

Weekly Bulletin

Reading Series Continues

Students and employees, as well as local community members, are invited to join in the annual Creative Writers Reading Series taking place this month in the library. The noon-time sessions feature a guest writer as well as students from the college.

The second session in the series will take place this Wednesday, April 20. The featured guest writer will be Michael Macklin, who is a poetry writer for the *Café Review*. He is not only a poet but is also a carpenter for the Waynflete School in Portland. He graduated from Vermont College with a Master's Degree in Fine Arts and went on to pursue a career as review editor for *The Café Review*.

His poems have been published in *Café Review*, *Animus*, *Rattle*, and other journals and anthologies. Macklin will be reading a passage from his first chapbook *Driftland*.

The series concludes next Wednesday, April 27, with guest writer Jen Blood from Thomaston. She is a freelance editor and writer whose work has been published in *Bark*, *Downeast Magazine* and other publications. She earned her bachelor's in creative writing and education from Goddard College and her Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Maine. She is currently developing an e-zine for fiction and non-fiction writers. Blood writes in both genres, and will be discussing the connectivity and crossover between the two.

NMCC to Officially Open Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training & Education

Employees and students are invited to take part in the grand opening of the college's new alternative energy center on Thursday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. The center is located just down the road, at 920 Skyway Street.

The facility, which the College is leasing from the City of Presque Isle, features both classroom and lab space for students in the building technology programs. Newly purchased equipment in the center will provide for experiential learning opportunities in various alternative energy resources including wind, solar and biomass.

A brief ceremony at the site will be followed by an official ribbon cutting for the Center for Excellence and the unveiling of a wall of honor dedicated

to Rodney Smith, a very successful Silicon Valley businessman and philanthropist who passed away in 2007. At the beginning of the year NMCC and NMCC Foundation officials announced a \$1.2 million dollar gift was made to the College by Smith's wife, California resident and Presque Isle native Mary Smith, in honor and memory of the life of her late husband.

In addition to equipment purchased through the Smith gift, the Alternative Energy Center for Excellence will also house technology purchased through a \$225,000 grant received by NMCC last summer from the Efficiency Maine Trust. NMCC has also redirected some resources it receives from the state to expand alternative energy education in the region.



Pelkey to Lead Presentation on Peace Corps Experiences

NMCC English instructor Eric Pelkey will lead a discussion on his experiences in the Peace Corps during a noon-time presentation on Thursday, April 21, in the library.

Pelkey served as Peace Corps from 2006-2007, volunteering in Azerbaijan, a country the size of the state of Maine. As a TEFL volunteer, he

assisted and worked with native-born Azerbaijani English teachers, helping them develop new teaching techniques that would aid them in teaching English as a foreign language.

He stayed with a host family and lived in a small village on the Iranian border named Bilasuvar. He also studied the Azerbaijani language, which is similar to Turkish.

Come to the library on Thursday to hear about his experiences!

Lunch Menu

Monday

Chesapeake Bay Corn Chowder
Tomato Rice Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Meatball Sub
Spinach Alfredo Ravioli
Spaghetti
Cauliflower
Hot Pastrami Sandwich
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
Hawaiian Pizza
Assorted Dessert

Tuesday

Potato & Leek Soup
Minestrone Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Shepherd's Pie
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Grilled Ckn. & Chili Bowl
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
BBQ Chicken Pizza
Mediterranean Beef Panini
Assorted Dessert

Wednesday

Cream of Broccoli Soup
Chicken Vegetable Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
BBQ Pork
Asian Sesame Pasta
Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Batter Dipped Potato Wedges
Italian Burger
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
Spinach/Bacon Flatbread Pizza
Whole Wheat Pizza Primavera
Chunky Chicken Salad Sand.
Assorted Dessert

Thursday

Potato Chowder
Chicken & Rice Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Beef Taco
Tomato Basil Pasta
Corn
Red Chile Mexican Rice
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
Taco Style Pizza
Rotini Marinara
Chicken Salad Croissant
Assorted Dessert

Friday

Boston Clam Chowder
Beef Vegetable Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Singapore Chicken
Stuffed Shells
Broccoli
Herb Roasted Red Potatoes
Asian Shrimp Fajita
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
White Pizza Sicilian Style
Vegetable Pasta Mediterranean
Assorted Dessert

1970s CELEBRATION

Special thanks to all who took part in our 1970s celebration last week. Particular thanks go to those who were good sports about being "arrested" as part of our Keystone Cops event that raised more than \$400 for the various student organizations on campus. Those arrested during the day included: Jason Parent and Shannon Cook from the development office; Barry Ingraham and Shawn Lahey from IT; Laura McPherson and JR Kierstead from the ASC; instructors Todd Maynard, John Price, Dwight Clayton, Pam Crawford and Dennis Albert.

PHOTOS, clockwise from top: Barry Ingraham, Jason Parent and Laura McPherson beg for donations to raise their bail, with Jason even calling for help from some outside sources; among those dressing for the day were, from left, Cindy Albert from counseling, Heidi Graham from financial aid, and her son, NMCC senior Dusty Graham; Shannon Cook gets arrested by "jailer" Jessica Ouellette (NMCC business student) and sentenced by Judge Bill Casavant (retired admissions director).



Residential Construction Silent Auction Underway

Residential construction seniors have items that they have made on display in the Christie lobby this week on Tuesday, April 19 - Thursday, April 21. These items are being sold in their annual Silent Auction. Employees, students and community members are encouraged to stop by the lobby frequently during the next few days to place their bids on their favorite items. Those holding the highest bids when the auction ends on Thursday will win their respective hand crafted items. All proceeds from this auction go to the students' Send Them Off with Tools effort.

Events

MONDAY, APRIL 18 - Holiday, College Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room
RC Silent Auction, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Easter Guessing Contest, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Student Senate Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201
PTK Officers Meeting, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Library Study Rm. 1
Maple Meadow Farm Reception, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Library

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

RC Silent Auction, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Easter Guessing Contest, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Business Advisory Mtg., 9:00 - 11:00 am, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.
Reading Series with Visiting Author, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library
RA Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room
Legislative Call, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Martin 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.
Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 3:30 pm, MRT 105
ECE Advisory Committee Mtg., 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Keegan Rm.
Foundation Finance Committee Meeting, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room
Movie Night, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Volleyball Tournament Raises Funds



The Student Senate held their annual volleyball tournament this past weekend to raise funds for the Maine Veterans' Home in Caribou. Congrats to the NMCC/Rotary Team for winning the recreational league. Look for more details on the event next week.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

NESHM, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Edmunds Conference Center
RC Silent Auction, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Easter Guessing Contest, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Probus, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Keegan Room
VIP Luncheon with Mary Smith, 12:15 - 1:30 pm, Snow Hall Conference Room
Medical Assisting Advisory Board, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
Grand Opening of Alternative Energy Center, 2:00 pm, Alternative Energy Center on Skyway Street
Focus the Nation Meeting, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Library Study Rm 1
Aroostook Football League, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym
Movie Night, 9:00 - 10:30 pm, Reed Commons

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Guessing Contest, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Entrepreneur of the Year Meeting, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Keegan Room
Medical Assisting Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201
Assessment Committee, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Library Room 2