



Putnam participates in research trip to Bhutan

This fall, UMPI faculty member Dave Putnam was able to join his son on the trip of a lifetime: an international research expedition to Bhutan organized by Columbia University that could have far-reaching impacts on issues ranging from climate change to the future of water resources in southern Asia.

Putnam, archaeologist and UMPI Lecturer of Science, participated in the trip—the very first significant scientific expedition into the high Himalayas of Bhutan—with his son Aaron Putnam, a glacial geologist and post-doctoral research associate at Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

The expedition, which took place from Sept. 23 to Oct. 19, was the beginning of a collaboration between Columbia University and the Kingdom of Bhutan’s Ministry of Economic Affairs to investigate the causes of and potential



Members of the research team that Dave Putnam worked with in Bhutan collect samples for Beryllium-10 exposure age dating on the Tachenggay moraine.

solutions for glacial outburst flooding. Researchers hoped to find answers by reconstructing the past and present behavior of glaciers in the high Himalayas and identifying how changing climate may have impacted them.

The international research team also included Dr. Edward Cook of Lamont-

Doherty Earth Observatory; Dr. Summer Rupper and her graduate student Josh Maurer, Brigham Young University; Dr. Paul Krusic, Stockholm University; Scott Travis, Comer Science and Education Foundation; and Mike Roberts, a professional mountaineer from Wanaka, New Zealand. Two

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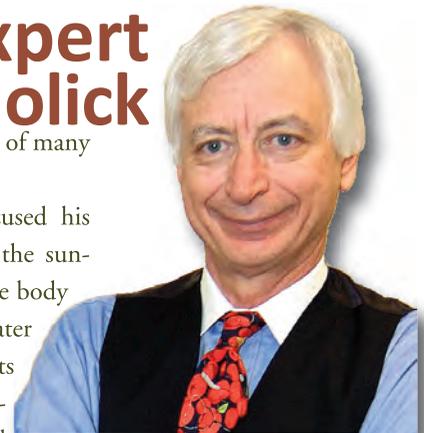
UMPI presents Vitamin D expert Dr. Michael Holick

The University hosted Dr. Michael Holick – one of the world’s leading Vitamin D researchers, the author of *The Vitamin D Solution*, and Professor of Medicine, Physiology and Biophysics at Boston University Medical Center – as the third speaker in its 2012-2013 University Distinguished Lecturer Series on Nov. 8.

In his talk *Vitamin D: A D-Lightful Solution for Good Health*, Dr. Holick spoke about his Vitamin D research and the evidence that

shows how Vitamin D reduces the risk of many chronic illnesses.

For decades, Dr. Holick has focused his research on Vitamin D – known as the sunshine vitamin as it is synthesized in the body during exposure to sunlight. A greater understanding of Vitamin D and its health benefits was cited by *Time* magazine as one of the top 10 medical advances in 2007. *continued on page 4*



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Bhutanese researchers accompanied them into the field – Pashupati Sharma, a Senior Engineer with Bhutan’s Department of Energy, Hydro-Met (hydrology-meteorology) Services Division; and engineering student Tshewang Rigzin.

On Sept. 26, the team began trekking toward the high Himalayan pass of Rinchen Zoe, taking time to acclimatize to the higher altitude, as the elevation was just below the death zone.

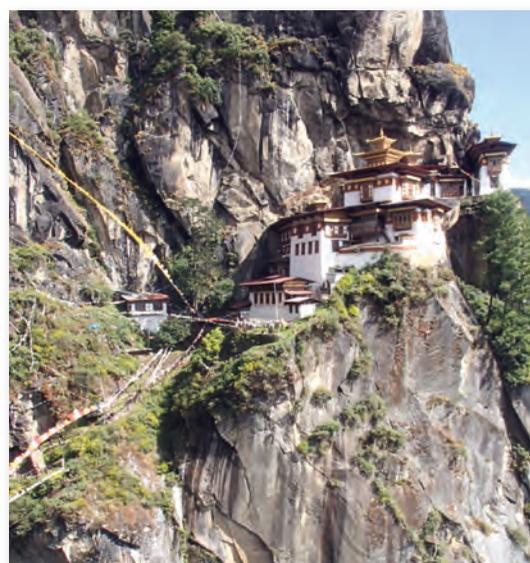
“As we were going in,” Putnam recalled, “there were nomads coming out of the high country with their yaks. It was very cool to see, but it did make me wonder why they were all leaving.”

Upon reaching Rinchen Zoe, the group set to work on efforts that would help them to develop a baseline chronology of glacier advance and retreat, link glacial fluctuations to climate through dendrochronology, and document the physical attributes of contemporary glacial ice. To do this, team members placed ablation stakes on a suitable glacier to allow for annual measurements of melting or growth of the glacier surfaces. Members of the team also established a high-precision GPS base station and conducted snowline reconstruction and glaciological modeling. Putnam worked with his son to collect 57 Beryllium-10 samples from boulders on moraine belts for surface exposure dating, and to map those moraines. He also worked with Drs. Cook and Krusic to collect tree-ring data from tree line juniper trees as an independent measure of past climate.

