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A Magnificent Fund

Consistent giving over many years can have an extremely significant and positive impact at The University of Maine. Nowhere is this better illustrated than by the **Nathan Levitan Scholarship Fund**.

In 1900 Nathan Levitan and his family moved to the United States from Poland when he was just four years old. After growing up in Massachusetts, he became employed in "the needle trade" in that same state. While he was unable to attend college, he did provide financial support for his children so that they could go to college. He also provided his children with a strong ethical upbringing.

Years later, in 1959, his son, Leon Levitan, Ph.D., a member of the Class of 1938 at The University of Maine, decided to honor his father through the establishment of the **Nathan Levitan Scholarship Fund** at the University of Maine Foundation. The initial gift was \$5,000, and every year since, Dr. Levitan has contributed to the fund. When the fund was established, former University of Maine President Lloyd Elliott stated that many UMaine students "will certainly benefit through the years from this magnificent fund."



Dr. Leon Levitan '38

What has the impact been of Dr. Levitan's consistent giving to this "magnificent fund"?

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- Through the summer of 2004, a fund that was worth approximately \$101,170.
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Consistency in giving, when coupled with the power of compounding interest and appreciation, can positively alter countless lives. Dr. Levitan's consistent giving has done just that.

In the fall of 2004 Dr. Levitan made an additional very generous gift to the **Nathan Levitan Scholarship Fund**, thus substantially increasing the total value of the fund.

For more information on how you too can establish a "magnificent fund," even with a modest gift, contact Amos Orcutt '64, CEO/President of the Foundation.



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A Letter from the Governor



JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow University of Maine Alumni:

As Governor of Maine, I am focused on the role of our educational institutions in creating economic development opportunities in our state. Business attraction, expansion, creation, and retention require a trained and experienced workforce. Maine has a great reputation for worker productivity, reliability, honesty, and integrity. As we look to the jobs of the future, I can not overemphasize the importance of higher education to position us for prosperity.

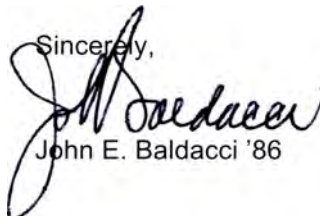
As Governor I have helped provide significant research and development funding at the University of Maine, leveraging additional federal and private research dollars. R & D funding at UMaine has nearly tripled since Maine re-prioritized these investments in 1998. I'm excited that UMaine is partnering with private enterprise to market new products and technologies. Every year, companies related to UMaine research are being created by students or recent graduates.

As Governor, I am focused on expanding economic development opportunities in Maine with many aggressive and innovative initiatives. Maine's new Pine Tree Development Zones provide significant incentives for new ventures seeking to locate in western, central, eastern, and northern Maine. Small business start-ups in biotechnology, information technology, aquaculture, agriculture, forestry, composites, precision manufacturing, and environmental technologies can access seed funding and assistance from the Maine Technology Institute and Maine's network of business incubators.

The University of Maine has over 80,000 alumni, located throughout the world, representing all fields and professions. I am a proud alumnus of the University of Maine, as are many members of my cabinet and staff. Each of us is focused on growing quality jobs for all of the people in Maine.

Whether you are a corporate executive thinking about expanding or relocating, someone interested in starting a business, or someone looking for new opportunities, please take a close look at what is happening in Maine. As an alumnus, you already know Maine, its people, and its quality of life. We are positioned for high quality job growth.

Consider coming home to Maine by visiting the Alumni Resource web site at www.mainealumni.com/resource for more information.

Sincerely,

John E. Baldacci '86

About the Alumni Resource:

The University of Maine Office of Research and Economic Development and the Alumni Association are working with Governor Baldacci and several economic development organizations and businesses throughout the state to reach out to alumni. We're pleased to announce the creation of the Alumni Resource web site. This site has information for alumni who may be interested in starting or expanding a business or who may be interested in employment opportunities. Many new opportunities have been created in Maine in the last five years that make it an exciting time and place to do business! Find out more by visiting www.mainealumni.com/resource.

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Presidential Search Underway

The search for a new University of Maine president is moving ahead full steam, with the University of Maine Board of Trustees and the chancellor expecting a new UMaine leader at the Orono campus by July. Until that time, the university will continue to be led by interim president Robert Kennedy.

The presidential search committee was expected to review applications through early February. The committee is chaired by trustee James Mullen '72, '75G. Other members include: alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G; board of visitors chair Allen Fernald '54; faculty members Laura Cowan May, Knud Hermansen, and Susan Hunter; UMaine dean Robert Cobb, and system trustees Margaret Weston and Lyndell Wishcamper.

UMaine Students Turn Out to Vote

Long lines didn't deter student voters on the UMaine campus on November 2. Orono clerks had made 1,400 ballots for the university polling sites, but those were used up before the polls closed. Additional ballots were brought in from other voting sites. In the 2000 presidential election only about 700 UMaine students voted.

A solid majority of students voted for the Kerry/Edwards ticket with the final count showing 1,114 votes for Kerry and 486 for Bush.



DICK HALE '44 (left), whose vision it was for a computer display to recognize outstanding alumni, unveils the Galaxy of Stars plasma touchscreen with UMaine interim president Robert Kennedy at an IBM sponsored reception and dinner during Homecoming 2004. The multimedia display was funded by contributions from IBM/Intel, the classes of 1944 and 1960, and all of the university's colleges.

The event featured several of the UMaine graduates who are recognized in the new display. Another highlight was a gourmet dinner sponsored by IBM and catered by celebrity chef Matthew Kenney '88, celebrating several new cooperative programs involving IBM, the alumni association, and the university's Computer Connection store.

Distinguished Maine Professor Honored



2003 Distinguished Maine Professor Kevin Boyle '78 has added another impressive honor to his resume—he was recently chosen by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the 2004 Maine Professor of the Year.

Boyle, a native of Presque Isle, is a leading environmental economist who specializes in the development of statistical models to estimate the economic values people assign to natural resources and environmental quality. In addition to being a highly acclaimed researcher and teacher, Boyle devotes a great deal of time to sharing his expertise with government agencies and environmental groups.

"We are delighted that the Carnegie Foundation has recognized Kevin's outstanding professional contributions," noted alumni association president Jeff Mills '82. The alumni association nominated Boyle for the award.

Bear's Den Grand Opening

The grand opening for the all new Bear's Den took place on September 24.

The drive to reinstate a modern-day Bear's Den to the Union was spearheaded by the Class of 1944. That class also funded the \$160,000 in renovations for the project.

"It's an honor for us to have the opportunity to create a vibrant tribute to the legacy of the Class of 1944," said Dawn Aubrey, associate director for dining services. "We embrace the exciting opportunity to create an atmosphere that will enhance the facility as a can't-miss gathering place for UMaine's students."

SAT Scores Added to Scholarship Guidelines

The University of Maine has broadened its guidelines for awarding free tuition to the top Maine high school students.

Previously those scholarships, up to eight semesters of free tuition for two students from each accredited Maine high school, were based solely on class rank. Under the new guidelines, the awards will be based on a combination of class rank and SAT scores.

The change is an attempt to be sure that the funds are truly awarded to Maine's best students. In the past about one-third of the scholarship students have lost their awards because of a failure to maintain the minimum 3.0 GPA.

Bog Boardwalk is Becoming a Premier Teaching Resource

A great many people venture to the Orono Bog Boardwalk to take a peaceful stroll in an interesting, beautiful, but not generally accessible environment. More and more, however, the boardwalk is becoming an important destination for field trips.

Last season, the second in which the boardwalk has been opened, over 100 institutional groups visited the facility. Among those groups were classes from all levels of schools—elementary grades through college. University of Maine classes in biology, forestry, geology, and wildlife all made use of the boardwalk.

"The trips to the bog boardwalk provide a real world experience to reinforce



classroom studies that preceded or followed the trip to the bog," says outgoing director Ronald Davis. "And in addition to educational institutions, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Brownie Scout troops as well as groups from summer camps and nature

and garden groups all visited the bog."

Davis, a UMaine professor emeritus, was the person whose vision and hard work were instrumental in getting the boardwalk built. His efforts have been supported and aided by a great many local volunteers.

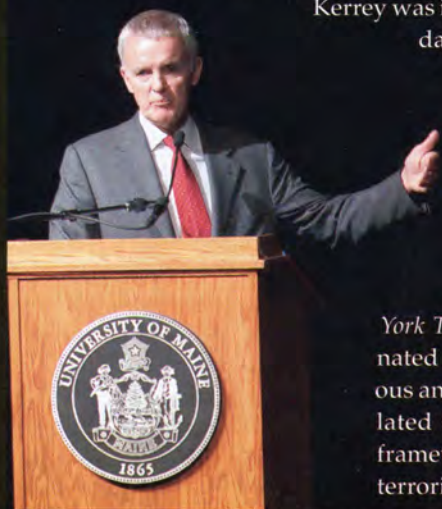
Altogether, Davis reported that the boardwalk had about 21,000 person-visits in 2004—an increase of more than 5,000 from the facility's first year in 2003.

