

### NMCC to Provide Training for Aroostook Starch...



NMCC President Tim Crowley (far right) talks with, from left, Jim McGowan, state director of the Maine Quality Centers, Phil Bosse from Senator Collin's office, and Doug Clifford, Aroostook Starch plant manager, during a tour of Aroostook Starch in Fort Fairfield. After the tour, McGowan, Crowley and Clifford signed an agreement which will have Maine Quality Centers providing funding for training, which will be provided by NMCC, to help the plant expand its workforce. Look for more details in January's monthly edition of *Toward Excellence*.



President Tim Crowley speaks at the New Horizons in Higher Education night held on campus on December 12. The event was sponsored by NMCC, Husson College, the City of Presque Isle and the PI Chamber of Commerce. The evening was a great event, with approximately 80 people attending. Special thanks to all of the NMCC employees who took the time to attend this evening social function, and kudos to custodians and dining services staff, who made the lobby look incredible and served some outstanding food. Look for more details in the January edition.

#### Monday, December 18:

*Indoor Soccer*, 9 pm, Christie Gym

#### Tuesday, December 19:

*Student Senate Meeting*, 12:15-1:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

*Open Gym*, 9-11pm

#### Wednesday, December 20:

*Admissions Testing*, 9 am - 12 pm, Martin 105

*Movie Night*, 9pm, Edmunds Conference Center

#### Thursday, December 21:

*PROBUS*, 10 am - 12 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room  
 NMCC Employee Holiday Party, 4:30-8:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center; Library; Christie Lecture Hall; Christie Lobby

*Open Gym*, 9-11pm

#### Friday, December 22:

*PTK Meeting*, 12:15-1:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

*This will be the last weekly bulletin until the start of the Spring semester on January 16. For information on any events taking place over the break, please log on to the college portal.*

What's Happening on Campus...



Best wishes for  
 Happy Holidays  
 and a safe New Year.  
 We'll see you next  
 semester!

Weekly  
 Menu

### LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

#### Monday

White Chili  
 Fried Chicken  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 French Fries  
 Pesto Pasta  
 Corn  
 Assorted Desserts

#### Tuesday

Italian Soup  
 Beef Pot Pie  
 Chop Suey  
 Rice  
 Peas & Carrots  
 Assorted Desserts

#### Wednesday

French Onion Soup  
 Reuben Sandwich  
 Baked Italian Chicken  
 Tuna Melt  
 French Fries/Chips  
 New Reds  
 Green Beans

#### Thursday

Gumbo  
 BBQ Beef Sandwich  
 Baked Potato Bar  
 French Fries  
 Chips  
 Assorted Desserts

#### Friday

Snack Bar

# Toward Excellence

## Take Note...

Please note that the college classes will be held until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22. Residence halls will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday for the semester break.

## Condolences...

Our condolences to Georgia Dicker, from the financial aid office, and her entire family on the recent loss of Georgia's father-in-law, Alden Dicker, Sr. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Mapleton Baptist Church with the Revs. Phillip Woodman and Ken Phelps officiating. Visiting hours will be held 1 p.m. until time of service.

## Thanks...

The Student Nurses Association would like to thank everyone who brought in hats, mittens, toys, etc. to donate to the Battered Women's Project over the holiday season.

## Employee Holiday Party

Just a reminder...this year's employee holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 21. There will be games, arts and crafts, a bouncy house, and karaoke for the kids in the Christie lobby and lecture hall beginning at 4:30 p.m., with a reception for adults beginning at that same time in the Edmunds lobby area. A buffet dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and Santa will also be visiting at that time in the library for photos/gifts. After dinner, employees will have the chance to take part in an NM version of *Deal or No Deal*. We hope to see you there!

## Media Center Note...

Do to a change in testing plans, the Media Center will NOT be closed Tuesday and Wednesday morning as previously announced. It will be open and available for normal student use.

## Musical Help Needed...

St. John's Episcopal Church in Presque Isle is looking for someone to provide musical assistance (piano, organ or guitar) during its 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. Compensation will be provided and is negotiable. For more information, please contact Dory Smith at 764-4564.

## Scholarship Reminder...

Students are reminded that applications for an NMCC Foundation scholarship for Spring 2007 are due in the Financial Aid Office by **Friday, December 22**. Faculty are reminded that recommendation forms for the above scholarships are also due in the Financial Aid Office by Friday, December 22. If a student has asked you to fill out a recommendation form on his or her behalf, PLEASE make sure to meet this deadline. Any student missing a recommendation form by this date will not be considered for scholarships.



Maine State Police detective Adam Stoutamyer visited John Corrigan's Mystery Literature class at NMCC on December 12. He discussed the book *Fiddlers*, which the students have been reading, and helped them see the work in various real-world contexts. In 1991, Stoutamyer started working part time for Madison Police Department in Somerset County. He became a state trooper in 1994 in Thomaston before transferring to Presque Isle. Stoutamyer served a three-year stint as a drug enforcement agent and was one of six Maine agents sent to Quantico, VA., for training to join the clandestine drug lab enforcement team. In 2000, Stoutamyer was promoted to State Police Detective. "In class, we discuss the work as a novel, talking about the elements of fiction in general and the elements of the mystery genre and various literary themes. For the students, this is a chance to step away from English for a moment and talk about the work in terms of a realistic crime-scene investigation with Adam," said instructor John Corrigan.



Two members of the Northeast Society for Human Resource Management (NESHRM) presented checks to NMCC students Kristina Kenneson and Benjamin MacDonald, recipients of the 2006 Deborah Kierstead and Milton Bailey Memorial Scholarships. NESHRM established these scholarships in honor of two members who exemplified leadership and community service. The scholarships are open to students attending NMCC, UMPI, UMFK and Husson College. Applicants must have a career goal in business, and exhibit traits of leadership and service to the school and community. Kristina is a graduate of Presque Isle High School and is currently enrolled in NMCC's Accounting Information Systems program. Kristina plans to continue her education and obtain her master's degree and remain in Aroostook County. Benjamin MacDonald is a graduate of Ashland Community High School and is currently enrolled in the NM's Business Administration program. After graduation, Ben will show his Aroostook County entrepreneurial spirit by opening his own business in the Presque Isle area. Presenting the checks to Kristina and Benjamin are, from left, Shelli Cronkhite, the chair of NESHRM's scholarship committee, and Cathy Ricker, NESHRM president.