While the team was out in the field, many people closer to home had the opportunity to learn about it. Aaron Putnam wrote for the *New York Times’ Scientist at Work* blog and was interviewed by Marco Werman on the Public



After their expedition, research team members returned to Bhutan’s capitol, Thimphu, and experienced the culture, including wearing these gho, traditional dress for men. Standing with Putnam (center) are, from left, his son Aaron Putnam and Dr. Edward Cook, both of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University.



Putnam was able to take in views like Taktsang (Tiger’s Nest Monastery), located in the city of Paro, during his research trip to Bhutan.

Radio International program *The World*.

Dave Putnam also was able to share details of the trip with students at UMPI and the University of Maine. While on the expedition, he kept up with his fall teaching schedule, delivering his lessons online. One of these courses, focused on climate change, is being done in partnership with the University of Maine. Putnam was able to provide UMPI and UMaine students with up close, in the

field research work that covered everything from the culture of Bhutan to the human impacts of outburst flooding to climate change.

While many of the researchers left after three days at the research site, the Putnams opted to stay for an additional five days and collect more samples. That resulted in a very close call once snow hit and threatened to close them off from their route home-ward. To “get out”, they had to drop down into a river valley, climb up its other side and then negotiate a 14,000-foot-high pass. Parts of the trail were so narrow that the guides had to physically carry the mules through them.

“It took us about two days to get past the touch-and-go part, but once we got over the pass, it was downhill and the weather was warmer, so we knew we’d be OK,” Putnam said.

With the samples and data gathered, the next step for the team is to analyze everything, make detailed maps of the glacier moraines, and publish their findings.

For Putnam, getting the chance to work with his son on this type of research has been an excellent opportunity, both personally and professionally.

“We’re a good team,” he said. “We’ve done lots of work together over the years, in the Sierra Nevada, the Rocky Mountains, and in north-west China. We’re good at collecting these samples, and efficient... And it’s really exciting that both of us can be a part of this research. It provides opportunities for interdisciplinary interactions that really do result in important breakthroughs.”

Putnam will deliver a public talk about his trip, titled *Climate Change in Shangri La: Glacial Research in the Bhutan Himalaya*, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 28, in the Multipurpose Room of the Campus Center. The public is invited to attend this free event. For more information, contact the Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452. ★

Giles' latest Pacific trip includes discovery of dog tag

UMPI Professor Anderson Giles has led dozens of trips focused on World War II in the Pacific over the years, but it's not often that these visits to historic battle sites and other points of interest result in coverage from the likes of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and Fox News.

That's just what happened, though, following Giles' trip to the Solomon Islands earlier this year. One of the many highlights was that a member of Giles' group was able to bring home an Army dog tag discovered on a battle site and was able to return it this fall to the family of the soldier.

Giles, a professor of art at the University, is passionate about the history of World War II and the veterans who served in the Pacific theater. He has worked for more than 20 years to preserve the history of the war in the Pacific through film, photographs, paintings and other collections.

It was through this work that Giles began leading trips to islands around the Pacific, sharing the rich history of these locations. This spring, he served as guide and lecturer for a group of veterans, history buffs, and professionals on a unique chartered cruise through the Solomon Islands that visited scenic and legendary cultural and historic sites.

The group walked invasion beaches and former airstrips being reclaimed by jungle growth. They cruised through harbors once filled with warships and found relics on old battlegrounds.

An important aspect of the voyage was to take 88-year-old U.S. Marine veteran Bill Kruschel back to the island of Pavuvu, the former site of his first Marine Division camp. Giles filmed Kruschel as he explored the site and reminisced about his youthful memories, noting that, "I can't tell you what this means to me after 67 years—I never thought I would see Pavuvu again."

Later in the trip, something unex-



This World War II Army dog tag was found earlier this year at Guadalcanal by Bill Coulson, one of the people who participated in a trip to the Solomon Islands led by UMPI Professor Anderson Giles. Coulson returned the dog tag to the soldier's family in North Carolina in October.



UMPI Professor Anderson Giles has worked for more than 20 years to preserve the history of World War II in the Pacific through film, photos, paintings and other collections and, for a dozen years, has led tours of battle sites and other historic spots throughout the islands there. Here, he pauses for a moment of reflection near Cape Esperance, the site of the second Battle of Savo Island.

pected happened. While exploring the infamous Alligator Creek battle site on Guadalcanal and finding rare battle relics, an island youth accompanying the group offered a dog tag he said he'd found on the site the week before. Giles was able to determine its authenticity, so Bill Coulson, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney from Chicago, decided to bring it home and find the owner: Everett W. Hancock of North Carolina. After the trip, Coulson was able to track down Hancock's son and grandson – the soldier had passed away in 1970. The story

was featured in the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the return of the dog tag to the Hancock family in October, during a ceremony aboard the USS North Carolina in the harbor at Wilmington, NC, was covered by Fox News and other media.

"This cruise will be a treasured memory for all who participated in it and the fact that it has helped to reconnect a veteran's family with an important and very personal piece of history makes the trip that much more poignant," Giles said. "It was a wonderful way to honor the memory of those who served." ★

Dr. McCartney teaches short course in Poland

UMPI Geology Professor Kevin McCartney recently taught a week-long short course in Szczecin, Poland, for graduate students from around the world. Dr. McCartney was one of a half-dozen visiting faculty from Poland, Germany, UK and USA – all experts of their fields – who spoke about their knowledge to about 25 students from Poland, Germany, Italy, Russia, Estonia, Croatia, Turkey, Martinique, Portugal and China.

