Maine Authors at Bates Enrichment Week

The Staff Development Committee is pleased to announce that three Maine authors will be presenting a book talk on their bestselling novels during Bates Enrichment Week – June 11-13, 2013.

If you would like to get a jump on reading any or all of the books, please go to the Garnet Gateway – Events Tab – Maine Authors and register for any of the sessions. You may attend one, two or all three book talks if you wish. We will send you the book after you have registered.

If you prefer to read on your Kindle or other e-reader, simply purchase the book for your e-reader and bring the receipt to Heather Taylor in the Finance Office for reimbursement.

Don’t miss these amazing authors and their novels!

White Dog Fell from the Sky – Tuesday, June 11, 2013 - 9am or 1:30pm

By Eleanor Morse

368 pages

Eleanor Morse captures the magic of the African landscape and the terror and degradation of life under apartheid in White Dog Fell from the Sky, a tense and heartfelt novel set in 1977: The story centers around Isaac Muthethe, a medical student who flees South Africa after military officials throw one of his peers under a train. He is smuggled across the border into Botswana in a hearse, only to be left unconscious by the side of the road; the sole witness to his mistreatment is the thin white dog of the title, a symbol of perseverance and patience. When, coincidentally, Isaac encounters an old school friend named Amen, who is aligned with violent freedom fighters, Isaac’s fate is sealed: “Later,
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he’d look back and see that this moment led to another that fed all the way down a road he’d never meant to travel.” He works quietly as a gardener for an empathetic and unhappy American woman, Alice, until his simple desire to earn enough money to rescue his family spirals into a nightmare of misunderstanding and suffering. The trials and discoveries of Isaac and Alice, whose relationship is one of mutual admiration and respect, unfold in parallel plotlines, although their lives collide when Isaac goes missing and Alice’s search for him forces a confession. Portland resident, Morse, who spent four years living on the continent, working with refugees and traveling, channels her fascination with the factious regions into her courageous characters, whose story roars along and arrives, finally, at hope.

Featured in the January 2013 issue of Oprah Magazine as a must-read novel.

The Poacher’s Son – Wednesday, June 12, 2013 - 9am or 1:30pm
By Paul Doiron
336 pages

Set in the wilds of Maine, this is an explosive tale of an estranged son thrust into the hunt for a murderous fugitive—his own father. Game warden Mike Bowditch returns home one evening to find an alarming voice from the past on his answering machine: his father, Jack, a hard-drinking womanizer who makes his living poaching illegal game. An even more frightening call comes the next morning from the police: They are searching for the man who killed a beloved local cop the night before—and his father is their prime suspect. Jack has escaped from police custody, and only Mike believes that his tormented father might not be guilty.

Shunned by colleagues who have no sympathy for the suspected cop killer, Mike must come to terms with his haunted past. He knows firsthand Jack’s brutality, but is the man capable of murder? Desperate and alone, Mike strikes up an uneasy alliance with a retired warden pilot, and together the two men journey deep into the Maine wilderness in search of a runaway fugitive.

Taut and engrossing, this book represents the first in a series featuring Mike Bowditch. Editor-in-Chief of the Bangor Daily News named Paul one of its 12 Mainers to Watch in 2012.

When We Were the Kennedys – Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 9am or 1:30pm
By Monica Wood
256 pages

April 1963, Mexico, Maine. The Wood family is much like its close, Catholic, immigrant neighbors, all dependent on a father’s wages from the Oxford Paper Company on the banks of nearby Rumford Falls. Until the sudden death of Dad, and then Mum and the four closely connected Wood girls are set adrift. In her intimate but expansive memoir, When We Were the Kennedys, Maine native Monica Wood explores not only her family’s grief but also the national end of innocence when President John F. Kennedy was shot seven months later. Monica and her mother feel a special bond with Jackie and Caroline Kennedy, and Monica takes solace in identifying with Caroline when other children are “a little bit afraid of me because my father died.” As the nation is shocked by the loss of its handsome Catholic president, the televised grace of Jackie Kennedy galvanizes Monica’s mother, also a Catholic widow with young children to set off on an unprecedented family road trip to Washington, D.C., to do some rescuing of her own. Braiding her own story of mourning together with the heartbreak all around her, Wood has written a tender memoir of a very different time in Maine and the nation.

Springtime Safety Word Association

By Ray Potter, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Human Resources

When you hear “SPRING” you might think:

Spring Cleaning Keep the spring cleaning chemicals away from kids and pets; And be sure they are labeled to avoid mistakes.

Gardening Keep the kids and pets away from fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides; Store gardening tools safely; and did you know lilies, rhododendrons and azaleas can be fatal to pets and children?

Sunshine Get out the hats and sunscreen for the whole family.

Insects Get out the bug repellent to keep mosquitoes, ticks, black flies and other nasty bugs away from pets and family members.

Bicycling Polish up the helmet; review safety rules; expect more traffic; And if you are driving, watch out for bicyclers, motorcyclists and skateboarders.

Allergies Prepare for the onset of pollen and take your prescribed precautions so you won’t have to be stuck indoors.

Hiking If you haven’t been active through the winter, warm up for hiking by taking walks and stretching.

Poison Ivy Know what it looks like and avoid it. After working or enjoying the outdoors wash exposed skin immediately with soap.

