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Maine Perspective

SUMMER

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**MAINE HELLO TO WELCOME
INCOMING STUDENTS**

Maine Hello Greeter Program brings together members of the University community to welcome new students to campus. Last year, more than 80 faculty, staff and alumni joined Residence Life and Programs staff and student volunteers to assist students as they arrived for fall orientation.

This year, new students will arrive Sunday, Sept. 3 to begin the new academic year by moving into residence halls. This process of moving and settling into a new home can be both exciting and exhausting. This first day can also help determine new students' success and satisfaction with UMaine.

To ensure that students and their family members feel welcome and comfortable from the start, the Maine Hello Program was established.

All faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Maine Hello welcoming process for students and their parents. Choose from a variety of tasks – from offering a warm handshake and giving directions to handing out check-in materials, helping unpack cars or leading a campus tour.

Volunteer individually or as a group for an hour or two. New students will move in 8 a.m.-2 p.m. that Sunday.

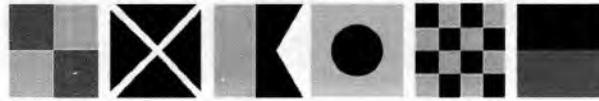
To sign up, contact the Residence Life and Programs Office, 581-4801. ▲

NEW STUDENTS OFFERED OPTIONS

This year, Maine Bound is offering nine wilderness orientation courses for incoming students called OPTIONS – Outdoor Programs To Introduce Options to New Students.

Each of the four- to seven-day wilderness trips in the week before fall orientation will focus on different adventures: kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking or canoeing. A credit course also is offered in wilderness education skills. See Calendar Highlights (page 2).

To register, call 581-1794 or e-mail: lauri.sidelko@umit.maine.edu ▲



UMaine

Come Aboard

**FALL ORIENTATION 2000 WILL BE
AN EVENT-FILLED TWO DAYS
FOR THE CLASS OF 2004**

Members of the Class of 2004 will get to know their peers and the University better during activities planned Sunday-Monday, Sept. 3-4.

UMaine's fall orientation is designed to help new students transition into their college careers. It begins with new students moving into residence halls from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., assisted by Maine Hello volunteers.

That afternoon, a multitude of events are being offered for students to encourage new friendships, explore University services and activities, and prepare for their first semester at UMaine.

Convocation begins at 4 p.m. with an address by alumna Heather Blease (see related story).

Sunday evening, and throughout Monday, incoming students will participate in a barbecue and picnic on the Mall, a first-year student induction ceremony, distinguished lecture, open houses, residence hall community meetings, information sessions and entertainment, including a live band and bonfire capping the two days.

Fall orientation is sponsored by the Center for Students and Community Life, and coordinated by Sheri Cousins, director for organization and leader development.

For the latest information, check the Center for Students and Community Life Website (www.ume.maine.edu/~cscl/). ▲

**ALUMNA AND ENVISIONET CEO
TO GIVE CONVOCATION ADDRESS**

An academic highlight of fall orientation will be a convocation address by UMaine alumna Heather Blease, chair and chief executive officer of the Maine-based EnvisioNet Computer Services Inc., a technical support and customer care services provider for Internet business.

The convocation address at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 3, Hutchins Concert Hall, will set the tone for the incoming class about the academic opportunities to explore, learn and grow in the next four years as UMaine students.

Bleuse received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1986.

This is the second annual convocation for new students, sponsored by Enrollment Management. ▲

**NEW ACE STUDENTS GET A
RUNNING START THIS MONTH**

Twenty incoming Academic and Career Exploration (ACE) students will spend three weeks on campus living and studying together while completing a three-credit first-year writing-intensive course in English.

The course, Aug. 6-25, is the cornerstone of the second annual Running Start, a program that is intended to help ACE students successfully transition from high school to UMaine.

This year the course focuses on literature and the sea. It requires students to engage each other in significant intellectual inquiry, and to develop skills to read and write at a university level.

In addition, students in Running Start will attend informational sessions on topics ranging from University resources to campus life. They also have the opportunity to participate in two weekend camping trips.

Running Start students stay in the same residence hall during the pre-semester program to promote team building and learning. ▲

Reminders

The University of Maine Bureau of Labor Education is making available "**The Academic Workplace: Developments and Trends**," a report that outlines changes in higher education and how they affect the work environment within the academy. The report is a brief compilation of research on legal developments affecting higher education. It is the second in a series that the Bureau intends to continue. The first report, released in February 1999, dealt mainly with the role of instructional technology and its implications for the professoriate and for intellectual property. This second report has a particular focus on university finances and new funding trends, with some troubling implications for academic research. Copies of the report are available from the Bureau of Labor Education, 210 Chadbourne Hall; phone 581-4124, fax 581-4122.

