

## NMCC and Loring Job Corp Announce New Partnership

NMCC could be the next academic stop for Job Corps students across the country. NMCC and the Loring Job Corps Center have teamed up to extend the Advanced Career Training (ACT) program to all 122 Job Corps sites in the United States.

At a press conference held at the Job Corps site in Limestone on November 12, officials from both educational institutions announced they would launch nationwide a program that has proven successful between the two schools. The partnership was crafted to give Job Corps students the best possible start to obtaining a college degree.

"We have enjoyed a mutually beneficial working relationship with the Job Corps site at Loring for many years," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "We have been fortunate to have several students from Job Corps taking courses on our campus each semester. They have enhanced our campus community, as the courses and programs at NMCC have enhanced the Job Corps students' educational experience and future opportunity. We are pleased to be able to take this model program between our two organizations and expand the offering to students at other Job Corps sites across the nation."

"The Loring Job Corps Center is honored to work with Northern Maine

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## Business Technology Center Funded by MMG Opens

Northern Maine Community College hosted a public open house and grand opening for its new Business Technology Center on November 7. College and NMCC Foundation officials joined with representatives from MMG Insurance and state leaders for a reception to open the new center designed to provide students, especially those enrolled in business technology programs, with a work environment modeling one of the County's most successful businesses.

"It is great to see this project come to fruition. Our relationship with NMCC has been very beneficial to our company as 44 of our 135 employees are graduates of Northern Maine Community College," said MMG Insurance President and CEO Larry Shaw. "The needs of the workforce of the future are very different than those of 50 years ago. We are very pleased to have been a part of this project – a definite win-win situation not only for students but also for faculty and the community."



Celebrating the opening of the NMCC Business Technology Center funded through a generous gift from Maine Mutual Group are front, left to right: Brian Hamel, NMCC Foundation vice-chair, Kay O'Clair and Misty Robinson, NMCC students, Larry Shaw, MMG Insurance president and CEO, Dwight Clayton, NMCC Business Department chair, and John Richardson, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner. Standing in back is Dr. Alan Panches, NMCC vice president and academic dean.

Through a \$50,000 gift made last year by MMG Insurance of Presque Isle to NMCC's Campaign for the County's College, 1,300 square feet of classroom space on the second floor of the A.K. Christie Building has been transformed into the Business Technology Center.

The classroom design is based on a business training facility at MMG Insurance. The project also included the renovation of an adjacent storage room which now serves as a business conference

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## NMCC Launches "Go! Green!" Energy Challenge; Top Student Team to Win Free Tuition for Semester

Green, it's a familiar site on campus as the school's official color, but green took on a whole new meaning at NMCC as "Go! Green!", an energy challenge engaging students, was launched this fall.

The contest requires students to work in teams to develop creative solutions for energy efficiency. It will also generate some additional green – in the form of savings for both the College, which would see a cut in its energy costs, and for the winning team, which will receive the equivalent of two full-time student tuition waivers for a semester.

"The challenge of meeting energy demands at NMCC will require a commitment from the entire campus community. Reducing our electrical costs and our heating oil consumption, as well as helping students and staff find less costly ways to come to campus, are important challenges," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.



NMCC electrical construction and maintenance students (left to right) David Riopelle of Mars Hill, Ryan Corrigan of Caribou and Amber Libby of Hollis, along with instructor Charles Kelley, developed an informative energy consumption display for the main lobby at the College to help raise awareness among fellow students, college employees and members of the community.

To help meet this challenge, an energy task force comprised of faculty and staff was formed last spring. The group was charged with addressing both short term and long term energy needs on the campus.

Toward that end, the task force this fall proposed the concept of a student energy challenge and laid the framework to roll out the contest, complete with the fitting "Go! Green!" name.

"The ultimate goal is to get students aware and thinking about the importance of energy conservation. Obviously the cost savings will have an impact on the campus over the long run, but we want to engage students in that process from the onset. I hope that students will see something we are missing," said Heidi Broad-Smith, early childhood education instructor and member of the energy task force.

Broad-Smith, along with fellow committee member Charles Kelley, electrical construction and maintenance instructor, took the lead on developing the parameters of the "Go! Green!" competition, which was launched on campus in early November. Students had until just before Thanksgiving break to enter their teams in the competition.

Students will now work on their written proposals and prepare oral presentations to go before a panel of

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## Star City Star Search to Be Held; Competitors Sought

The Star City is in need of a "star" for its upcoming 150th Anniversary in 2009, so a call for talent is going out to the community for individuals to take part in the first major event to celebrate the sesquicentennial. The winner of the competition will become an entertainment ambassador for the city throughout the anniversary year, appearing and performing at events in Presque Isle and surrounding communities.

Star City Star Search is planned for Saturday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Presque Isle Middle School Auditorium. Individuals of all ages and talents, who were born in the Star City or currently reside in Presque Isle, are eligible to sign up to perform and compete for the title.