The Orono Bog Boardwalk, a 4,200-foot long, four-foot wide ribbon of hemlock boards, starts in the Bangor City Forest and continues through university-owned land in Orono. It's scheduled to open the 2005 season on May 1. For more information log on to: oronobogwalk.org.

9/11 Commission Member Speaks at UMaine

How safe are we in the post 9/11 world? And how safe can we be? Those were two of the primary topics addressed by 9/11 commission member Bob Kerrey at the Governor's Distinguished Lecture Series on November 9 at the Maine Center for the Arts. Kerrey, currently the president of New School University, is a former governor of Nebraska and United States Senator. While in the Senate, he served as vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Kerrey was introduced by Maine Governor John Baldacci '86 and interim UMaine president Robert Kennedy. The 9/11 commission, officially known as the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, interviewed over 1,200 people in ten countries and reviewed more than two and one-half million pages of documentation. The commission's report is number two on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. It provides a serious and thoughtful analysis of all the issues related to the terrorist threat, and provides a framework for public policy discussions about terrorism.



Evidence of Sun-Climate Link Reported

A team led by University of Maine scientists has reported finding a potential link between changes in solar activity and the Earth's climate. In a paper in an upcoming edition of the *Annals of Glaciology*, they, along with colleagues from China and Australia, describe evidence from ice cores pointing to an association between the waxing and waning of zonal wind strength around Antarctica and a chemical signal of changes in the sun's output.

The goal of the research is to understand what drives the Earth's climate system without taking increases in greenhouse gases into account.

In related news, the university has received a second year of funding for research on abrupt climate change. Scientists will use the funds (about \$500,000) to focus on the potential for the Earth's climate system to make significant shifts in as little as a decade or less.

New Engineering and Science Building Opens

"It's a great day for science and engineering in the state of Maine," proclaimed UMaine interim president, Robert Kennedy.

Indeed, with the opening of the new Engineering and Science Research Building (ESRB), another big step was taken to connect the university's research with economic development in the state.

The \$16 million ESRB, which was approved by Maine voters in 2002, will house offices and laboratories for the electrical and computer engineering departments as well as for the Laboratory for Surface Science and Technology.

The new facility is connected to the former Barrows Hall. Its most impressive feature is a 3,500 square-foot clean room. It's the only one of its kind in northern New England. It will be a boost for research and development in the areas of nanotechnology, microfabrication, sensors, and biotechnology.

Record Research Funding at UMaine

Continued investment and growth in UMaine and its state-wide research and development mission are evident in the funding figures for fiscal year 2004. Grants and contracts reached \$56.7 million, a 13 percent increase from the year before, and the highest in UMaine history.

Buddhist Activist Highlights UMaine's Peace Week

In a time marked by widespread war and terrorism in the world, the University of Maine took a week to explore peace this fall.

Peace Week (October 26-November 4) was highlighted by the visit of internationally known lay Buddhist social activist Sulak Sivaraksa of Thailand. Peace Week is an annual series of lectures and discussions sponsored by the university's peace studies program.

Sivaraksa is an important figure in the socially engaged Buddhist movement. He has been deeply concerned with environmental destruction



Sulak Sivaraksa talking to a peace studies class.

and has organized groups to preserve local environments, principally forests, that are essential to village economies.

He is the author of *Seeds of*

Peace and was the founding editor of Thailand's leading intellectual journal before it was suppressed in 1976. Sivaraksa, who has a law degree, was recently a visiting lecturer at Harvard.

During his visit to UMaine he gave several lectures, spoke at classes, and led a group meditation.

According to peace studies faculty member Hugh Curran '89G, Sivaraksa's visit was an inspiration to many.

"For this campus to have him is quite a feat," Curran said. "He is a major voice on peace and environmental issues."

Six Alumni Inducted into Hall of Fame

Former UMaine coaches Walt Abbott '58, '65G and Janet Anderson '67G headed a list of six new inductees into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame. All of the inductees were UMaine alumni.

Abbott played three years of Black Bear football from 1955 to 1957. He returned to the university as a faculty member and eventually became head football coach from 1967 to 1975. Two times (1991 and 1994-95) he served as interim athletic director.



Patty McCormick Hurlbut '96 and Claude Pettaway '91 were among the six new inductees into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame. (Michael York photograph.)

Anderson coached the Black Bear softball team from its beginning in 1979 through 1999. During that time she won two ECAC titles, a North Atlantic Conference championship, and also led her team to the first appearance in an NCAA tournament by a UMaine women's team.

The four other inductees were: former UMaine track greats Baron Hicken '63 and Patty McCormick Hurlbut '96, '99G; former football star safety Claude Pettaway '91; and three-time ice hockey All-American Jean-Yves Roy '96.



Sculpture Commemorates Forestry Program

The UM Bear shown above, by renowned wildlife sculptor Forest Hart, is available through the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture. The sculpture is 4 3/4" high and made of solid bronze. Forty percent of the sale of these sculptures goes toward the nine-foot *Cub Scouts* sculpture by Hart, which will be the centerpiece of the Nutting Hall courtyard. For more information call 581-3229.

Heather Ernest, Jamie Cassidy Join Select Group

Whenever Heather Ernest '04 took the floor for the UMaine women's basketball team, teammates always knew she would give a 100 percent effort. That maximum effort, along with a considerable amount of talent, earned the Temple, Maine, native America East Conference Player of the Year honors twice during her Black Bear career.

In December, less than a year after her graduation, Ernest's contribution to UMaine women's basketball was recognized with the retiring of her number 11 Black Bear jersey.

Ernest, who ranks fifth all-time in career scoring and third in rebounding at UMaine, was the fifth player to have her



An emotional Heather Ernest watches as her number 11 is retired at the Alford Arena on December 18. Applauding is athletic director Patrick Nero. (Bangor Daily News photo by Megan Rathfon.)

number retired. She joins Cindy Blodgett '98, Rachel Bouchard '91, Emily Ellis '85, and Liz Coffin '88 in being so honored.

Ernest is currently playing professional basketball in Luxembourg. She eventually wants to attend graduate school to become a physician's assistant.

Former UMaine star Jamie Cassidy '00 was scheduled to join that select group in January with the retiring of her number 24.

A star in 1996 to 2000, Cassidy is the Black Bears' third all-time leading scorer with 2,380 points. She also grabbed 983 rebounds in her four years at Maine.

As with Ernest, Cassidy was a four-time all-conference selection. In addition, she was the America East and ECAC Player of the Year in the 1998-1999 season. That year she averaged 21.5 points and 8.8 rebounds a game and was also named a Kodak District I All-American.

Following her graduation, Cassidy spent two years in the WNBA with the Miami Sol. She also played professionally in Germany. She is currently the head girls' basketball coach at Salem High School in New Hampshire.

Moving to the Forefront of the Nation's Cultural Centers

\$10.2 million in renovations planned for the Maine Center for the Arts

The Maine Center for the Arts is thinking big—*Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon* big.

Those are the types of major productions that the MCA would like to bring to the university and the state. To make that happen, it has launched a \$10.2 million campaign to transform the current facility into a showcase cultural center.

"People won't have to go to Boston or New York to see shows the size of *Miss Saigon* and *Phantom of the Opera*," MCA executive director John Patches told the *Bangor Daily News*. "This will be the only cultural center of its kind in New England."

The proposed renovations will include: improvements to meet standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act; new sound and light systems; upgrades to dressing room, conference, and display space; the addition of "fly-space" to the stage



Rendering of a renovated Maine Center for the Arts by Cooper, Robertson and Partners, architects for the MCA project.

for large, technically complex productions; and a more distinctive home for the Hudson Museum and its collection of pre-Columbian art and artifacts.

