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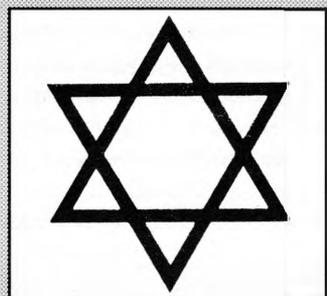
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Symposium Highlighted by Five Mainers Who Have Made a Difference in World Peace

Eunice Baumann-Nelson, Robert Chandler Jr., Bernard Lown, Samantha Smith and Doris Twitchell Allen have all lived very different lives. Yet on their journeys through life, they all shared a dream and became leaders in a quest.

These five Mainers have been recognized worldwide as visionaries in the struggle for world peace. Most recently, they were recognized by the University of Maine for their contributions toward a common vision of world peace, and the newest of the residence facilities on campus now bear their names.

Sept. 21, for perhaps the first time, Baumann-Nelson, Chandler, Lown, Allen and Jane Smith, mother of the late Samantha Smith, will be brought together. They will take part in a symposium at the University of Maine: "Making a Difference by Fostering

a Vision of World Peace." And while it is peace that brings them together, the symposium will focus on the lives of each of these visionaries - what it was that set them on this road to peace and how their lives were changed by the choice of this road least traveled.

"We want to know what it was about their lives that made them do what they did for peace," according to Scott Anchors, director of UM's Residential Life and coordinator of the symposium and dedication ceremony for the Doris Twitchell Allen Village, both of which are part of Family & Friends Weekend. "We want to get them all together and ask what was it in their lives that made them take different journeys yet chose the route of world peace. We'll discuss their commonalities.

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Counseling, Student Health and Substance Abuse Services Under One Roof

Counseling Center, Student Health and Substance Abuse services for students at the University of Maine have been centralized and streamlined in a cost-effective measure that unifies the three programs under one roof at Cutler Health Center.

The result will be "a critical mass of allied health professionals working together for the development and well-being of the community," according to campus health officials.

This summer, the Counseling Center unit from Fernald Hall was moved to Cutler to join the unit that has been located there. Student Health Services and Substance Abuse Services, both housed in Cutler, were shifted to make room for the addition of Counseling Center personnel and to accommodate physical changes in the facility.

The establishment of such a "wellness center" was first discussed in the late '80s in an effort "to bring the components back together," according to Charles Grant, director of the Counseling Center. The Counseling Center originated in Cutler in the 1960s until Student Services reorganized in 1969. The Mental Health unit merged with Testing and Counseling, and part of the staff remained at the Health Center, while the rest moved to Fernald. Such a split caused "logistic and administrative problems" for the Counseling Center, he said.

"Collaboration has gone on for years," he said. "This will make it a little easier. It should be seen as an enhancement rather than a whole new thing."

The move of the Counseling Center back to Cutler was initiated by Student Affairs with the endorsement of the University of Maine Task Force on Budget and Program Review, according to Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of Student Services, who will oversee the operation of the three health units in Cutler Health Center.

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"Their answers tie in to all our interests," Anchors said. "As members of a campus community, we're helping young people. Parents are shaping the lives of their children. We want to show UM students that they are walking in the footsteps of significant people who have made a difference in world peace. It will show that, even in a rural state like Maine, we are connected globally in how we can influence the direction of the world. And it will show that everyone can make a difference."

The symposium, "Making a Difference by Fostering a Vision of World Peace," will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Doris Twitchell Allen Village. It will be preceded by a dedication ceremony for the Village that begins at 10:30 that morning. Both are free and open to the public.

The symposium speakers and their brief biological sketches follow:

Samantha Smith's eloquent letter in 1982 to Yuri Andropov touched the hearts of women, men and children around the globe who were moved by her spirit of peace and goodwill toward others. Smith's ability to reach out from her home state of Maine and connect with another world superpower placed her in an international spotlight as she initiated a dialogue that continues to bridge misunderstandings between the U.S. and Soviet Union through open communication and a vision for world peace. Smith died in a plane crash in 1985.

Eunice Baumann-Nelson has a distinguished career as an educator and peace advocate. Among her accomplishments: she was the first Native American to graduate from UM (Class of '39), the first Penobscot Indian to earn a Ph.D., and she has over a decade of service in the

Peace Corps. Returning to her home on Indian Island, Old Town, she combined her UM education and rich Native American heritage with her life experiences to promote civil rights, world peace, tranquility, liberty and equilibrium.

Robert Chandler Jr.'s unique and singular contributions toward increasing the food supply of billions of people in developing countries has earned him a special place in the hearts of Maine people. Building on his rural Maine background and strong UM education (Class of '29), he moved into a career as a professor, dean and university president. Blending his background of science, technology and management, coupled with deep concern for the plight of impoverished and malnourished nations, he went on to lead a research program that doubled the yield potential of tropical rice, the staple food for nearly half the world's population. He is the recipient of many honors, including the World Food Prize.

One of the most well-known UM alumni (Class of '42), Bernard Lown's outspoken commitment to advancing world peace

through medicine and healing has distinguished him at the national and international levels. His strong educational foundation began at the University of Maine where, as an undergraduate, the seeds were sown for his heartfelt commitment to making life more bearable for others. Lown went on to become a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for co-founding the organization: International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and dedicated a large portion of his efforts toward saving the world from nuclear disaster. Lown's ongoing research as a physician is also internationally recognized, and his work is credited with saving thousands from sudden coronary death.

Doris Twitchell Allen, an Old Town native and Class of '23 (master's, '26; Ph.D., '65), is widely recognized as a promoter of world peace as well as a psychologist of international repute. She is credited with founding the Children's International Summer Village, a dynamic program that facilitates interaction between children of different countries through living and learning experiences at various sites throughout the world.



Photos clockwise from right:
Samantha Smith,
Eunice Baumann-Nelson,
Bernard Lown,
Robert Chandler Jr., and
Doris Twitchell Allen

