Financials Upgrade on April 14

On April 14, the University of Maine System’s financial management system on MaineStreet will be upgraded from version 8.4 to version 9.0. This includes General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Travel and Expenses.

In preparation for the upgrade, MaineStreet Financials will be closed for renovations from 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9 until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Financial Management was initially implemented in the University System in July 2005.

See page 3 for more important information about the Financials upgrade.

On February 19, 2009, the one-millionth process was run in MaineStreet Financials.

Since the go-live of MaineStreet Financials in July 2005, an average of 750 processes per day has been run. The majority of these financial processes are GL Inquiry reports, but the count also includes the printing of purchase orders, posting of journals, and other financial reports.

The lucky end-user who submitted the one-millionth process to be run was Jennifer Baker, who works in Sponsored Programs at the University of Maine. Because of the historic nature of this event, and because at the time of the Financials implementation in 2005 the project was known as Project Enterprise, Jennifer will receive the rare and historic (collector’s items!) Project Enterprise mug and pencil. Congratulations, Jennifer!

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Retirement of the mainframe

We knew this was going to happen. Back in 2002 when plans were first made for a new administrative computing system, those plans did not include the old mainframe computer (pictured at left).

As business processes—HR, Financials, Campus Solutions—have moved to MaineStreet, they have been moved off the mainframe to ready it for retirement.

Two suggestions:

1. If you have a mainframe ID and are not currently using the mainframe, send email to operations@maine.edu and request that the ID be released.

2. If you have data on tapes or disks that you want to keep, start making plans to retrieve the information and remove it from the mainframe.

For more details, please visit the Mainframe: Termination of Services web page at http://www.maine.edu/UMSMainframe.

Don’t be left in the dark when the plug is pulled.

A new feature on the portal: Class Search

When you go to the MaineStreet portal to log in to MaineStreet, you now see a pagelet featuring Class Search and Distance Learning Class Search on the left side of the window. It is no longer necessary to log in to search for classes.

If you are looking for Training Tools & Materials, including UPK, you will find them in the MaineStreet Menu after you log in. Training documents are also available through the MaineStreet general information website at www.maine.edu/system/mainestreet/.
More notes about the Financials upgrade

1. The upgrade to Financials 9.0 will affect General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Travel and Expenses.

2. **NOT** included in or affected by the upgrade are Human Resources (including Payroll) and Campus Solutions (including Student Financials).

3. The MaineStreet Financials system will be **unavailable from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 until it reopens for business at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14.** During this time Human Resources and Campus Solutions will be available but will not feed to the Financials system.

4. This upgrade allows the University of Maine System to take advantage of improvements that are provided by Oracle, maker of the software.

5. No changes to our underlying business processes will occur, and most end-users will notice few differences. If you have a role in financials now, you will have the same role in the upgraded system.

6. In some cases the screens you view may appear a bit different. These are really just “look and feel” changes. In some cases you will use fewer keystrokes or fewer screens to do your work, and you may find improvements in the organization of screens.

7. To look at training materials related to this upgrade, log in to the MaineStreet portal ([http://mainestreet.maine.edu](http://mainestreet.maine.edu)). Under **MaineStreet Menu** on the left, click on **Training Tools and Materials → Financials → Financials 9.0.**
Financial Aid successfully moves to MaineStreet

In February 2009 students began accessing their financial aid information in Student Self-Service on MaineStreet. Students can now track the status of their financial aid application documents, including the FAFSA, and easily determine whether any materials are missing from their files.

Students will also be able to accept or decline their aid awards and sign promissory notes online.

The move of Financial Aid completes the shift of Campus Solutions legacy systems from ISIS/WebDSIS on the mainframe to MaineStreet.