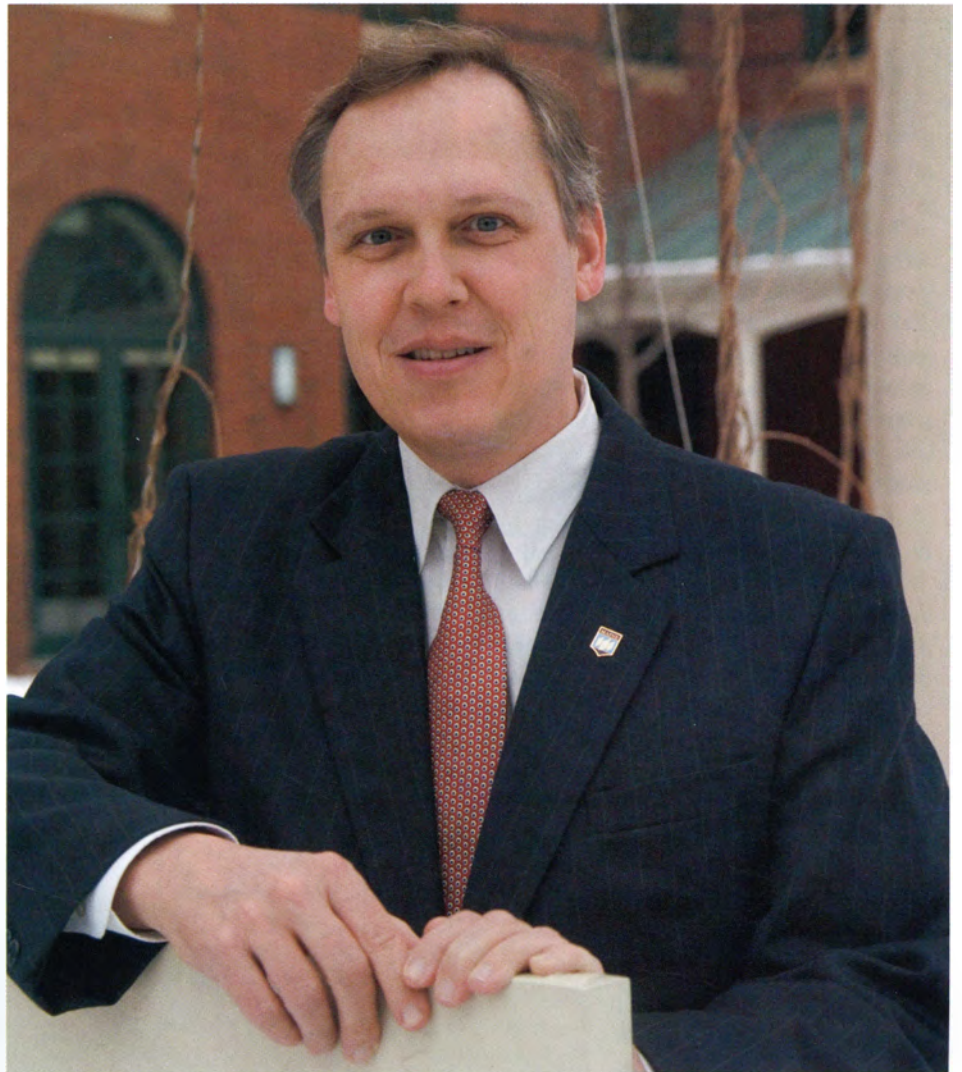
Patches expects work on the renovations to begin in 2006 and take about 15 months. During that time the MCA will go on the road, staging productions at venues throughout central and northern Maine.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy at UMaine

The beautiful Buchanan Alumni House heads a list of achievements that departing Alumni Association President and University of Maine Vice President Jeff Mills '82 can look back on with pride.

By Jim Frick

Photograph by Bill Drake



WHENEVER JEFF MILLS '82 returns to UMaine from his new home at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, he'll always have a feeling of pride and accomplishment as he approaches Buchanan Alumni House.

"Yes, I'll always have a great feeling when I come back to this building," Mills says. "Along with all my partners in the project, I feel this is something of my legacy here on campus."

Indeed when Mills came to the alumni association in 1997 from Arizona State (where he earned his master's degree and his Ph.D.), an alumni house for the UMaine campus was still a long way from becoming a reality. Mills's predecessor, Max Burry '57, had taken the big first step by forming a partnership in the project with University of Maine Foundation executive director Amos Orcutt '64. But the site, design, construction, and funding of the project made for a daunting task for Mills.

The new Association president set right to work. With the help of a highly motivated board of directors and alumni association staff, Mills negotiated a lease agreement for a site with the university, cleared the legal and zoning hurdles, worked closely with the architects and builders on the design and construction, and perhaps most importantly, led the way with the Alumni House fundraising effort.

And no part of that effort was as important as securing the \$1 million naming gift.

That momentous event happened quickly and a bit unexpectedly. Mills was in California for an annual spring alumni reception. Prior to leaving Orono, Amos Orcutt had suggested Mills meet with retired dentist and California resident Dr. Robert D. Buchanan '44 to discuss the Alumni House project.

"I went to lunch with him, my wife Tammy ('04G), and UMaine first lady Dianne Hoff," Mills explains. "Afterward, he asked Tammy and me to go back to his hotel room to meet his wife, Pearlee. We talked for over an hour about his growing up in Caribou and about the university. We hit it off immediately."

Dr. Buchanan told Mills that he would let him know at that evening's event just what he would contribute to the Alumni House project.

"He was the first one there," Mills remembers. "He walked right up to me and told me he was going to give the naming gift for the building."

That gift catapulted the project forward. And as things progressed, Mills kept Dr. Buchanan updated on every step of design and construction. They eventually became close friends.

"I really have come to view it as almost a father-son relationship," Mills says.

He adds that while his relationship with Dr. Buchanan is a very special one, he's become close to dozens of UMaine alumni during his seven-plus year tenure.

"I've had wonderful, close personal relationships with so many of our alumni," he says. "Those relationships, along with those with my staff, are by far, the best thing about this job."

One of those relationships was with former Association board chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G who worked with Mills dur-

ing much of the planning and construction of Alumni House.

"What Jeff brought to the Association was the vision and the focus to get the Alumni House project done—and done well," Jamison says. "He had the political skills, the know-how, and the commitment."

While Buchanan Alumni House is the crown jewel of his time at the alumni association, there are other accomplishments by which Mills is likely to be remembered.

At the alumni association, other important accomplishments included getting alumni records from paper to electronic files and computerizing the Association's phonathon center. Mills also worked with



Jeff Mills (far right) gives a VIP tour of Buchanan Alumni House during the building's grand opening celebration in May 2002. The building was completed on time and entirely with private funds.

the UMaine Foundation and former state senator Mary Cathcart to create the highly successful Black Bear license plate.

But his contributions extend beyond the Association to the university as a whole.

Two years ago, when then President Peter Hoff asked Mills to become his vice president for advancement while continuing as president of the alumni association, the fundraising efforts of the university were in dire need of some coordination.

Mills used his considerable political skills to bring cooperation among 138 different fundraising entities.

"We now have a united annual fund," Mills says with some satisfaction. "We have all 138 under one campaign. We've set up a process for how a project becomes a priority. It's been a great thing. Our alumni especially appreciate it."

As a result, the university just had its most successful fundraising year in history, with a total of over \$18 million.

So why with everything going so well, would he want to change jobs and leave his native state?

"The decision to leave here was the most difficult I've had to make in my career," he says. "I wasn't looking elsewhere—I was contacted by search consultants for Monmouth University. I went

down to visit and was impressed with the area. It's a small, private school, but with tremendous potential for growth. Having been at UMaine almost eight years, I thought I needed a new challenge and that it was time for change—and this was a great opportunity."

As vice president for institutional advancement at Monmouth, Mills will have a position similar to the one at UMaine, but with even greater responsibilities.

The numerous tributes that Mills received at a December farewell gathering at Alumni House were a testament to just how much he

was liked and respected on campus and throughout the state of Maine. The words of Peter Hoff, whom Mills worked with at the university for seven years, expressed the feelings of many.

"While you were here, what wonderful things happened!... Alumni pride and spirit soared at UMaine—largely because of your efforts. I firmly believe that this step for you is more of a beginning than an ending. You are a person of unusual talent, and I believe this next job is another important step that will allow me someday to greet you as 'President Mills.'"

The iPointer: Aiming to Inform

Say you're walking around Boston's historic North End or maybe you finally took that trip to Gettysburg. The buildings, monuments, and landmarks are fascinating, but all through your walk you have to keep fumbling through your guidebook to gain some history and insight into what you're looking at.

Now imagine this: What if you had a portable, hand-held device that you just pointed in the direction of that building or monument and instantly received all the information you wanted?

Well thanks to University of Maine alumnus Chris Frank '01, '03G and university-related research support, such a device will soon be available.

A few years ago Frank started to think that there could be an easier, high-tech way to help tourists learn about the cultural and historic places they visit. At the time he was a graduate student in the spatial information science and engineering program, studying with Professor Max Egenhofer '89 Ph.D. Egenhofer had received a large research grant to work on developing a cutting edge, next generation, mobile mapping computer system.

Frank says that as the research team progressed, they quickly realized that their work had strong potential for commercial spin-offs. It didn't take him long to decide he wanted to start his own company.

So Frank took some small business classes, put together a business plan, and was accepted into the "incubator" program at Target Technology Center in Orono. He received some funding from the Maine Technology Institute and subcontracted with the university to spin out products from the academic research. He even started to hire his first employees.

