions of contemporary life, while challenging common stereotypes about Native people.

Dr. King is a Canadian citizen, but was raised in Northern California by his Cherokee father and Greek mother. He completed his Ph.D. in English literature at the University of Utah in 1986, and since then has taught American and Native Studies at the University of Lethbridge and the University of Minnesota, where he was the Chair of the American Indian Studies program for a number of years.



Thomas King

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## UMPI receives \$96,800 from Maine Technology Institute

With the completion of a July 30 signing ceremony, the University officially became the recipient of a \$96,800 Maine Technology Asset Fund grant from the Maine Technology Institute. The grant is helping to fund construction of a state-of-the-art GIS and GPS laboratory on campus that will be used for both classroom instruction and for community training and services.

Maine Technology Institute President Betsy Biemann and UMPI



Maine Technology Institute President Betsy Biemann (center) and Dr. Chunzeng Wang (left) look on as UMPI President Don Zillman signs a grant contract that officially makes the University the recipient of a \$96,800 Maine Technology Asset Fund grant.

President Don Zillman took part in the grant contract signing ceremony.

"The University is excited to receive

these funds from the Maine Technology Institute, which will help us to establish this educational and training-oriented facility and meet the growing need for GIS and GPS services in our region," President Zillman said. "The goal of a facility like this is to further community development and economic growth, and the University is proud to be taking this step forward for northern Maine."

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# UMPI, Lertlah Schools sign agreement

Officials with the University and the Lertlah Schools in Bangkok, Thailand, joined together on Friday, Sept. 18 to sign an agreement that will allow UMPI Education students to complete their teaching certification program by traveling to Thailand and working with students there.

UMPI President Don Zillman joined with Archarn Seri Pardejpong, Director of Lertlah Schools; Mr. Gary Smith, Assistant Director of Lertlah Schools; and Dr. Barbara Smith Chalou, UMPI Professor of Education for the Friday morning ceremony.

As part of the agreement, the Lertlah Schools will accept between 20 and 25 students in their final year with the University's teacher education program to work as teachers in their Bangkok classrooms. At the end of a successful 10-month student teaching experience, the Lertlah Schools will present an International Teaching Program certificate of completion to each student.

The agreement provides significant benefits for both schools. The Lertlah Schools will receive students who can bring a more global perspective into the classroom. University students will become international teachers who can add to their skills set their experience teaching children



Officials from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and the Lertlah Schools in Thailand participate in an agreement signing ceremony on Friday, Sept. 18. Taking part in the signing are, from left, Dr. Barbara Chalou, UMPI Professor of Education; President Don Zillman; Archarn Seri Pardejpong, Director of Lertlah Schools; and Gary Smith, Assistant Director of Lertlah Schools.

of another language. UMPI Education faculty will engage with Lertlah faculty on best practices and the exchange of ideas. Both schools anticipate their collaboration will result in some Thai students coming to UMPI following their high school graduation at the Lertlah Schools.

The first cohort of UMPI students is expected to depart for Thailand and the Lertlah Schools next spring. ★

## Thomas King

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His first novel, *Medicine River*, was published in 1990 and was runner-up for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. Shortly after the success of *Medicine River* came King's second novel, *Green Grass, Running Water*, which was short-listed for the Governor General's Award in 1994 and won the Canadian Authors Award for Fiction.

King has written numerous award-winning short stories, (10 of which are collected in *One Good Story, That One*, 1993), as well as critical pieces. *A Coyote Columbus Story*, King's first children's book, (he has written three), was nominated for a Governor General's Award in 1992. King is also the creator and writer of the popular radio serial *The Dead Dog Café Comedy Hour*, a CBC program based on *The Dead Dog Café* within King's novel *Green Grass, Running Water*.

In 2003, Dr. King was asked to deliver the Massey Lectures, sponsored by CBC Radio in cooperation with Massey College at the University of Toronto, according to the CBC website. King considered turning the offer down because he didn't think of himself as a formal lecturer, but decided to use the opportunity to talk, simply, about stories: as he puts it, "stories are all we are." King examined

various aspects of the Native experience, from history, religion and politics, to literature, imagination, and the authenticity of storytelling. The published lecture won the prestigious Trillium award in 2004; that same year, King was named a member of the Order of Canada.

Also in 2003, King was named the recipient of a National Aboriginal Achievement Award for arts and culture from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

Currently, Thomas King is a senior fellow of Massey College at the University of Toronto, and a professor of English and Native literature at the University of Guelph.

The University's Distinguished Lecturer Series was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors five to six speakers who come from Maine and beyond, representing a range of disciplines and viewpoints. While the emphasis tends to be on featuring visiting academics, it is not exclusively so. The speakers typically spend two days at the University meeting with classes and presenting a community lecture.

Project Compass is an effort on the University of Maine at Presque Isle campus to develop and improve culturally responsive retention strategies for its Native American students. ★

# IT Men unveiled on Sept. 18

A crowd of campus and community members gathered on the west lawn of Pullen Hall on Friday, Sept. 18 for a special ceremony to unveil the IT Men, art pieces installed on the west end of the classroom building in honor of the Phish Retrospective, being hosted by the Reed Art Gallery from Sept. 28 to Nov. 21.

