

## In Memoriam: Jane Gray Muskie, 1927 - 2004

Throughout her life, Jane Gray Muskie made tremendous contributions to public life in Maine and the nation, dedicating over 40 years in support of Senator Edmund S. Muskie's work. The success of her husband's career was enhanced by her counsel, her commitment to their shared values, and her devotion to their five children – Steve, Ellen, Melinda, Martha, and Ned.

A native of Waterville, Maine, Jane stepped onto the public stage in 1948 when she married Ed Muskie, then a practicing attorney serving in the Maine State Legislature. When Ed Muskie was elected Maine's governor in 1954, Jane became the youngest governor's wife in the United States at age 27.

In 1958, Ed Muskie was elected to the U.S. Senate and the family moved to Washington, D.C. When he was selected as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate in 1968, Jane became a pioneering political wife. She and Muriel Humphrey were the first candidate spouses to campaign across the country on behalf of a national ticket. Along the way, Jane urged women to get out the vote, call on their leaders to protect the environment, and lobby for quality educations for all. After Ed Muskie was appointed

Secretary of State by President Jimmy Carter, Jane traveled the globe with her husband, meeting with foreign dignitaries to discuss pressing issues of the day.



Ed and Jane Muskie

Jane's allegiance to her husband was balanced by her commitment to their five children. In 1979, she was given the first national "Mother of the Year" award in recognition of her concern for social and family issues. Remaining active in various organizations throughout her life, Jane was also a talented painter and writer. She co-authored a 1986 novel, "One Women Lost," with Abigail McCarthy, the wife of Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Since 1990, when the Muskie School was named in Senator Muskie's honor, Jane dedicated herself to supporting an institution that carries on her husband's vision and values. "The Muskie School," said Jane, "will be one of the most important, lasting symbols of Ed's public service. It is his legacy."

## CBER Studies Youth Out-Migration in Rural Maine County

For decades, Aroostook County, located on Maine's northern edge, has faced the problem of its youth migrating out of the region. Concern has grown steadily, particularly since the closing of Loring Air Force Base in 1994. In October 2004, the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER), a joint program of the Muskie School and the USM School of Business, conducted a study for the Northern Maine Development Commission to look at the reasons that young people leave the county and to suggest policies and programs to help retain youth or encourage those who leave to return.

Among several findings, researchers discovered that high school students in Aroostook County have high expectations for further education, and leaving the county is most often in pursuit of these expectations and the careers associated with college educations.

They also found that about 70% - 75% of students indicate an interest in returning to Aroostook if they leave, but only 20% indicate that they definitely will return.

The study concluded that it will be easiest to attract youth to stay for careers in health, social services, and education. These careers are also the most attractive to women, who report slightly higher preferences to leave Aroostook. According to the study, it will be most difficult to retain youth who are interested in scientific, artistic, and technological occupations, so efforts to grow opportunities in these professions will be most successful in attracting and retaining youth.

Researchers also suggested that urban amenities such as cultural events, night life, and shopping are

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## Upcoming Events

Tue Jan 18

2005 Spring Semester  
Begins

Tue Feb 15

Policy Soundings

*The Price of Higher  
Education Funding*

Robert L. Woodbury  
former UMS Chancellor

Eastland Park Hotel  
157 High Street, Portland  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Register online at  
[www.portlandregion.com](http://www.portlandregion.com), or  
call (207) 772-1196 x. 228

Thu Mar 10

Women in Public Life  
Forum

Laura Liswood  
Secretary General  
Council of Women World Leaders

Holiday Inn By the Bay,  
88 Spring Street, Portland  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

presented by  
the USM Muskie School and  
the Maine Women's Lobby

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important to youth who seek attractive locations to live and work. The development of these will be an important part of the package of efforts needed to retain youth. This report is available through the CBER Web site: [www.usm.maine.edu/cber](http://www.usm.maine.edu/cber).

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## School assists Maine DEP with Climate Action Plan

In early December, Maine Governor John Baldacci and the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) unveiled a Climate Action Plan for Maine that includes 54 recommended actions to reduce climate-altering pollution. The plan was developed with the expertise and input of more than 100 individuals and organizations, including faculty and staff of the Muskie School.