Less than 18 months later, his company, Intelligent Spatial Technologies (IST), had a prototype of what it called the iPointer—an interactive, digital tourist guide, which



Alumnus Chris Frank has developed a device that could make touring cultural and historic sites a much more enriching experience.

provides information about the user's surroundings.

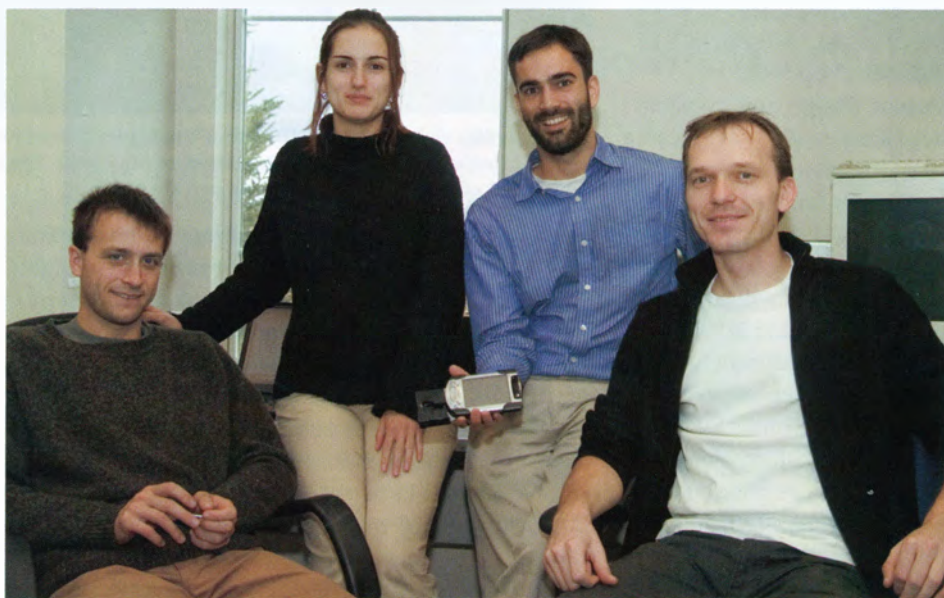
Of course, the idea of a mobile tour guide isn't completely new. But unlike existing devices, which just guide tourists along a standard pathway, the iPointer allows for much more flexibility. You select the objects for which you want information, and the iPointer automatically adjusts its presentation based on your position and

orientation. If you turn around or move to a different place, the device will provide a more comprehensive and customized view of the surroundings.

"We've taken an off-the-shelf PDA and added an orientation sensor to it," Frank explains. "And we have a Geographic Positioning System which tells us where you are—what you're facing. A cell phone connection takes that information and hits our data base. The data base calculates what you are pointing to and returns photos and audio files describing what you are looking at."

IST is currently able to provide its service for tours of the buildings on UMaine's campus. But Frank sees much greater possibilities for the iPointer within the company's mission of assisting historic and cultural organizations. His immediate goal is to find investors.

"That will get us to the point where we can get some customers. Then we'll need venture capital to really market the product to cities and cultural and historic places."



The IST staff are all UMaine graduates. Left to right are: software engineer Brian Oickle '00, management analyst Anna Nakova '04G, manager/founder Chris Frank '01, '03G, and software engineer Markus Wuersch '03G.

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Winter Wonderland

Campus snow sculptures from the '30s and '40s

Alumni News and Events



Donna Thornton to serve as interim alumni association president

Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G has been selected to serve as the alumni association's interim president and CEO. Donna, who previously held the position of alumni operations director, will replace outgoing president Jeff Mills '82, who is moving on to become a vice president at Monmouth University (see story on page 8 of the magazine). No timetable has been set for hiring a permanent president.

Donna joined the alumni association in 1999 as the annual fund and membership director. She assumed the position of operations director in spring 2002. In that capacity she managed the day-to-day operations of the alumni association and also served as a managing partner of the Alumni House.

Before starting work at the Association, Donna worked as director of corporate planning and development at Community Health and Counseling Services in Bangor. In addition, she served for nine years on the Brewer City Council, including three years as mayor.

Donna was born and raised in Presque Isle. Her daughter, Lindsay, is a senior at UMaine, majoring in elementary education.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Swing Events

Details on these individual events will be posted when finalized.

Sunday, March 6

Fort Myers, Florida

Tuesday, March 8

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Thursday, March 10

Vero Beach, Florida

Friday, March 11

Daytona Beach, Florida

Tuesday, March 22

Tucson, Arizona

Wednesday, March 23

Scottsdale, Arizona

Friday, March 25

San Diego, California (tentative)

Wednesday, March 16

Kennebec Valley Alumni Club Luncheon & Meeting at the Augusta House of Pancakes
Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine - 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Charlie Slavin, Dean of the University of Maine Honors College

RSVP to Val Mitchell at (207) 581-1494 or e-mail valerie.mitchell@umit.maine.edu

Thursday, April 7, 2005

Portland Alumnae Club potluck dinner, Falmouth Memorial Library, 5 Lunt Road,
Falmouth - 5:00 p.m.

For information, contact Marion Libby Broaddus '42 at (207) 854-4648 or Agnes Ann Walsh '41 at (207) 885-1414.

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Kennebec Valley Alumni Chapter (KVAC) Annual Meeting & Dinner
Details TBA. Check back for more information.

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Maine State Society 60th Annual Lobster Dinner, Fairfax, Virginia

June 3-5, 2005

Reunion Weekend at the University of Maine

Honored classes are: 1955, 1950, 1945, 1940, and Senior Alumni, UMaine campus, Orono

Thursday, August 4, 2005

Portland Alumnae summer coffee

Home of Faith Wixson Varney '56

69 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, Maine

RSVP by August 1 to Faith at (207) 781-3038.

Be sure to log on to: mainealumni.com to find out the latest information on alumni events on campus and around the country.

Correction: On the cover of fall *Mainely People* we incorrectly identified one of the women in the photo of Alpha Chi Omega sisters. The woman standing was actually Marcia Sayward Blake '61.

UMaine Clothing On-Line

Great Black Bear clothing from the University of Maine Alumni Association on-line store is now available at: mainealumni.com.

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Yearbooks Needed

The alumni association is in need of *Prism* yearbooks for the years 1954, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988, and 1989. Anyone who would like to contribute a copy of those *Prisms* can call 581-1137 or e-mail abigail_zelz@umit.maine.edu. The yearbooks will be kept in the Allain Library at Buchanan Alumni House.

At the other extreme, we have lots of extra yearbooks for the years 1992, 1993-94, 1996, and 1997. Copies of those *Prisms* will be sent upon request for a postage fee.

New manager for Buchanan Alumni House



Kathy Hill is the new building manager for Buchanan Alumni House. She replaces Corena Dungey, who served in that position since 2002.

Kathy, a native of Lincoln, Maine, has worked as a supervisor for the UMaine

catering staff for seven years. She also has considerable other restaurant management experience.

Kathy currently lives in Ellsworth with her husband, Wade, and their 15-year-old daughter, Kaylee. She and Wade are co-owners of two Subway franchises in the area and Kathy also serves on the board of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Ellsworth.



Getting together following the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter (CCAC) annual meeting were (left to right): 2003 CCAC Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Bill Johnson '56, chapter president Carrie Dunbar Kinne '82, the event's guest speaker Gary Thorne '70, 2004 CCAC Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Meredith Strang Burgess '78, and Andrew Burgess.

Meredith Strang Burgess Honored at CCAC Annual Meeting

Businesswoman and civic leader Meredith Strang Burgess '78 was one of two UMaine alumni honored at the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter annual meeting on September 21 in Portland.

Meredith received the chapter's Outstanding Alumni Award, presented once a year to a university graduate living in Southern Maine. She has also received the Conwell Award from the Advertising Club of Greater Portland, the YWCA's Tribute to Women in Industry Award, the alumni association's Block "M" Award, and a Volunteers of America "Star" Award. Meredith, who owns Burgess Advertising and Associates in Portland, currently serves on UMaine's Board of Visitors.

Also highlighting the event was special guest speaker Gary Thorne '70. Gary, who also earned a law degree from the University of Maine School of Law and a doctorate in law from Georgetown University, is a nationally known play-by-play broadcaster for ESPN and ABC.

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At the Senior Alumni council meeting president **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49** introduced new council members: **Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **H. Allen Fernald '54**, **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48**, and **Henry Woodbrey '53**.

Jayne reported that the activities committee had met and finalized plans to hold a light luncheon on December 4th prior to the men's basketball team playing Harvard in the "pit." You all remember the "pit" home of all of our basketball games when we attended the university. The activities committee is made up of **Ruth Fogler Goff '48**, **Jean Grindle Carville**, and **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**.

