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***UMaine Farmington "Symposium Day" April 11,
A Day of Scholarly Presentations and Creative Works***

Farmington, Maine (March 30, 2001) -- Instead of going to class on April 11, University of Maine at Farmington junior Biology major Mom Sem of Portland, Maine, junior Business Economics major Shane Genakos of Barrington, New Hampshire, and junior Business Economics major Ayako Tezuka of Tokyo, Japan will give a PowerPoint presentation on their research findings on global marketing and its potential in China. Instead of lecturing to her class that day, UMaine Farmington Professor of Early Childhood Education Kathy Yardley, along with a group of her UMF students, will present their experiences in creating a parent resource center for the Farmington Child Care Center. These presentations and more are part of the University of Maine at Farmington's "Symposium Day 2001," a unique annual event when the University cancels all scheduled classes and replaces them with an entire day set aside to highlight the scholarly and creative works by UMF students and faculty. This year's Symposium Day will be held Wednesday, April 11 beginning at 9:00 A.M., at various locations across the Farmington campus. The public is cordially invited to attend all presentations.

14 Venues, 41 Hours, 68 Different Presentations

First held in February 1999, UMF Symposium was proposed by the University's Faculty Senate to offer the campus and local community the opportunity to showcase the diversity of scholarly and creative works achieved at the Farmington campus. The day-long event, consisting of student and faculty research findings, presentations, readings, performances, art displays, and more has been expanded this year to include more venues, more presentations, and more participants than the previous two Symposium Days.

Presentations run the educational and creative gamut: current archaeological research being done at the UMF Archaeology Research Center; a study on various ballot counting methods; a discussion of a unique girl's mentoring program with Kingfield Elementary School; a comparison of East German and Cuban brands of communism; a performance of drumming used as a form of therapy; a look at the marketing of tobacco products; a discussion of lichen diversity, air quality and human health in western Maine; a reading by UMF students of their work in an advanced fiction class; a study on MBTE contamination and gasoline spillage cleanup; an

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exhibit and discussion of senior student art work; a demonstration on how to build a successful Web site; a discussion on the feasibility of using hemp oil as a fuel; a performance of computer music compositions; a study of nutrition in school lunch programs; and much more. In addition, a special presentation by UMF's Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar Henry Mollicine will focus on how words inspire music.

A complete schedule of presentations is available online at the UMF Web site: <http://violet.umf.maine.edu/~magri/acex/schedule2001.html> or by contacting the event's coordinator, UMF Associate Professor of Physics Christopher Magri, magri@maine.edu or 778-7369.

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Editors please note:

You are welcome to cover any of the day's events. If there is anything I can help you with, please feel free to contact me.
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