

UMFK alumnus' gift endows fund for Waneta Blake Library



--Daniel Richards

FORT KENT — The University of Maine at Fort Kent has received \$40,000 from the estate of alumnus Daniel Richards to set up an endowment to the patrons of the Waneta T. Blake Library.

The money will be used to buy books on music and American poetry, and will be named the Inez Day Richards Fund in memory of Richards' paternal grandmother.

Richards graduated from UMFK in 1967 and went on to a distinguished career. At the time of his death he was serving as the director of biomedical libraries at Dartmouth College in

Andover, N.H. He had previously worked as the collection development officer at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.; the assistant health sciences librarian for resources and reference services at Columbia University in New York City; and the collection development officer and other positions at the UCLA Biomedical Library in Los Angeles. He also had worked as a library associate at the National Library of Medicine and a reference librarian at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

After completing his bachelor of science degree in education at UMFK, Richards received a master of science degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin, and did post-graduate work at the National Library of Medicine and the University of Maryland.

"Daniel Richards was highly respected in his field and as an individual," said Dr. Charles Lyons, president of UMFK. "We are honored that he chose to memorialize his grandmother through the University."

Richards was born in North Carolina, but spent much of his childhood in the Houlton area. It was his grandmother, Inez Day Richards, who paid for his education at UMFK. While he was

studying at the university he worked as an assistant in Blake Library and cultivated his interest in libraries and books. Richards was one of the library assistants who helped move the contents of the library from its former location in Cyr Hall to the building it now occupies.

"Daniel would work extra hours because he loved libraries so much," said Marcel Pittet, head librarian at UMFK from 1966-87.

An active member of the numerous organizations, Richards formerly served as chair of the Medical Library Association. He also was involved in groups such as the American Library Association, the Society for Electronic Access to Information,

and the American Association for the History of Medicine.

According to his sister, Margaret Casey of Houlton, Richards' interests outside of work and family ranged from classical music to art, travel and cooking. In fact, the Medical Library Association is honoring Richards by publishing a cookbook in his name. The group is collecting recipes from his family and friends for the book, which will be available in 1998.

Friends, family and colleagues of Richards' remember him as a hard working yet fun loving individual.

"Everyone he ever met remembers him," said Casey. "He really made an impression."

Michaud, Ahearne named 1996 Outstanding Young Men

ST. JOHN VALLEY — Robert Michaud of Fort Kent and Douglas Ahearne of Madawaska have been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

The OYMA program has since 1966 honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished

themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

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