The course, titled “Siliceous Microfossils,” covered the organisms that have skeletons made of silica, which is the material that makes glass. Most of these organisms are single-celled plants and animals, although multi-celled sponges – the “glass sponges” – can also have silica skeletons. These skeletons are commonly preserved as fossils, which is McCartney’s particular interest as a paleontologist.

“The importance of the organisms that use silica is often unappreciated,” McCartney explained, “because they are small and an even greater variety of organisms, such as the clams and snails,

make their shells of calcite.”

Most of the students involved in the course are studying diatoms, either living or fossil. Diatoms are, McCartney said “arguably the most important group of organisms on the planet, as they make up perhaps a quarter of the total organic material alive on the Earth today.”

They also convert a large proportion of the carbon dioxide that is changed to oxygen by organic activity. Diatoms live in fresh and salt water, and indeed, nearly anywhere where there is sunlight and some moisture.

Dr. McCartney is sharing his expertise on silicoflagellates while at the University of Szczecin on sabbatical this semester. He also participated in this course two years ago when it was taught for the first time.

In the two weeks after this course was completed, he visited the Universities of Warsaw and Gdansk to work with faculties there. He also lectured about the research he is presently conducting on the early evolution of this group of organisms during the “Age of Dinosaurs.” ★

Congratulations Taylor Ussery October Student of the Month

Taylor is from LaVerne, California, and a senior in the Business Administration program with a concentration in Business Management and a minor in Professional Communication. Taylor is very involved on campus – she is a tutor, and a member of the soccer and basketball teams. She was the organizer/leader of the local food drive this past month.

Taylor is an excellent student and an outstanding role model who is always willing to help students and staff. Once again, congratulations to Taylor! ★



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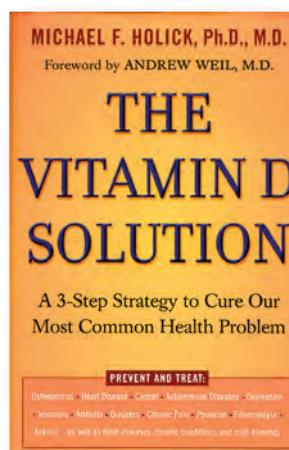
Dr. Holick has long called for the need for the human body to receive a sensible amount of unprotected sun exposure.

In addition to his work as a professor at Boston University Medical Center, Dr. Holick also serves as its Director of the General Clinical Research Unit, Director of the Bone Health Care Clinic, and Director of the Vitamin D, Skin and Bone Research Laboratory.

He has made numerous contributions to the field of the biochemistry, physiology, metabolism and photobiology of Vitamin D for human nutrition. Dr. Holick has established global recommendations advising sunlight exposure as an

integral source of Vitamin D. He has helped increase awareness in the pediatric and medical communities regarding Vitamin D deficiency pandemic, and its role in causing not only metabolic bone disease and osteoporosis in adults, but increasing risk of children and adults developing common deadly cancers, schizophrenia, infectious diseases including TB and influenza, autoimmune diseases including type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis, type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease. He also observed that pregnant women who were Vitamin D deficient were at increased risk for preeclampsia and requiring a C-section.

Dr. Holick has written more than 300 peer reviewed articles, edited or written a dozen books on the subject, including



The Vitamin D Solution, and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Linus Pauling Prize in Human Nutrition.

The University’s Distinguished Lecture 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. ★

World Polio Day & Purple Pinkie Project

a success

The PRESQUE ISLE ROTARY CLUB and the UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE have declared their first World Polio Day event on Oct. 24, 2012, a success. The event raised awareness throughout the region about Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide, and the day's Purple Pinkie Project raised \$1,250 to go toward that global effort.

Officials estimated that about 1,000 community members participated in the Purple Pinkie Project. This project has been held by Rotary Clubs around the country, with people donating \$1 to have their pinkies painted with the same purple dye used when Rotary International conducts polio immunizations. The dye, which stays on for a day or two, ensures that children are administered a single dosage.

While Purple Pinkie headquarters were set up in the Campus Center, organizers were able to bring the project

city-wide by setting up stations at various times throughout the day at Northern Maine Community College, the Aroostook Centre Mall, and The Aroostook Medical Center.

Also during the day, posters, handouts, and other informational materials on polio were on display throughout the Campus Center. In addition, UMPI's Student Organization of Social Work hosted an information table in the Owl's Nest about polio's impacts in Africa, Central America, and Pakistan.

TAMC's 30th Storer Boone Memorial Presentation, which also honored Dr. Arthur Pendleton of Fort Fairfield, took place that evening. The event featured talks by local polio survivor and Caribou Rotarian Steve Mazzerole; TAMC Physician Dr. Vatsala Kirtani, who spoke about the disease in her home country, India; and past Rotary District Governor Leigh Cummings, who shared details about Rotary's journey to eradicate polio.

