

Volunteers & Donations Sought for Polar Dip

A team of NMCC students and employees will travel to Pleasant Point on the coast of Downeast Maine on Friday, February 27, to take a "polar dip" at 12:00 noon into the frigid Atlantic Ocean. This annual event, featuring around 100 dippers from colleges and universities in both Maine and New Brunswick, supports Maine's Ronald McDonald House charity.

Bill Egeler, dean of students, is currently looking for students and employees for the team, which will consist both of members who will enter the water and others who will serve as 'toweler' and watch out for the dippers during and after the swim. Those who can't be on the team can still help... by sponsoring someone who is.

To support the efforts of the NMCC polar dip team and contribute to the Ronald McDonald House of Maine, individuals are asked to forward donations to the NMCC student affairs office, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

For more details on the polar dip or to join the team, you can contact Egeler at begeler@nmcc.edu or 768-2792.

Campus & Local Community Invited to Abraham Lincoln Presentation

Humanities instructor David Raymond will lead a presentation focusing on Abraham Lincoln, and the role that religion played in Lincoln's life both in and out of the White House, on Thursday, February 12 (the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth), at 12:00 noon in the College library.

"In his speeches and writings Lincoln reveals himself as a profound thinker about God and spiritual matters, but in his daily life he did not practice his faith in a conventional way," said Raymond. "The purpose of my research and talk is to better understand the profoundly deep faith of this pivotal figure in American history."

Students and employees are encouraged to attend.

Monday, February 9:

Lecture Hall Renovation Meeting, 9:00-10:00 am, Christie Lecture Hall

PrISM, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, MRT 211

Tuesday, February 10:

PrISM, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, MRT 211

New Student Guide to Time Management, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Academic Success Center

Student Senate Mtg., 12:15-1:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

Yoga, 5:30-7:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Wednesday, February 11:

Energy Task Force Meeting, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Student Senate, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

PrISM, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, MRT 211

Black History Month Movie - Raisin in the Sun, 3:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

NMCC Hockey Game, 8:30 pm, Forum

Thursday, February 12:

PrISM, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, MRT 211

Abraham Lincoln Presentation, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library

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

Friday, February 13:

Scavenger Hunt, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

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

Saturday, February 14:

Critical Care Course, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, CHR 205

What's Happening on Campus...

Have a safe and happy break, everyone!

Weekly Menu

LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

<u>Monday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Tuesday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Wednesday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Thursday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Friday</u> SPECIALS
<i>Soup:</i> Broccoli/Cheese	<i>Soup:</i> Beef Barley	<i>Soup:</i> Chicken Noodle	<i>Soup:</i> Minestrone	<i>Soup:</i> Clam Chowder
<i>Deli:</i> Turkey Club	<i>Deli:</i> Ckn. Salad/Bacon	<i>Deli:</i> Buffalo Wrap	<i>Deli:</i> Hummus Wrap	<i>Deli:</i> Roast Beef /horse.
<i>Grill:</i> Veggie Falafel Sand.	<i>Grill:</i> Rueben	<i>Grill:</i> Ragin' Cajun	<i>Grill:</i> Turkey/Bacon Melt	<i>Grill:</i> Bacon Cheeseburger
<i>Center Stage:</i> Cucumber Dill	LINE ENTREES	LINE ENTREES	<i>Center Stage:</i> Ckn. Caesar Salad	LINE ENTREES
LINE ENTREES	Macaroni & Cheese	Chicken Burger	LINE ENTREES	Meatball Grinders
Chicken Parmesean	Chicken Philly	Ravioli	Turkey/Bacon Melt	Chicken Nuggets
Salisbury Steak	Hot Dog	Chicken Caesar Wraps	Italian Grinders	Spaghetti
Mashed Potatoes	Rice	French Fries	Rice Pilaf	Chips
French Fries	French Fries	Hot Vegetable	French Fries	French Fries
Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable	Pudding Parfaits	Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable
Smores	Pineapple Upsidedown Cake		Chocolate Chip Cookies	Brownies

Menu is subject to change. Don't see what you like here? Check out our daily salad bar and pizza offerings.

