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UMPI hosts hometown premiere of *Almost, Maine*

The hometown premiere of John Cariani's *Almost, Maine*, was held March 18 and 19 in Wieden Auditorium. The performances reunited the production's director, Barbara Frick Ladner and Cariani, a Tony-nominated actor, in director and actor roles, respectively.

Cariani is no stranger to Presque Isle stages with numerous roles in Presque Isle High School productions; *Calamity Jane* under the direction of Dan Ladner was Cariani's first high school musical. He also performed with university students and community members in Pioneer Playhouse productions of *Oklahoma, My Fair Lady, Fiddler on the Roof,* and *South Pacific* at Wieden Auditorium.



(photo by Frank Grant)
John Cariani and Tammy Ladner-Scott in a scene from *Almost, Maine.*

Frick Ladner and Cariani first worked together in 1984 when he played Doody in the high school production of *Grease,* under her direction. "Today, John is a gifted actor and playwright," said Frick Ladner, "and his *Almost, Maine* speaks to his love of northern Maine."

Almost, Maine is Cariani's first play. It debuted at the Portland Stage Company in 2004, becoming the most successful play in its history, breaking attendance and box-office records for a play there. The play is a series of vignettes set on a Friday night in the

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Pullen project includes new solar, biomass systems

Pullen Hall soon will have a much smaller carbon footprint thanks to a $2.3 million building renovation project that includes the installation of solar panels on the roof, a biomass boiler system in the basement and many energy efficiencies in between.

Work is expected to begin later this spring on the Pullen Hall Renovation Project. A&L Construction of Presque Isle has been awarded the bid as general contractor.

In addition to the two major sustainable energy systems, crews will be installing energy efficient windows, updating the aging heating and ventilation system, and adding temperature control in Pullen Hall; a similar renovation project was done in 2008 to the adjoining Folsom Hall.

"We are so pleased that this renovation project is allowing us to complete the second half of an effort that began in 2008 to significantly update the Pullen-Folsom complex. These improvements to our major classroom space are going to create a much better learning environment for our students," UMPI President Don Zillman said.

A&L construction will take the lead on most of the efforts to rehabilitate the 19,500-square-foot building, including replacing windows, entrance doors, ceilings and floors, and updating the building's facade to give it a more modern look. The

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Gentile Hall installs $15,000 in new equipment

The Gentile Hall fitness center recently installed more than $15,000 in new equipment. The installation is helping to ensure that patrons continue to have high quality equipment for their use in the workout facilities.

The $15,000 allowed for the replacement of the three older and very popular elliptical cross-training machines, as well as the fitness center's two stepper machines. With other recent equipment upgrades that have been made, this brings the total amount of improvements at Gentile Hall in the last year to over $28,000.

The three new elliptical machines are the latest models and are significant upgrades of the previous pieces of equipment. The two new stepper machines replace equipment that has been in place since Gentile Hall opened its doors five years ago. According to Dick Gardiner, Director of Gentile Hall, these commercial grade machines can be quite expensive and the University works hard to replace this equipment on a scheduled basis.

"The cross trainers and steppers are some of our most heavily utilized machines and we are pleased to be able to upgrade the equipment to provide our users with a pleasant and productive workout," Gardiner said.

Gentile Hall, which opened in 2006, was named in honor of the University's longest serving faculty member, Caroline D. Gentile. Along with the fitness center, the wellness facility features a large multipurpose court, pool, elevated track, and climbing wall.

"Miss Gentile spent a lifetime promoting health and physical education and we know she'd be pleased to see UMPI's health and wellness facility continuing to provide a top notch fitness center for the campus and community," Gardiner said.

For information about Gentile Hall or memberships, call 768.9772 or visit www.umpi.edu/gentile-hall. ★

Almost, Maine

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middle of winter in remote *Almost, Maine*. With a star-filled northern sky as background, each vignette features two characters falling in or out of love.

The Presque Isle production was under the experienced direction of Frick Ladner, who is well-known for her work with local high school and community theater productions over the last 27 years. Joe Zubrick, who chaired the UMPI theater department and directed Cariani in productions at the university, handled the production's set and stage design.



Presque Isle Community Player Rod Thompson rehearses a scene from *Almost, Maine*.

Nine community thespians joined Cariani onstage for the March performances. The local actors are all members of the Presque Isle Community Players. Cast members included Jeff Ashby, Tamia Glidden, Frank Grant, Debbie Lamont, Tamara Scott, Brian Sipe, Mel Smith, Rod Thompson, and Ginny White.

"We were thrilled to have John and his successful play about mythical Almost, Maine, on our campus," said UMPI President Don Zillman. "We truly appreciated the opportunity to host the first performance of Almost, Maine in John's hometown as a kick-off for the university's effort to secure support for renovations to the Wieden Hall auditorium."

Since its 2006 debut off-Broadway, *Almost, Maine* has been produced throughout the United States over 600 times, including nearly 60 professional theatre company productions. Internationally, the play has been produced in South Korea, Germany, Canada, Dubai, and Australia.