The Retrospective centers on the three Phish music festivals that took place in Aroostook County in 1997, 1998, and 2003.

The IT Men – the giant, 20-foot-tall, lime green traffic control figures constructed out of plywood that once stood at the concert gates of a Phish music festival – had been covered under tarps since August in preparation for the unveiling event. President Don Zillman was on hand to “cut the cord” to reveal the IT men, reborn.

Professor Anderson Giles has been

tenderly protecting the IT Men figures for six years. Giles worked closely with then Loring Development Authority Director Brian Hamel to salvage the IT Men after the 2003 music festival and move them to the UMPI campus.

A helpful crew of UMPI facilities employees have reconstructed and refurbished these giants under Professor Giles’ guidance. Tim Doak and Tim Roix of B.R. Smith Associates, Inc., generously donated numerous hours to assess the restoration needed and engineer the secure installation of “Don and Charlie” (the IT Men) on the western façade of Pullen Hall. Lee Merchant of Lee Merchant Signs volunteered his talents and his crane to lift the giants to their current location.

“The intent of their installation is the broader aspect of what they represent, beyond the rock spectacle – the



illumination of higher education, for example, and the role aviation has played in the history of Presque Isle, Limestone, and Aroostook County,” Giles said. “They also bring recognition to our University’s Fine Art program on campus. With their arms in the air, pointing, and hands holding guiding flames of light, they are the perfect symbol of educational enlightenment and icons of creative thinking.” ☆

## Phish Retrospective begins Sept. 28

Twelve years ago, an event was held at the former Loring Air Force Base that drew thousands of people and, for a few days, turned Limestone into the ‘largest city’ in the State of Maine. The 1997 event was called *The Great Went* and behind it was the American rock band Phish. This month, a week-long event at the University will be held to reflect upon the three Phish concerts that have taken place in northern Maine and their impact on Aroostook County.



Brian Hamel

The Phish Retrospective – which is being co-organized by Art Professor Anderson Giles, Cultural Affairs Director Carol Ayoob, and Reed Art Gallery Director Sandra Huck – will be held from Sept. 28 to Nov. 21.

The Retrospective will feature a Phish Film on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Organizers will show a documentary film on the IT Festival by Finchwillow Productions.

A Phish Forum will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. The forum will feature a discussion group and Q&A session on the three festivals and their many impacts on the northern Maine region.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center, Brian Hamel will present a guest lecture on *The Who, What and Why of Phish Coming to Limestone, Maine*. Hamel, the former director of the Loring Development Authority, will speak about the work it took to bring Phish to the area.



Kevin Shapiro

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, the Retrospective will feature a talk by Mr. Kevin Shapiro, the band’s official archivist, on the inner workings of the Phish Archives and the historical context of the band’s festivals in Maine.

The Phish Retrospective culminates with the opening reception of the Phish Retrospective Exhibition on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. in the Reed Art Gallery. It will be featured in the gallery, located in the University’s Campus Center, from Oct. 4 through Nov. 21.

The public is invited to attend all of these free events. For more information about the Retrospective, visit the website at [www.umpi.edu/phish](http://www.umpi.edu/phish) or contact Sandra Huck at 768.9611. ☆

# Alums, campus community enjoy huge

The University of Maine at Presque Isle hosted a jam-packed Homecoming 2009 celebration from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20, and alums and the campus community turned out for a wide variety of events – including entertainment by a trio of comedians to socials, alumni games and the annual Hall of Fame dinner.

Festivities kicked off on Friday, Sept. 18 with a Student Recognition BBQ and Pep Rally for fall athletics. At 3 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium, President Don Zillman delivered the State of the University Address. Immediately following his remarks, the crowd moved to the west lawn of Pullen Hall for the 3:30 p.m. unveiling of the IT Men. The crowd then walked to the classroom building's south lawn for a 3:45 p.m. ceremony to properly acknowledge Caron's Landscaping, which generously provided a landscaped area at the southern entrance of Folsom Hall. Evening events included a reception for the Fine Art Majors Exhibit at the Reed Art Gallery, the annual Women's Soccer Spaghetti

Supper, and the annual Alumni Social.

The fun continued on Saturday with an alumni baseball game, a Bachelor of Social Work Alumni Brunch, a wind turbine tour, Phi Eta Sigma's National Honor Society inductions, the annual "swim and gym" at Gentile Hall, and several athletic games throughout the day.

At 11:30 a.m., the Annual Alumni Luncheon and Awards ceremony was held, honoring **Jane White Kilcollins**, Class of 1993, as the Educator of the Year Award recipient. Kilcollins serves as the principal of Hilltop Elementary School in Caribou and was recently named Maine's 2009 Elementary National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals' Association. Prior to her principalship, Kilcollins served as assistant principal at Hilltop and Teague Park elementary schools. From 1994-2001, she served as a teacher at Fort Fairfield Elementary School. After earning her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from UMPI,



Jane White Kilcollins

## Technology grant

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the Maine Technology Institute is funding this year out of 50 application submissions. Among all the public and private universities and colleges in Maine, only the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Maine, and the University of New England were awarded grants.