The Senior Alumni held their second annual luncheon during Homecoming. This year 86 persons attended. Last year the number was 75. This Homecoming event is now a traditional part of the fall weekend; the same as the senior luncheon held during reunion weekend. The Maine Steiners, a university men's musical group, provided the entertainment. They were great!

The newly appointed nominating committee members are: **Woody Carville '53**, **Fred Knight '49**, and **Ruth Fogler Goff**. The committee is charged with making recommendations for new council members, council officers, and appointees. They will make their report to the council at Reunion 2005.

Gianna Marrs of the Office of Student Financial Aid reported to the council that a total of 64 students

would be receiving varying amounts of financial assistance during the 2004-2005 academic year. The amount allocated by Senior Alumni this year will be \$82,620. The Senior Alumni members make all of this possible through their generous support, which is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Now for some news about our seniors: Happy birthday to **Bernard "Doc" Mann '33** on his 95th birthday. Doc was honored on June 9th at St. John's Catholic Church for his many years of service to All Saints Catholic School. He was presented a gift, given a standing ovation, and a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" from the congregation. A reception followed. Congratulations, Doc.

In June a special celebration took place in Belfast at the Mathews Brothers Window Manufacturing Company. The occasion was to observe 150 years of being in business. The company is Maine's oldest window manufacturing company. The barbecue and ceremony was held to honor its employees, customers, and suppliers. Among those honored was **Charles Lang '38**, one of three former presidents in attendance. Along with city officials the company received congratulations from Governor Baldacci '86, Senators Snowe '69 and Collins, and numerous other dignitaries.

Robert and Madeline Bunker Russ, both members of the Class of '34, wrote from Cape Elizabeth, where they are still active and live in their own home. Maddy wrote, "I still get the meals—we do the marketing together. I drive because Bob has macular degeneration—we're in reasonably good health...walk beautiful Fort Williams Park and are thankful to be alive and together."

We are saddened to report that Dr. **Clarine Coffin Grenfell '32** died September 7, 2004. To honor her lifelong commitment to literature and teaching Dr. Grenfell was awarded a Doctorate in Humane Letters by the university in 2002. She was an active member of the alumni association and wrote the Golden Bears column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* from 1996 to 2002.

Congratulations to **Richard "Dick" Fuller '44** on being made an Honorary Lifetime CCAC board member. The award was announced at the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter's annual membership and

awards dinner held September 21, 2004, at the Holiday Inn-West Convention Center in Portland.

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Time has come when we '35ers are having 90th birthdays. I have received some notices of celebrations but would like to hear from the rest of you classmates. For the girls, I promise not to mention the number of candles on your cakes.

Dick Bucknam recently had his 90th. He writes: "Having just read the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* and realized that in less than a year our 70th Reunion will arrive, I thought I'd reflect on my happenings. On my last birthday I attained the ripe age of 90. Never thought at that age I would be this agile as I work out at the Y three days a week and do some gardening. The birthday was a surprise bash as I hadn't expected much ceremony. Jean offered to take me to dinner the Saturday night prior to my birthday. As we drove into the yard of the Public House I suddenly realized that my son Jim was right in the way. Not only was he there but all my kids and their spouses, grandchildren and spouses, four great-grandchildren, plus my wife's daughter and niece, a total of 24. Let me tell you it was a big surprise."

Congratulations, Dick, and may you have many more happy ones.

Arnold Kaplan, our treasurer, became 90 in March. He and his wife have been married 64 years and they are both in good health. They have two daughters, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two more on the way. He is active in volunteer work and considers himself most fortunate. We agree and we will see him in Orono in June.

Other classmates whom I know have become 90 include **George Carlisle** and yours truly.

Sadly, I have learned of the passing of classmate, **Angelo Minutti**. He was an electrical engineer

employed by Westinghouse, the Rural Electrification Program in Washington, D.C., and at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. He took early retirement and returned to North Berwick where he worked the family farm. Angelo never married. He was 90.

And now, another reminder that our 70th Reunion is almost upon us. Several classmates have advised me that they will be there. I hope all of you can make it.

1936

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Our classmate, retired lieutenant colonel **Emory E. Harris** has been informed by the military that the body of his younger brother, staff sergeant Glendon E. Harris may have been located more than 60 years after his plane was downed in the almost impenetrable jungle of Papua New Guinea. This sad but revealing report is condensed from an article in the *Kennebec Journal* dated 6 February 2004.

Sergeant Harris was only 22 when he was the turret gunner on a B-25 bomber patrolling over this largely unexplored island which happens to be the second largest island in the world. On this morning of 24 October 1943 his plane's wing was so severely damaged by a Japanese kamikaze fighter plane that it went down in the dense jungle.

A military search party from Hawaii believes that they have discovered the downed plane, and they have recovered the remains of four bodies which will be laboratory tested for their DNA. Emory Harris and family members of the three others in the bomber crew have given samples of their blood for DNA testing hoping for a match which would prove their identity.

We all owe a great debt to Glendon Harris and all the others in the small but growing military forces in the Pacific who kept the Japanese from occupying Australia just a few miles from New Guinea.

1937

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What do people do when they retire? Some choose a vocation closely related to the one they worked at for years and pursue it on a consulting or part-time basis. Some do some serious relaxing then get at those activities they never could find time for. And some may find that there still isn't time enough for these low-priority items. Or they may discover new fields to explore.

Thanks to Emmet Meara of the *Bangor Daily News* we know that classmate **Don Kilgour** still maintains his fascination with baseball even though he has long been retired from active participation in the sport. These days Don watches games on TV and doesn't hesitate to offer a loud comment when he doesn't approve of the way things are going.

1939

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Greetings, classmates! With the holidays behind us, we can now look forward to the coming of spring!

A. John Lippke writes that he and his wife, Emily, have done a good deal of traveling over the years. They have visited 48 different countries (several more than once). In the USA, they have attended 28 Elderhostel programs in 18 different states. What great memories they must now enjoy!

Along with the Forest Resource Education Survey for alumni, **Harry Halliday** sent in a most ambitious project—this being his own autobiography. This is done in detail and includes much of interest to us all. Also, it is professionally presented and appears to be a labor of love. Many of us plan to do what he has done, but few even begin. Congratulations, Harry, on your achievement! It will take me some time to decide



George '37 and Lucille Bell Grange '39 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 14, 2004. Lucille was one of the first female cheerleaders at the University of Maine.

what I should write about. A teacher in junior high school seemed to have had a big influence in Harry's life. Among the teacher's sayings were, "Anything you abuse you lose," "One doesn't experience true love until it is gone," and "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Harry's earliest days in Newtonville, Massachusetts, include memories of horses and wagons, a few taxis, and a few cars. Also, a visit from the iceman along with the milkman and the baker. As a child and as a scarlet fever patient, he was carried a quarter of a mile to a waiting ambulance by his father. A two or three party line was the norm in phone service. The changes in that area alone can make one's head spin!

Harry's college days loom large in having formed the 86-year old "humorist and gentleman" who exists today. His B.S. in forestry provided him with a wonderful education although according to Harry, his marks didn't always reflect the same! In fact, it caused him to have to do another entire year's work before obtaining that valuable piece of paper. Winter Forestry Camp meant living for 12 weeks in a log cabin under Spartan conditions. Cutting down a tree with his own axe, for a city boy, was an adventure in itself! One day, with timber falling all around, Harry looked down to see that his boot laces had been severed by an axe! Fortunately, his foot was intact. That was his lucky day.

Summer camp was educational in a different way with a different type of social life. Poker, with many wild cards, was one of the favorites.

Much leisure time was spent at Philbrook Farm in nearby Shelburne, New Hampshire. The Philbrooks provided a home for many of the students.

Harry's college fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, was home away from home with Mrs. May McDonough as house mother. The boys studied in their rooms and slept in the "Ram" attic. Sunday dinner was always filet mignon with all the trimmings. "We were traveling in the fast lane and did not know it, nor did we fully appreciate it."

Harry feels that forestry guided his career and combined with the sciences, provided a well-rounded education. Also, that summer and winter camps as well as the chemistry lab, were "time well spent."

Going back to page one of Harry's biography, I am going to quote what he said because it is very helpful in explaining who Harry Halliday really is.

"When I was second vice president of the Senior Alumni in the '90s, I coined the saying, 'Sharing is a Giving Experience.' This idea was inspired by our goal to raise scholarship money. Also it seemed quite proper to make 'Bananas' our new image logo. Accordingly, I was awarded the Black Bear Award in 1993."

Before doing his autobiography, Harry wrote two biographies. One for the Class of '39 and the other in memory of his late daughter, Sue Anne Halliday-Dickert, who passed away in 2002. This has been added to the collection in the Allain Library of Buchanan Alumni House. Also, it has been added to the archives of Wellesley College in memory of her

time spent there as a visiting student, while earning her degree at Moravian College.