"Many people have seen and heard the Rotary International service announcements featuring famous public figures – from Bill Gates to Jackie Chan to Dr. Jane Goodall – explaining how 'We are this close' to ending polio," Joy Barresi Saucier, Presque Isle Rotary Club President, said. "And we're very excited to have our event help to narrow that gap just a little bit more." ☆



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- 1 Kim-Anne Perkins and Mika Ouellette show off their purple pinkies.
- 2 UMPI and NMCC education students host a Purple Pinkie Station in NMCC's Christie Lobby.
- 3 UMPI and NMCC students and Presque Isle Rotarians at a second NMCC Purple Pinkie table.
- 4 Staff members with the UTimes and WUPI were on hand at the Aroostook Centre Mall, in the food court, throughout World Polio Day encouraging people to paint their pinkies purple.
- 5 UMPI Business majors hosted a Purple Pinkie station at the Aroostook Centre Mall.
- 6 Members of UMPI's BioMedical Club set up a table at TAMC's Pinkham Entrance.
- 7 More BioMedical Clubbers were at TAMC's Main Entrance with a purple pinkie station.
- 8 Charlie Bonin shows some purple pride.

Students head underground for mining field trip

UMPI's Dr. Chunzeng Wang led his Environmental Geology class on an overnight field trip to the mines in Bathurst, New Brunswick, in late October, to give them a first-hand glimpse of underground metal ore mining, show them the ins and outs of a large-scale mining operation, and provide them with an up-close look at some of the rocks and deposits they've been studying.

Ahead of the trip, Dr. Wang, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, provided a lecture on mining and geologic hazards with mining. Another unique preparation was in order for students with beards – the company required that everyone who entered the mines be clean shaven.

The group departed for Canada on Oct. 25, and then caught as much sleep as possible before their early



Students in Dr. Chunzeng Wang's Environmental Geology class visited the Brunswick Mine recently. morning wakeup call. James Cormier, Superintendent for Environment and Community Affairs at Xstrata Zinc, met the group at 5 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to lead them on a day-long tour of the Brunswick Mine (Bathurst Mining Camp).

The mine is located in northeastern New Brunswick, about 20 kilometers southwest of Bathurst. One portion (the #12 mine) contains the world's

largest underground zinc mine, making it the fourth largest zinc producer. The group toured this mine—traveling to 850 meters below ground—with Cormier, a geologist, and a mining engineer. In the afternoon, the group explored the mine's #6 open pit, which was in production between 1966 and 1983. Workers are still treating the wastewater from this site. The group also toured the mine's surface operations and the tailing water treatment plant for the #12 mine.

Cormier pointed out during the visit that the company rarely arranges tours like this, but that officials were impressed with the group's questions and professionalism and would welcome them back in the future.

Wang said the trip was a great opportunity for his students to learn about careers as mining geologists, environmental technicians, and mine operations managers. ★

UMPI garners nearly \$90,000 in EPSCoR funding

A team of UMPI professors has received \$89,988 in grant funding from the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR] to continue a wide range of research on the Aroostook River Watershed and its sustainable development.

This is the fourth year in a row the team has received funding from EPSCoR, a program under the auspices of Maine's Office of Innovation. EPSCoR grants are awarded by the National Science Foundation to states that are typically not targeted for research grants. The funding UMPI has received in the last four years, which now totals \$326,000, is part of a larger grant led by the University of Maine in Orono and the University of Southern Maine.

The UMPI research team is using the grant funding for its continuing project *Assessing the Feasibility and*

Sustainability of Grass Biomass Production in Central Aroostook County through Research and Stakeholder Partnerships. The Aroostook River Watershed, which is the most populated region in northern Maine, spans central Aroostook County and encompasses



the communities of Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Fairfield.

During this grant year, the UMPI team will continue to evaluate the feasibility and sustainability of grass biomass production for central Aroostook County using the watershed as a sampling space and the community of Fort Fairfield as a way to focus on one stakeholder municipality.

This year's team, which is being led by Dr. Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, includes

Dr. Kimberly Sebold, Associate Professor of History; and Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science. Also on the team is David Vail, the Adams Catlin Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Bowdoin College; and Andrew Plant with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

Their work involves quantifying the land resource using GIS and satellite imagery, conducting economic analyses, opening a dialogue with stakeholders, and assessing ecological impacts. They also will conduct a historical account of agricultural land use practices and use this information to encourage local landowners to consider past, present, and potential future land uses. In addition, they will work with a local farmer to install a test plot to measure the potential yield gains realized from managed vs. unmanaged hay plots. ★

Phi Eta Sigma inducts new members

The UMPI chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society, recently inducted 22 members during a ceremony on Oct. 20. Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society of its kind, encouraging and rewarding academic excellence among students in institutions of higher learning.

New inductees include: Hallie Lynn Bartlett, Eric P. Brown, Michelle Jo Bucci, Kenneth Denison Conley Jr., Cole Devin Dumonthier, Sara Louise Gendreau, Skylah Lindsay Gendreau, Kyle Daniel Gilson, Cassandra Lynn Green, Robert Michael Head, Melinda Jean Hitchcock, Andrew Kyle Hunt, Rachel Lyn Jordan,

Logan Isaiah Lockhart, Dylan Shayne Markie, Traci Lynn Martin, Shelley Jean Murchie, Sara Ruth Robins, Amy Elizabeth Schnoor, Susan E. Sewell, Lanette Ann

Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

According to its website, Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923. It was voted in as a member of the Association of College Honor Societies in 1937. There are now more than 350 chapters throughout the United States and more than 1 million inducted members.