The show is open to entertainers representing all genres of talent, including instrumentalists, vocalists, dancers, magicians, dramatists, among others. The project is a collaborative effort between the Presque Isle Sesquicen-



nial Celebration Committee and the Northern Maine Community College Foundation, which is coordinating the event.

"The Presque Isle Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee is very pleased and excited to be working with NMCC, which is playing a very active and key role in our sesquicentennial event planning and activities. In fact, this event is the first major event of the year-long celebration which is quite a propos," said Kimberly Smith, sesquicentennial committee chair. "This event symbolizes the collaborative effort of our celebration between community, businesses, and educational institutions and is one reason why this celebration will be a success."

NMCC and the NMCC Foundation were offered the opportunity by the sesquicentennial committee to host a staged production during the upcoming celebration. The

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## Jerry Mathers Visits NMCC campus

Aroostook County residents had the chance meet American TV icon and “Leave It To Beaver” star Jerry Mathers, when the popular former child actor visited the region on November 10 on the “Help Is Here Express” bus tour.

The bus, which is touring the country, stopped at NMCC, where Mathers signed autographs for campus and community members, and attendees had the chance to go on the bus and learn more about programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free.

Named as one of the most well known individuals in television history by People Magazine in 1989, Americans and people throughout the world are familiar with Jerry Mathers, who is currently one of the nation’s leading lecturers on living with and dealing with diabetes.

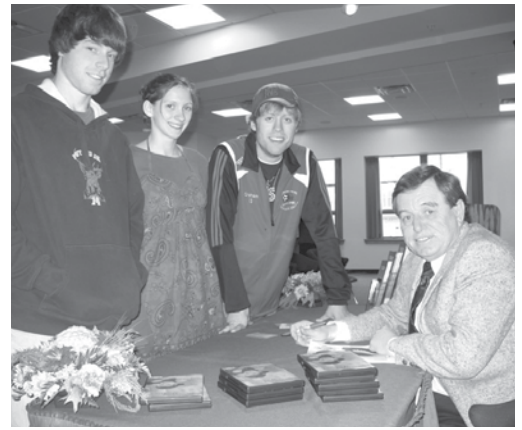
The “Help is Here Express” bus tour is part of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) – a nationwide effort

sponsored by America’s pharmaceutical research companies – raising awareness of patient assistance programs and the need to effectively address the rising and alarming rates of chronic disease in the United States. Patients can also learn about new medicines in development to fight chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and asthma.

To date, the PPA has helped more than 5 million people across America, including more than 21,000 patients in Maine. Since its launch in April 2005, the PPA bus tour has visited all 50 states and more than 2,000 cities to raise awareness about patient assistance programs.

Patients can also visit PPA’s website at [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) where trained operators field calls in 150 languages.

Aroostook County residents can also call 2-1-1, Maine’s health and human service information and referral line, which launched the prescription assistance information initiative last spring in Aroostook County.



NMCC students Joseph Johnson???, ?? and Jacob Graham were among the folks who stopped in to meet “The Beave” and to get his autograph.



## NMCC Students Coordinate Competitive Campus-wide Food Drive

NMCC students and employees are taking each other on in a campus-wide challenge designed to stock the food pantries at two Aroostook County charities.

A two-day food drive coordinated by the Early College for ME program, which is housed on the Presque Isle campus, and the NMCC Early Childhood Education Club will take place on December 11 and 12 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Students from the two organizations will set up in the Christie lobby at five different tables, each representing a different campus group.

The challenge: which group will collect the largest number of non-perishable food items and claim the bragging rights that go with the honor.

“We will count the pieces each department has each day and see which was the most generous” said Ruth White, Early College for ME regional director. “I know it is tough for many right now,

but there are always those worse off than ourselves. I am looking to the campus to come together in this unique challenge as a caring community to, in some small way, help others in our neighborhood.”

The food drive challenge will benefit Presque Isle-based Martha and Mary’s Kitchen and Homeless Services of Aroostook. The teams competing in the challenge are students and faculty groups representing each of the College’s four academic departments, as well as a final group comprised of NMCC staff.

“We also encourage alumni, businesses and community friends to join in. Folks from off campus can choose at which table to drop off their items. Perhaps they want to support the department they graduated from, or, show support for a particular program that has turned out graduates that have become an important asset to their business or community,” said White.

## NMCC to Brighten & Enlighten at Parade

Acting as Santa’s literary elves, NMCC volunteers plan to hand out more than 750 books to kids during the Presque Isle Holiday Light Parade on December 6. This is the fifth year the College has undertaken the project.

The initiative, led by instructor Colleen Harmon, evolved both as an idea to give-away something that had a connection to the nature of the College and what it offers the community, as well as providing area children with something from which they would benefit.

Harmon and volunteers have been working for weeks to collect donated books (new and used) from various groups and individuals. “Once a child or adult reads a book it often sits around on a shelf or is stored away. Our goal was to dust those books off and put them to good use in the hands of a different reader,” said Harmon.

Boxes of books will fill the back of the NMCC emergency medical services training vehicle, which will serve as the “book mobile” for the parade. Several College students and employees will take the books and hand them out to children along the route.

