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WORKPLACE COMMUNICATION THE FOCUS OF PEAC

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Communicating in the workplace is the focus of the next Professional Development Day, sponsored by the Professional Employees Advisory Council (PEAC).

"Is Your Message Getting Across?" is an afternoon-long program beginning at noon, Wednesday, May 19, Wells Conference Center.

The program begins with lunch and a welcome by PEAC President Pauleena MacDougall. Professor of Finance Robert Strong will give the keynote address, "Meetings, Misunderstanding, Motivation and Message."

The afternoon presentations are: "Stalking the Perfectly Written Text, or How Workplace Writers Begin to Write," by Jennifer Pixley; "Effective Management: Communication and Media Choice," by John Sherblom; and "A Point in Time: Writing for Clarity and Effectiveness," by Brenda Power.

Professional Development Day concludes with an opportunity to network beginning at 4:30 p.m. ▲

HAVE YOU HUGGED AN OLYMPIAN TODAY?

The 31st annual Special Olympics will be June 10-13 on campus, the site of the summer games for more than a decade.

As they do every year, members of the University community will turn out to ensure that the three-day event is special for the nearly 2,000 athletes from 100 Maine communities. More volunteers are always welcome.

Volunteer for an hour or a day in any number of areas - from escorting athletes and their coaches to offering congratulatory hugs to participants.

The Special Olympics coordinators at UMaine are Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist Deb Mitchell, Police Sgt. Laurie Sproul and Police Lt. Alan Stormann. They can be reached at the Department of Public Safety, 581-4040. ▲



Photo by David McLain

EMPLOYEE BANQUETS HONOR RETIREES, 25-YEAR EMPLOYEES, OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS

UMaine employees will be honored for their achievements and years of service to the University this month.

The 25-Year and Outstanding Employee Awards Banquet will be Tuesday, May 18, with Bob Durringer officiating. The Retirement Banquet will be Thursday, May 20, facilitated by Mark Anderson. Both events begin with a social gathering at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., Wells Conference Center.

Thirty-four members of the community will be honored for 25 years of service to the University. Twenty-nine retirees will be recognized. ▲

ADD THE CLASS BOOK TO YOUR SUMMER READING LIST

Compiling your summer reading list? Be sure to add the upcoming UMaine class book, *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*.

Author and historian Laurel Ulrich won the Pulitzer Prize for this vivid account of the life of Martha Ballard, midwife at more than 400 births in and around Hallowsell from 1785-1812. Based on Ballard's diary, Ulrich's tale is a recreation of Ballard's life and times in a very young United States.

Class books are available at the University Bookstore. ▲

A MEMORIAL REUNION WEEKEND

More than 350 UMaine alumni are expected back on campus to participate in Reunion '99, May 28-30.

Among them will be Dr. Robert Buchanan, Class of '44, who will be honored at the Reunion Banquet May 29 for his recent \$1 million naming gift for Alumni House.

This year's Reunion Weekend also will be highlighted by a President's Reception and 50th Reunion Banquet May 28 for the Class of '49. The next morning, in conjunction with the weekend observance of Memorial Day, the Class is sponsoring a remembrance service at the

Newman Center.

In addition, the Class of '44 is offering a "Back to School" Reunion Seminar on Thoreau's *The Maine Woods*, led by author and educator Thomas Blanding. The May 28 seminar in Class of 1944 Hall is open to the public. ▲

NATIVE EDUCATION THE FOCUS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Developing a model for indigenous education will be the focus of the 17th Annual Wabanaki Education Conference on campus May 21.

The day-long conference, "A New Vision for Native Education," will feature concurrent sessions on topics ranging from mutually respectful teacher-student interactions to unifying community vision. Two national speakers will open and close the sessions.

Karen Swisher, former National Indian Education Association Educator of the Year, will address "Why Is There Something Called Indian Education?" Leroy Little Bear, director of Native American Studies at Harvard University, will speak on "Native Studies in the 21st Century."

The annual conference is organized by UMaine's Native American Programs. Other co-sponsors are Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance, Maine Indian Education, Maine Department of Education and Brown University's Desegregation Center. ▲

Calendar

United Sisters Conference, for girls in grades 7-12, featuring workshops, theater presentations and an address by Lyn Mikel Brown of Colby College, author of *Raising Their Voices, The Politics of Girls' Anger*, May 15, Devino Auditorium, Corbett Business Building. Registration fee. x1508.

25-Year and Outstanding Employee Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m. social gathering, 6 p.m. dinner, May 18, Wells Conference Center. Admission fee. x1581.

"Is Your Message Getting Across? Communicating in the Workplace," offered by PEAC, noon-5:30 p.m., May 19, Wells Conference Center.

Retirement Banquet, 5:30 p.m. social gathering, 6 p.m. dinner, May 20, Wells Conference Center. Admission fee. x1581.

"A New Vision for Native Education in the 21st Century: Developing a Model for Indigenous Education," coordinated by Native American Programs, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., May 21, Wells Conference Center. Registration. x1417.