In order to do justice to Harry's work, I have decided to divide it up into sections. This way, I can spend more time in emphasizing its various parts. Next time, we will delve into Harry's unusual, interesting career path.

Elizabeth "Betty" Homans Hancock, who passed away October 30, will be fondly remembered by Balentine residents, A O Pi's, and many others as well. Warm hearted, laid-back, generous, and possessing a great sense of humor, Betty carved out a special place in our hearts. After graduation, Betty, a dedicated high school teacher for many years, eventually became very active in alumni affairs. She often combined her efforts with those of **Herbert "Spike" Leonard**. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her two sons and other family members.

Also, a correction from last column. **Marge Moulton Foster** is pictured in Ellie Crockett Hutchinson's wedding picture. We were roommates in '37-'38 when Ellie studied in France.

Not long ago, my number two grandson, who graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in May, was married in the University of Virginia chapel in Charlottesville, Virginia. My entire family was in attendance, making it a truly special occasion for me. Believe it or not, I was the "grande dame," older than anybody!

The genius of Thomas Jefferson is everywhere apparent in architecture and ambiance. I was able to visit Ashland, home of James Monroe, our fifth president. He served in many capacities, longer than any other president. In so doing, he spent all of his money and was forced to sell his home. He died in poverty. In those days, presidents, ambassadors, and others in high places had to pay their own expenses. Do we appreciate the sacrifice these men made for their country? Probably not.

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There are two pieces of news from '40 classmates this time around.

Maxine Robertson Furbush wrote last September, "I had the excitement of two weddings this summer—that of a granddaughter in Minneapolis and my grandson, her brother, in St. Louis. An overnight with **Peg Peaslee Danforth** and a quick hello to **Ruth Worcester Johnson** were two highlights of my trip to New England."

Wally Beardsell writes, "Thanks to that great University of Maine education and Xerox, I am enjoying a comfortable retirement in Pacific Palisades, California."

1941

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A big Maine "Hello" to all '41ers! I hope summer was good to you and that the fall and winter are also!

A very nice picture and interview with **Glenna Johnson Smith** appeared in the *Houlton Pioneer Times* last March. The article was also carried in the *Aroostook Republican* and *Star-Herald*. The writer of the article, Leonard Hutchins, described the interview with Glenna "as always, fun." In the article Glenna describes growing up in Ashville on the Maine coast and attending the University of Maine in the late '30s where she met Don Smith, whom she married right after graduation in 1941. Shortly after, in Glenna's words, "a desperate superintendent talked me into teaching grades 7 and 8."

"Another desperate superintendent and principal asked me to teach home economics and advanced composition at Presque Isle High School....Now in my 80s I can accept myself better than I could in the earlier decades....I am warmed by memories of my sons, Steve, Barney, and Mel growing up on the farm and my 31 years of teaching school, working with high school plays, and seeing productions of

plays I wrote."

When Central High School, where I taught, took part in New England play competitions the first question I would ask the director of our play, after I inquired how Central had done, was how well Presque Isle did, knowing Glenna was in charge of it. He always had very complimentary remarks about the Presque Isle production.

Glenna is still writing a column each issue for *Echoes* magazine and also serves as its assistant editor. She also occasionally teaches courses for SAGE (Seniors Acquiring Greater Education). A very busy and talented lady!

Jeff Mills '82, alumni association president, gave a very interesting talk at a University of Maine luncheon at the Highlands in Topsham. Among those hosting the event was resident **Charlene Perkins Strang**. Did you know that more valedictorians and salutatorians in Maine select the University of Maine as their college of choice and that Buchanan Alumni House is considered one of the top five alumni halls in the country? Another interesting bit of information—Colvin and Balentine Halls are now used solely for the Honors Program.

Connie Philbrook Leger attended the Wit's End picnic in August, hosted by Priscilla Thurlow Anderson, Janice Woodward Beedy, and Dottie Gilman Locke, all of the Class of '42. **Agnes Walsh** had planned to attend but because of another meeting had to cancel. Agnes hosted the Portland Alumnae summer coffee in August.

Not only are members of our class doing well, but their children and grandchildren are also. For example, Sarah Marshall, granddaughter of **Helen Wormwood Pierce**, is still making headlines as a basketball star at Boston College. Sarah led the team in assists three times this year and in steals once, but shared the team's steals five times. She was named Big East Freshman of the Week in March 2004. Sarah was a basketball standout at McAuley High School in Portland and was also a former state champion in the outdoor two-mile run.

Son of another '41 classmate, **Lib Peaslee Cain**, Dr. Bob Cain has been selected to be included in Best Doctors in America 2003-2004. Physicians who receive this honor are chosen through an exhaustive peer review survey and only those who earn the consensus support of their peers are included. Bob is a

graduate of Southwestern (now Rhodes) College. He received his medical degree from Vanderbilt School of Medicine in Nashville and completed a residency in internal medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he and his family reside.

Gilda Nardone, daughter of **Sarah Culberson Nardone**, was inducted into Women Work! Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C. Gilda is executive director of the Maine Centers for Women, Work, and Community in Augusta. She resides in Freeport.

The son of **Emmy Hopkins Jordan**, Harold Jordan, is CEO of the Greater Manchester YMCA in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Y recently was awarded a federal grant of \$700,000 to rehabilitate 20 single-room dormitory-style apartments for use by low-income college students in Manchester.

Unfortunately our class has lost three more members—**Pauline Cushing Clough**, **John Hocter**, and **Earl Ingalls**. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families.

Pauline passed away in June 2004. Her husband, Charles Clough '40, whom she met at the university, had died in 1997. Following graduation from the university, Polly taught in South Paris for one year. She lived in Falmouth most of her life where she was very active in church and community affairs and often served as a substitute teacher in Latin and French at Falmouth and Greely High Schools. Polly was one of the founders of a drop-in center and coffee house for youth in the 1960s and '70s. She also did extensive volunteer work for several organizations and was awarded a Lifetime Service Award by the Root Cellar, an inner city ministry. Polly is survived by four children.

John Hocter passed away in April 2004. John enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and served for over 33 years, retiring with the rank of captain. He saw duty in World War II as commander of a rocket gunboat. He participated in four major battles for which he received two Bronze Stars for valor and a Purple Heart. After World War II he was assigned to the Maine Maritime Academy where he had a memorable career as a multisport coach, athletic director, and school registrar. John resigned his position to become commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve Surface Division in Bangor as well as embarking on an insurance sales career. John was inducted into the *Bangor Daily*

News Sports Hall of Fame in 1956. He is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

Earl Ingalls died in August 2004. After graduating from the university, he joined the Marine Corps and entered Company M of the Third Officers Candidate Class at Quantico, Virginia, from 1943-1946. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Force. In April 1942 he married Dorothy Evans, and they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last spring. In 1946 he began working at Porteous, Mitchell, and Braun, a large Portland department store, and became its president in 1974. Under his leadership the company expanded to include five branches. He retired in 1986. Earl was a member of the Cumberland Club, the Portland Country Club, the Maine Liquor Commission, and the Woodfords Congregational Church. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Well, friends, that's all for now. Agnes and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year, and please resolve to send us news of what you are doing. We'd really appreciate it.

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Since there was not a summer issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* I may be repeating some of my last column. Our class continues to lose many members and sometimes I do not know about their deaths until it is printed in the magazine. Let me know whenever you are aware of any deceased classmates.

Our previous class president, **Francis "Andy" Andrews**, died June 15, 2004. During Andy's term as our president he led us to take on the task of raising what we thought at the time to be an impossible amount of money for our gift to the university. He led, we followed, and raised more than we thought possible. If you have not visited the university recently you have not seen the beautiful Andrews Leadership Hall at the new Buchanan Alumni House which was dedicated to Andy and D.J. in May 2002. We all will miss Andy and his leadership.

As we grow older and our circle

of friends grows smaller we should take time to remember them and that is exactly what a group of UMainers do each August at the Wit's End Reunion. It was started in 1993 by '42ers **Priscilla Thurlow Anderson, Jan Woodward Beedy, and Dotty Gilman Locke** at Priscilla's camp on Bear Pond in Turner, Maine. All classes have been welcome. This year 35 guests arrived on a beautiful day. Class members were: **Nancy Philbrook, Larry and Mary Cowin Leavitt, Florence Atwood Butterworth, Marion Lundgren Kelly, Mike Roy, Paul Beegel, Nat Crowley, Lois "Buddy" Long Stone, Helen Thorndike Remick, Earl Hodgkins, Natalie Hood Parsons, Barbara Savage Thompson, Jo Blake Bail, Dotty Locke, Jan Beedy, Priscilla Anderson, Frances Holmes Burnett, and myself.**

President Mike Roy reminds us that all 1942 contributions to the university will help build our 1942 Distinguished Student Scholarship endowment fund. Please remember to mark your gift as the 1942 Fund.