The “book mobile” will be accompanied by NMCC’s parade float entry, which will be themed “NMCC: Santa’s Workshop - Future Elves in Training” to reflect the entrepreneurial programs offered at the College and the important role NMCC plays in educating the County’s workforce.

## Star Search, *from pg. 3*

Foundation agreed earlier this fall to coordinate an activity that would serve as both an evening of entertainment and a kick-off to the year's activity.

"The coming year will be an important and memorable one for the people of Presque Isle. Northern Maine Community College has played a pivotal role in both the city and the county for the most recent five decades of Presque Isle's history and will do the same for this celebration," said Richard Engels, chair of the NMCC Foundation board of directors. "The Foundation is pleased to coordinate the Star Search event. It is certain to be a great evening of entertainment to get the celebration underway."

Star City Star Search will resemble the popular television show hosted by Ed McMahon, which ran between 1983 and 1995. The show was re-launched by CBS for two seasons between 2002 and 2004.

Similar to the television production, the Presque Isle event will feature three judges who will individually award up to four stars for each act's talent presentation. The audience in attendance will vote for their favorite act following the final performer and additional stars will be awarded to the individual acts based on that tally to determine a winner. In the event of a tie, the audience vote will determine the winner.

Individuals of all ages interested in participating in the Star City Star Search event are encouraged to download an application from the NMCC website at [www.nmcc.edu](http://www.nmcc.edu). Applications can also be picked up at the information window in the Christie lobby on the NMCC campus Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more information or to have an application mailed, contact the NMCC Foundation at 760-1188.

In addition to hosting the Star Search event, NMCC is also planning to host the city's official "birthday party" on April 4, 2009 – the date 150 years ago that the city was incorporated. That event will coincide with the start of National Community College Month and begin a series of events planned for NMCC in April.

## Business Technology Classroom, *from pg. 1*



Originally, Christie 208 was a standard computer lab, with a corner of the room sectioned off for office space and storage.

Below: Now, in addition to its more modern, professional appearance, the classroom houses table tops that have electrical outlets, allowing the versatility of serving as both a computer lab (students plug their laptops in and also have wireless internet access) or a 'regular' classroom for business students.



Above: The storage/office area has now been renovated into a conference area similar to those at MMG. It serves as a meeting area for small classes, student project groups, and other meeting needs of the business faculty and students.

room. That space is used for instruction of smaller classes and for student work teams to simulate conference meetings within the business environment.

Business technology department students Misty Robinson and Kay O'Clair, who along with their classmates, have been utilizing the space since the start of the academic year, expressed appreciation on behalf of their fellow students and spoke about the benefits of the center. "The atmosphere is great. It doesn't have that classroom feel to it. MMG understands that through this more professional setting, students will be more motivated and better prepared to enter the workforce," said Robinson.

Also joining the celebration was Maine Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner John Richardson, who represented Governor John Baldacci.

"The strong and important relationship between Maine Mutual Group and the College is to be commended," said Richardson. "This particular initiative is a leading example of the benefits of the public (NMCC) and private (MMG Insurance) coming together for the betterment of higher education and economic opportunity in our region."

Preliminary work on the renovation project began last fall when NMCC business technology faculty and personnel from the information technology and facilities departments toured a newly renovated space at MMG to see what aspects of the MMG work environment could be replicated in the classroom environment. The same architect used by MMG, Mark Carter of North Peak Architecture in Presque Isle, was hired for the project which began in late March and reached completion in early August.

## Irish Gathering Kicks-Off READ Program

St. Patrick's Day came four months early at NMCC, as the campus community hosted a November 17 Irish gathering to kick-off a new campaign to promote reading for enjoyment and extend well-wishes to a student who will spend the coming semester studying in Ireland.

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and two NMCC students who were fortunate enough to be named recipients of a peace scholarship established in his honor were the first to have their posters unveiled as part of a new READ campaign launched by the College library.

NMCC student Lucas Ireland, this year's recipient of the George Mitchell Peace Scholarship, won the award based on his academic success and commitment to community service. He will travel to Ireland to study at the Cork Institute of Technology in January.

Family and friends of Ireland and members of the campus community gathered in the College library to wish him well as he prepares to depart for Ireland in two months.

In addition to words of praise for Ireland and well-wishes from several College representatives, Ireland was presented with a number of gifts from the College, including books on Ireland, a scarf with the College logo with a Gaelic phrase that read: "there is no strength without unity," and a gift certificate donated by the Irish Setter Pub.

The American Library Association established the READ campaign, a literacy program to encourage reading for enjoyment. For over 25 years, the ALA



has sponsored the campaign that displays posters of notable Americans and celebrities who are photographed with their favorite book to lend support to the simple but powerful message: READ!

