



Valley Vision

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November 2, 2009 - November 8, 2009

Campus Notes

Fall Book Fair: The annual fall book fair will be held in the Bengal's Lair on Tuesday, November 3, and Wednesday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be BOOKS and BOOKS and more BOOKS! BOOKS make great gifts – for the holidays, for birthdays, or for 'whatever' days – even bad hair days. Stop by and see what is available. Support literacy and the library.....buy a book or two or three or more. Credit cards will be accepted, as will checks and cash, U.S. funds only. **ALL** proceeds from the fair are donated to Blake Library.

Campus Health Improvement Program (C.H.I.P.)

Meeting Notice: The committee will meet on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 11:30 in the Nadeau Hall nursing conference room. C.H.I.P. is looking for new members and fresh ideas related to health and wellness that can be initiated on campus. Denise Potvin would like to extend an invitation to all faculty and staff. Bring your lunch and join the conversation! If you are unable to attend the meeting, please forward any suggestions for consideration to Potvin at: denise.potvin@maine.edu

UMFK ADMISSIONS FALL OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9: Campus visits are a fundamental part of the admissions decision process for prospective students and their families. What a great opportunity for us to showcase all that UMFK has to offer. Please help us to spread the word by letting your family and friends know. Students can R.S.V.P. for the event by contacting the Admissions office or on-line at:

www.umfk.maine.edu/admissions/openhouse

Table française: Wednesdays at 12 noon in Nowland Hall. French conversation, all levels are welcome.

Submissions to Currents:
Please e-mail information to
umfknews@maine.edu
by Wednesday, November 4.

Week at a Glance...

Monday, November 2

4:30 p.m. - Student Senate Meeting - Nowland Hall faculty dining room
7:30 p.m. - Chi Alpha Meeting - The Lodge/3rd floor common room

Tuesday, November 3

-Election Day-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Fall Book Fair - Bengal's Lair
11 a.m. - Education Division Meeting - Grindle conference room
11:30 a.m. - C.H.I.P. Meeting - Nadeau Hall nursing conference room

Wednesday, November 4

9 a.m. - VPAS Meeting - Grindle conference room
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Fall Book Fair - Bengal's Lair
12 noon - Table française - Nowland Hall
7 p.m. - Newman Club Meeting - The Lodge/3rd floor common room

Thursday, November 5

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Fall Book Fair - Bengal's Lair
11 a.m. - Student Nurses Organization (SNO) Meeting - Sports Center/G120

Friday, November 6

8 a.m. - UMFK Foundation Meeting - Nadeau Hall teleconference room

Saturday, November 7

-No Listings-

Sunday, November 8

1 p.m. - UMFK Women's Basketball Team vs. Unity - Sports Center
3 p.m. - UMFK Men's Basketball Team vs. Unity - Sports Center

Do you like reading? Do you like to write? Do you like anything that has to do with English studies? Join the Student Association for Greater English Studies (S.A.G.E.S). If you are interested or for more information, contact Rebecca Sawyer at

rebecca.sawyer@maine.edu

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The Center for Rural Sustainable Development at UMFK would like to invite you to participate in any of the three contests that are to be held during the 2009-2010 academic year. All contests are based on the “sustainability” theme.

Contest Information and Details:....

1. **“Sustaining the Valley” Photography Contest:** This is a great opportunity for you to express how you see “sustainable development” or more simply “sustainability” in the St. John Valley. Contestants must be current UMFK students, faculty or staff, UMFK graduates, or residents of the St. John Valley in Aroostook County or adjacent areas of New Brunswick or Quebec. **One photo per person and must be received by Monday, March 8, 2010.** Submitted photographs must be accompanied by a short written statement that describes the relevance of the image to the sustainability theme. The narrative should not simply describe the photograph, but rather explain how it embodies sustainability or un-sustainability as the case may be.



