Zillman offers keynote lecture at Kansas law school

President Don Zillman recently was invited to deliver a lecture on wind power at the Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.

Zillman, who serves as the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law, offered the 32nd Annual Foulston Siefkin Lecture on Friday, Feb. 27. His talk, hosted by the Washburn University School of Law and the Washburn Law Journal, was entitled More Than Tilting at Windmills.

Zillman discussed wind power and energy law in general and also discussed UMPI’s work to install a 600 kW wind turbine on campus.

“It was an honor to serve as their distinguished lecturer. There are many eminent people who have delivered the Foulston Siefkin Lecture before me, and it was wonderful to be in the third best wind state in the country talking about wind power and what we’ve done here in Maine,” President Zillman said.

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the New York Yankees post-game report on the sports show Sports Life New York City.

It’s the kind of attention the team never dreamed of. But how did a story about a baseball team in Presque Isle, Maine, get into The New York Times in the first place? Bill Pennington explained by email that he was “slightly familiar” with the region because some of his wife’s relatives are from the general area (they’re spread from Quebec to Fort Kent to Moncton), but that he did not know that Presque Isle had a ball team. Pennington said he had been working “on and off” on a series of stories about people in college athletics who play for the love of the game.

“About a month ago [in February], I was thinking about people who endure various hardships but who do so willingly to play. I was thinking of various obstacles, be they cultural, economic, and then, geographic. And when it came to geography, one of the first places I thought of was Northern Maine,” he wrote.

After checking out the UMPI team’s baseball schedule and learning about some of the situations the team routinely faces (such as playing four games in one day), Pennington said he was struck by the fact that no one ever seemed to complain.

“I was also amazed that no one had written much about a situation I knew was fascinating and engaging. So I figured I better get to know this team,” he wrote.

The story has meant a lot to the UMPI Owls. The article mentioned that the team never has fans cheering them on because they’re hundreds of miles from home. Coach Saucier said several people have called to say they’ll be at upcoming games, inspired by this team with so much heart. The article pointed out that the team ended its road trip to Virginia winless but in good spirits. Since then, the Owls completed another road trip, this time to New York and Massachusetts, and came away with four wins. Perhaps the words of encouragement from people across the country played some part in helping the team to clinch those games.

The Owls have four weeks and more than 15 games left to play. But no matter what happens in the weeks to come, one thing is certain – it’s going to be quite a season to remember. Go Owls!

Team Roster
Leo Saucier, coach
David deKay, student assistant coach
Ryan McPhedran, manager/statistician

Brandon Boulware
DJ Charette
Tyler Delaney
Seth Dorr
Brandon Elie
Corey Fournier
AJ Pennartz
Ronald Spencer
Corey Harding
Caleb Hale
Clint Carter
Jared Manzo
Tyson Tash
Max Mayer
James Cirell
Andrew Parker