"The ultimate aim of the READ campaign is to emphasize that reading is as enjoyable as it is important and to encourage students, faculty and staff to take advantage of the resources available at the library to all members of the NMCC family," said Gail Roy, assistant dean of learning resources. "The READ campaign at NMCC is intended to remind the campus community that reading—especially the reading of books—is entertaining and edifying, a means through which the reader can both gain exposure to a variety of human perspectives and improve general language skills. We begin that project here today with the unveiling of our first three posters."

Roy, Ireland and President Crowley unveiled the posters featuring Senator Mitchell and Ireland, as well as graduate Kent Corey, the recipient of the George Mitchell Peace Scholarship in 2003.

In addition to the ceremony and poster unveiling, the library also began its exhibit featuring a new collection of books about Ireland and its people and culture.



NMCC President Timothy Crowley (left) and Gail Roy, assistant dean of learning resources, present the first three posters in the NMCC READ campaign. They are joined by NMCC student and Mitchell Peace Scholar Lucas Ireland and his parents, Jill and Wayne. Lucas Ireland, along with NMCC graduate and former Mitchell Scholar Kent Corey and former U.S. Senator George Mitchell are the first to be featured in the READ poster series.

## Partnership, *from pg. 1*

Community College and to have developed this great working relationship. This partnership is extremely beneficial to our students as it provides them with additional opportunities to achieve college level career technical training, an important part of their individual career plan," said Jim Gagnon, Loring Job Corps Center Director.

The ACT program gives students the opportunity to receive advance education/technical training beyond the traditional Job Corps programs. Students who have shown outstanding achievements in their academic and vocational training may be recommended for the ACT Program by their instructor(s) or a counselor, and may request consideration for the program themselves. Qualifying students may spend up to three years in Job Corps.

NMCC is one of only a handful of colleges in the country to offer this program. It's one NMCC's Dean of Students Bill Egeler says, "is an upward mobility path for students entering Job Corps." Egeler says as long as Job Corps students have completed their vocational training at the center they attend and meet ACT entrance qualifications, they can take advantage of all 26 programs NMCC offers.

The program is tailored to help Job Corps students with the transition to college life by establishing a strong support system. According to Dottie Martin, PhD, Director of Learning at Loring Job Corps Center, "The advantage is our students would stay on center (Loring Job Corps) while going to college, so it provides that extra support they need for at least a year."

The program also provides for transportation to and from the NMCC campus, noon meals and career counselors to work with students. Job Corps students will also retain their stipend and clothing allowances and all application fees will be waived. The ACT program is slated to open up to all Job Corps students who qualify in January of 2009.

## NMCC Foundation Celebrates Successful Year; Presents Annual Honors and Awards

NMCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Engels (left) and NMCC President Timothy Crowley present Chris Fitzpatrick (center) of Houlton with an award signifying the endowment of the Machias Savings Bank Scholarship Fund.



With a growth in net assets of 30 percent over the previous fiscal year and the disbursement of over \$32,000 in student scholarships, the Northern Maine Community College Foundation held its 2008 annual meeting recently at the College.

The non-profit organization exists to support NMCC by raising and managing student scholarship funds and other special initiatives that assist students in reaching their goals of attaining a post-secondary degree at the County College. Board members, donors, college students, alumni, faculty, and administrators, totaling nearly 90, were in attendance to celebrate another successful year for the NMCC Foundation.

“The past year has been a busy and rewarding one for the NMCC Foundation,” said Richard Engels, Foundation board chair. “In February of this year, we officially drew to a close the College’s first ever major gifts campaign, The Campaign for the County’s College. I am pleased to report that we exceeded the overall campaign goal by half a million dollars,” said Engels. A total of \$2.5 million was raised

over a two-year period, with the funds being used for student scholarships, equipment, and college programs.

Engels also announced current plans to formulate the groundwork for the NMCC Alumni Association. The project will be headed by Foundation board member and NMCC alumnus, Gary Cleaves, who is a member of NMCC’s first graduating class.

The Foundation’s past fiscal year, which ended June 30, included scholarship fund disbursement of over \$32,000, which more than doubled the previous year’s disbursement of \$14,000. Other activity included partnering with TD Banknorth for the Foundation’s annual golf tournament and the Fall and Winter Sports and Recreation Show held in the fall of 2007.

Four current recipients of Foundation scholarships also took part in the event. Kyle Chasse of Van Buren, an automotive technology student, Shannon Marquis of Presque Isle, a nursing student, Katherine Pictou of Presque Isle, a business administration student, and Robert Williams of Perham, a computer-aided drafting student, each explained, in touching speeches, what their scholarships meant to them.

“When my daughter told me she was not going to college because I never



NMCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Engels (left) and NMCC President Timothy Crowley (far right) present Jane Hunt and Peter Hunt, Jr. with an award signifying the endowment of the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.



NMCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Engels (left) and NMCC President Timothy Crowley present, from left, Sonja Fongemie and Karen Gonya, with Eagle Awards for their work with the Foundation.