Easter Remember, chocolate is toxic to dogs. Green plastic grass can cause digestive obstruction in cats. And if you’re not quick the kids will eat all the chocolate before you can get any.

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April Dates of Interest

Biweekly pay date, April 11
Monthly pay date, April 11
Biweekly pay date, April 25
BATES COLLEGE EMPLOYEE PHOTO CONTEST!

Sponsored by the Staff Development Committee

ELIGIBILITY: The Contest is open to all current Bates staff and faculty.

Submissions to the contest must be received in Human Resources by 4pm on May 24, 2013 in order to be eligible; entries received after that date will not be entered. Each entry must be submitted on an individual basis (i.e., no team or joint entries) and all photos must be the original creation of the employee. Only non-commercial work may be submitted. Photos will be displayed in New Commons during Bates Enrichment Week; Human Resources reserves the right to reject photos deemed to be inappropriate for public display.

CATEGORIES:

- ANIMALS
- PATTERNS
- TOGETHERNESS
- HUMOR

JUDGING: A JUDGING PANEL of three employees selected by the Staff Development Committee will select a winner in each category. Entries will be judged on creativity, technical expertise and aesthetic value.

PEOPLE’S CHOICE - Additionally, all employees of the college will be eligible to vote for their favorite photo in each category and a PEOPLE’S CHOICE Award in each category will be named.

Winners of each category will be announced at Employee Recognition Lunch on June 14, 2013.

PRIZES and AWARDS: There will be one Judging Panel and one People’s Choice award winner in each category, and one Grand Prize award winner for the overall contest will be named by the Judging Panel. Judging Panel and People’s Choice Category Prize winners will each receive a $50 Shutterfly gift certificate and the Grand Prize winner will also receive a digital camera.
PHOTO SUBMISSION FORM (submit one form for each photo)

Employee Name ________________________________________________________________

Department ___________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone______________________________________________________________

Photo Category (check one)

- Animals
- Patterns
- Togetherness
- Humor

You may submit one photo per category for a maximum submission of four photos.

Photo must 8 inches by 10 inches and be printed on 8.5 inch x 11 inch photo quality paper.

Horizontal or vertical view accepted

All photos will be matted on white matte paper by the Human Resources staff.

Photos will be on display in New Commons during Bates Enrichment Week and will remain up until June 28, 2013.

GENERAL RULES & LIMITATIONS: By entering, you represent that: (i) your entry is your own original work; and (ii) you own or have the rights to convey any and all right and title in any material submitted as part of your entry into the Contest. By entering, you grant Bates College a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty free license to edit, publish, promote, republish at any time in the future and otherwise use your submission, along with your name and likeness, in any and all media for any purpose, without further permission, notice or compensation. Bates College is not responsible for lost, late, inaccurate, incomplete, damaged, illegible, or misdirected entries.
Everybody Has a Story:
Paul Gastonguay ’89,
Head Coach, Men’s and Women’s Tennis

By Amie PARKER, Employment Manager, Human Resources

Each time I interview an employee, I’m torn between the stories of locals that come to Bates and the stories of those that come from afar; both stories bring something unique and different to the table. When it comes to sports stories, it’s the local story that can tug at our desire to hang on to the notion of a hometown hero.

Paul Gastonguay was raised in Lewiston and is a graduate of Lewiston High School. Paul was born into a family of sports fans and his father ran the Lewiston Rec department for 18 years. His love of tennis was born from his father’s own interest in passing on his own passion for the sport. As such, Paul began playing tennis at a young age. The game of tennis was extremely popular during his youth, yet despite its popularity, there were very few local venues in which to play indoors. He played as much as he could during the summer months and it wasn’t until he was a junior in high school that he had the opportunity to play indoors year round, improving his game significantly.

Tennis is what kept Paul in this community after high school. He was drawn to the indoor facilities at Bates and was influenced by Buddy Schulz ’81, a professional tennis player. He lived at home and worked to pay for his schooling. After graduation, he played tennis professionally for four years, a period during which his game improved rapidly. He had the opportunity to train with Ivan Lendl, a former world #1 player and one of his idols growing up. He describes this experience as somewhat surreal and feels privileged to have trained with some of the best players in the world.

He transitioned from playing to coaching because of an opportunity offered by Lendl and was eventually called to return to Bates as head coach seventeen years ago. He returned because it just “felt right” and it was a bonus to be close to family here in Maine. He and his wife Leslie, an attorney at Bernstein Shur in Portland, reside in Lewiston with their two daughters, Caroline and Charlotte. Like many in our Bates community, Paul has a great love of the outdoors and enjoys skiing the Maine mountains and hiking and biking in Acadia during the summer.

During his tenure as coach at Bates his men’s players have won NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships and Paul has coached 17 All Americans since 2003. Two of his women’s players were selected to the NCAAs for the first time in program history in 2012 and both the men’s and women’s teams are nationally ranked. This may make Paul a winning coach in the eyes of even the average bobcat, but perhaps most importantly, it’s that Paul has returned to this community with his talent that endears him to those of us who get misty-eyed at the notion of a hometown hero. (But then, I’m a sucker for a good sports story, so I may be biased…)

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
-C. S. Lewis