Twenty-two students were inducted into the UMPI chapter of Phi Eta Sigma during a ceremony in October.

Virtanen, and Christina Rae Wall.

Serving as this year's executive committee are President Sarah Jean McGlenn, Vice President Mika Lindsey Ouellette, Treasurer and Secretary Rebecca Marie Stepp, Historian Sarah Abigail Pickering-Ames, and Advisor James Daniel Stepp, UMPI's Interim Vice President of

Approximately \$285,000 in scholarships is awarded annually by the national organization, and many additional thousands are awarded by local chapters.

Including the new inductees, a total of 182 scholars have been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at UMPI since it was rechartered on Oct. 7, 2005. ★

The University's Reed Fine Art Gallery will present *Crafted: Fine Craft of Northern Maine* curated by UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Hyrum Benson. The exhibition opens Dec. 3 and runs through Jan. 5, 2013. The public is invited to join the curator and featured artists for an opening reception on Dec. 7 from 5 – 7 p.m., which is being held in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk.

Crafted honors excellence in Fine Craft being produced here in northern Maine. Benson, who also serves as the Regional Coordinator of the Maine Craft Association, has selected to feature the works of Terry Kelly, furniture maker; Edie Greiner, weaver and fibers artist; Heather Bessey, potter; Jeremy Frey, basket maker; Russell Mount, wood carver;



Wood Carving by Russell Mount

Reed Gallery presents Crafted exhibit

and Mary Sanipass, basket maker.

"I am excited about the caliber of work being exhibited and the hard work that these individuals demonstrate in the pieces that they have created," Benson said. "I'm also pleased to be able to represent the MCA for The County and hope that through this show and other events that the appreciation for craft will increase."

Fine Craft in northern Maine is rich with historical context but often under-represented in the gallery circuit. With the artists represented in this exhibition, many did not begin creating craft objects to make a living from them. Instead, it was more about the enjoyment of "making."

Heather Sincavage, Reed Gallery Director, stated, "This exhibition is a testament to the quality of art work produced here in northern Maine. We are

excited to be a venue to



Pottery by Heather Bessey

show off our talent and lead the community in respecting the handmade object. We hope you will join us for our opening reception where you can meet these artists on December 7."

Crafted: Fine Craft of Northern Maine will have an Opening Reception Dec. 7 from 5-7 p.m. The artists will be present for a short gallery talk at 5:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information about this event, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or heather.sincavage@umpi.edu. ★

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Officials celebrated the Campus Center's 20th anniversary on Oct. 25 with an event full of food, live music, and fun. Taking part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to symbolize the way the Campus Center brings together the campus and the community are, from left, Steve Richard, Chair of the UMPI Board of Visitors; Charles Bonin, UMPI Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Michael Sonntag, UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jessica Stepp, UMPI Student Senate President; Jim Stepp, UMPI Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Samuel Collins, Vice Chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees; UMPI President Linda Schott; Theresa Fowler, Director of the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce; Connie Sandstrom, Aroostook County Action Program Executive Director; Michael Young, MMG Insurance Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Stacy Shaw, MMG Insurance Vice President/Information Systems Manager and member of the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Robbie Krul, Dutch Soccer Academy Director and Northern Maine Community College Assistant Director of Admissions; and Joy Barresi Saucier, TAMC Vice President, Knowledge Services/Chief Information Officer.



AT LEFT

UMPI's Native Voices student group recently held a bake sale and raised \$200 for Little Feathers Head Start, an Aroostook Band of Micmacs program. The head start building recently was broken into and robbed, and officials have been cleaning up and replacing equipment. The money will help to purchase educational and craft materials. Taking part in the presentation are, from left, (seated in front) Nick Paul, Little Feathers Head Start Director Shirley Jewell, and Krista Stevens; back row, John Dennis, Pauochau Brown-Paul, Luke Joseph, Dena Joseph (seated), Myrth Schwartz, Dave Putnam, and Jessie Rose (seated).



Still from WAGM footage

ABOVE UMPI professors are often relied upon when an expert is needed on a very specific topic. When WAGM did a story about a giant mushroom a Stockholm couple found on their land, the reporter asked Dr. Bob Pinette to stop by and provide his insight. It turned out to be a 15-pound giant puff ball and, while not the largest specimen Pinette has ever seen, was a very handsome one.

AT RIGHT

The Houlton Center welcomed witches, goblins and ghosts for trick or treating. Here is UMPI student Eve Johnson with her daughter Ella, who came dressed as Strawberry Shortcake.



Sports! Sports! Sports!

Legasse earns USCAA Player of the Week

UMPI Cross Country runner Kayla Legasse earned USCAA Player of the Week honors during the week of Oct. 25. Legasse placed 1st in the Mariner Invitational 5K, hosted by Maine Maritime Academy, with a time of 19:51. Legasse also helped lead her team with the sweep of the top five spots at the MMA Invitational.



"Kayla Legasse ran a season's best considering the shorter but more difficult course compared to last week's very fast surface at the Maine State Championships," said Owls' coach Chris Smith, "Her 19:51 was run essentially as a time trial with teammate Kati Christoffel 59 seconds back at the finish (20:50)."