Cariani graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1987. He studied acting and directing at StageWest in Springfield, Mass., after earning his BA in history from Amherst College. He moved to New York City in 1996 to pursue an acting career, which included working with Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and acting in off-Broadway plays, television commercials and films. In 2002, Cariani joined *Law & Order* as CSU Tech Julian Beck for 30 episodes.

In 2004, Cariani made his Broadway debut in the revival of *Fiddler on the Roof*. His performance as Motel the Tailor received the 2004 Outer Critics Circle Award and a 2004 Tony Award nomination.

Cariani's newest play, *Last Gas*, premiered at Portland Stage Company in November 2010, where it also set box off records. Cariani describes his next play, *Love/Sick*, as "the flip side" of *Almost, Maine*. ★

UMPI student helps to pull off successful Focus the Nation event

UMPI student Elizabeth Sawyer served on a planning team that helped to pull off a successful clean energy forum in March. The Focus the Nation event, which featured participation by statewide leaders including former Maine Governor Angus King, was held on March 9 at Northern Maine Community College. The forum was one of only 22 to take place at sites nationwide. Focus the Nation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating the transition to clean energy, according to its website.

Elizabeth Sawyer, a senior Art major at UMPI and an Ashland resident, said it was exciting to help plan the only Focus the Nation event north of Pennsylvania. Sawyer has gotten increasingly involved in clean energy activities thanks to her boyfriend Benjamin Dutil, who is in the Wind Power Technology program at NMCC and who served as one of the three individuals who led the forum planning efforts. The other two individuals were Gene Martin, a Business Administration student at NMCC, and Natalie St. Pierre, NMCC's Events and Editorial Coordinator and an UMPI alum.

Sawyer recalled how she got involved with the planning for the forum: "I was helping him [Dutil] with ideas and he said, 'Why don't you join the planning committee?'"

Sawyer agreed to help and brought to the planning team a first-hand appreciation of renewable energy. Last summer, when Dutil completed an internship on Kibbe Mountain, Sawyer secured a job with Reed & Reed cleaning the Kibbe wind towers as crews were doing installation work. She was the only female on the site doing hands-on work with the wind towers. Sawyer said she climbed the wind towers every day, in order to wipe things down and vacuum.

With the Focus the Nation event over, Sawyer and other students on the planning team will be compiling information gathered at the forum and forwarding an action plan to Focus the Nation officials.

Sawyer plans to graduate in May, and said she'll go wherever the wind takes her and Dutil. And while her passion is for art, she said she very well could find herself focusing on a future art project involving clean energy. ★

Morin named 2011 Maine Policy Scholar

UMPI's Keren Morin, a senior Social Work major, has been selected by the Maine Community Foundation as a member of the Maine Policy Scholars 2010-2011 class.



Each year, one student from each campus of the University of Maine System is selected to pursue a year-long program of applied research in the area of Maine public policy. Dr. Anja Whittington, Assistant Professor of Recreation, is Morin's faculty advisor for the program.

Morin is researching how negative portrayals of females in the media impact a female adolescent's concept of her body image. Morin will be recommending that a media literacy component be added to the health curriculum for students in grades 6-8 in Maine schools. Currently, no such curriculum exists except one offered by Hardy Girls Healthy Women.

Morin chose to focus her research on a social justice policy recommendation, rather than the more popular economic and energy renewal policy projects. "I wanted to choose a project that I was passionate about on a personal level, but also one which was going to challenge me on a professional level," she said. "While research on the topic is vast, defining the problem and creating a solution are challenging in terms of making sure that I cover all my bases before I present the policy recommendation."

Morin will produce a final report in the form of a memo to the Governor or appropriate policymaker, which outlines the issue and the data available, and recommended policy solutions. In the late spring, she will present the report in the form of a briefing to a panel of policymakers. ★

Upward Bound receives $45,000 Maine College Access Grant

TriO Upward Bound has been awarded a $45,000 Maine College Access grant by the Finance Authority of Maine. The grant, "$uccess! Planning for College and Beyond," has two main focuses – finance education for Upward Bound students and parents and retention efforts.

Officials have hired Tammy Lothrop to carry out the bulk of the grant activities. Lothrop, who has served as a social worker in MSAD #1, is Upward Bound's new College Finance and Retention Specialist.

Lothrop and student intern Sheila Blair are offering several workshops that are all about money for Upward Bound students and parents. They conducted one workshop just with Upward Bound students on Saturday, March 19. Regionally, they'll be doing three workshops with parents and students on Saturdays during March, April and May – at UMPI, the University of Maine at Fort Kent and the Houlton Higher Education Center. Topics will include budgeting, stretching dollars, credit, loans, and saving for college. For students and parents who attend all sessions, there will be a raffle at each location for a grand prize.

