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## The College's New Website

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**THE COLLEGE'S NEW WEBSITE**  
<http://www.ume.maine.edu/~cofed>

The College of Education and Human Development's website sports a new look. Checking the new site you will find:

- colors in synch with the recommended University web colors;
- a two-frame format with a index in the left frame;
- easy navigation buttons on nearly every page;
- colorful graphics and photos representing the varied scope of College activities.

Rationale for these and other changes include the need to update the site to match the new University web colors, easier navigation, updating of files and removal of outdated files, and universal design (for people with disabilities). Universal design requires, among elements, brief text representation for all graphics, high contrast between background and text and graphics (white background works best with black or dark text), and the avoidance of special effects, such as coloration of borders and backgrounds in tables. Small, italicized text has also been avoided wherever possible.

The two-frame format supports users whose (very old) browsers don't support frames, or who prefer not to use frames. The navigation buttons, in a table, appear on the bottom of nearly every page, and allow the user to return to all main pages. In the frame format, the index (table of contents) in the left frame remains constant. Clicking on the "College...Development" at the top always returns the user to the Homepage. The contents of every page display in the right (main) window, except when the user has chosen a link, which goes to another site. In these cases, the user leaves the College's site altogether.

All new pages have been designed to use as few bytes as possible, with most pages being under 50k in size.

Issues the College might consider in maintaining the new site so that it remains current, highly representational, and meets the College's goals for the web, include:

- budget for the web;
- criteria for adding and removing web material; and
- routine methods for ensuring that appropriate material is added to the web, such as:
  - monthly FirstClass reminders to forward material to Kay; and
  - building in web submission criteria, with incentives, in College projects and activities so that material is automatically forwarded to Kay.

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