Legasse is the third UMPI Athlete (Thomas Grylka - Men's Cross Country; Reynold Brown - Golf) to be acknowledged for this award. ★

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

UMPI's Men's and Women's Basketball teams kicked off their 2012-2013 season with Midnight Madness 2012, held on Nov. 1 in Wieden Gym. The event included a performance by UMPI's Dance Team, introductions of both the women's and men's Owls teams, and lots of prizes. The team intros included a three-point contest and 10-minute game on the ladies' side and a dunk competition and 10-minute game on the men's side. The evening's festivities were emceed by Joshua MacKinnon. The first games of the season get underway Nov. 16 vs. Maine Maritime Academy for the men and Nov. 17 vs. New Hampshire Technical Institute for the women. ★



Men's & Women's Nordic Skiing Schedule

Dec. 15

vs. CRAFTSBURY EASTERN CUP CLASSIC SPRINT @ Craftsbury Outdoor Center 10am Craftsbury, VT

Dec. 16

vs. CRAFTSBURY EASTERN CUP SKATE MASS SPRINT @ Craftsbury Outdoor Center 10am Craftsbury, VT

Jan. 12

vs. MOUNTAIN TOP EASTERN CUP SKATE SPRINT @ Mountain Top Resort 10am Mountain Top, VT

Jan. 13

vs. MOUNTAIN TOP EASTERN CUP CLASSIC @ Mountain Top Resort 10am Mountain Top, VT

Jan. 18

vs. ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY CARNIVAL 15KM/20KM SKATE @ Mt. Van Hoevenberg 10am Lake Placid, NY

Jan. 19

vs. ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY CARNIVAL CLASSIC SPRINT @ Mt. Van Hoevenberg 10am Lake Placid, NY

Jan. 26

vs. COLBY CARNIVAL 5KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Quarry Road Trails 10am Waterville, ME

Jan. 27

vs. COLBY CARNIVAL 15KM/20KM MASS START SKATE @ Quarry Road Trails 10am Waterville, ME

Feb. 2

vs. UNIV. OF VERMONT CARNIVAL 5KM/10KM SKATE @ Trapp Family Lodge 10am Stowe, VT

Feb. 3

vs. UNIV. OF VERMONT CARNIVAL 10KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Trapp Family Lodge 10am Stowe, VT

Feb. 7

vs. DARTMOUTH CARNIVAL 5KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Silver Fox Trails 10am Hanover, NH

Feb. 8

vs. DARTMOUTH CARNIVAL 3X5KM SKATE RELAY @ Silver Fox Trails 10am Hanover, NH

Feb. 8

vs. UMPI OWLS INVITATIONAL @ Nordic Heritage Center 10:05am Presque Isle, ME

Feb. 9

vs. KAREN SPRAGUE MEMORIAL DUATHLON @ Stockholm Trails 1:30pm Stockholm, ME

Feb. 15

vs. MIDDLEBURY CARNIVAL 5KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Breadloaf 10am Ripton, VT

Feb. 16

vs. MIDDLEBURY CARNIVAL 15KM/20KM MASS START SKATE @ Breadloaf 10am Ripton, VT

Feb. 22

vs. EISA CHAMPIONSHIPS 5KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Black Mountain 10am Rumford, ME

Feb. 23

vs. EISA CHAMPIONSHIPS 10KM/15KM MASS START SKATE @ Black Mountain 10am Rumford, ME

Mar. 7

vs. NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 5KM/10KM CLASSIC @ Breadloaf 10am Ripton, VT

Mar. 9

vs. NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 15KM/20KM MASS START SKATE @ Breadloaf 10am Ripton, VT

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Northern Maine Chamber Society Winter Concert

The Northern Maine Chamber Society will hold its winter concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2-5 p.m. in the Campus Center. This is the 27th year for the concert. The chamber orchestra, which has members from northern Maine, New Brunswick, Canada, and Bangor, will be performing both classical and popular music with some seasonal music as well. Waldo Cabellaro, the conductor for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, will be conducting this performance. This event is free and the public is invited to attend. FMI, call 768.9452.



2013, or August 2013 must submit an Application for Graduation to the Office of Student Records prior to November 30, 2012. Applications must be submitted to the Office of Student Records, whether you plan to participate in the May ceremony or not. Applications can be found in the Office of Student Records, 235 Preble Hall or online at www.umpi.edu/graduation.

Student Teaching application and orientation meetings

For any students who will be doing their student teaching in January of 2013, there will be orientation and application meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in CC118 and Thursday, Nov. 29 in the St. John and

Aroostook rooms, from 9-11 a.m. both days. Students can attend either day as the same information will be covered both days. Important information needed for the student teaching experience will be distributed at that time. FMI, contact Jack Stewart, 768.9430.