Lothrop also will be dedicating her time to retention efforts. She will be contacting 2008, 2009 and 2010 high school graduates who participated in Upward Bound and now are in college to see how they are doing at the university level.

The Upward Bound program has served hundreds of students since it was established on the UMPI campus in 1980. Open to high school students who qualify financially, or are the first in their families to attend college, Upward Bound provides intensive academic, cultural enrichment, and other college preparation services. ★

Pullen Project

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project also will include the installation of energy saving lights with motion sensor technology; a new heating system including heat pump technology; 99 solar photovoltaic panels on the roof; and a new wood burning (bio-mass) boiler to replace the two original oil-fired boilers, which are more than 40 years old.

Patrick St. Peter and Sons of Caribou is serving as the mechanical sub-contractor on these efforts; the company will take care of all the plumbing, air conditioning and heating issues. County Electric Inc. of Caribou is the electrical sub-contractor and will handle all of the wiring, outlets, lighting, switches, and the connections for the solar panels.

UMPI's wood to energy project – installing the biomass boiler system – has been contracted to Thayer Corporation of Auburn. The company will install the new boiler, a commercial-grade hopper to store the wood pellets that the boiler uses, the system for ash removal, and a new chimney lining.

About three-quarters of the cost of the project is being covered through external funding sources.

Last fall, the University received a Department of Conservation Maine Forest Service wood-to-energy grant for $750,000, which is funding the installation of the new biomass boiler system as well as a changeover of the distribution system in Pullen Hall from steam to hot water.

The University also received $800,000 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for its solar project. Officials are using that money for the solar panel installation, electrical components, the distribution system and data collection efforts.

The University received a third source of funding to help pay for this project – $475,000 in state bond money. This funding, from a 2008 statewide ballot for a variety of public building construction projects, received support from 55 percent of County voters. The balance of the project cost will be covered through internal funds.

The project is expected to be completed in 90 days, with most of the major renovation work taking place during the summer. Major construction work will begin on May 6, after classes are done for the semester, and will be completed by Aug. 26. ★

North of Ordinary Neuro-Art Night honors Brain Awareness Week



Art and science came together when Biology professor Dr. Rachael Hannah and Art professor Renee Felini hosted an event in honor of internationally celebrated Brain Awareness Week. "North of Ordinary Neuro-Art Night" will took place on March 16 in the Pullen Art Room.

The event served as a fun art project that also taught participants about brain function and neuroscience. Felini created brain molds out of silicon rubber and plaster brains were produced from the molds. Hannah offered a 15-minute presentation about the human brain, showing how brains are mapped, and then participants used that information and their imagination to create their brain art.

Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is the global campaign to increase public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research, according to the official BAW website. Founded and coordinated by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and European Dana Alliance for the Brain, BAW's 16th annual celebration will took place March 14-20, 2011.

North of Ordinary Neuro-Art Night was an official BAW event. Hannah, who earned her Ph.D. in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the University of Vermont in 2010, had taken part in BAW celebrations in Vermont. She wanted to do a BAW event in northern Maine, and wanted the event to include an art project. Hannah approached Felini, and the two "brain"stormed their neuro-art night.

The completed art will be put on display in the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library in time for the First Friday Art Walk to be held on April 1. ★

Musician with ties to UMPI returns for tribute concert



(photo by Ken Ryan)

When Rex Fowler appeared at the Caribou Performing Arts Center in early March, he was returning to the region where he first became serious about singing and songwriting.

The former student at Aroostook State College is now a nationally touring musician. Fowler is part of the award-winning band Aztec Two-Step, and he recently embarked on another project – a 7-piece ensemble called the Nu-Utopians. The group performs the songs of John Lennon and their CD Imagined was just nominated for the 2010 Independent Music Awards Tribute Album of the Year.

Fowler returned to northern Maine for the Nu-Utopians' John Lennon tribute concert at CPAC on March 4. Leading up to the concert, though, Fowler shared lots of memories about his college days and how they helped to shape the artist he would become.

Originally from Pittsfield, Fowler came to Aroostook State College in 1966. He was a History major and was heavily involved in the arts – he performed in plays, wrote poetry and songs, he even remembered his French professor Guy Gallagher asking him to bring his guitar to class so they could all sing French songs together.

"I was a guitar-playing, finger-picking, long-haired hippie," he said.

Fowler was part of a 5-piece college band his freshman year. The Second Phloor – so named because the band members all lived on the second floor of South Hall – played mostly cover songs, but they also played one of Fowler's earliest compositions, My Hypocrisies.

Fowler also remembered that he and fellow students opened a little coffee house downtown called The Print Shop where students and community members would come together to play, sing, write, and recite. All of this, he said, helped him to hone his talents and grow as an artist.

"It was a safe environment where I was able to thrive and grow," he said. "By the time I left [in 1969], I was ready to take on the world. I went to Boston starting on my journey, which led me to New York City, which led me to my first major record label, which led to playing with Bruce Springsteen and winning a New York Music Award for best folk album." ★

SAGE prepares for Spring 2011 class offerings

An UMPI program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life" hosted its spring kick-off with a luncheon event on March 8.