I had a nice long telephone chat with **Edgar "Ed" Thurlow Pitts** in August. Ed has been listed with his biographical data in the 59th edition 2005 of *Who's Who in America*. Congratulations. His book, *Long Ago and Far Away*, has been published and as he says it is part history, compassion, and experiences in his life from 1936 to 1945. Ed lives in Stonington, Maine, not far from Mike and Joan Roy. What a lovely area of Maine. After retiring from the service Ed spent most of his life in education serving as teacher and principal in several school districts. His book can be purchased from him at: **Polaris Press, P.O. Box 14, Stonington, Maine 04681 Phone (207) 367-2483.**

We have some new addresses of classmates to report:

Bill '46 and Lois "Buddy" Stone reside at 202 Brooksby Village Drive # 27, Peabody, Massachusetts, 01960.

John and Cherrie Thorne Kaifer are now at 717 Maiden Choice Lane, S.T.#717 Catonsville, Maryland 21228.

I am sad to report the death of **Janice Woodward Beedy** on August 30th, 2004. Jan was a dear friend and part of the trio who started the Wit's End summer reunions. Our class extends sympathy to Jan's family.

News is always welcome.

1943

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A *Bangor Daily News* reporter and photographer caught up with **Harris Southard** in Bass Park on July 4, 2004, where he was playing bass drum for the Bangor Band at its Fourth of July celebration. This marked the 70th year he has played with the band. He joined the Bangor Band on July 4, 1935, when he was 15 years old. He was invited to join the National Guard Band a year later. During World War II he served with two different artillery bands. Following World War II Harris went into the family business repairing boats and motors and chain saws. Later, he joined the family's cash register business on Exchange Street.

One can say that music has always been important to Harris Southard. His wife, Helen Southard, said music kept him going over the years. He played with the Bangor Symphony for 50 years and also played in a dance band at Norumbega ballroom across from city hall. She recalls that once while the band was practicing, "a tall man with

glasses stood nearby and listened." He said, "That is a mighty fine band. It is almost as good as mine." That man was renowned big band leader of the 1930s and '40s **Glenn Miller!**

At this July 4th concert, Harris played every march including his favorite "National Emblem." His wife noted he hadn't played drums for over a year so this was a very emotional event leading him to state, "It feels like home again."

Harris is not very vocal these days. Parkinson's disease has confined him to a wheelchair. In February he moved into the Bangor Veterans Home. Previously, the Southards lived year round at Bass Harbor in Tremont. He celebrated his 85th birthday in late July and he is wished belated congratulations!

Charles "Laurie" Parkin writes that he and his family finally made it to Maine last summer where they rented a farmhouse on Matinicus Island. They enjoyed the visit so much that they probably will be back this year in late August.

Laurie writes that he loves the mountains in Colorado and therefore continues living there and his grandchildren live there also. In fact, he plans on some skiing on Keystone Mountain this fall. He travels back and forth to Saratoga, Wyoming, where he owns property and an oil and gas leasing business.

Since inheriting a house in Newport Beach, California, he reports seeing **Albert "Al" Reynolds '44** in Solvang, California. Wonder if they enjoy some of those good Danish pancakes occasionally? He got a new left knee in February and now needs a new left eye—and a new right ear! Otherwise he notes that he is still in sound health. Just can't keep a good man down!

In a note to the alumni office this spring, **Donald "Don" Wheeler** wrote that, "things have slowed down for health reasons for me as well as my wife, Lilian." A ramp has been built from the side door to the driveway to make it easier for her wheelchair. Don still sings in the church choir, but has given up barbershop quartet singing. However, he is still a member of Barbershop Quartet Singing—a 45-year association.

Then in late August I received a note from **Mary Hempstead Hemman** telling of Don Wheeler's death on August 12. We extend our sympathy to his family. He leaves a rich legacy. Following service in World War II he was in the group insurance department of John Hancock Insurance Company for 35 years. He was an active member of the United Church of Christ in Canton, Massachusetts, where he was treasurer for 10 years and was also



The Class of 1942 got together for the Wit's End reunion on Bear Pond in Turner, Maine, in August. Front row, left to right are: Jo Blake Bail, Paul Beegel, Barbara Savage Thompson, Jan Woodward Beedy, Mary Cowin Leavitt, and Priscilla Thurlow Anderson. Second row: Natalie Hood Parsons, Helen Thorndike Remick, Dotty Gilman Locke, Marion Lundgren Kelly, Fran Holmes Burnett, Larry Leavitt, Marion Libby Broadbudds, Nat Crowley. Third row: Nancy Philbrook, Florence Atwood Butterworth, Mike Roy, and Earl Hodgkins. We're sad to report that Jan Beedy, one of the original organizers of the reunions, died shortly after the event. A total of 35 people attended. Organizers have decided last summer's reunion would be the final event of its kind.

a past president of the Men's Club. Don was also a retired member of the Bank of Canton board of trustees where he had served as secretary.

Mary also wrote that **Barbara Cole Bear** had also visited her at her lakeside home this summer. Barbara was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law.

This summer marked the last summer at Wit's End for the '40s classes. The first pot luck get-together was held in Janice Woodward Beedy's '42 garage in pouring rain! The August '04 reunion was the last; we have wonderful memories of this annual event hosted by Priscilla Thurlow Anderson '42, Jan Beedy, and Dottie Gilman Locke '42. Sadly, Jan Beedy died in late August. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Francesca Perazzi was able to attend the Wit's End reunion this year. Her sister, Madeline Perazzi, music director for South Portland schools for many years, died in July. We extend our sympathy to Francesca. Francesca enjoyed a fine teaching career at Deering High School in Portland, Maine.

1944

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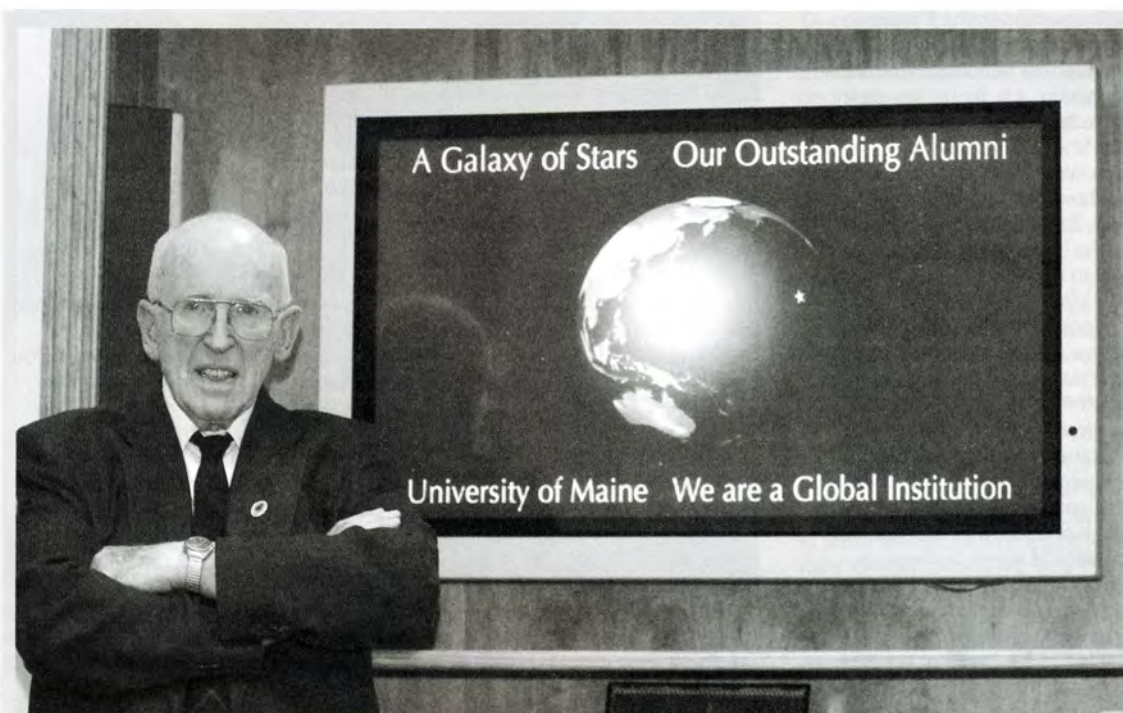
The summer issue having been canceled makes it seem like a very long time since we penned a column. The one we wrote in March will be out in late September and this will go to press and be mailed out in the winter.

The Reunion was the highlight of the month of June, of course, and we have covered that memorable weekend as an addendum to the notes written in March.

Since then **Joe** and I have summered at our beloved Boyden Lake retreat in Perry, Maine. All of our children and grandchildren were there with us at one time or another making it all very special.

Rhoda Tolford Stone keeps in touch with us. She spent some time at her place on Peaks Island this summer.