"The Maine Technology Asset Fund awards will serve Maine's economy by funding cutting-edge technology development in some of Maine's most entrepreneurial companies and research organizations," Betsy Biemann said. "We are pleased that the Fund extends to northern Maine even though UMPI is the only awardee north of Bangor. We anticipate the new facility will significantly assist UMPI's rapidly growing GIS program and help bring this part of Maine into the geospatial information technology age."

According to Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Assistant Professor of Geoscience and GIS and grant project director, the proj-

ect is a three-year, \$329,360 effort. The rest of the project is being paid through matching funds from the University. The GIS and GPS laboratory, which is being given the temporary name of "Center for Advanced Geospatial Information Mapping and Analysis," is expected to start operations this coming fall. As one of the best-equipped laboratories of its kind in Maine, it will be used for teaching GIS and GPS classes and training local professionals in how to use advanced GIS and GPS technology, as well as for research and development.

"This project is centered on economic development for northern Maine, which is consistent with the commitment of the GIS program at UMPI," Dr. Wang said. "The comprehensive GIS database developed as part of the project is going to allow communities to inventory and market their assets, provide site and building inventories for community planning and development efforts, attract and retain businesses, foster job creation

strategies, manage infrastructure for municipal growth, increase workflow efficiency – the possibilities are nearly endless. This is an excellent opportunity for our students and for the people of Aroostook County, and we can't wait to get started."

The new laboratory will build on the three years of work the University's GIS program, under Dr. Wang's leadership, already has conducted on the geospatial technology front. Community entities and local organizations such as the Presque Isle Public Works Department, the Presque Isle Planning and Development Department, the Town of Fort Fairfield, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Aroostook County Action Program, and the Fairmont Cemetery Association have been among the partners who have benefited from the GIS and GPS projects that Dr. Wang and his students have completed and are conducting.

Projects like this are expected to multiply with the opening of the GIS and GPS laboratory. ★

# slate of Homecoming 2009 activities

she earned her Master's degree in education in 1999 from the University of Maine. Kilcollins has served as president and secretary of the Aroostook Principals' Association, as an adjunct faculty member for UMPI's College of Education, and is currently on the Board of Directors of Pines Health Services.

Also during the ceremony, **Ronald Fitzgerald**, Class of 1969, was named the Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Since 1988, Fitzgerald has served as the General Education Department Chair at Northern Maine Community College. Since 1981, he has held a position as Math/Science Instructor at the college. Prior to this, Fitzgerald served as an educator and coach with MSAD #1 from 1971-1981. He served as middle school teacher in Mars Hill from 1969-1971. After earning his Bachelor's degree in mathematics/science from UMPI, Fitzgerald earned his Master's degree in education from Antioch New England Graduate School in 1994. Fitzgerald



Ronald Fitzgerald

has served many times as an evaluator on New England Association of Schools and Colleges regional and international accreditation visits. From 1981 to 1987, Fitzgerald served on the MSAD #1 school board, and was its chairperson from 1985-1987. He received the Excellence in Instruction and Curriculum Development Award from NMTC in 1994, an Outstanding Service Award from the Aroostook Literacy Coalition in 1994, and an Outstanding Service Award from NMTC in 1986 for his work as acting Dean of Adult Education.

Homecoming activities continued on Saturday afternoon with a Homecoming Bazaar at the Park Family Field. The annual Hall of Fame reception and dinner was held in the evening and the comedy show *Three Funny Guys!*, featuring Ryan Gartley, Jim Colliton and Rob Steen, served as the weekend's main event.

The last day of Homecoming served as an alumni sport day, with cross country and soccer games, a Disc Golf Tournament, and an alumni athlete hot dog roast. ★

## Scenes from Homecoming 2009



Top left photo, from left: Maynard Walton '59 and Lloyd Soderberg '59.  
 Top center photo, from left: Trevor Parent '07, Julie Parent '05, Laura Gardiner '82, and Dick Gardiner '81.  
 Top right photo: Emily Ala '00 and her son Caden.  
 Bottom left photo: Claude Rioux '73 and Colleen Rioux '73.  
 Bottom right, from left: Julie Wescott '08, and Leah Joy '08.

photos courtesy Sharon Roix '64

# Suzanne Nance delivers vocal performance

An accomplished opera singer visited the University of Maine at Presque Isle to offer a masterful vocal performance on Sunday, Sept. 13 in the Campus Center.

Suzanne Nance, well-known throughout the State of Maine as music director and host of MPBN's Morning Classical Music program, is also an experienced vocal performer who has appeared on stages in Prague, London, the Czech Republic, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and New York, and has appeared in operas such as *Così fan tutte*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Little Women*.