Seniors Achieving Greater Education [SAGE] has worked for more than a decade to bring short courses in arts, sciences, and specialty areas to the region's senior community. SAGE is one of 17 senior colleges in the Maine Senior College Network.

This spring, SAGE officials are offering more than a dozen courses and learning excursions – on topics ranging from Euripides to Native American Mythology. Learning excursions include trips to the Presque Isle Sewer Treatment Plant – the first facility of its kind built in the State of Maine – and the Loring Military Heritage Center in Limestone.

Classes range in length from four to six weeks and will be offered between March 18 and May 11. Individual classes generally meet once a week for approximately two hours and are led on a volunteer basis by SAGE members and guests.

SAGE has no entrance requirements, grades or tests, and no college background is needed. Membership is $15 per semester or $30 annually (Sept. 1-Aug. 31).

For more information or to register for a class, contact Mary Lawrence at 768-9502. To view spring course offerings, visit www.umpi.edu/sage. ★

UMPI hosts *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* event

Men and women alike were invited to slip on some female footwear and take part in a *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* event held at UMPI on March 9. The event, part of the international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence, began at the Campus Center.

Established in 2001, *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* has become a world-wide movement with tens of thousands of men raising millions of dollars for local rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters and other sexualized violence education, prevention and remediation programs. During the event at UMPI, walkers began at the Campus Center and walk a designated path equivalent to one mile, in women's shoes.

UMPI's Student Activities Office coordinated this event, which was sponsored by the Student Organization of Social Work, the Campus Activities Board, UMPI Athletics and Resident Assistants.

Campus groups were assisted by the Hope and Justice Project in the coordination of this event.

"There are many people who are impacted by domestic violence and abuse and it's important for women as well as men who are in violent relationships to know there are resources in this community and there are people in this community that support them in reaching out and asking for help," April Sue Platt, UMPI's Area Coordinator of Student Activities, said. ★

Congratulations to January/February Student of the Month Patrick Manifold

(So. Business Management - Great Yarmouth, UK). Patrick has many achievements including being named to the Dean's List, named captain of the UMPI's Basketball Team, and winning several Player of the Week awards. Patrick also writes for the UTimes, works in Gentile Hall, and is the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. He helped organize the athletes' donations to the Aroostook County Cereal Drive and his charity basketball program last summer raised money for a children's hospital and a youth basketball hall in his home town. **Congratulations Patrick!**

Reed Fine Art Gallery to display Senior Thesis Exhibitions

The Reed Fine Art Gallery and the Fine Art faculty are pleased to announce that, for the first time ever, solo exhibitions from the 2011 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibitions will be put on display in the Reed Gallery.

The Pullen Gallery, which typically hosts the solo exhibitions, will be undergoing renovation work as part of a major upgrade to Pullen Hall prior to the end of the academic semester. The Reed Gallery presents an excellent opportunity to allow the senior thesis exhibitions to continue as planned during the months of April and May, and for students to utilize a professional art space for their exhibitions, according to officials.

Nine students will display their works during week-long shows held between April 4 and May 16; some weeks will feature dual exhibitions, which officials believe will create some very interesting juxtapositions.

The Reed Gallery is a larger facility than the Pullen Gallery, which demands that the Fine Art students create additional work in order to have a complete body of work to display in the space.

As is required within the program, each student will host a reception at the gallery to speak about his or her work and the development of a personal vision as an artist.

At the completion of the individual exhibitions, the Reed Gallery will host a group show with selected works by each artist. A schedule of the senior exhibitions will be published soon, so campus and community members are encouraged to visit the gallery often.

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. ★

Kinsey Sicks to perform at Wieden

The Kinsey Sicks, the Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet, will take the stage at Wieden Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, to deliver a night full of a cappella singing and comedy.

Since 1993, the group's award-winning a cappella singing, sharp satire and over-the-top drag have earned them a diverse and devoted following.

The Kinsey Sicks have performed world-wide including an Off-Broadway show, and an extended run in Las Vegas. The group has been featured in the *New York Times* and appeared on NBC's *America's Got Talent*, ABC's *20/20*, and on the *CBS Early Show with Bryant Gumbel*. *Billboard Magazine* describes the group as "one act that should not be missed."

ONE FREE ticket is available for UMPI, NMCC, and SAGE students with a valid ID; an additional ticket is $5. General admission for this show is $10 in advance or $15 at the door if seats are still available. Tickets are on sale now at the UMPI Bookstore in the Campus Center. For more information about this event, contact April Sue Platt at 768-9582. ★

Felini takes part in PechaKucha event

Art professor Renee Felini served as one of 10 presenters at the city of Waterville's first PechaKucha Night held last fall at the Hathaway Creative Center. More than 200 people turned out for the event.