Student Workshops

The TRiO office is offering a series of workshops throughout the semester to help students. This week's workshop is:

New Student Guide to Time Management

Tuesday, February 10

12:00-1:00 pm in the Academic Success Center

Learn how to manage multiple priorities and make time for school, work, family, friends and fun.

Have questions? Stop by the counseling office on the first floor of the Christie Building for more information.

VITA Underway

NMCC accounting seniors are once again offering free tax assistance to senior citizens and low income individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The service is open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. Help is available on a first come, first serve basis. The VITA program runs February 3 through April 15. It is not offered during college break weeks (Feb. 16-20 & March 30-April 3) or when the college is closed due to inclement weather.

Community News

• **Aroostook Idol Regional Show**

Aroostook Idol's central Aroostook show will take place on Friday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Presque Isle Middle School. This year's show promises to be better than ever, since the number of applicants required an audition to narrow it down to the top 15. During Friday night's show, the top 3 will be selected to compete in the finale on March 1 at the Caribou Performing Arts Center, where they will be joined from by the top three finishers from both the northern and southern Aroostook shows. Tickets for the regional show are \$8 each and can be purchased at any KeyBank location. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Finale tickets are also on sale for \$10 each, and since this show is typically sold out, tickets should be purchased as soon as possible. Aroostook Idol is a fund raiser for the United Way of Aroostook.

• **Annual Chocolate Festival**

A Chocolate Festival is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, at the Caribou Wellness & Recreation Center. There will be over 50 items being sold in a silent auction. In addition to chocolate, there will be lots of great children and family activities. The cost is \$10 for a 12 coupon booklet. With each coupon, you get to have cookies, candies, brownies and cake from many wonderful bakers! All proceeds will benefit the Caribou Children's Discovery Museum.

Upcoming Black History Month Events...

• Film Festival

February 11 - *Raisin in the Sun*, 3 pm, Edmunds

February 26 - Spike Lee's *Crooklyn*, 3 pm, Edmunds

• Abraham Lincoln Presentation by instructor David Raymond

February 12 - 12 pm, Library

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, humanities instructor Dave Raymond will lead a presentation focusing on Lincoln and the role religion played in his life both in and out of the White House.

• African American Read In

February 27 - 11:30 am, Library

This event, which is part of a national read-in coordinated by the National Council of Teachers of English, will feature NMCC students reading pieces from various African-American writers. NMCC English instructor Jennifer Graham, who is coordinating the project, will select excerpts from authors that span history, starting with slave narratives and ending with more contemporary work.

• Library Displays

Throughout the month in the Library

The library will feature exhibits that portray different influential African Americans throughout history.

Senior Make Over Day

Senior Make Over Day will be here soon. It takes place on Thursday, March 5, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. The planning committee is working hard to make this another outstanding event. Students will be able to get hair cuts, makeup advice, feedback on resumes, practice on interviews, and an outfit or two to help start building a professional wardrobe.

Faculty and staff donations of business attire and accessories are still be accepted. As you are cleaning out closets and preparing for another season, please keep this in mind. Donations can be dropped off in the counseling office.

For more information on Senior Make Over Day, contact Shelli Cronkhite in the counseling office or business student Jeri St. Peter.

Job Fair

Mark your calendars and start getting ready... the NMCC Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the gym. More than 40 employers will be on hand to collect resumes and talk to attendees about potential job openings. In preparation of the Job Fair, students should be getting resumes ready and practicing interviewing skills. They should also prepare to properly present themselves, taking into consideration things like hair cuts and appropriate attire. For help getting ready, plan to attend the Senior Make Over Day on March 4!

Students Invited to Senate Meetings

The Student Senate meets each Tuesday, from 12:15-12:45 pm, in the Christie lecture hall. All students are invited to attend and have their opinion heard.