Accompanied by the accomplished pianist Patricia Stowell, her recital included Spanish and Gypsy songs by Rossini, de Falla, Bizet and Dvorak. Ms. Nance impressed her crowd with her interpretation of *Siete Canciones Populares Espanolas* by de Falla and her *Swedish Folksongs* by Wilhelm Stenhammar. She bowled them over with her presentation of George Bizet's *Habanera* from *Carmen* – complete with castanets – and ended her performance with a beautiful rendition of Giacomo Puccini's *Donde lieta* from *La Boheme*.

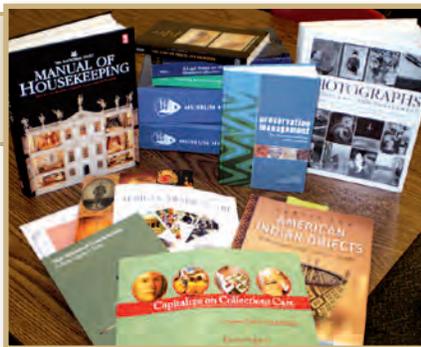


Suzanne Nance

Ms. Nance studied music and communications at Syracuse University and received a Master's Degree in Voice Performance from DePaul University in Chicago. She served as Professor of Voice on the faculty of the Cappelli Institute of Music in Chicago and regularly conducted master classes and seminars for young performers.

Honored as a finalist in the 2005 West Palm Beach National Vocal Competition, Ms. Nance has enjoyed performances on PBS and NPR as well as a guest appearance on *Good Morning America*. In recognition of her commitment to the arts and classical music, she was awarded 2006 and 2007 CAAP (Community Arts Assistance Program) Grants from the City of Chicago and is a past recipient of the David Leibig Memorial Grant.

Prior to her work at MPBN, Ms. Nance served as host and producer for Aspen Public Radio in Colorado, where she provided special coverage of the Aspen Music Festival and School during the 2007 season. ★



The University Library recently received the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a core set of conservation books and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as part of a mini-grant. The "bookshelf" will help the Library to preserve the objects and artifacts it houses for future generations.

## Here's a reminder:

UMPI's "image" newsletter is now on a monthly schedule. The October issue release date is Monday, October 19. If you have items of interest to the campus or community to submit for publication, please email or fax them by October 5 to: [susan.pinette@umpi.edu](mailto:susan.pinette@umpi.edu) • Fax: 768.9608

## Senior art students featured in Reed Exhibit

The Reed Fine Art Gallery held a closing reception for the works of several senior Fine Art students at the University of Maine at Presque Isle during a Homecoming weekend event on Friday, Sept. 18. These works have been on display during the summer and early fall.

A selection of works by students

– including senior thesis students Jana Dumond, Roger A. Rabideau, Jr., and Shane Smith – have been on display in the gallery for more than a month, giving visitors the opportunity to view some of the cutting edge work Fine Art students at the University have been doing in the last year.

Also included in the exhibition were works from students in prior years – part of the University and Art Department collections and

from the private collection of Professor Anderson Giles – which provided visitors with a glimpse of the University's Fine Arts program from as far back as the 1980s.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery has presented a Senior Thesis Exhibition in recent years as an opportunity for young and upcoming artists in northern Maine to showcase their work to the public and to provide a forum for these students to discuss their works. ★

# Welcome new employees!

The University welcomes several new employees at the start of the 2008-2009 academic year, including new professors, a coach and professional staffers.

**CAROLYN DORSEY DUREPO** is a new member of the Business faculty. Dorsey Durepo most recently served as Director of Continuing Education at Husson University in Presque Isle. Prior to this position, she served as an adjunct faculty member for Husson University and from 1994 to 1996 as Executive Director of the Caribou Development Corporation. She has a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology and in Business, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Husson.



Carolyn Dorsey Durepo

**RENEE FELINI** comes to UMPI as a new assistant professor of Fine Art. Felini graduated from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a BFA in 2003 and from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with an MFA in 2005. Though from "away," Felini has close ties to The County: her mother is from Fort Kent and every summer as a child, she and her five siblings would visit relatives in northern Maine.



Rene Felini

**JANNIE DURR** joins the Student Life office as the Area Coordinator for Residence Life. Durr graduated from Bates College with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1998. She received a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Assumption College in 2000. Prior to this position, she worked at the University of New England in Biddeford as an Area Coordinator for student life and as Assistant Director of Campus Life for Colby College in Waterville.



Jannie Durr

**ERICA HARDING** joins the University as a secretary with the Student Records office, coming to the position after graduating from the University in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Accounting. While earning her degree, she served as President of Phi Eta Sigma national honor society. Her past work experience includes working in the hospitality industry with the Westin Copley Place Hotel in Boston and as manager of the Braden Theater in Presque Isle. Harding graduated from Presque Isle High School in 2001.



Erica Harding

**LUKE JOSEPH** joins the University as the Coordinator of Retention Activities for Project Compass. He graduated from the University in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Prior to this position, Joseph worked for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' youth program and for Circle of Learning in Caribou as an educational tech.