PechaKucha, Japanese for chit-chat, was created in 2003 by Tokyo architects Mark Dytham and Astrid Klein. Presenters are allotted 20 slides and 20 seconds per slide, meaning that once 6 minutes and 40 seconds are up, so is their talk. PechaKucha nights have been held in cities around the world, from Beijing and Paris to San Francisco and Boston.

Felini delivered a short presentation on her artwork, which also showcased her life performance project that is now celebrating its 10th year. The "Art As My Vehicle" series, which includes 10 pieces so far, focuses on actions Felini has taken to change her life circumstance and the art that has emerged from those actions

"The work has allowed me to face fears, overcome personal boundaries, and gain new life experience," Felini said. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Players of the Week

Week of 2/8

Cliff McDonald (Sr. Fine Arts Major - Sarasota, FL)
Sunrise Conference Co-Player of the Week and Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writers Association (MMBCWA) Player of the Week "honor roll"


Cliff McDonald

Michael Warner (Fr. Athletic Training Major - Norwich, England)
Maine Men's Basketball Coaches and Writer's Association (MMBCWA) Rookie of the Week "honor roll"


Michael Warner

Week of 2/14

Chris Coffin (Sr. Business Management Major – Presque Isle, ME)
Association of Division III Independents Men's Basketball Player of the Week


Chris Coffin

Emily Pelletier (So. Athletic Training Major – Fort Kent, ME)
Sunrise Conference Co-Player of the Week

Rashell Saucier (Fr. Physical Education Major - Washburn, ME)
Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Rookie of the Week "honor roll"


Emily Pelletier

Week of 2/22

Renee Moore (Fr. - Lisbon, ME)
Sunrise Conference Rookie of the Week

Clifford McDonald (Sr. Fine Arts Major - Sarasota, FL)
MMBCWA and among all NCAA Division III/NAIA Universities Co-Player of the Week
Sunrise Conference Co-Player of the Week

Patrick Manifold (So. Business Management Major - Great Yarmouth, UK)
Ranked 14th in Maine in scoring with 14.1 points/game, 7th in rebounds/game with 7.5, and 3rd overall in Field Goal Percentage with a 52.7% from the hardwood.

Kyle Corrigan (So. Business Major - Caribou, ME)
Ranked 1st in Maine in assists/game, dishing out 5.7 assists a game and 1st in Free Throw Percentage, averaging an impressive 85.0 from the charity stripe.


Rashell Saucier


Renee Moore


Patrick Manifold


Kyle Corrigan

Congratulations to the UMPI Women's Basketball team for their outstanding season. The Lady Owls ended their season at the Sunrise Conference Final Four with 11 wins and 12 losses.

Congratulations to the UMPI Men's Basketball team for their solid performance with a very competitive schedule this year, ending their season with 6 wins and 16 losses.

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UMPI student-athletes honored at the Annual 2010-2011 Sunrise Conference basketball awards banquet

Sunrise All-Conference Team

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

* ***Emily Pelletier***
  (So. - Fort Kent, ME)
  All-Conference First Team
* ***Rashell Saucier***
  (Fr. - Washburn, ME)
  All-Conference Second Team

MEN'S BASKETBALL

* ***Cliff McDonald***
  (Sr.-Sarasota, FL)
  All-Conference First Team

Sunrise Conference Scholar Athletes

* ***Patrick Manifold***
  (So. - Great Yarmouth, UK)
  Most Outstanding Scholar-Athlete
  (awarded to the player with the highest GPA within the Sunrise Conference).

Other UMPI athletes earning Sunrise Conference scholar-athlete awards were:

* Kyle Corrigan (Jr.-Caribou, ME)
* Brad Trask (So.-Easton, ME)
* Megan Korhonen (Sr.-Littleton, ME)
* Emily Moore (Jr.-Lisbon, ME)

NCAA Division III Association of Independents names 2011 All-Independent Basketball Teams

Four UMPI basketball players were recently named to the AD3I All-Conference teams for their exceptional play on the 2010-2011 Season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

* **Emily Pelletier**
  (So. - Fort Kent, ME)
  First Team All-Independent Team
* **Rashell Saucier**
  (Fr. - Washburn, ME)
  Second Team All-Independent Team

MEN'S BASKETBALL

* **Cliff McDonald**
  (Sr. - Sarasota, FL)
  First Team All-Independent Team
* **Patrick Manifold**
  (So. - Great Yarmouth, UK)
  Second Team All-Independent Team

UMPI Skier makes history, qualifies for 2011 NCAA Men's Skiing Championships



The University of Maine at Presque Isle Nordic Ski team made history at the 2011 NCAA Eastern Regional Championships and Bates College Carnival as Owl skier, Welly Ramsey, qualified for the 2011 NCAA Men's Skiing Championships.

Ramsey (Fr. – New Sharon, ME) is one of three athletes from the state of Maine to qualify for the National Championships and has been impressive in his first season of collegiate skiing. He finished 7th overall at the Eastern Regional Championship in the Freestyle race in a time of 29:25 and 7th in the 20K Classic in 1:02:59.

