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Environmental activist Bill McKibben comes to UMF

FARMINGTON — Nationally known environmentalist, educator, writer and activist Bill McKibben will give the talk, "The Most Important Number in the World-Building the People Powered Movement to Fight Global Warming," is free and open to the public and will take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 13, in University of Maine at Farmington's Nordica Auditorium.

A bestselling author and scholar in environmental studies, McKibben is a frequent writer on global warming, alternative energy, the importance of local economies and the risks associated with human genetic engineering. He is actively involved with the fight against climate change and, beginning in the summer of 2006, led the organization of the largest demonstrations against global warming in American history.

McKibben is the author of 10 books observing contemporary life and the environment, including his latest work, "Deep Economy," in which he puts forward a new way to think about the food we eat, the energy we use and the way to create a hopeful and sustainable future. He wrote the first general audience book on global warming, "The End of Nature," in 1989, which has appeared in print in more than 20 languages.

McKibben is a frequent contributor to many national publications, including The New York Times, Harper's, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Review of Books, Orion Magazine and Rolling Stone. He was president of the Harvard Crimson newspaper in college. After graduation, he worked as a staff writer for The New Yorker, writing much of the "Talk of the Town" column from 1982 to early 1987.

He currently is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College and resides in Ripton, Vt.

McKibben's presentation is co-sponsored by the University's Diversity Committee and Sustainable Campus Coalition.

For more information, contact Valerie Huebner, executive assistant to the UMF president, at 778-7258, or huebner@maine.edu.



The Irish band Slide will be performing at Skye Theater South Carthage and Lakeside Theater in Rangeley March 11 and 12 respectively. (Photo courtesy the band)

Slide to play Rangeley, South Carthage

RANGELEY & SOUTH CARTHAGE — New England Celtic Arts will host the highly acclaimed Irish band Slide at Skye Theatre Performing Arts Center in South Carthage on Wednesday, March 11, and at the Lakeside Theater in Rangeley on Thursday, March 12 with the concerts starting at 7 p.m. at both theaters. A pre-show jam will start at 6:15 p.m. at Skye Theatre — bring your instruments and join in. Reservations are strongly suggested at both venues.

The Irish Times calls Slide "traditional musicians with attitude" and credits the group with "bringing drawing room grandeur and high spirits together" with its diverse songs, which range from soulful and sorrowful to contagiously energetic. Folk Roots Magazine proclaims, "There's plenty of action and flamboyance in Slide's music," which merges "swagger with traditional expertise."

This rollicking band's origins date back to Ireland in 1999, when Slide performed in various pubs for a local

music festival in Bandon, Co. Cork. The group's intoxicating music easily won over the crowd, which demanded more of the unique and colorful sound.

Slide consists of concertina virtuoso Aogan Lynch, fiddler-guitarist Diare Bracken, bouzouki and mandolin player Mick Broderick, pianist-flautist Eamonn de Barra, and vocalist Andrew Murray.

Overneath, their third studio album, sees the band hone their creative abilities. It is an exciting addition to Slide's previous two recordings with many critics hailing it as their best to date.

Skye Theater is located 3 miles west of East Dixfield village at 2 Highland Drive off Winter Hill Rd. and US RT. 2 in South Carthage. Lakeside Theater is on Main Street in Rangeley.

Ticket price is \$10 at the door. Call Skye Theatre at 562-4445 or Lakeside Theater at 864-5000 for reservations and directions. More information is available at: <http://www.necelticarts.com>.

Father/Daughter dances planned

PHILLIPS & JAY — The Franklin County Children's Task Force will this year be holding two simultaneous Father Daughter Dances on Saturday, March 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. One dance will take place at the Jay High School Cafeteria, and the other will take place in the more northern area of Franklin County at the Phillips Middle School. The music will be provided by DJs Chelsea Hutchinson and Steve and Leslie Bull.

Dances are sponsored in part by Otis Federal Credit Union and The Opportunity Center of North Franklin County. Anyone wishing to purchase advance tickets may do so at Mickey's Hallmark in Farmington, The Flower Barn and Riverside Quick Stop in Jay, Edmunds

in Phillips, Fotters Market in Stratton, The White Elephant in Strong, Rangeley IGA in Rangeley or Tranten's Market in Kingfield.

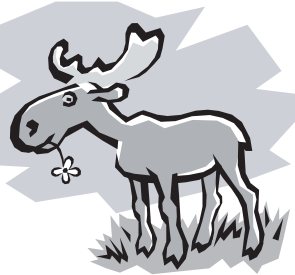
One ticket covers both father and his daughter(s). The cost for tickets is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Fathers and their daughters are encouraged to come and dance the night away, enjoy give-away prizes and each others company. For more information, contact the Franklin County Children's Task Force at 778-6960 or stop by the offices at 113 Church Street in Farmington, behind Java Joe's.

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