

Welcome Back...

We welcome back all of the returning students and faculty to campus, as well as those new students who are joining us for the first time this semester.

For those who aren't familiar with this campus publication... this bulletin is put out weekly by the Development and College Relations Office to share on-campus information with students and faculty. An expanded edition of *Toward Excellence* is also distributed on a regular basis, to both our on-campus community as well as to about 900 college "friends" across the state. This is a great vehicle for promoting college activities and events, and we encourage students and employees to submit information for inclusion in either publication. Simply e-mail the details to info@nmcc.edu, call 768-2809, or stop by the Development Office on the first floor of the Christie Building, right off of the main lobby.

Have a great semester and a great year, everyone!

Soccer Awards



From left, NMCC soccer coach Robbie Krul congratulates players Luke Ireland and Parker Brown for being named to the National All-Academic Team. Ireland was also named team MVP and earned an All-American Honorable Mention by the USCAA. Look for more details about the athletic awards in the monthly newsletter.

Monday, January 11:

Notebook Support, 11 am - 4 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.
Dutch Soccer Academy, 3 pm - 9 pm, Gym
Part-time Orientation, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Tuesday, January 12:

Part-time Orientation, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
AYBL Basketball, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Gym

Wednesday, January 13:

Guidance Counselors Meeting, 10 am - 2 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room
Notebook Support, 11 am - 4 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.
Part-time Orientation, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Thursday, January 14:

Part-time Orientation, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
Women, Work & Community, 5 pm - 8 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

Friday, January 15:

Notebook Support, 11 am - 4 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

Saturday, January 16:

Aroostook Democratic Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, CHR 101

Sunday, January 16:

CCEMTP Meeting, 8 am - 5 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

What's Happening on Campus...

LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

Monday

Broccoli & Cheddar Chowder
 Beef Vegetable Soup
 Country Tomato Soup
 Meatball Sub
 Spaghetti
 Herbed Vegetable Blend
 Cauliflower
 Chicken Tarragon Wrap
 Bomber Sandwich
 Hot Pastrami Sandwich
 Angel Food Cake
 Sugar Cookies

Tuesday

Cream of Vegetable Soup
 Chicken & Okra Gumbo
 Country Tomato Soup
 Tuna Noodle Casserole
 Seasoned Carrots
 Brussel Sprouts
 Onion Rings
 Chili Con Carne
 Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
 Mediterr. Roast Beef Panini
 Chicken Salad Croissant
 Cupcakes
 Rice Krispie Bars

Wednesday

Ches. Bay Corn Chowder
 French Onion
 Country Tomato Soup
 Chicken ala King Bowl
 Spinach
 Glazed Carrots
 Potato Wedges
 Hawaiian Pizza
 Ham & Cheese Wrap
 Tuna Salad Club Sandwich
 Double Choc. Chip Cookies
 Strawberry Shortcake

Thursday

Tomato Rice Soup
 Beef Barley & Noodle Soup
 Country Tomato Soup
 Beef Taco
 Zucchini & Yellow Squash
 Seasoned Corn
 Spiced Mexican Rice
 Caprese Panini
 Greek Wrap
 BBQ Chicken Pizza
 Cookies
 Choc. PB Oat Bars

Friday

Boston Clam Chowder
 California Bean Soup
 Country Tomato Soup
 Ginger Pork
 Broccoli
 Mixed Vegetables
 Sesame Noodles
 Alfredo Spinach Bacon Ravioli
 Cold Cut Combo Sub
 Turkey Supreme Wrap
 Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
 Magic Bars

A salad bar and items from the grill are also available daily.

Weekly Menu

New Procedure for Purchasing Books

The college has implemented a new procedure for the purchase of textbooks on campus, since books are now being housed in an annex rather than in the bookstore:

The student will come into the bookstore with their booklist, or a booklist will be printed by bookstore staff. The bookstore employee will then scan items on the booklist that the student wants to purchase at that time. The bookstore employee will update the student's booklist on the portal indicating the items purchased. This updated booklist will also be printed at the annex.

A receipt will then be created and two copies will be printed. The original receipt will be given to the student for the pick up of books at the annex.

The annex is located in Aroostook Hall, across from the Reed Commons. Please enter the annex using the door on the right as you approach Aroostook Hall.

When the student visits the annex to pick up books, the annex employee will ask for their student id and match up the original invoice number with the annex's printed booklist. After providing the books to the student, the annex employee will mark on both the booklist and original receipt that the order was filled.

The previous bookstore return policy will be followed. Any book returns must be made at the bookstore with the original receipts.

Bookstore Annex Hours are as follows:

Week of January 4:

M - TH 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & F 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Weeks of January 11 & 18:

M - TH 7:30 am - 6:30 pm & F 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Ski Packages

Big Rock and the Maine Winter Sports Center are welcoming the entire NMCC community to their newly upgraded facilities. Once again, NMCC students and employees enjoy a great discounted rate, thanks to the Student Senate.

All NMCC employees and students can purchase daily ski and snow tubing lift tickets for \$5/day. Spouses and children living in the homes of students/employees can purchase tickets at 25% off the daily lift ticket prices when accompanying an NMCC student/employee. Students/employees may also purchase a season pass for skiing for only \$150. To take advantage of these bargains, the student/employee must present his or her college ID.

For more information, visit www.bigrockmaine.com or call 425-6711.

Skating

NMCC students can skate for free at the Forum, simply bring your student ID with you. Call the Forum for general skate times at 764-0491.

Courtesy of Student Senate

Are Classes Cancelled?

Since we have several new students starting this semester, just a quick reminder of our snow cancellation policy/procedure...

Students should note that, as a rule, the College does NOT close due to inclement weather. Realizing that many students and employees travel some distance to get to campus, everyone is urged to exercise good judgement in deciding whether or not they, personally, can make the drive safely.

In case of extreme weather conditions, classes may be cancelled or the College closed early. Any decision to cancel daytime classes will be made by 6:00 a.m., and the decision not to hold evening classes will be made by 4:00 p.m.

Announcements will be listed on the following:

WAGM-TV (Ch. 8 or 4)	WBPW - 96.9 FM
WCXX - 102.3 FM	WCXU - 97.7 FM
WQHR - 96.1 FM	WCVB - 98.1 FM
WOZI - 101.9 FM	W276AY - 103.1 FM

In addition, any College wide closing will be sent to students and employees using the emergency alert system. Please ensure that your information is accurate. Announcements will also be posted on the College's website and on the campus portal. Please check these resources rather than calling the College.

Remember to allow for extra driving time during your commute when roads are poor. ***Drive safely this winter!***

Wildland Firefighter Training Offered

The Maine Forest Service will be conducting their annual *Introduction to Wildland Firefighter* training at the Ashland Fire Department starting on January 30. The class will run from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. on two consecutive Saturdays, January 30 and February 6, as well as from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, and Thursday, February 4. There will also be an 8 hour field exercise in April.

This is a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) course which upon completion qualifies the recipient with nationwide federal wildland firefighter credentials. The course is designed to provide students with the core competencies needed to safely and effectively perform the tasks required of a wildland firefighter functioning within the ICS system. Students 16 years of age and up are welcome to attend; however, national credentials are only awarded to those 18 years of age and older. Students 16-18 years of age may work on fires in the State of Maine and in specific capacities as prescribed by law.

Students who have taken the course have often benefited by meeting a common requirement for many natural resource jobs and seasonal employment with various fire agencies during summer breaks.

A sign up sheet for this course is available at the information window in the Christie lobby.