"His 7th place finishes in both the 10K Freestyle and 20K Classic mass start are the two best finishes ever at a nordic carnival by an UMPI skier," commented Head Coach Paul Stone.

The NCAA is made up of three skiing conferences, the Western (Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association), the Central (Central Collegiate Ski Association), and the Eastern Division (Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association). In only its second year competing in the EISA, the University of Maine at Presque Isle continues to contend with highly-clouted NCAA teams such as the University of Vermont and Dartmouth College.

"When we selected Coach Paul Stone and asked him to build our Nordic program, our hope was that one day we could say that UMPI was the only U. Maine institution that could compete with the likes of Dartmouth, Williams, Middlebury, and Harvard for an NCAA Championship. In Paul's first season, we have a student-athlete who will be competing in the NCAA Championships. I could not be more thrilled," stated UMPI Athletic Director Christine Corsello.



"Many congratulations go out to Welly, Coach Stone and all of those in the community who have supported UMPI Nordic Skiing so generously," acknowledged Corsello. "This is indeed a very proud moment for UMPI Athletics and the Nordic Ski program."

When asked what it meant for UMPI to qualify their first skier to the National Championships, first-year Coach Stone answered, "Welly is the first of many." ★

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UMPI 2011 Remaining Baseball Schedule

Mar 26	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Brooklyn, NY	12:00 pm
Mar 26	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Brooklyn, NY	2:30 pm
Apr 01	Daniel Webster College	Nashua, NH	3:00 pm
Apr 01	Rivier College	Nashua, NH	TBD
Apr 02	Southern Maine Community College (DH)	South Portland, ME	12:00 pm
Apr 03	Colby College	Waterville, ME	12:00 pm
Apr 03	Colby College	Waterville, ME	2:30 pm
Apr 08	Lesley University	Cambridge, MA	3:00 pm
Apr 09	Fisher College	Lynn, MA	1:00 pm
Apr 09	Fisher College	Lynn, MA	3:30 pm
Apr 10	Fisher College	Lynn, MA	12:00 pm
Apr 10	Fisher College	Lynn, MA	2:30 pm
Apr 15	U-Maine Farmington	Farmington, ME	3:00 pm
Apr 16	Vermont Tech.	Randolph Center, VT	1:00 pm
Apr 16	Vermont Tech.	Randolph Center, VT	3:30 pm
Apr 17	Vermont Tech.	Randolph Center, VT	12:00 pm
Apr 17	Vermont Tech.	Randolph Center, VT	2:30 pm
Apr 22	SUNY Canton	Canton, NY	1:00 pm
Apr 22	SUNY Canton	Canton, NY	3:30 pm
Apr 23	SUNY Canton	Canton, NY	12:00 pm
Apr 23	SUNY Canton	Canton, NY	2:30 pm
Apr 29	Sunrise Conference Tournament	Fraser Field - Lynn, MA	

UMPI 2011 Remaining Softball Schedule

Apr 1	Husson University (DH)	Bangor, ME	3:00 pm
Apr 2	Thomas College (DH)	UMaine Dome Orono, ME	2:00 pm
Apr 9	@ Fisher College (DH)	Boston, MA	
Apr 10	@ Fisher College (DH)	Boston, MA	
Apr 11	@ UMaine-Farmington (DH)	Farmington, ME	
Apr 16	@ Vermont Tech (DH)	Randolph Ctr., VT	
Apr 17	@ Vermont Tech (DH)	Randolph Ctr., VT	
Apr 21	Maine Maritime Academy	HOME (Presque Isle HS)	
Apr 23	*SUNY-Canton (DH)	Canton, N.Y.	12:00 pm
Apr 24	*SUNY-Canton (DH)	Canton, N.Y.	12:00 pm
Apr 30	@ Sunrise Conference Tournament Regis College	Weston, MA	
May 1	@ Sunrise Conference Tournament Regis College	Weston, MA	

UMPI in photos

1 Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, center, stopped by Gentile Hall for a morning run during a recent visit to Presque Isle for the World Cup Biathlon. Joining her were, from left, student Zach Barnes, Professor Paul Johnson, Larry Shaw of MMG Insurance and Sports Information Director Tracy Guerrette.



2 Athletic Training students volunteered during the World Cup Biathlon to assist with medical staffing every day of the event.



3 Several UMPI and NMCC students were on the blood doping control crew during the World Cup Biathlon. They are, from left, Dan Jackson, Trevor Crabbe, David Shemkovitz, Scott Michaud, Steve Thorne*, Matt Nadeau*, Peter Desmond*, Nathan Pirie and Cody Closson*. (*UMPI students)





4 Mapleton Brownie Troop 1133 were among the many participants at Planet Head Day 2011. Showing off their Planet Heads are, front row, from left to right: Delaney Alward, Alexus LaFerriere, Alexis Getchell, and Amanda Winslow. Back row, from left to right: Jenna Mountain, Louise Calabrese of C-A-N-C-E-R, Bethany Baker, and Katelyn Amero. Faculty planet heads Tomasz Herzog and Kevin McCartney look on.