2. **Logo Contest:** Looking for designs for the UMFK Center for Rural Sustainable Development Center. The winning logo will be used on the Center’s website, letterhead, promotional materials, and publications. Contestants must be current UMFK students, faculty or staff, UMFK graduates, or residents of the St. John Valley in Aroostook County or adjacent areas of New Brunswick and Quebec. Participants may submit up to three logo designs, each with a brief description of the design and its relevance to the Center’s purpose. **Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009.**



3. **“Sustaining the Valley” Essay Contest:** This is an opportunity to express your views on “sustainability” issues in the St. John Valley. Contestants must be current UMFK students, faculty or staff, UMFK graduates, or residents of the St. John Valley in Aroostook County or adjacent areas of New Brunswick and Quebec. Entries must contain between 400 and 1,000 words. **Essays and necessary paperwork must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2010 by mail, delivered to CRSD office or submitted electronically via e-mail.**



* Information included is just an overview of the three contests listed above. For complete details, entry forms, and information on all contests visit: <http://www.sustainingplaces.org/>

Maine Green Schools College Internships:

Interested in working to combat **climate change** and pursuing a career in the growing **energy field**? Well then, this Maine DEP internship may be for you. College students will be matched with high school groups to work to reduce energy use. This is a paid internship that will pay \$500 after 50 hours of work. For more information, contact Beth Otto at: beth.otto@maine.gov or (207) 287-6096.

The UMFK’s Club Ice Hockey Team is looking for members:

If you have an interest in playing ice hockey competitively this winter, please contact Coach Leo Trudel to learn more about the club. The team plays its home games at Centre Sportif in St. Francois, New Brunswick. Interested individuals can contact Coach Trudel at 834-7567 or by e-mail: leo.trudel@maine.edu

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TRiO Corner

Global Leaders' Semester-in-Washington, D.C.

An exciting Capitol Hill internship in Washington, D.C. is available for outstanding TRiO Student Support Services for the Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 semesters; sponsored by the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarship Fund and hosted by Marquette University's Les Aspin Center for Government. One student per semester will be selected who has at least a 3.0 GPA and who has reached the sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. The internship/scholarship covers tuition, fees, and housing for the semester program, which provides up to 18 credit hours. The Council for Opportunity in Education also will provide a modest food and transportation allowance, as needed. Participating students will take five courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and spend Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays working on Capitol Hill. Application forms can be picked up in the Student Support Services Office.

The Student Support Services (SSS) office is now accepting applications from students who are interested in being part of the UMFK TRiO program, a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Education. The TRiO program provides supportive services to students to enhance their potential for successfully completing the education program they are enrolled in. A wide array of services are offered to meet the diverse needs of our students, such as peer and professional tutoring, workshops, career and graduate school planning and preparation, leadership group, laptop loan program, book lending program, academic and personal counseling, cultural events, and scholarship money, and more.

Eligibility for TRiO is based on meeting one or more of the criteria: Applicants must 1) be from a low income background; 2) be from families in which neither parent nor guardian has obtained a bachelor's degree or; 3) have a documented disability. Eligible students are encouraged pick up an application in the Student Support Service office or apply on-line at: <http://www.umfk.maine.edu/acserv/apply/default.cfm?ref=2>

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS ON THE UMFK CAMPUS.....

The Northern Maine Chapter of the Maine Counseling Association will be on campus Wednesday, November 4 for its annual fall meeting. The Northern Maine Chapter serves Aroostook County.

The Association is comprised of professionals working in a range of counseling professions - higher education, secondary and elementary education, community organizations, and private practice, to name a few. The Association has been instrumental in setting professional and ethical standards for the counseling profession and has made strides in accreditation, licensure, and national certification.

The meeting next week, which was organized by the UMFK Admissions Office, will bring together elementary and secondary school counselors from many of the Aroostook County schools. The counselors will be greeted by President Cost and will have the opportunity to learn more about UMFK's new STARS program, as well as to learn more about the University of Maine System STEM program, a new grant funded to increase awareness and interest in science/technology/engineering and math.