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Bhutan Presentation TODAY at NOON

To celebrate Earth Day and learn more about climate change from a scientist working in the field, please join us TODAY at noon in the Edmunds Conference Center. David Putnam, from UMPI's environmental studies and sustainability program, will talk about his research in Asia on glaciers and share photos from his expeditions to China and Bhutan.

Creative Writers Reading Series Concludes; Book Signing Planned

The Creative Writers Reading Series concludes on **Wednesday, April 24**, at **noon** in the library with guest author Monica Wood.

Wood is the author of *When We Were the Kennedys: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine*, a New England indie bestseller; #1 indie bestseller in Maine; a national Indie Next pick; and an Oprah's 2012 Summer Reading pick. Wood is also the author of four works of fiction, most recently *Any Bitter Thing*, which spent twenty-one weeks on the American Booksellers Association extended best-seller list and was named a Book Sense Top Ten pick. Her other fiction includes *Ernie's Ark*, *Secret Language*, and *My Only Story*, a finalist for the Kate Chopin Award.

Wood will not only be taking part in a noon presentation, but will also be on hand earlier in the morning for a book signing. The library, with the support of a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, will host a presentation by Wood from **10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, including a book signing for her book, *When We Were the Kennedys*.

These sessions are free and open to the public.

Students & Instructors to Take Part in 30 Hour Famine

NMCC instructors Dave Raymond and Eric Pelkey and students from their World Religion and Ethics classes will be taking part this week in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine for Hunger.

The groups will fast for 30 hours beginning on the morning of Thursday, April 25, and ending at noon on Friday. The intent is to both raise awareness of the issue of world hunger as well as to raise money to help feed people.

There are 925 million hungry around the world...about three times the population of the United States. An estimated 7,000 children younger than 5 die each day from causes related to hunger.

Every dollar raised through the 30 Hour Famine can help feed and care for a child for a day. And World

Vision isn't just helping for a day, or a month, or a year; they stay over the long haul to help families become self-sufficient.

Raymond, Pelkey and their students are collecting donations to help them reach their fundraising goal. For those who would like to support the cause, to make the process as easy as possible, donations are being accepted at the information window in the Christie lobby throughout the week. Checks should be made out to World Vision.

Efforts such as this do make a difference. In the last 20 years, the number of kids who die every day because of hunger, disease and poverty has dropped from 40,000 to just over 20,000, thanks in part to efforts like the 30 Hour Famine and organizations like World Vision.

Film Series Continues; Presentation to Take Place

The Islamic film series that began last week continues this Wednesday evening, **April 24**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Edmunds Conference Center with the showing of *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World*. This documentary transports viewers over nine countries and across 1,400 years of cultural history to reveal the astonishing riches of Muslim art, crafts and architecture.

The series, which is possible through a Bridging Cultures bookshelf grant, is being facilitated by NMCC English instructor Eric Pelkey.

"This series is a great way for our campus and community to explore the rich cultural heritage of Islam," said Pelkey, who lived in a predominantly Muslim country during his Peace Corps service.

In addition to the film series, a presentation on two books from the 25 books added to the library through the grant, will be held in the library this **Friday, April 26**, at **12:00 noon**.

NMCC English instructors Jan Grieco and Lynne Nelson-Manion will lead a discussion on *The Butterfly Mosque* and *In the Country of Men*.

"Much of what we know about the Islamic world is only bits and pieces delivered to us by news reports and political discussions," said Grieco. "This series shows us beauty and humanity."

Both the film series and the book discussion are free and open to the public. For more information, see the college's website at www.nmcc.edu or contact Gail Roy the NMCC library at 768-2734 or groy@nmcc.edu.