5 Criminal Justice students volunteered during the World Cup Biathlon to serve as security officers.



6 Hootie the Owl hit the ski slopes recently when he appeared at a recent Big Rock Ski Area Free Ski Night sponsored by the University.

7 Scores of people turned out for the Special Olympics Basketball event held recently at Gentile Hall. Here, participants complete the Speed Dribble challenge.



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Student group hosts panel presentation about immigration

The Student Organization of Social Work at UMPI hosted a special panel presentation about immigration experiences on Thursday, March 10. *Leaving Home: An International Journey* featured two panelists Saar Andrew Gbongbor, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, and El-Fadel Arbab of Portland, Maine, speaking about issues around immigration and their personal immigration stories. Gbongbor was born in Jordan and moved to Alberta, Canada, at the age of 11. Gbongbor now resides in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Arbab is a proud citizen of the United States and resides in Portland, Maine. El-Fadel was only 12 when Sudanese military forces and the Janjaweed militia attacked his village. The event, which was supported by UMPI's Diversity Committee, was offered thanks to a University of Maine System Diversity Mini-Grant that the student organization received. "The hope is that audience members gained an appreciation for the complexity and uniqueness of our panelists' international journeys and that they learned about ethical dilemmas involved in immigration," Shirley Rush, Associate Professor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work Program Director, said.

Aroostook County students travel to UMPI to participate in American Mathematics Competition

On Feb. 8, over 2,000 students from middle schools and high schools across Maine and the United States participated in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC). Students from Dyer Brook, Caribou, Presque Isle, Easton, and Fort Fairfield gathered at UMPI to participate. Many dedicated members of the UMPI community assisted in the success of the AMC including Dr. Raymond Rice, Professor and Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences; Contest Manager Dr. Michael Knopp, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Vice Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences; Erin Benson, Director of Admissions; and Courtney McHugh from the Conferences and Special Programs Office. The highest scoring students from the competition were invited to The American Invitational Mathematics Competition (AIME). From there, the top 500 competitors moved on to the USA Mathematical Olympiad.

Maine State Climatologist to speak at UMPI

Maine State Climatologist George L. Jacobson will present *Climate Variability and Biodiversity -- past and future* on March 29 at 7 p.m. in the university's Campus Center Multi-purpose Rooms. Jacobsen is a Professor Emeritus of Biology, Ecology, and Climate Change at the University of Maine whose research has focused on long-term climate variability and forest responses to climate changes during the past 60,000 years. His talk will examine the nature of long-term climate variability and how that has changed ecosystems in Maine and the northeast over the past 20,000 years; and how future changes in climate are likely to influence our landscapes.



Myths and realities of learning disabilities explored at UMPI workshop

Dr. Dena L. Winslow, Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, will present the interactive workshop Unraveling the Mysteries of Learning Disabilities on March 28 at 7 p.m. in the university's Campus Center Multipurpose Rooms. Dr. Winslow was born in Caribou and is a graduate of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Southern Maine, and the University of Maine at Orono, where she completed her Ph.D. in 2000. From 2008 to 2010, Dr. Winslow was the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board for Aroostook and Washington Counties, and is the current Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine. She is the author of several books and numerous articles dealing with Maine history. During this interactive workshop, attendees will explore the myths and realities of learning disabilities. For

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more information about this event call 768-9558.

UMPI Ceramic students display work

UMPI first-level ceramics students displayed selected works in the Art Gallery at Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library in downtown Presque Isle as part of the First Friday Art Walk on March 4. The exhibit is a celebration of ceramics pieces created by students during the fall semester. The show will be displayed for the entire month of March. In the UMPI Ceramics I class, students are taught basic ceramic constructions methods that include pinch-, slab-, and coil-building, slump molds, and wheel-throwing. They also learn to mix their own glazes and kiln-fire the ceramic pieces they create. The following UMPI students had their work on display: Chastity Bernier, Christie Dobbins, Justin Fereshetian, Laurel Green, Brittney MacFarline, Clifford McDonald,



and Ashley Williamson. For further information on either the ceramics show or the First Friday Art Walk, please contact UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Renee Felini via email at Renee.Felini@umpi.edu. Please contact the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library directly to inquire about normal hours of operation or for additional information about its art gallery.

Faculty Noon Seminar Series continues

UMPI's Faculty Noon Seminar Series will continue on March 31 at 12:30 p.m. in Folsom Hall Room 105 as Dr. Richard Kimball presents Pathways Between New England and Nova Scotia: A Genealogical Approach. This brief, roughly chronological survey of Nova Scotia history (1600 - 1910) will include stories of how many families have affected and been affected by this history. Each instance of New England/Nova Scotia interaction that Kimball discusses will be illustrated by stories of individuals from his own and his wife's families. The instances covered will include: Native Americans/First Nations, Acadians, Foreign Protestants, New England Planters, Scots-Irish, United Empire Loyalists, and German ("Hessian") soldiers. For more information about the Faculty Noon Seminar Series, contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768-9749.