Luke Joseph

**MYRTH SCHWARTZ** comes to the University as an administrative assistant for the Project Compass program. She earned her Bachelor's degree in 2001 from UMPI, and in the same year earned the University's Outstanding Professional Award. Prior to this position, Schwartz served as the Youth/Unit Director for the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians.



Myrth Schwartz

**TAMMY SMITH** joins the University as an Academic Counselor for Upward Bound. Smith earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from UMPI in 2006. She previously served as the AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for TRiO Upward Bound.



Tammy Smith

**WILLIAM MORE II** is a buildings and grounds maintenance worker for UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center. After serving in the U.S. Army with an airborne infantry division, More returned to Houlton to work for Fogg's Hardware and most recently worked as a general carpenter and handyman in the Houlton community.



William More II

Nationally recognized coach **ALEXEI SOTSKOV** comes to the University to serve as head coach of UMPI's Ski Team. Sotskov – who helped to develop the Gunstock Nordic Association in Gilford, New Hampshire, and Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vermont, into national powerhouses for the U.S. Nordic Ski Team – will lead the development of UMPI's Nordic Ski Team as it prepares for Division I NCAA status for the coming athletic season. Sotskov has a Bachelor's degree in physical education/athletics from the State Institute of Physical Culture in Russia. ★



Alexei Sotskov

Sports!

# Olore, Hamel, Brewer inducted into Hall of Fame

**THE UNIVERSITY OWLS' ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME** inducted three new members during a ceremony held on Saturday,



Sept. 19 as part of Homecoming 2009 activities. This year's inductees included Timothy Mark Olore (Class of 1983), David Hamel (Class of 1998), and Stephanie T. (Gagnon) Brewer.

**TIMOTHY MARK OLORE** was recognized for his achievements both as an athlete and coach. During his time at UMPI, Olore was an ace on the baseball diamond. Olore co-captained his Owls' squad in 1982 and was also given the NAIA first team All-New England First Baseman Award that year.

Prior to UMPI, Olore was a two-sport athlete at Presque Isle High School. He excelled as a four-year member and three-year starter on the Wildcat varsity baseball team, serving as captain during his senior season. Olore was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player award his junior and senior years; received the All-Aroostook Pitcher Award for three consecutive years and the All-Aroostook Most Valuable Player Award for two years. He also played two years on the varsity basketball team. Olore was awarded the PIHS "Mr. Athlete" award during his senior year.



Tim Olore

Olore was awarded the PIHS "Mr. Athlete" award during his senior year.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences, Olore played semi-pro baseball from 1982-1984 as a starter for the Woodstock Shiretowners of Woodstock, New Brunswick. He later returned to UMPI to obtain his teaching certificate.

For the past 23 years, he has been employed by SAD 1 as an eighth grade social studies teacher. During that time, he has served as the Presque Isle varsity baseball coach, earning the most wins in PIHS baseball history with 362 wins. Olore also has been the Presque Isle Middle School eighth grade boys' basketball coach since 1991 and has served as the school's intramural coordinator since 1994. He also has served as the Presque Isle Recreation Department baseball summer program director from 1981-1985 and from 1989 to the present. He resides in Presque Isle with his wife Carole.

**DAVID HAMEL** was a standout two-sport athlete during his time at UMPI. He excelled as a four-year starter in soccer and baseball. He was a three-year leading scorer of his Owls soccer squad, serving as a captain during his junior and senior season. He was an All-Conference Honorable Mention selection as a sophomore and an All-Conference first team member as a junior. In that same season, he earned All-New England second-team honors.

Hamel's senior year was marked by accolades: he was an All-Conference first team honoree, the All-State first Team, selected to the All-New England first team, and the Northeast Region first team, while leading all Division III colleges within the state with 19

goals. Hamel was chosen as his team's Most Valuable Player as a senior.

Hamel was a three-year captain of the UMPI baseball team and again had a phenomenal senior season,



Dave Hamel

leading his team in home runs, hits and stolen bases. He batted .497, which helped him earn an All-Conference first team selection. He also received the MVP award his final two seasons as an Owl. He was

named the 1998 UMPI Male Athlete of the Year.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, Hamel was invited to three different amateur open try-outs – one with the Atlanta Braves for baseball, and two for soccer with the Connecticut Wolves and the New Hampshire Phantoms. Hamel began his teaching career at Bangor High School, where he also served as the junior soccer coach and assistant indoor track coach. He then moved to Hermon High School, where he taught social studies for five years. During that time, he coached the boys' varsity soccer team, bringing them to an Eastern Class B semifinal during one of their seasons. He was also the boys' junior varsity baseball coach.

Hamel is employed at the Bangor YMCA as the Sports and Recreation Director and Summer Camp Director. He resides in the Bangor area and is a single father to his 7-year-old daughter Grace.

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# notes

## Fletcher named Presque Isle Rotary Club President

NANCY FLETCHER, Head of Access Services for UMPI's Library, was inducted on June 29, 2009 as President of the Presque Isle Rotary Club. She is the first person from UMPI to serve in this position since Dr. Clifford O.T. Wieden. Congratulations, Nancy.