Farewell Reception for Peggy Hanson, 2-4 p.m., May 21, Counseling Center Conference Room. x1392.

Performance by the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theatre Company, part of the Maine Center for the Arts performance season, 8 p.m., May 21, Hutchins Concert Hall. Admission fee. x1755.

BearWorks Discussion, 3 p.m., May 27, Palmer Lounge, Mahaney Clubhouse. Open to all members of the University community.

Reminders

Campus Restaurants' hours through Sept. 4: Bear's Den - 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday. Damn Yankee - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Both closed May 31 and July 4.

The Farm Store is serving homemade ice cream 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

SURPLUS SALE: UMaine offers the following for sale on an as-is, where-is basis: (1) **SAFE**, Sentry 2260, interior dimensions 13.5"D x 12"W x 15"H, \$100; (1) **BOAT, MOTOR & TRAILER**, open aluminum boat, 1991 Princecraft Resorter, 14'6" long, w/Yamaha 15 hp outboard, \$2,750. Off-campus inquiries welcome. Items generally sell for prices specified; lower offers sometimes considered. Contact Ron Logan, Purchasing Department, 581-2692 or e-mail: Logan@Maine.

Reunion '99 Seniors Celebration Day, for senior alumni in Classes 1919-49, and all other alumni, featuring luncheons, noon; Fogler Library Open House Reception, 2-4 p.m., "Back to School" Reunion Seminar, 2:30-4 p.m.; Senior Alumni Dinner Dance, 5:30 p.m.; 50th Reunion Banquet, 5:30 p.m., May 28. x1138.

Reunion '99, featuring "M" Club Breakfast, 8 a.m.; Deans' Breakfasts, 8:30 a.m.; Class of '49 Memorial Service, 10 a.m.; Hudson Museum Alumni Reception, 10 a.m.; Page Farm and Home Museum Open House, 10 a.m.; Reunion luncheons, noon; Museum of Art Alumni Reception, 2 p.m.; 1999 Reunion Banquet, 6 p.m., May 29. x1138.

Reunion '99, featuring an All-Alumni Reunion Celebration Breakfast, including presentation of alumni service and career awards, 8:30 a.m., May 30, Wells Conference Center. Registration fee. x1138.

School of Social Work Symposium and Reception, 4-5:30 p.m., awards presentation and keynote: "Social Work for the Next Millennium" by King Davis, followed by social hour and dinner, June 2, Black Bear Inn.

Open House Honoring John Dearborn, 3-5 p.m., June 4, Bodwell Area, Maine Center for the Arts. RSVP by May 25. x2540.

SUMMER HOURS OF UMAINE MUSEUMS

Hudson Museum -

Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 581-1901.

Museum of Art - Monday-Saturday,
9 a.m.-4 p.m. 581-3255.

Page Farm and Home Museum -
daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 518-4100.



102ND SUMMER SESSION

Summer Session 1999 features more than 500 undergraduate and graduate courses. Classes are offered through Aug. 20. Last year, Summer Session enrollment exceeded 6,000.

Gallery Glimpses

John Buck: Language of the Times and Peter Milton: The Jolly Corner, Museum of Art exhibitions, May 14-Sept. 1, Carnegie Hall. *Language of the Times* by John Buck, a contemporary painter and sculptor from Montana, is a collection of 26 large-scale prints. Using woodcarving and drawing, Buck brings social and political content to light by combining landscapes of the West with aesthetic characteristics of the modern day. *The Jolly Corner* by Peter Milton, a New England artist considered to be one of the most proficient printmakers in the United States today, is a series of 21 prints based on a Henry James short story of the same title. Milton works with many of the same themes in James' tale. Milton creates a powerful look into the dimensions of personality and the human spirit.

Worldviews: Maya Ceramics from the Palmer Collection, a Hudson Museum exhibit, May 25-Aug. 29, Maine Center for the Arts. Curated by Hudson Museum director Steve Whittington, *Worldviews* showcases some of the finest examples of Maya ceramic art: cylindrical polychrome vases with Underworld scenes, figurines of nobles, and bowls incised with figures of the Cosmos. The exhibit explores four realms of the Maya - the Underworld, palaces, the heavens, and the natural world - as depicted on ceramic artifacts.

Down East Maine: A World Apart, a Hudson Museum exhibit, May 25-Aug. 29, Maine Center for the Arts. Curated by Frank van Riper, a nationally syndicated *Washington Post* photography columnist who summers in Lubec, *Down East Maine* includes black-and-white prints with text blocks and mural-size photopanel. Exhibit photography and text is based on van Riper's book by the same title. Van Riper's photographic images are in the documentary photography tradition of Walker Evans; accompanying text is written in the tradition of E.B. White. Through the ethnographic portrait, van Riper illustrates the value of documenting daily life for future generations.

Summer Hours and Area Activities

For the latest listing of summer hours for UMaine buildings and programs, as well as a calendar of events published by the Greater Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau, call Catering and Conference Services, 581-4095, or look on the Web at: www.umerl.maine.edu/dining/catconf.htm

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