



Valley Vision

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November 9, 2009 - November 15, 2009

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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

Annual Fall Book Fair: The book fair was a huge success. Sales totaled \$1,989.46. As a result, Blake Library will receive \$994.73 in vouchers from Scholastic to purchase books and/or resource materials. "Thank you to all who supported this event," notes Dr. Terry Murphy.

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.

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

Submissions to Currents:

Please e-mail information to umfknews@maine.edu by Tuesday, November 10.

Week at a Glance...

Monday, November 9

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 10

9 a.m. - Emergency Management Meeting - Grindle conference room

11 a.m. - Faculty Meeting - Grindle conference room

6:30 p.m. - Alumni Association Board Meeting - Nadeau Hall teleconference room

Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Day

-UMFK Campus is Closed and No Classes-

Thursday, November 12

-No Listings-

Friday, November 13

11 a.m. - Education Division Meeting - Cyr Hall/room 201

12 noon to 1 p.m. - Environmental Studies Speaker Series featuring Dave Tingley - Nadeau Hall teleconference room

Saturday, November 14

-No Listings-

Sunday, November 15

12 noon to 6 p.m. - Laser Tag for UMFK Students - Sports Center

View the summer 2009 on-line literary journal at:
<http://aroostookreview.umfk.maine.edu/>

The Aroostook Review

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Environmental Studies Program Speaker Series featuring David Tingley

David Tingley will be on campus Friday, November 13 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Nadeau Hall teleconference room. The presentation is part of the Environmental Speaker Series. The event is free and open to the public. Tingley will present a talk on the Natural Resources Conservation Service, an agency under the U.S. Department of Agriculture umbrella. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance for various conservation activities, primarily on agricultural land. He will touch on the history behind the agency and then get into some specific activities and projects that are being worked on in the St. John Valley region. Tingley also will discuss some of the primary federal programs that the NRCS is involved with in this part of the state.

The Center for Rural Sustainable Development at UMFK would like to invite you to participate in any of the three contests. 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/>

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TRio Corner

Graduate School Preparation: Now is a great time to begin preparing for graduate school. Mastering vocabulary lists is a daunting task, but a must for getting a good score on the required graduate school standardized tests, such as the GRE or the MAT.

ASP 120 College Vocabulary 2 - credit course is for you!

This course will help you develop a college level vocabulary, as well as prepare you for standardized tests. It is tailored to meet the specific needs of individual students. Register for next semester's ASP 120 course, which will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2:50 p.m.

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 may be picked up in the Student Support Services Office.

C.H.I.P. Committee at UMFK.....Wellness on Campus

Members in attendance: Denise Potvin, Chair; Jeff Dubis (new member); Tamara Mitchell; Lisa Roy; and Susan Tardie

Events that you can get involved in: - **Employee Nordic Ski Nights at 10th Mountain Ski Center** - Friday, December 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

- *Snowshoeing - TBA

- *Spring Health Fair - TBA

- **Wear Red Day - Mark your calendar...Friday, February 5, 2010**



*Employees will be notified on scheduled date and time of upcoming events.

C.H.I.P. is still looking for new members and fresh ideas related to health and wellness that we can initiate on campus.

Please forward any suggestions for consideration to Denise Potvin at:
denise.potvin@maine.edu

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Irish folk singer and humorist returns to the campus.....

Irish folk singer and humorist, Seamus Kennedy will be on campus Friday, November 20 at 7 p.m. in the Fox Auditorium. General admission is \$5 per person. UMFK students may attend free.

In his thirty years of professional performing, Kennedy has taken his music from Alaska to Florida, Maryland to California and a host of stops in between, playing everywhere from pubs to concert halls.

Kennedy's trademark is his ongoing interaction with his audiences. From the moment he steps on stage, he starts talking to them and encourages them to talk back.

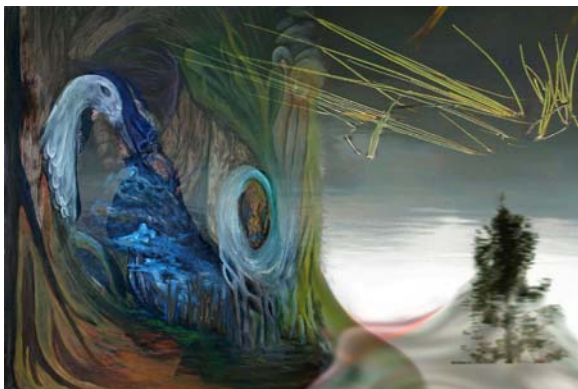
Fast-paced humor is very much a part of what Seamus does, whether he's telling a series of rapid-fire jokes or launching into a lyrical parody. In fact, Seamus seems to be having such a grand time, and he makes it all look so effortless, that it is easy not to notice what a superb musician he truly is.



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For more information, contact Ray Phinney at rphinney@maine.edu

UMFK Blake Library Gallery to feature "INCIDENTAL CROSSINGS"



The exhibit features select works from the 2009 production of the wetooktotheroad.com project entitled, "INCIDENTAL CROSSINGS" by artists Fernando J. Vallejo and Darlene Kelly Dumond. The exhibit runs through Sunday, November 29.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, November 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the gallery.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For more information, contact gallery curator, Sophia Birden at (207) 834-7527.