## Faculty Noon seminar to discuss Palin characterizations

The first Faculty Noon Seminar of the new school year will be a presentation by Dr. ALICE SHEPPARD titled "Pigs, Elephants, & Moose; Sarah Palin in Editorial Cartoons." Recently presented at the International Conference on Humor Studies in Long Beach, California, it is an analytical look at depictions of Palin in 2008 presidential campaign. Campus and community are invited to bring their lunch and join the discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the Faculty Lounge, Normal Hall. FMI contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768.9749.



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## Fish restoration topic of science seminar

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department Fisheries Biologist, Frank Frost, will be on hand in the Campus Center, Friday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. to detail a plan to restore arctic charr (*Salvelinus alpinus*), commonly known as bluebacked trout, into Big Reed Pond, one of the few ponds in Maine where native populations of the fish are known to exist. All are invited his seminar titled "A Plan for the Reclamation and Restoration of Big Reed Pond, a Historic Arctic Charr (*Salvelinus alpinus*) Ecosystem in Maine." UMPI students were enlisted this past summer to catch bait fish to help maintain a captive breeding charr population. For information, contact Dr. Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology at 768.9652 or jason.johnston@umpi.edu.



ARCTIC CHARR

band begins rehearsals for the fall season. Director Kevin Kinsey emphasizes there is no audition process and all with an interest in music are invited to join. "Just show up, play along, and be ready to have fun making good music," says Kinsey. Practices are on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Wieden Hall. The UMPI/Community Band performs on campus once each semester and occasionally at local events and schools. This year's Winter Concert, set for Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium will feature guest conductor Sam Hazo of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For information, please contact Kevin Kinsey at kevin.kinsey@sad1.org or 473.7859.



## UMPI to hold fall blood drive

The University will once again host a fall Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Campus Center. The blood drive is sponsored by the University's Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi and the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS. Walk-ins are welcome and door prizes will be given away during the drive. If donors wish to reserve a time in advance, they should call 1-800-GIVE-Life or log onto www.givelife.org. For information about this campus event call 768.9587.



## Piano and violin concert featured on Oct. 3

Pianist Duncan J. Cumming, together with his wife violinist Hilary Walther Cumming, will perform a piano and violin concert to include works by Schubert, Brahms, Matthews, and Dvorak on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Duncan J. Cumming, a native of Presque Isle, is in his fourth year on the faculty of SUNY–University at Albany and has performed concertos, recitals, and chamber music concerts across the United States as well as in Europe. Hilary Walther Cumming, also teaches at the University of Albany and performs as the violinist in the Capital Trio with her husband and cellist Sölen



## Engineering Your Future set for Oct. 15

Engineering Your Future is a day-long conference to be held at UMPI on Thursday, October 15, for 150 high-school aged Aroostook County students. The morning involves participants in interactive work stations designed to introduce engineering concepts and careers in a hands-on way. A noon-time panel features a question and answer session with engineering practitioners. In the afternoon, groups try their hand at solving actual engineering problems. Sponsors include: the National and Maine Girls' Collaboratives, UMPI/UMFK TriO Upward Bound, Aroostook Coalition of Women in Trades & Technology, Maine School of Science and Mathematics, Girl Scout Troop #81, and MSAD #20. For information, contact Darylen Cote at 768.9456.

## Condolences to the Allen family

INGRID ALLEN, her mother Joyce, and family would like to thank those in the campus community for their kind words shared and for the lovely floral arrangement sent after the recent death of her father, Larry Allen. Our sincere condolences to Ingrid and her family on their loss.

## Community Band welcomes new members

The UMPI/Community Band, now in its eleventh year, welcomes new members as the

## OAPI holds fundraiser at Café Sorpreso

UMPI's Outdoor Adventure Program International (OAPI) invites all to an evening of South American cuisine at Café Sorpreso on Tuesday, Sept. 29 as a fundraiser for the program. The restaurant has graciously offered to donate a portion of the proceeds from a delicious selection of entrees, desserts, wines and drinks towards OAPI's spring break trip to



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Dikener. Ms. Cumming has participated in concerts from South America to the former Soviet bloc, and continues to be active in performances across the Northeast USA. Tickets are available at the door; cost \$10 adults/\$2 students, free to SAGE, UMPI, and NMCC students with ID. For information, call 768.9462.

**Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist to present lecture**

The University's Distinguished Lecturer Series presents a talk by *Grand Forks Herald* Editor and Publisher Mike Jacobs on Wednesday, Oct. 7 in the Campus Center. In his lecture titled, "Redefining Community, Journalism and Community Journalism," Jacobs will discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage his North Dakota newspaper provided in the

wake of flooding, a blizzard and a fire that devastated much of Grand Forks in the spring of 1997.