Six new members were welcomed to the NMCC Foundation Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Board chair, Richard Engels (left) welcomes new board members (left to right) Mariah LeMieux, NMCC residential construction student; Katherine Pictou, NMCC business administration student; Emily Smith, production manager for Smith’s Farm, Inc.; Scott Carlin, owner of Star City, Hillside, and Mars Hill IGAs; and Chris Fitzpatrick, regional vice president for Machias Savings Bank. Absent from photo is Phil Grondin, Sr., retired of Yarmouth.



Four NMCC students spoke at the annual meeting, sharing their appreciation for the scholarships which they have received. Speaking eloquently to board members and donors were, from left: Shannon Marquis, Robert Williams, Kyle Chasse, and Katherine Pictou.

did, I knew I needed to act and show her how," said Pictou. "Attending college would not have been possible without the help from those who donated to the Foundation. I hope to one day do for others what you have done for me."

Following the remarks from the scholarship recipients, three scholarship funds which reached endowment level over the past fiscal year were recognized, including the Dickinson-McBreairty Memorial Scholarship, the Machias Sav-

ings Bank Scholarship, and the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

During the meeting, four local and statewide business people were elected as new members of the board: Scott Carlin of Mapleton, owner of Star City, Hillside, and Mars Hill IGAs; Chris Fitzpatrick of Houlton, regional vice president for Machias Savings Bank; Emily Smith of Presque Isle, broccoli production manager for Smith's Farm, Inc.; and Phil Grondin, Sr., retired, of Yarmouth.

Also introduced were two new student representatives to the board, Pictou and Mariah LeMieux, a residential construction student from Presque Isle. This marks the first time student representatives have been named to the board, an initiative approved at last year's meeting.

The 2009 officers for the Foundation was also announced. Continuing in their current roles are: Richard Engels, chairperson, Brian Hamel, vice chairperson, Larry LaPlante, treasurer, and Lois Dickson, secretary. In addition to the executive officers, Raynold Gauvin, Bruce Sandstrom, and Vicki Smith will continue to serve on the executive board.

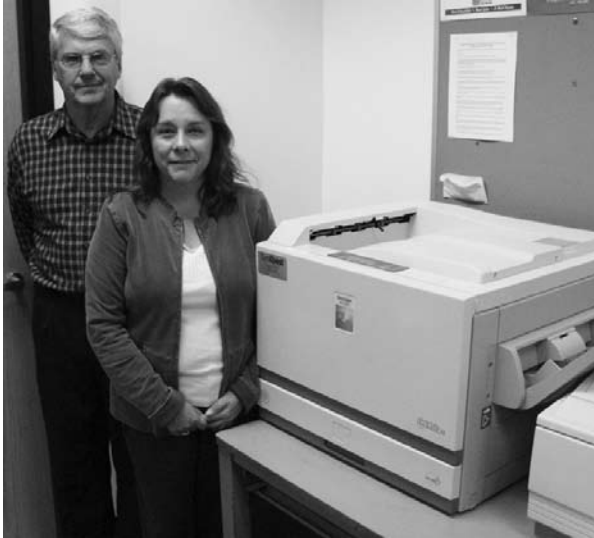
The Foundation's Eagle Award was presented to two individuals this year: Karen Gonya, NMCC associate director of development and college relations, who has served in many capacities for the Foundation over the past 16 years, and Sonja Fongemie of NMCC, who served as campaign manager for *The Campaign for the County's College*.



Members of the 2008-2009 NMCC Foundation Board of Directors, are (seated from left): NMCC students Mariah LeMieux and Katherine Pictou; Janet Grieco, English instructor at NMCC; Vicki Smith, vice president of marketing at Katahdin Trust Company; Virginia Joles, director of communications, board relations, and economic development at Maine Public Service; and Jane Towle, co-owner and broker of RE/MAX Central; Back, from left: Connie Sandstrom, executive director of the Aroostook County Action Program; Richard Engels, attorney with Bemis & Rossignol; Brian Hamel, partner Thompson-Hamel; Larry LaPlante, finance director at NMCC; Robert White, retired of Caribou; Lois Dickson, owner of Tempo Employment Services; Bruce Sandstrom, senior vice president of finance at The Aroostook Medical Center; Gregg Collins, vice president of S.W. Collins Company; Chris Fitzpatrick, regional vice president for Machias Savings Bank; Michael Kelley, Sr., executive vice president of TD Banknorth in Presque Isle; Raynold Gauvin, retired of Mapleton; Emily Smith, broccoli production manager for Smith's Farm, Inc.; Scott Carlin, owner of Star City, Hillside, and Mars Hill IGAs; Roger Roy, executive vice president at MMG Insurance; and NMCC President Timothy Crowley. Absent from photo: Gary Cleaves, general manager of the Maine Military Authority; Carl Flora, president and CEO of Loring Development Authority; Sandra Gauvin, retired of Mapleton; Phil Grondin, Sr., retired, of Yarmouth; Tom Kent, retired of Madawaska; Melony Hunt LeShane, account executive of H.O. Perry/United Insurance Group; Edwin Nickerson, director of business development at the Loring Development Authority; Terry Wade, plant manager at Smith & Wesson.