The **Career Center** opens for the academic year on Monday, Aug. 21. Until then, students can access current job listings, informational handouts, and other career resources in the Career Center lobby, third floor, Chadbourne Hall, or visit www.ume.maine.edu/~career. For more information, call 581-1359.

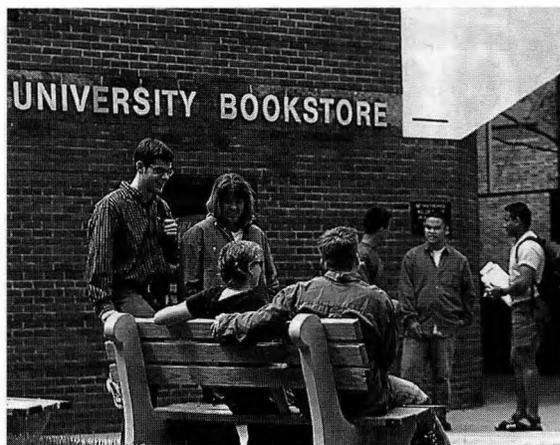
Nominations are now being accepted for the second annual **Vincent A. Hartgen Award**, sponsored by the Patrons of the Arts. Deadline for nominations is Oct. 26. The Hartgen Award was created to honor individuals who, by their efforts, have distinguished themselves in the arts community of the University of Maine. Letters of nomination should address candidates' qualifications, and describe the contributions and achievements that deserve consideration for this award. Nominations should be sent to Rebecca Eilers, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 105 Stevens Hall.

Openings are still available in the afternoon kindergarten, a state-certified program at the **Child Development Learning Center** in Merrill Hall. Also offered is pre-kindergarten for those children not quite old enough or ready for school. To register, call 581-3119.

Maine Perspective returns to biweekly publication with the Sept. 4 issue.

WHAT'S UP?

For the latest UMaine event information, see the Master Calendar on the Web: <http://calendar.ume.maine.edu>



Textbooks for the fall semester go on sale Aug. 21 at the University Bookstore. After that date, they also can be ordered online (<http://umbook.umeadm.maine.edu/>). Extended hours for the Bookstore are: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Aug. 21-25; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 28-Sept. 1; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 2-4; 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 5-7; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sept. 8; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 9; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 11-14; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sept. 15; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 16.

Calendar Highlights

Randy Travis in Concert, offered by the Maine Center for the Arts, 7 p.m., Aug. 27, Hutchins Concert Hall. Admission Fee. 581-1755.

Maine Bound OPTIONS Courses for Incoming Students: (Preregistration/fee. Call 581-1794 or visit www.ume.maine.edu/mainebound)

Thoreau's Footsteps, Aug. 28-Sept. 2.

Wilderness Education Skills, Aug. 28-Sept. 2.

Appalachian Trail Traverse, Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

Downeast Paddling, Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

Maine Island Passage Sea Kayaking, Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

Carrabassett Crank: Mountain Biking, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Maine Playground: Rafting, Hiking and Climbing, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Riverdance: Whitewater Kayaking, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Vertical Venture: Rock Climbing, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Fall Orientation, with activities throughout the day, offered by the Center for Students and Community Life, Sept. 3.

Convocation, for incoming students and their parents/families, featuring an address by alumna Heather Blease, president/CEO of EnvisioNet, offered by Enrollment Management, 4 p.m., Sept. 3, Hutchins Concert Hall.

Fall Orientation Climbing and Canoeing, offered by Maine Bound, Sept. 3. Registration/fee. 581-1794.

Fall Orientation, with activities throughout the day, offered by the Center for Students and Community Life, Sept. 4.

Welcome Weekend: Canoe and Kayak, a Maine Bound course, Sept. 4. Registration/fee. 581-1794.

Welcome Weekend: High Ropes Course, a Maine Bound course, Sept. 4. Registration/fee. 581-1794.

Classes Begin Sept. 5.

Farm Store, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Farmers' Market, every Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; every Tuesday, 2-5:30 p.m., Steam Plant Parking Lot.

Gallery Glimpses

Jump Into It (water as muse), a Museum of Art exhibit open through Oct. 21, Carnegie Hall. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

MIKWITEMANEJ MIKMANQ'IK: Let Us Remember the Old Mi'kmaq and Crooked Knives: Tools of the Trade, Hudson Museum exhibits open through Sept. 3. Open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

CAMPUS RESTAURANTS

M.C. Fernald's – open daily 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

York Commons – 7-8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday.

University Club, Lynch Room, Fogler Library – coffee service 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, for UMaine faculty/staff.

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