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“Project Enterprise” name being phased out

The name “**Project Enterprise**” was given to the enterprise resource project in the University of Maine System a few years ago. The Project was charged with implementing and maintaining the Oracle/PeopleSoft product in the University System (in addition to many other responsibilities).

Since that time, all System-wide information technology services provided to the institutions of the University System have been restructured and are now consolidated within the new office of **UMS Information Technology Services**, under the leadership of Ralph Caruso, the System’s first Chief Information Officer.

The former Project Enterprise group has always had responsibilities far beyond those implied by their name. A more inclusive, descriptive, and correct name for this unit is the title now used: **Administrative Systems Development and Support**. ASDS recognizes more clearly the broad range of expertise and services provided to the University of Maine System by this department.

The Project Enterprise name and logo will slowly disappear from use and view, so don’t be surprised that the name of this newsletter (formerly Project Enterprise’s “Employee Update”) has changed as well.

News from MaineStreet will continue where *Employee Update* left off. The **News** will bring you important information about the

software products now in use by HR, Financials, and Student Administration offices.

As we work toward implementation of more Oracle/PeopleSoft modules, you’ll read about our progress here. The **News** will keep you up-to-date about planned upgrades, glossary items, and the people who work on “MaineStreet.”

The Project Enterprise website is also being revised to reflect these changes, and will be the place to look for general information about MaineStreet and the implementation project.

What is MaineStreet?



MaineStreet is the road to on-line access. All employees and students (and prospective students, too) in the University of Maine System visit the **MaineStreet** portal to log in to use HR, Financials, and Campus Solutions (student administration) applications and services.

Find the portal to **MaineStreet** at <http://mainestreet.maine.edu>.

HR **UP**grade date

The planned **upgrade** of PeopleSoft's HRMS to version 8.9 is still in the works, and it's likely to take place in late winter/early spring—February or March of 2007.

The most noticeable new features of this version will probably be the time entry and time approval pages for employees (including student employees) who are paid bi-weekly. These pages in version 8.9 will look different than the pages we're used to seeing. The changes are not just cosmetic, either: the upgrade will also provide an improved system with new features for employees and their time approvers. In addition, student employees will be able to see and track their financial aid awards online after the upgrade.

See *Employee Update Issue No. 19, July 2006* at <http://www.maine.edu/pdf/July06news.pdf> for screen shots of the time entry screen and the student punch time entry screen.

And stay tuned: “**A Peek A Week**” for the HR upgrade will begin in January, with more peeks at some of the screens and tidbits of information about the new system. You'll be notified by email when the first Peek is available for viewing on the MaineStreet general information website at www.maine.edu/system/mainestreet.

▲ **DELTA*** training for end-users in Human Resources offices will be scheduled a month or so before the go-live date.

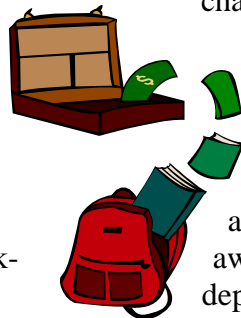
* This means comparing the current version (8.0) to what is different in the new version (8.9) and learning to use the new features.

New award distribution process for work-study

Sometime this month (December 2006), Financial Aid office staff will welcome the implementation of a new award distribution process. This will make it much easier for employees to monitor students' financial aid award amounts.

If information about a student's work-study award has been recorded incorrectly, it will be easier to adjust,


since it will be tracked in a GL account, a change from previous practice.





Another change from previous practice and of interest to departments that employ work-study students: a student's federal award will be automatically monitored, and when the award is exhausted, the employing department will automatically be charged 100% of any amount that exceeds the award limit.


Factoids

from the Shared Processing Center

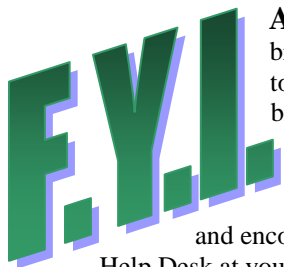
 More than 45,000 admissions documents—including applications, transcripts, test scores, and recommendation letters—were scanned in the first two months of production (October and November 2006).

 As of December 1, more than 2,000 applications for admission are in the system.

 Campus admissions offices plan to use imaging to review applications submitted for fall 2007.

 Loan Processing has begun implementing ImageNow. The first major project: archiving of thousands of records for borrowers who are currently repaying loans.

Jon Henry, Interim Director of the Shared Processing Center, reports that he extends sincere and hearty thanks to all of the **university admissions staff members** and to the new **Center data processing staff** for their dedication and hard work during the Center's first months of life.



About web browsers: Oracle/PeopleSoft is a web-browser based system. As web browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, for example) are upgraded, companies like Oracle tend to lag a bit in certifying that their systems will function properly on the new versions of the browsers.

Internet Explorer 7.0 has just recently been certified by Oracle for use with its products. Firefox versions 1.5 and up are not yet certified. If you are using either of these browsers and encounter any difficulties with MaineStreet (PeopleSoft) applications, contact the appropriate Help Desk at your university.

Of special interest to Financials users: Microsoft's new Vista will include an upgraded version of Microsoft Office, including Excel. If you plan to use Vista, know that you **might** see unexpected results when your financial data are uploaded to Excel spreadsheets.☺

A Project Glossary

MaineStreet UMS: On-line access in the University of Maine System for students, prospective students, and employees to information, tools, and resources specific to their roles in the University System. Logging in through the MaineStreet portal provides access to, depending on one's role and security, Human Resource, Financial Management, and Campus Solutions information.

Role security: The role assigned to an end-user determines what pages in MaineStreet (PeopleSoft) that user can see.

Row-level security: Determines what data an end-user can view on the pages s/he is permitted to see. Generally, row-level security is governed by the institution; an employee at the University of Maine at Presque Isle who performs a person search, for example, would see only data for UMPI.



Wishing you peace at this holiday time.

“Scene” on MaineStreet (well, actually on Central Street)



Darren-Michael Yocum, project manager for the Campus Solutions implementation, addresses the campus representatives working on transfer credit issues at a recent IDP session in Bangor. Visible members of the team (left to right) include **Steve Rand** (USM), **Don Raymond** (UMFK), **Hazel Doak** (UMF), **Carla DeGraw** (UMF), **Mary Stover** (UMM), **Ann Corbett** (UMA), **Beth Vigue** (UMA), **Claudia Quintal** (UMA), and **Aaron Barnes** (UMS). Not visible in this photo but very much in attendance are **Kathy Davis** (UMPI), **Heidi Noyce** (USM), **Kathy Ouellette** (UM), **Tammy Light** (UM), and **Peter Reid** (UMS).

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