Collecting soda, soup, and tin can tabs

UMPI is looking for your help in getting more involved in the community. In November, you will find containers placed throughout the campus for your soda, soup, and tin can tabs to be collected periodically by Physical Plant. These tabs will then be sent to the Veterans, Shriners, and the Ronald McDonald House where they can be taken to their local recycling centers



to be weighed to get their value. The groups will then receive a check for their charity. This is a very simple and worthwhile way to help, so let's see how many we can collect! FMI, contact Maxine Hathaway at 768.9576.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

The Senior Class of 2013 will be hosting a Wine Tasting Fundraiser, on Thursday, Nov. 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Guests will sample wine and food pairings and gain expertise from local wine enthusiasts. This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden your taste buds inexpensively and support this year's Graduating Class. Tickets are \$10.00 and you must be 21 years or older. Proper ID is required. Tickets will be available mid-November from Senior Class Officers. FMI, contact Keith Madore, Class Advisor, at 768.9568 or keith.madore@umpi.edu.

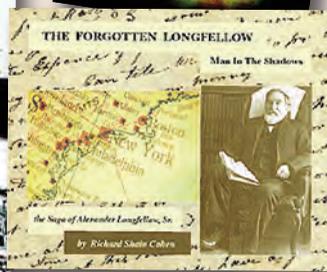
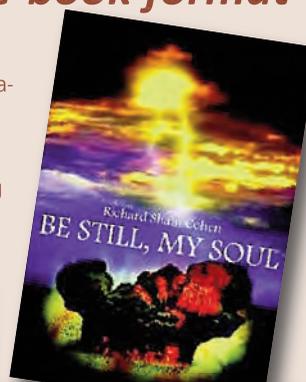
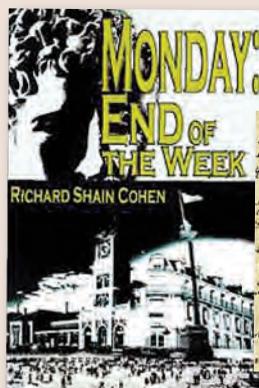
Attention graduating seniors!

Students who plan to complete their degree requirements in December 2012, May

Cohen, UMPI Professor Emeritus and former VPAA, has books published in e-book format

Three books by Richard Shain Cohen, *Monday: End of the Week; Be Still My Soul; and The Forgotten Longfellow: Man in the Shadows* (a biography of Henry Longfellow's younger brother Alexander) will all be in e-book format very soon. They will be obtainable from Amazon, B&N, BowkerLink, Google's Book Partner Program, Google Play, and Apple's iBookstore, and in over 19,000 libraries worldwide. Also, his latest novel, to be published either in December or early in 2013, is

titled *Our Seas of Fear and Love*. This romance set primarily on the Maine coast but also in Europe and Boston, covers the decades spanning WWII to those past the Viet Nam war. ☆




OBITUARIES
UMPI would like to mark the passing of two longtime members of its campus community.
Nolan Pearson
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics passed away June 11, 2012
Raymond Wysocki
Professor Emeritus of Business passed away October 9, 2012



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Success after Graduation!

Join the University Credit Union on Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center to learn about how to land a successful career after graduation, job search strategies and how to get ahead in your first professional job, and how to be successful financially. Dinner will be provided and space is limited, so please RSVP by Nov. 23 by contacting Candace Roy at croy@ucu.maine.edu or by calling 554.4810. Please bring a laptop.



how to land a successful career after graduation,

Get your Flu Shot Today!

The UMPI Health Center in the Emerson Annex is offering free flu shots to students. For more information, contact Flo Soucie at 768.9587.



Beaudet's PHE 166 class as he made his way down the hallway. He was then presented a personalized shirt recognizing his accomplishment, as well as a few Gentile Hall gifts. Mel has been a community member of Gentile Hall since its opening in January of 2006.



Pictured above are: left, Keli Marston, Gentile Hall Fitness & Wellness Coordinator, and Melbourne "Mel" Smith.

UMPI featured in *Inside Higher Ed*

This fall, the University was spotlighted by the national daily online publication *Inside Higher Ed* about its new UMPI OpenU project, which allows learners to participate in some of its online courses for free, as long as they aren't seeking credit. While many big colleges, like Harvard and Yale, have begun offering free online courses available to thousands of people at a time—known as MOOC's, or Massive Open Online Courses, they provide little, if any, direct access to the instructors—UMPI has done the opposite with its project. In fact, in describing UMPI OpenU, the reporter, Steve Kolowich, introduced the world to a brand new term in distance learning – a LOOC, or Little Open Online Course. The University couldn't be more pleased to have the hard work that many are doing

on campus receive such positive national exposure. To read the story, visit www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/09/06/u-maine-campus-experiments-small-scale-high-touch-open-courses.

It's that time of year again!

Register for the University's e2campus emergency notification system. All faculty, staff, and students should register for this free service, which will notify you of snow day cancellations and emergency shut-downs for various reasons. In order to get these messages, you must sign up by going to www.umpi.edu/e2campus and following the instruction on that page. FMI, contact Jim Stepp at 768.9601.



UMPI invited to present at NEBHE conference

University officials were invited to speak about the UMPI OpenU project at the New England Board of Higher Education's conference *The University Unbound: Can Higher Education Compete and Survive the Age of Free and Open Learning?* held in October at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Dr. Michael Sonntag, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Raymond Rice, Chair of UMPI's College of Arts and Sciences and coordinator of UMPI OpenU, represented the University and participated in a session titled *Open, Flat and Free: Improving Higher Ed and Lowering Its Price*. The session also featured presenters from Open Courseware Consortium and Flat World Knowledge. UMPI's innovative online learning project allows participants to take specific UMPI online courses

for free as long as they aren't seeking college credit. According to its website, NEBHE convened more than 400 New England educators and opinion leaders to discuss new technologies that provide learning opportunities for free – from MOOC's and lecture podcasts to online tutorials and open badges.