## Computer-Aided Drafting Program Receives Donation through Efforts of Graduate

NMCC part-time instructor Roger Crouse (left) and computer-aided drafting instructor Pam Buck with the new laser printer donated by SGC Engineering of Orono. The gift to the College was arranged by NMCC alumni Dan Murphy of Houlton.



Below, life sciences instructor Greg Thompson displays the slides that were purchased with the donation and demonstrates how images can be projected onto the classroom screen with this spongy bone slide.



Students enrolled in NMCC's computer-aided drafting program will benefit from a donation made to the College by an individual who knows all too well the benefit of his gift.

Dan Murphy of Houlton, a former student in NMCC's CAD and electrical construction and maintenance programs, began working this summer for SGC Engineering in Orono. Shortly after his hire, Murphy learned the company was looking to replace a high quality color laser printer. Recalling that his alma mater could use such a piece of equipment, he approached management about donating the Sharp AR260P laser color printer to the computer-aided drafting program at the Presque Isle College.

After getting the go-ahead from his supervisor, Murphy contacted his former instructor Roger Crouse, who retired as a full-time faculty member from NMCC last spring but continues to teach at the College part-time.

"The printer is extremely beneficial to the CAD program," said Crouse. "It provides students the opportunity to

print colored CAD images using laser technology quickly and efficiently on paper up to an 11 x 17 inch size. Our budget did not allow for purchase of this equipment which costs approximately \$2500. We are so grateful to Dan for giving back to the College in this manner."

Pam Buck, the lead instructor in the CAD program has already begun to put the recently acquired equipment to good use with students in her classes this semester.

"The larger paper size, along with the color feature, makes this an especially valuable tool for the computer-aided drafting lab. We are always using the 11" by 17" size paper, and in the past had to use the large format ink jet printers for color prints in this size. The laser printer is more economical and efficient to use in terms of the cost of ink and wear and tear on the machine when compared with the large format ink jets," said Buck. "Gifts such as these from industry allow this program to improve without direct cost to the College, and show a support and respect for our students by the industry of which they are about to become part."

## Anonymous Donation Provides Slides for NMCC Students

The NMCC Foundation recently received an anonymous donation of \$2,952 for the purchase of slides for the Anatomy and Physiology Class. With this generous gift, the instructor, Greg Thompson, was able to purchase 24 sets of 25 slides which will give students a more hands-on approach and also supplement their textbook material by allowing them to examine actual images.

The slides range in topic from epithelial tissues and spinal cord images to bone fragments. Pictured here is Thompson demonstrating how one image of spongy bone can be projected onto the classroom screen. He also plans to have the slides available to his students for individual use with microscopes.

"This donation of slides will allow me to incorporate another level of 'hands-on learning' into my anatomy and physiology classes," said Greg Thompson, life sciences instructor at the College.

"Starting next semester, I will be choosing appropriate slides for the different systems of the body that we are studying. This will give the students the ability to see first hand what we are discussing in lecture! This will also enhance the dissection labs that are performed, by allowing the students to see things at the cellular level. This donation is greatly appreciated!"



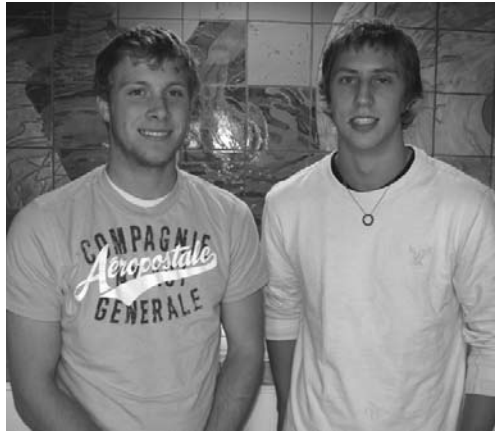
## NMCC's Ireland and Petrie Named Soccer All-Americans

Coming off of their most successful season in recent memory, the NMCC Falcons soccer team is rejoicing in news that two of their own have been named first team All-Americans by the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.

Lucas Ireland of Mapleton and Sam Petrie of Old Town, both second-year NMCC students, are among 15 players from schools throughout the nation named top players by the USCAA. The national athletic association provides quality athletic competition on a regional and national level for smaller institutions of higher learning and their student-athletes.

To be nominated, student athletes must play in a sport recognized by the USCAA with a championship tournament and participate in a minimum of 60 percent of contests. Each player is ranked in comparison to other candidates nominated by coaches from other schools. The best all-around players are designated as All-Americans.

"This is a very impressive honor for our student-athletes and for the entire NMCC campus community," said NMCC President Tim Crowley. "Our



NMCC Falcon Soccer Players Sam Petrie (left) and Lucas Ireland have been named first team All-Americans by the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.

soccer team has enjoyed an outstanding season and the team has been a great ambassador for our institution. We are very proud of their accomplishments."

In addition to honoring Athletic All-Americans, the USCAA also names Academic All-Americans. To qualify at a two-year institution, student athletes must be in their second year and attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Ireland, who was also named an

Academic All-American by USCAA, played midfield for the Falcons this year, a change from his position as a defensive marker last season.