UMPI hosts Career & Job Fair 2011

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will host its Annual Career & Job Fair in the Campus Center from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. Twenty businesses and governmental agencies from the region and across the state are expected to participate in the event. The Career Fair is part of a concerted effort to connect employers with University students and to provide the opportunity for them to meet with these prospective employees. Students will be able to learn more about employment possibilities and employer expectations. Some of the employers have or expect to have job openings for full-time, part-time or summer employment and some employers will provide the opportunity for on-site preliminary interviews. The University also invites the general public, students from Northern Maine Community College, and area high school seniors to attend. The Fair, which is free to employers and attendees, is sponsored by the Senior Class and the Career Services Center. For more information about this event, contact Career Services at 768-9750 or email barbara.devaney@umpi.edu.

Think Pink Event a Success!

After t-shirt sales, the $1/point match, our decorated bra auction, the mini-basketball sales, the 50/50 raffle, and the athletics department donating "door" -- it is with pleasure that we share $1000 will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation! The Student Activities Office would like to thank all of the sponsors and people who made it happen… Athletics, CAB, Dance Team, Governor's Restaurant, Resident Assistants, Residence Life, Student Organization of Social Workers, Swim Club, Erin Benson, Jim Stepp, Heather Craig, Florence Soucie, Candace Roy, Shirley Rush, Mary Kate Barbosa, Sara Martin, and the a cappella singers, Mary Lawrence, Ken Kinney, Joshua Doughty, and Sue Beaudet! ★

activities

MARCH 26-27
Outdoor Sports Show
March 26 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and
March 27 (9 a.m - 4 p.m.)
The PI Fish and Game Club brings its 2011 Outdoor Sports Show to campus. Popular attractions include a live wild animal exhibit, seminars, and outdoor vendors and products.
FMI contact Nick Archer at 764-0477

MARCH 28
CLASSES RESUME
Unraveling the Mysteries of Learning Disabilities Workshop
7 p.m.
Campus Center Multi-purpose Rooms

MARCH 29
Climate Variability and Biodiversity -- past and future
7 p.m.
Campus Center Multi-purpose Rooms
FMI Contact x9558

Kinsey Sicks
8 p.m.
Wieden Auditorium
FMI Contact Student Activities Office x9782

MARCH 30
Wednesday Night Movie, *Black Swan*
7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
CC118
FMI Contact Student Activities Office x9582

MARCH 31
Pathways Between New England and Nova Scotia: A Genealogical Approach
Faculty Noon Seminar
12:30 p.m.
Folsom Hall Rm. 105
FMI Contact Lynn Eldershaw at 768-9749.

APRIL 4
Michel Chikwanine –child Soldier
7 p.m.
MPR
FMI Contact Student Activities Office x9582

APRIL 5
Women's Climbing Night
6-8 p.m.
Gentile Hall
Gentile Hall Members and Students FREE
All others pay $7.00 at front desk
FMI Contact Kim McCrea x9401

APRIL 6
Wednesday Night Movie Night, *Gulliver's Travels*
7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Wieden Auditorium
FMI Contact Student Activities Office x 9582

APRIL 8
UMPI's Got Talent
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Wieden Auditorium,
$2 Admission for non-students
FMI Contact Student Activities Office x9582

APRIL 9
Spring Run Off 5k
9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sponsored by UMPI Cross Country Team
Fee to Participate - $12
Wieden Gymnasium organization point
FMI Contact Chris Smith
Christopher.smith@umpi.edu or X9472

APRIL 11
Advisement for Fall Semester Begins

APRIL 13
University Day
Distinguished Lecture Series Presentation
7 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
FMI contact Media Relations x9452

APRIL 15
Advisement for Fall Semester Ends

Outdoor Sportsman Show comes to UMPI

The Presque Isle Fish and Game Club will bring its 2011 Outdoor Sportsman Show to campus on from *9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on March 26 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 27* and will be held in Wieden Gymnasium. Popular attractions will include a live wild animal exhibit, seminars, outdoor vendors and products, and the Maine Sate Moose Calling Contest. For more information contact Nick Archer at 764-0477.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY
Kappa Delta Phi
NAS Meetings
6 p.m. – CC118

TUESDAY
Newman Club
7 - 9 p.m.
CC118

PRISM Bible Study
8 - 9 p.m.
Alumni Rm.

WEDNESDAY
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
7 - 10 p.m.
Alumni Rm.

THURSDAY
Student Organization of Social Workers
12:30 - 2 p.m.
CC118

Campus Crusade for Christ
7 - 8:30 p.m.
CC118

FRIDAY
OAPI Mtg.
1 p.m.
OAPI Office at Gentile

Gay/Straight Alliance
12:30 p.m.
Library Rm 201 CAB

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