Although the newspaper had lost its facilities and equipment in the disaster, it never missed a day of publication and, for months, was a lifeline that sustained the community, giving people the information they needed to cope and helping them to move forward – an example of service journalism at its finest. Jacobs will reflect on some of the newspaper's and community's experiences and discuss the importance of service and community journalism.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Jacobs



will offer a free workshop for campus and community titled "How to Get Along with Your Local Editor." The workshop will be held in the University's Campus Center from 6–7:30 p.m. To register or for more information, please call 768.9452.

**Hunter attends Maine New Leadership Institute**

UMPI Student LAURA HUNTER was accepted to attend the Maine New Leadership Institute, held in June in Orono. The institute offers experiential training in many aspects of politics and policy-making. As part of the institute, students attended a full day at the Maine Capital, meeting with a number of women legislators and policy advocates. They also received a tour and dinner at the

Margaret Chase Smith Library. The goal of the institute is to help participants develop the skills needed to participate in public policy development, take part in campaigns, or run for office.

**FYS class completes community service project**

Students who took part in week-long FYS classes this summer took their learning outdoors for a good cause. Two groups of students participating in the University's First Year Seminar this summer helped to clean up the Presque Isle bike path as a community service learning project connected with the seminar. The groups helped to clean up litter and remove large areas of weeds along the bike path between Academy and State streets.

*Sports!*

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**STEPHANIE T. (GAGNON) BREWER**

was a two-sport athlete throughout her years at UMPI, excelling in soccer and softball. She was a four-year starter on the soccer team, and was also a four-year member of the softball team, earning a starting spot her junior and senior seasons. For both sports, she was a two-year captain. In addition to her busy schedule, she played a year of basketball.

Brewer earned many awards during her time as an athlete, especially on the soccer field. As a senior, she was named to the second team NAIA All-Star Conference and the NAIA All-Region soccer teams. She was named her softball team's Most Inspirational Player as a junior and senior, and also received the "Al Arman Make a

Difference" Award her junior year. She made the All-Conference softball team in 2000. Brewer was named the 2003 UMPI Female Athlete of the Year.



*Stephanie Brewer*

After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Fitness and Wellness, Brewer worked as an UMPI aerobics and fitness instructor for two years. She also coached a variety of sports at various levels; she served as the varsity soccer and basketball

Academically, Brewer was an excellent example of a student-athlete, excelling both in the classroom and on the playing field. She made the UMPI Dean's list in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

coach at Easton High School from 2004-2005, and at the middle school level as a softball coach at Fort Fairfield for three years.

Brewer attended East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania to obtain a Master's degree in clinical exercise physiology in 2006. During that time, she worked as a graduate assistant with the Associate Athletic Director. Brewer is attending the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, pursuing a Master's degree in physician assistant studies with the expected completion date of spring 2010. Brewer has worked at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, Mass., from 2007 to 2009 in the cardiac rehabilitation department as an exercise physiologist.

She and her husband Jamie (UMPI Class of 2005) reside in Portsmouth, N.H. ★

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## CACE hosts fall workshops

The Central Aroostook Council on Education hosted a daylong workshop series on Sept. 18, offering local educators the opportunity to learn about everything from content literacy to small group reading strategies to supporting students with challenging behavior. The unique thing about this workshop series was that CACE offered eight individual workshops simultaneously at eight different sites throughout Aroostook County, providing educators with excellent learning and training opportunities very close to home. CACE was able to bring in presenters from around the County and state and from as far away as Texas to deliver workshops during the event.

## Students complete summer GIS projects

Two groups of UMPI students spent the summer working under the supervision of Dr. CHUNZENG WANG on GIS [geographic information system] projects. SARAH RYAN and DAN BALLANGER mapped streets and collected street data – such as surface type, drainage, and footage – with sophisticated GPS equipment and transformed the data into a GIS database on city street infrastructures. The database will help the Presque Isle Public Works Department to manage its street infrastructures more efficiently and effectively. Students MEGAN PRYOR,



ASHLEE PRYOR, SHERRY COLE and ROBERT BALDWIN worked on a project funded by the Maine Economy Improvement Fund Small Campus Initiative Fund to develop a GIS database for the Fairmont Cemetery. They collected cemetery and burial data, such as the plot numbers and information found on gravestones, for more than 2,000 burials at the site – thereby digitizing the cemetery's current paper and map records and doing away with its pen-and-note inventory method.

## Davidshofer, McCartney serve as AP readers

Professors CLAIRE DAVIDSHOFER and KEVIN MCCARTNEY were selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of

the College Board's AP examinations. Professor Davidshofer, UMPI French instructor, traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to be an AP French reader this summer. Dr. McCartney, UMPI professor of geology, joined professors this summer in Omaha, Nebraska, to be an AP environmental science reader. More than 2.7 million examinations from 37 AP courses were evaluated by over 10,000 AP readers from universities and high schools around the world. Representing many of the finest academic institutions in the



world, these men and women are some of the best high school and college educators in the United States, Canada and abroad. ★



Children from the UMPI Daycare enjoyed summer blueberries outside South Hall. Picking berries are Chris Sczuroski, Presley Rideout, Brooke Emerson, Bailey Emerson, and adults Penny Horne and Amy Barnes.