"It is a great honor to be selected to the All-American team. It means a lot to be recognized. I definitely could not have achieved this honor without the support of Coach Krul or my teammates. They deserve as much credit as I do," said Ireland. "I'm very proud to represent NMCC and the community."

Petrie, a stand-out goalie for Old Town High School, became one of the top goalies in the Yankee Small College Conference last season and only grew stronger in the net for the Falcons this year.

"I am very honored to receive this award. I am pleased that the coaches felt I did a good job this season. Coach Krul has worked hard with this team. I think it must be very difficult to have so many new players every year, but he uses our strengths to bring out the best in each of us," said Petrie. "The play of my teammates helped me get this award. We had a great season!"

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## Advantage Payroll Donates Proceeds from Seminar to Foundation

Net proceeds from a recent seminar hosted by Advantage Payroll Services will be used to support the work of the NMCC Foundation to assist County students in accessing higher education. The \$2,100 donation was recently presented to NMCC Foundation Board Chairperson Richard Engels by Advantage vice president of operations and NMCC alumnae Heidi Graham.

The seminar, held last month at NMCC, was attended by more than 50 individuals that currently use QuickBooks® software. Presented by QuickBooks ProAdvisor Mary K. Williams, a CPA with Chester M. Kearney, the seminar included working with bank accounts, entering sales information, receiving payments and making deposits, analyzing financial data, working with inventory, and many other topics. According to Sherry Miller-Thibodeau, director of development for Advantage Payroll Services in Presque Isle, "We are

finding that our clients want more and efficient ways to process payroll. Therefore, we are pleased to be able to interface with most QuickBooks software. Once our client has had their accountant set up their general ledger chart of accounts, we then can provide a diskette that will allow the payroll information to be posted with a key stroke. It's that easy!"

"We are most appreciative of the long-standing and continued support of Advantage Payroll for the work of the NMCC Foundation," said Engels. "The company is a leading example of a business that serves this region and appreciates the importance and contributions of NMCC to the workforce development of the County."



NMCC Foundation Board Chair Richard Engels (left) receives a \$2,100 donation representing the proceeds from a recent seminar sponsored by Advantage Payroll Services. Presenting the donation is Heidi Graham, Advantage vice president of operations. Graham is joined by Mary K. Williams, QuickBooks ProAdvisor, who led the day-long session.



Central Aroostook area residents participating in the Well-Elder program gathered on the NMCC campus for a celebratory tea. Gathered were (seated, from left) Jacquelyn Martin of Limestone, and Bette Lou and Burton Tilley of Washburn. Students who worked with the elders include (standing, from left) Genine Piro, Elizabeth Pelkey and Heather Groder.

## “Well-Elders” Enjoy Celebratory Teas & Hear from National Expert on Elder Care

Four dozen senior citizens were acknowledged for the important role they are playing in the education and training of the region’s future nurses at two celebratory events held in Presque Isle and Houlton recently.

Afternoon teas held on the NMCC campus and at the Houlton Higher Education Center brought together NMCC nursing students and faculty with well-elders that live throughout the County. The well-elder program has been a part of the nursing curriculum for more than a decade. It pairs members of the first year nursing class with healthy senior citizens who volunteer to allow students into their homes throughout the semester.

the Presque Isle celebration and via videoconference technology to the more than two dozen individuals in Houlton. “You have played an important role in helping to mold the future generation of nurses.”



Guest speaker Amy Cotton

When visiting their “well elders” students took vital signs and reviewed medications, home safety and general health lifestyles. Students also gained valuable experience practicing their interview and listening skills.

The program was lauded at the tea by a nationally recognized expert on the health care needs of older adults who spoke with the groups gathered at both sites. Amy Cotton, a state and national speaker who has authored many continuing education publications on geriatric health issues, congratulated the nursing students, faculty and well-elders for participating in such a unique educational experience.



Also taking part in the program from central Aroostook were (seated, from left) Rolinda Fowler and JoAnn Johnson of Easton; Paul Hamlin, Fred Lyford and Louis Shaw of Presque; and Reginald Ireland and Joan Ireland of Westfield. Students participating in the program include (standing, from left) Martha Pelletier, Lindsey Mason, Glenn Capps, Tammy Leach, Lindsey Kinney, Becky Ford, and Janice Scott.

“We cannot thank you enough for graciously allowing our students into your homes,” said Betty Kent-Conant, nursing and allied health department chair to the 75 seniors, students and faculty gathered at

“This is a rarity for nursing programs across the country,” said Cotton. “The only exposure nursing students typically have with the elderly in their training

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Southern Aroostook area residents participating in the Well-Elder program gathered at the Houlton Higher Education Center for a celebratory tea where they were thanked by the students. Gathered at the celebration were (seated, left to right) Betty Scott of Hodgdon; Joyce Blake, Frances Bishop, Reita Briggs, Pauline Tracy, Lettie Ivey, Kathleen Parks, and Helen Taylor of Houlton; Margaret Siltz of Linneus; and James Sennett of New Limerick. The elders are seated in front of the student they invited into their homes this semester. Students participating in the program include (standing, from left) Denise Marquis, Jayme Bither, Julie Tribou, Kim Fox, Miranda Wilmot, Leisha Murray, Tammy Lindsay, Kimberly Boulier, Michelle Gardiner, and Derek Schriver.



