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ORONO, Maine –Major issues and needs in sports leadership will be addressed at the fourth annual Athletic Directors' Institute, July 31-August 2 at the University of Maine. Workshops on timely topics ranging from dealing with parental expectations in sports to maintaining athletic fields will be featured, along with intensive training in effective use of technology.

The institute is sponsored by Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association and the Maine Center for Coaching Education at UMaine, in cooperation with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association.

The institute is designed around needs and interests identified by athletic directors, according to Keith Lancaster, director of the Maine Center for Coaching Education. In addition to addressing specific professional development areas, the institute provides a forum for identifying common problems and brainstorming solutions in the high-visibility, high-impact AD position.

As in past years, a highlight of the program will be the availability of NIAAA leadership training courses, required in preparation for the national Certified Athletic Administrator examination. The NIAAA leadership training will be provided by Certified Athletic Administrators Martin Ryan of Wells High School and Gerald Durgin of Gorham High School.

For registration information, contact the MCCE at (207) 581-2443; e-mail: keith.lancaster@umit.maine.edu.

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