Chances are good you have already heard or read about it. Beginning in March and April of 2008 (depending upon your campus), we all—including our students—head down MaineStreet big time. Registration for fall semester 2008 will be done in our new system, and NOT in WebDSIS or ISIS.

Many options for learning how to navigate in the new system will be offered; some are already available. Visit the MaineStreet portal at http://mainestreet.maine.edu and select TRAINING TOOLS AND MATERIALS, and then CAMPUS SOLUTIONS to check out some of the information.

A new learning tool called UPK (you read about UPK in the September 2007 issue of News from MaineStreet) will allow you to get online help at any time, including while you are actually working in the new system. UPK will teach you how to perform a process, and will also walk you through it if you get stuck.

Training classes will be offered on campuses as well. Information about classes at your university will be available early in 2008.

Implementation of Financial Aid moved back to 2009

It’s that “best-laid plans” thing again. Originally scheduled for 2009, implementation of Financial Aid in MaineStreet was fast-tracked so it might be up and running by the time fall semester 2008 registration rolled around. However, this schedule just hasn’t provided enough time for the Financial Aid project team to complete the enormous amount of work required; thus Financial Aid has been moved back to its original early-2009 startup date.

This means that the implementation team is now focusing on providing an interface between MaineStreet (where Student Records will be) and Financier (where Financial Aid will remain) for the next year. This interface will not provide the same level of service that we’re accustomed to in the current ISIS-Financier interface, but it’ll get the job done for a year.

Meanwhile, kudos to the hard-working Financial Aid IDP team. Reps from all campuses will continue working to prepare for an early 2009 go-live.
# Campus Solutions: what, when, who

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Go to MaineStreet for:</th>
<th>When?</th>
<th>Affects:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Begin building Fall 2008 class schedule</td>
<td>September 2007 and beyond</td>
<td>Student Records IDP Team; all academic departments (depending on campus)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application fees and payments</td>
<td>October 1, 2007 and beyond</td>
<td>Admissions Offices; Business Offices; Shared Processing Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall 2008 enrollment deposit processing</td>
<td>October 1, 2007 and beyond</td>
<td>Admissions Offices; Business Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Convert ISIS schedule of classes for Fall 2008 to new system</td>
<td>September/October 2007</td>
<td>Student Records IDP Team; Student Records Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Begin transfer credit evaluation for Fall 2008 new admits</td>
<td>February 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>Admissions Offices; Transfer Officers; Student Records Offices; Financial Aid Offices; academic departments (depending on campus); incoming transfer students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Academic Advisement (available)</td>
<td>March 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>All academic departments, depending on campus; Academic Advisement IDP Team; Student Records Offices; students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall 2008 registration, including student self-service</td>
<td>March/April 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>All academic departments; all students; Student Records Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conversion of Spring 2008 grades from ISIS to PeopleSoft</td>
<td>May/June 2008</td>
<td>Student Records IDP Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calculate tuition and fees for Fall 2008; disburse Fall 2008 financial aid; print and mail bills</td>
<td>July 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>Student Financials IDP Team; Financial Aid Offices; Business Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spring 2009 registration, including student self-service</td>
<td>November 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>All academic departments; all students; Student Records Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall 2008 final grades</td>
<td>December 2008 and beyond</td>
<td>All academic departments; Student Records Offices</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The above chart does not include every process in every office that will be shifted to our new system, but is meant to provide an overview of the major events. Many implementation details are campus-based. Highlighted rows have the potential to involve all academic departments, depending on campus.

If you have a question about any of these milestones and how they might impact you, please contact an IDP team member from your university for campus-specific information.

**Remember:** as we begin going down MaineStreet to do each of these tasks, we will be leaving our legacy systems behind.

✔ means milestone has been successfully met.
A Peek A Week will be back in January, focusing on useful tidbits of information about the new registration process in MaineStreet. Starting in March and April, we’ll be using our new system and not WebDSIS to register students for Fall 2008. The Peeks will give you a sneak preview of some of the features and screens that we’ll be using.

**Shopping Break**

Did you know...that it is now even easier to find the Shopping Plaza? Simply point your web browser to www.maine.edu/shoppingplaza to learn more.

**New Contracts at the Shopping Plaza:**
- SimplexGrinnell (fire alarms and security systems)
- ICI Paints (paint and supplies)

**Coming Soon:**
- Mail room furniture
- More MRO supplies, plumbing fixture parts
- Scientific instrumentation, life & analytical science products, ultra pure and fine chemicals

*Help to spread the word!* The Shopping Plaza is so easy to access—just click on the “Shopping Plaza” link in your MaineStreet portal.

---

**Online benefits enrollment in MaineStreet a success**

April Strowbridge, Benefits Administration Coordinator for the University of Maine System, reports that more than 1,300 employees used the new online benefits enrollment option in November. This equates to more than 60% of employees System-wide who made benefit changes this year.

Comments from some who successfully completed the process:

“Just wanted you to know that I found the online option AWESOME. It was quick and much clearer than the paper version…”

“This is soooo easy…”

“…I have found the site very easy to navigate and very direct in outlining the options.”

---

**QAS helps to standardize mailing addresses**

If you frequently enter addresses into MaineStreet, you’re going to like this. **Quick Address Software** will be up and running sometime in January 2008.

As we enter addresses onto pages in MaineStreet, QAS automatically standardizes the format to that preferred by the US Postal Service—changing “Street” to “ST” and adding the last four digits of the zip code, for example. We think of it as the zip-code validation that we have now—on steroids.

We should save substantial bucks on postage rates for bulk mailings just by always using the zip+4 and other USPS standards. With cleaner addresses, we ought to eliminate a lot of “returned as undeliverable” pieces of mail, too.

After we’ve got the basic capability functioning, we’ll use another part of the software to clean up our existing databases.

QAS will also be used to standardize all of the student addresses that are received in external loads (e.g. SAT scores). By matching standardized addresses being loaded against standardized addresses already in our databases, we can prevent creation of duplicate records. It’s all good.
In complying with the letter and spirit of applicable laws and in pursuing its own goals of diversity, the University of Maine System shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status or gender identity, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, or veterans status in employment, education, and all other areas of the University System. The University provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Questions and complaints about discrimination in any area of the University should be directed to Sally Dobres, Director of Equity and Diversity, 207-973-3372 (voice) or 207-973-3300 (TDD), 16 Central Street, Bangor, Maine 04401.