Karl Braithwaite, dean of the Muskie School, who worked with Senator Edmund Muskie on the original Federal Clean Air and Water Acts in the 1970s, served on the Stakeholder Advisory Group. He and Professors Dick Barringer, Charlie Colgan and Jack Kartez were members of working groups that helped create the plan. Through a cooperative agreement with DEP, Professors Colgan and Kartez, and Tom Wood, Director of Operations, also provided consulting, facilitation, and management services. The plan is available on the DEP Web site: [www.maine.gov/dep](http://www.maine.gov/dep).

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## Conference on Criminal Justice and Mental Health Draws Over 400

More than 400 people attended the two-day *Maine Sentencing Institute Conference, Criminal Justice and Mental Health Working Together: Old Problems, New Directions* on December 9-10 at the Augusta Civic Center. Staff at the Muskie School's Center for Learning (CFL) provided management support and best practices research for the conference committee.

The conference was a collaborative effort among all branches of Maine state government, the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and CFL. It examined the impact of recently enacted legislation calling for significant changes in sentencing practices, and highlighted options to reduce jail and prison populations and better meet the needs of persons with mental illness. DOC and DHHS presented a draft action plan that addresses the needs of people with mental illness involved with the criminal justice system. The plan is available on the CFL Web site, [www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/cfl](http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/cfl), under "Resources."

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## YLAT Wins Award from Equality Maine

Equality Maine, the state's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender political advocacy organization, has announced that the Youth Leadership Advisory Team (YLAT), a youth development project directed by Penhea Burns at the School's Institute for Public Sector Innovation (ISPI), will receive a Youth Leadership award in March. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team (YLAT) is a team of Maine youth in state custody, ages 14-21, engaged in the education of government, general public, caregivers, and peers regarding the needs of children and young adults in the child welfare system.

The award recognizes YLAT's work raising awareness through advocacy, resources, publications, training and forums to address the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (GLBTQ) youth in care. First prompted by a YLAT member to address this issue, YLAT developed training around GLBTQ issues and made presentations at three locations throughout Maine. They also published a guide, "How to Ask," for caseworkers about how to talk to youth about gender identity and sexual orientation. Burns and YLAT member Crystal Castro also published an article on youth-initiated training for Common Ground, New England's Child Welfare newsletter.

As a result of YLAT's efforts, the Child Welfare League of America in Washington, D.C. conducted a forum to identify the issues for GLBTQ youth in foster care in Maine. According to Burns, a report, which will include the findings from forums conducted throughout the U.S., is expected sometime this year.

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## Woodbury to Speak at Policy Soundings

On February 15, the Muskie School and Portland Regional Chamber will present the first Policy Soundings of 2005, "The Price of Higher Education Funding: Expense or Investment." The keynote speaker will be Robert L. Woodbury, former chancellor of the University of Maine System and former interim dean of the Muskie School. Woodbury will discuss the decision-making process involved with funding higher education and its impact on Maine and the economy. Panel members will be Habib Dagher, Director of the University of Maine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, and a member of Maine's legislative leadership. To register, contact the Portland Regional Chamber online at [www.portlandregion.com](http://www.portlandregion.com) or (207) 772-1996.

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## Faculty and Staff News

**Professors Dick Barringer, Jack Kartez** and **Mark Lapping** as well as PhD student **Sylvia Most**, former student **Mary Kate Reny** and adjunct professor **Theo Holtwijk** participated in the Grow Smart Maine Summit at the Augusta Civic Center on December 10.

Senate Majority Leader **Michael Brennan** (a Muskie School policy associate and alum), **Professor Charlie Colgan**, **Senator Peter Mills** (member of the School's Board of Visitors) and Senior Research Associate **Paul Saucier** are participating in "Maine Choices: A Preview of the 06-07 Maine State Budget," sponsored by the Maine Center for Economic Policy in Augusta on January 14.

**Professor Mark Lapping** presented two papers at Michigan State University in November. He also published an article, "Education in a Restorative Democracy: the Case of Estonia," in *Citizenship, Social and Economics Education*.

**Professor Evan Richert** and **Suzu Ryan** of the Gulf of Maine Census of Marine Life, housed at the Muskie School, presented program highlights at the international Census of Marine Life conference, held at UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) in Paris, France in early December.