Also among those participating in the Well-Elder program was Gladys Smalley (left) of Florenceville, N.B. With her is the student she invited into her home to this semester, Sarah Upton of Centerville, N.B.

## Well-Elders, *from pg. 10*

programs is in nursing homes and hospitals. These are typically the sickest and frailest, which is only five percent of the population and creates a lot of misperceptions about aging. You are teaching these students the reality about aging. Thank you for that.”

As the featured guest speaker at the Well Elder Tea, Cotton discussed health topics in the area of gerontology. The director of operations and nurse practitioner at the Center for Healthy Aging in Bangor, Cotton developed the organization’s virtual health center model in 1997 and has an active clinical practice making house calls for homebound elder’s pri-

## Energy Challenge, *from pg. 2*

judges comprised of campus and community members. Broad-Smith and Kelley expect the teams will have through early February to develop their plans.

“We are looking for proposals for an energy conservation measure that will result in a financial savings and awareness building without sacrificing productivity, comfort or the well-being of students and staff. Projects should also have a positive effect on campus facilities,” said Kelley. “Examples of areas that we anticipate projects will cover include weatherization, facility improvements, electrical energy reduction, procedural changes, and energy awareness campaigns.”

Proposals will be judged on cost effectiveness, creativity and originality, sustainability, written presentation and visual presentation.

To encourage campus-wide student participation, the College will offer the top team of students, as determined by the panel of judges, the equivalent of two full-time (15 credit hours) student tuition waivers.

“The challenges concerning energy and related costs are the greatest we face as a campus community today. We are committed to taking the necessary and important measures to not only help control costs, but to work collaboratively with students to ensure we are doing whatever we can to help lessen their burdens in areas such as transportation to and from the College. We are looking

primary health care needs as well as providing dementia consultation.

“Pay attention to what these guests are doing – staying engaged, active, exercising, healthy diet, accessing healthcare regularly. Wellness isn’t just about the absence of disease, but attitude, activity and quality of life,” said Cotton.

A total of 31 students enrolled in the first year nursing class on the Presque Isle campus and an additional 16 students participating in the NMCC nursing program offered at a distance in Houlton were engaged in the well elder program this fall.

at this comprehensively and look forward to receiving the student proposals. We expect the tuition waiver will serve as an incentive,” said Crowley.

In addition to the energy challenge, a number of awareness and efficiency initiatives have been launched on campus since the start of the academic year. Campus-wide correspondence on the importance of conserving electricity and heat have been circulated, and measures, including closing doors that separate corridors in hallways on campus that were previously left ajar, have been closed to better control heating systems.

An interactive exhibit coordinated by three of Kelley’s electrical students, accompanied by information completed by students enrolled in Broad-Smith’s early childhood education program, was on display in the main lobby of the Christie building for several weeks. The exhibit featured several demonstrations, including the difference in energy consumption between newer compact fluorescent light bulbs and the older incandescent bulbs, electronic photographs taken with infrared camera technology to demonstrate heat loss, and statistics on how much it costs to run electronic devices such as computers.

NMCC is also in the process of undergoing a detailed energy audit that will provide data to assist the College in laying out plans for the possible use of alternative energy sources, including biomass, wind power, solar and geothermal.

## Soccer, *from pg. 9*

Ireland, Petrie and Trent Legassie of Presque Isle served as tri-captains for the team. Legassie, who came up just shy of being named an All-American, was honored by the Yankee Small College Conference with the Outstanding Defensive Player award for tournament play.

The honors for the Falcons come on the heels of the team’s most successful season since well-know County soccer figure Robbie Krul took over as coach five years ago. The team finished the regular season with a conference record of four wins, three losses and no ties.

“It took Luke, Sam, Trent and the team several games to get situated and at the middle of the season things did not look promising. We had some heart-breaking games on the road and had to win our last three consecutive home games to make it into the play-offs for the second year in a row,” said Krul.

The three late-season victories played on the NMCC field against Eastern Maine Community College, Southern Maine Community College and Unity College, clinched the Falcons a third seed in the Yankee Small College Conference playoffs, NMCC’s best rating. In post-season action against Vermont Technical College, NMCC earned a trip to the regional championship game with a 3-1 victory. The Falcon’s great season came to an end on October 18, when they came up short (4-0) in the regional finals against New Hampshire Technical Institute.

“The first three seasons we only won one game against another struggling soccer team. Since my three captains came on board we completely turned the program around,” said Krul. “Last year we made it into the semi-finals and this year we made it into the championship game against one of the best teams in the country.”



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This workshop is designed for people who are using computers for the first time. The following will be covered:

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