Lunch Menu

Monday

Bacon Tomato & Cheese Sand.
Beef Stroganoff
Buttery Egg Noodles
Penne & Sausage
Mediterranean Tuna Brushetta
Broccoli
Vegetable Stir Fry w/Noodles
Spicy Vegetable Lo Mein
Seafood Bisque
Minestrone Soup
Roasted Corn & Potato Soup

Tuesday

Gr. Vegetable Quesadilla
Blackened Basa
Southern Dirty Rice
Farfalle & Sausage Alfredo
Roast Beef & Provolone Panini
Steamed Peas & Onions
Vegetable Stir Fry w/Noodles
Korean BBQ Tofu
Southwest Chicken/Rice Soup
Minestrone Soup
Hearty Lentil & Potato Soup

Wednesday

Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
Chicken Parmesean
Fettucini Alfredo
Rotini Marinara
Italian Green Beans
Baked Potato w/Chili
Vegetable Stir Fry w/Noodles
Chicken Salad Sub
Veggie & Bacon Tomato Soup
Minestrone Soup
Pumpkin Coconut Bisque

Thursday

Tomato & Bacon Gr. Cheese
Hearty Lasagna
Catatappi Marinara w/Arugula
Grilled Zucchini Squash
SW Garbanzo Bean Cakes
Vegetable Stir Fry w/Noodles
The "Elvis" Panini
Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup
Minestrone Soup
Vegetable Orzo Soup

Friday

Vegetable Chimichanga
Fish & Chips
Creamy Parmesean Cavatappi
& Shrimp
Steamed Green Peas
Vegetable Stir Fry w/Noodles
Honey Dijon Chicken Wrap
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Tofu & Vegetable Teriyaki
Jerk Chicken Soup
Minestrone Soup
Cheddar Beer Soup

AVAILABLE DAILY

Salad, hamburgers, turkey
burgers, gardenburgers,
hot dogs (regular & turkey),
pizza, grilled chicken
sandwiches, grilled cheese
sandwiches, french fries
and assorted desserts

Commencement Announcements & Tickets

Seniors who are planning to attend graduation may pick up their commencement tickets and announcements in the student services area anytime between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PTK Holds Spring Fever Raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa are holding their annual Spring Fever Raffle. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, and a winner will be drawn every day from April 29 through May 10. Cash will be awarded each day, and ticket holders have multiple chances to win. The drawings will be as follows:

\$25 each day: April 29 & 30, May 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9

\$75: May 4

\$125: May 5

\$425: May 10

To buy tickets, see any PTK member or e-mail PTK President Jessica Bartlett at jbart40@gs.nmcc.edu.

Tuition Raffle Gets Underway

Four students who will be enrolled at NMCC during the upcoming academic year (2013-2014) will be the recipients of free tuition for both semesters thanks to a fundraiser being undertaken by the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization.

Tickets are available for a contribution of \$10 per ticket. These tickets will be mailed out this week to current and incoming NMCC students and their families for the opportunity to take part in the raffle. Tickets will also be available from the NMCC alumni office on campus and from members of the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization.

Four winning tickets (one for each academic department) will be drawn on August 19, 2013. The lucky four students who win will receive free tuition for up to 12 credit hours for the fall 2013 semester and another 12 credit hours for the spring 2014 semester. A maximum amount of 24 credit hours will be awarded for the year.

For more information on this fundraiser or to obtain tickets, contact the NMCC alumni office at 760-1188.



Student Health 101

The April issue of **Student Health 101** is available at <http://readsh101.com/nmcc.html>. Be sure to check it out! **Answer questions from a brief survey and be entered for the chance to win \$2,500!!**

Student Health 101 is an online magazine with up-to-date information students can use to improve their health, relationships and study habits. It offers articles on a variety of topics of interest.

Events

MONDAY

Bhutan Program, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

TUESDAY

BA/AIS Program Advisory Meeting, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, CHR 208-2

WEDNESDAY

Totally Trades Conference, 8:30 - 2:30 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center, various classrooms & labs

Common Read/Book Signing with Monica Wood, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Library

Creative Readers Writing Series with Monica Wood, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library

Weight Watchers Program, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 105, 210

Safety Committee Meeting, 8:00 - 11:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

Foundation Finance Committee Meeting, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

Islamic Film Series, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

THURSDAY

Residential Sprinkler Program, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Early College for ME Senior Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

Student Senate Meeting, 12:15 - 12:45 pm, CHR 201

Chorale Practice, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Hunt MMC

FRIDAY

Maine Association of Assessing Officers Meeting, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Keegan Room

Security Pre-Bid Meeting, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 107