Team attends NEASC workshop

Several UMPI officials were in Sturbridge, Mass., in October to take part in a Self-Study Workshop delivered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges [NEASC]. UMPI President Linda Schott; James Stepp, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Clare Exner, Chair of the College of Professional Programs; and Jennie Savage, Human Resources Manager, attended the workshop, designed to provide in-depth information specifically for institutions going through the NEASC accreditation process. The University currently is working on a NEASC Accreditation Self-Study Report.

New banners up around campus

You've probably noticed the brand new blue and gold banners that flank the campus walkways, main driveway and Main Street. There also are two new welcome banners on the facades of Preble Hall and the Campus Center. These colors were designed by Dick Harrison, UMPI's Coordinator of Graphic Design & Photography, and have been made possible by University Credit Union. ★



We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the December image, the deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to gshaw@umpi.edu.

Melbourne "Mel" Smith becomes charter member of the 1000 Mile Lap Club

Melbourne "Mel" Smith recently became a charter member of the 1000 Mile Lap Club at UMPI's Gentile Hall pool. Mel swam his 36,000th lap Sept. 27 and was promptly greeted with a gauntlet of students from Dr. Suzanne

activities 11.13.2012-12.13.2012

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November 14
Gay-Straight Alliance 1pm, Alumni Room

November 15
Outing Club (OAPI) 1pm, Gentile Hall ■ PE Majors Club 1pm, Owl's Nest ■ Spaghetti Dinner & Auction to benefit Athletic Training Club, 5-9pm, MPR

November 16
International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room ■ Games Club 6pm, Pullen 111

November 17
AGLOW International 9:30am, Allagash Room

November 18
Kappa Delta Phi NAS 8:45pm, CC118

November 19
Dance Team 6:30pm, St. John Room

November 20
PBL Club 11am, CC118 ■ Phi

Eta Sigma National Honor Society 1pm, CC118

November 22-23
Thanksgiving Vacation no classes, offices closed

November 25
Kappa Delta Phi NAS 8:45pm, CC118

November 26
Dance Team 6:30pm, St. John Room

November 27
PBL Club 11am, CC118

November 28
Gay-Straight Alliance 1pm, Library Conference Room ■ Dance Team 6:30pm, Wieden Auditorium ■ Glacial Research in the Bhutan Himalaya 7pm, Campus Center

November 29
Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118 ■ PE Majors Club

Senior Class Fundraiser

After Thanksgiving... aren't you tired of turkey?!



You can support UMPI's Senior Class when you eat in or take out from Amato's Restaurant on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10% of sales that day go to the Class of 2013

ORDER IN for your staff meeting or

TAKE HOME to your family and friends!

Get rid of the post-turkey blues and help out our Senior Students!

Amato's is at 337 Main Street, 540.1485.

1pm, Owl's Nest ■ World AIDS Day Benefit Dance 10pm-1am, Campus Center

November 30
International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room ■ Games Club 6pm, Pullen 111

December 2
Kappa Delta Phi NAS 8:45pm, CC118

December 3
Dance Team 6:30pm, St. John Room

December 4
PBL Club 11am, CC118

December 5
Gay-Straight Alliance 1pm, Alumni Room ■ Dance Team 6:30pm, Wieden Auditorium

December 6
Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118 ■ Outing Club (OAPI) 1pm, Gentile Hall ■ PE Majors Club 1pm, Owl's Nest ■ Phi Eta

Sigma National Honor Society 1pm, Alumni Room

December 7
International Students Club 3pm, Alumni Room ■ Games Club 6pm, Pullen 111

December 8
Games Club LARP meeting, 6:30pm, Pullen 113

December 9
Kappa Delta Phi NAS 8:45pm, CC118

December 10
Dance Team 8:45pm, St. John Room

December 11
PBL Club 11am, CC118

December 12
Gay-Straight Alliance 1pm, CC118 ■ Dance Team 8:45pm, Wieden Auditorium

December 13
Student Organization of Social Workers 12:30pm, CC118 ★

Community

First Friday Art Walk

Friday, Nov. 2 was the First Friday Art Walk in Presque Isle. In conjunction with the Art Walk, the University had a reception for Christopher Lavery's exhibit, titled *Of Our Elaborate Plans*, in the Reed Fine Art Gallery. Wintergreen Arts Center also displayed donated artworks that will be auctioned off at the end of the month during the PI Rotary Auction. Morning Star Art & Framing's featured artist was William Lloyd Duncan, an UMPI graduate with a BA in art. ■ The next First Friday Art Walk will be on Dec. 7 and will include an Opening Reception for *Crafted: Fine Craft of Northern Maine*, curated by UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Hyrum Benson. The public is invited to join the curator and some of the featured artists, who include Terry Kelly, furniture maker; Edie Greiner, weaver and fibers artist; Heather Bessey, potter; Jeremy Frey, basket maker; Russell Mount, wood carver; and Mary Sanipass, basket maker. This exhibit will run from Dec. 3 through Jan. 5, 2013. ★

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