Congratulations to **Don Zillman and Bonnie Wood** who successfully participated in the 2009 Trek Across Maine event in June, helping to raise money for the American Lung Association of Maine!



The University Library recently installed a circulation desk, donated by the Bangor Public Library, on its main floor. The desk originally was part of the former Bangor Theological Seminary Library and was transported from Bangor to Presque Isle by Parker K. Bailey for very little cost. The desk is an excellent addition to the University library, which would have had to pay about \$30,000 for a new, hand-built circulation desk.

# UMPI marks Constitution Day

The University of Maine at Presque Isle celebrated the 222nd birthday of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 with a panel discussion on the First Amendment followed by a question and answer session.

Leading the panel presentation was President Don Zillman, a nationally known expert on constitutional law; Dr. William Davidshofer, Professor of Political Science at UMPI; and Dr. Brent Andersen, a political scientist and a lecturer at the University whose area of specialty is American government.

The trio discussed the history of the amendment and how those rights have



Students, faculty, and staff gathered for a panel discussion on the First Amendment in the Campus Center to mark Constitution Day.

been exercised over the years, and talked about recent news events that illustrated how First Amendment rights have been asserted and challenged today.

To provide education to the entire campus community – including those who could not attend the presentation – the University installed a display on the first floor of the Library featuring information about the Constitution. As well, anyone logging onto the university's homepage was able to click on a Constitution Day box, which led them to [www.constitutioncenter.org/constitution/](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitution/). The site features an interactive version of the Constitution. ★

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### MONDAYS

- ★ [Gay-Straight Alliance](#), 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room, 768.9604
- ★ [UMPI/Community Band rehearsals](#), 6:30 p.m., Wieden Music Room, 473.7859

#### TUESDAYS

- ★ [Student Senate meets](#), 12:40 p.m., CC118, 768.9561
- ★ [Presque Isle Student Ministries](#), 8 p.m., Library Conference Room, 768.9479
- ★ [Fellowship of Christian Athletes](#), 7 p.m., CC118, 768.9523

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#### THURSDAYS

- ★ [Student Organization of Social Workers \(SOSW\) Meeting](#), 12:15 p.m., CC118, 768.9650
- ★ [Games Club](#), 6:30 p.m., Owl's Nest, 768.9628

#### FRIDAYS

- ★ [Native Voices](#), 1 p.m., South Hall 211, 768.9726
- ★ [Campus Crusade for Christ](#), 7 p.m., CC118, 768.9502
- ★ [Breathe Writer's Group](#), 10 a.m. (biweekly), Owl's Nest, 506.473.1462

#### MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28 – 30

- ★ [Influenza A & B Flu Shot Clinics](#), FMI 768.9585/9587.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

- ★ [OAPI Café Sorpreso Fundraiser](#), 5-7:30 p.m., FMI 768-9401. ■ [Phish Retrospective Film Showing](#), 7 p.m., Wieden Auditorium.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

- ★ [Phish Retrospective Forum](#), 7 p.m., CCTR. FMI 768.9611. ■ [Faculty Noon Seminar](#), 12 p.m., Faculty Lounge. ■ [AMA Professional Development Course](#) "Fair, Square & Legal," 6 p.m., six weeks, Alumni Room, 768.9568.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 1

- ★ [Project Compass/ Native American Educational & Services Center Opening](#), 8 a.m., 311 South Hall, 768.9792. ■ [Phish Retrospective](#), Brian Hamel Lecture, 7 p.m. CCTR. ■ [UMS "New Challenges, New Directions Initiative"](#) Presque Isle Public Comment Session, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Campus Center, 768.9525, [www.maine.edu/UMSNCD](http://www.maine.edu/UMSNCD)

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

- ★ [University Senate/Faculty Assembly](#) 1 p.m. CC118.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 3

- ★ [Duncan J. Cumming & Hilary Cumming Concert](#), 7:30 p.m., CCTR. FMI 768.9462.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 4

- ★ [Phish Retrospective](#), Kevin Shapiro Lecture, 2:30 p.m., CCTR. FMI 768.9611. ■ [Phish Retrospective Exhibit Opening Reception](#), 4 – 6 p.m., Reed Gallery.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 6

- ★ [Distinguished Lecturer](#) Mike Jacobs - community workshop, 6 – 7:30 p.m., 768.9452.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

- ★ [Distinguished Lecturer](#) Mike Jacobs, 7 p.m.,

CCTR. FMI 768.9452.

#### MONDAY, OCT. 12

- ★ [Columbus Day Holiday](#), Campus Offices Closed.

#### OCT. 12 – 16

- ★ [Fall Break](#), no classes this week.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- ★ [Engineering Your Future](#), day-long event. FMI 768.9456.

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 20

- ★ [Campus Blood Drive](#), 12 – 6 p.m., MPR.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

- ★ [Career Services Etiquette Event](#), 5:30 p.m., CCTR. FMI 768.9750. ★

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