Esther Holden Hopkins and her husband, Jack, were also on Peaks Island for the summer, and flew back to California on August 18th. They enjoyed a luncheon with JoAnn and **Al Ehrenfried** at DeMil-



Dick Hale '44 stands proudly in front of the Galaxy of Stars display in the reception area of Buchanan Alumni House. The user-friendly computer display recognizes UMaine's outstanding alumni.

Dick Hale '44 turns his vision into a reality

Back in the fall of 1991, the alumni association published a special issue of the alumni magazine profiling 125 of the University of Maine's most outstanding alumni. The accomplishments of these graduates greatly impressed Dick Hale, a Class of '44 member and an associate professor emeritus in forestry.

Dick thought that UMaine's outstanding alumni should be recognized on an ongoing basis. He came up with an idea for a user-friendly computer display that could tell the alumni stories to the public.

Dick's vision could not be implemented at the time—the technology was just not available and the alumni association did not have an appropriate space for the display. But with the completion of Buchanan Alumni House in 2002 and rapid advances in technology, he once again presented his idea to the alumni association and the UMaine Foundation.

The reaction to Dick's idea was overwhelmingly positive and he began working closely with alumni publications editor Jim Frick on a strategy to make it a reality.

The project gained momentum when Dick met with the director of UMaine's Computer Connection store, Doug Marchio. At the time, Doug was working on an agreement with IBM and he

thought they might also be interested in this project. The IBM people liked the idea and agreed to fund all the hardware needed for the project.

With the computer needs taken care of, Dick began his own fundraising campaign to pay for the display cabinet and the software that would need to be developed. His own Class of '44 generously donated \$5,000. He then set up meetings with every college dean and key administrator. Those meetings resulted in donations to the project totaling over \$11,000.

During the summer, the Class of 1960 joined the Galaxy of Stars project, pledging money to fund a custom-made cabinet for the display.

With all the needed money raised the new media student group ASAP was hired to develop the software program which will include voice-overs, slide shows, and audio and video clips of upwards of 150 outstanding UMaine alumni.

At Homecoming 2004 the Galaxy of Stars was unveiled and demonstrated at an IBM funded dinner. Thirteen years after his original idea, Dick watched his vision become a reality.

"I'm a member of the Class of '44, and we can be a persistent and pushy bunch," he said. "We're not getting any younger and we like to see things get done while we're still around!"

los Restaurant on the Portland waterfront.

Under the heading of reunion information, a write-up has been sent to me for **Ede Kagan Grossman**. She and her husband, Jerry, live in West Palm Beach. Ede does volunteer work at a retirement home. She and Jerry are avid golfers and spend time with family, three children and five grandchildren. They also enjoy the theater, museums, pop concerts, etc. in the area. We saw Ede and Jerry at the Reunion but did not get a chance to talk with them. As we write this we trust you weathered the Florida hurricanes with no problems.

A page of Reunion information also came to me for **Richard Hale**. Dick, a retired UMaine associate professor of wood technology, enjoys working with students—teaching, research, and advising.

Both of the above pages are included in the Class of '44 60th Reunion book.

We hope everyone saw the *Bangor Daily News* article on June 7th entitled "UM Class of '44 Marks 60th Anniversary." The write-up was excellent, covering the dedication of the Bear's Den with comments and quotes from several class members attending the Reunion.

From the Stamford, Connecticut, *Sunday Advocate* we have a picture and article about Juanita and **David D. Pennell's** 60th anniversary. They met in Portland while growing up. The Pennell family has a long history in New England having migrated here from the coast of France in 1702. The family founded the Pennell Shipyard, turning out square riggers until the late 19th century. Dave graduated with a chemical engineering degree and worked in his own laboratories for American Cyanamid conducting research to reduce air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels. The Pennells have two children. They are now retired and living in a home David designed and built on Sabbathday Lake near Gray, Maine.

We were saddened to learn that **Patricia Cooper Perry** passed away last January. I remember that Pat was on the fourth floor in Balentine Hall our freshman year, as was I. Our condolences to Pat's family.

Al McNeilly was one of 10 inductees into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame on July 18th. The induction ceremony and banquet was held at the Holiday Inn by the Sea in Portland. Kudos to Al! I believe we reported this in a previous column thinking the ceremony was last

year—July 2003. Our error.

Through John Enman, Class of '43, we have a letter from him to **Julie Robbins Shambach** in which he mentions that his collections of letters and newspapers from India are now at the Library of Congress, thanks to Julie's Dad, W.V. Robbins, D.D.S. The letters are in addition to the story of the CBI Theater during World War II and describe one man's experience in the 2nd Photo Processing Detachment.

When you read this the January/February fish chowder lunches will have resumed at the First Congregational Church in South Freeport, Maine. **Pete Farnum** and **Don Bail** are key players and cooks at this event. The chowder is five star!

All for now. We appreciate all the news you send us. Keep those cards and letters coming.

1945

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I have misplaced the nice letter from **Romaine Littlefield Kupfer** but she is undergoing eye treatment and has had to step back from her travels to geological digs. She lives near her children in Wyoming. We wish you well, Romaine, as some of us are also experiencing some macular difficulties. We will pray for each other's health.

I received notes from **Barkley Goodrich** and **Carolyn Chaplin Grant**. I was glad to learn Charlie and Ralph are getting stronger. I don't want to dwell on physical and mental problems, as we are all of that certain age. So we'll take each day as it is given and try to remember all of the blessings we have enjoyed.

There is one happy event enclosed—Phil '48 and **Jean Morse Turner** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Caribou in November 2003. Jean was originally in our Class of '45 and Phil was the Class of '44.

I promise to be more accountable with your letters. This house is small but the paperwork is overwhelming, and it's amazing how folders disappear. I swear the cat hides them just to get my attention!

Let's try to make it to our 60th Reunion in June—imagine 60 years.

1946

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Hope your holidays were merry and bright! Before you pack those Christmas cards away, please send a belated one so that I can share your news in this column. We want to hear from you.

We received the sad news that **Joan Potter Robart** died on October 22, 2004, at the hospice center in Wayland, Massachusetts, after a short illness. She is survived by two sons and several grandchildren.

1947

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A note from the alumni office with news of an award presented to **Richard '48 and Mildred Cohen Giesberg**—"Middle and Dick were honored for their lifelong work in the field of civil rights and community relations, and most recently for their efforts in saving Ethiopian Jews." The international humanitarian award from the World Union for Progressive Judaism was presented to the Giesbergs in Los Angeles (December 2003) before an audience of 500 people. A well-deserved reward for their compassionate service. We are all very proud of both of you.

A letter from **Lala Jones Dinsmore** is an exciting event as it's always filled with news and activities. She lives in Shelburne, New Hampshire, which is a little town off Route 2, not very far from the Maine/New Hampshire line. (I just looked it up on my map!) I love small towns and this is beautiful country. Actually I think all New England is extra special even though "I'm a Maine man—'til I die." Lala has been combining activity, Elderhostel, and family time. Lala and John, a close friend, signed up with Elderhostel: biking in France (with her daughter Amy), biking in Italy (with her daughter Sally), and touring Copper Can-

yon, Mexico, (with her son Phil). Then some independent biking and hiking with her son Page, his wife Adele, and John—was that in Colorado? Besides all this Lala writes a weekly column for the *Berlin Daily Sun*. And she still stays very much connected to Theater North, the area theater group. Action, attitude, and a wonderful life.

Bob and Stella Borkowski Patten's letter included information on the students who received scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year from the Class of 1947 scholarship fund (\$1448) available this year: **Michael Leavitt** of Palmyra, Maine, is a senior majoring in new media, and is the grandson of **Evelyn Foster Adams**.

Sarah Atherton, of Falmouth, Maine, is a junior majoring in elementary education, and is the granddaughter of the late Louis W. Howe '40.

Bryce Moody of Worthington, Massachusetts, is a junior majoring in business administration, and is the grandson of **Arthur D. and Dorothy Bruns Moody**.

John Evans of Oakland, Maine, is a sophomore English major, and is the grandson of **Wayne S. Evans**.

The students get a morale boost along with the financial assistance—and knowing where the money goes may encourage us to throw some more money in the pot!

Personal news from Bob and Stella. Their oldest grandson is a sophomore at R.I.T. in Rochester, New York. (Wish you had included his name. My memory bank is unreliable. Anyway, rah, rah—soph!) Bob and Stella went to Poland last fall (fifth trip there) and to Tuscany. I'm entranced and envious. In my dreams I'm a traveler too.

They are selling their home in South Portland and moving to Chebeague Island. I have seen their place on Chebeague—the island, the view, and the house. Absolutely fabulous! The ferry ride is fun, too.

Too often now we hear that we have lost another classmate, another friend. Our condolences go to the families. We share your loss.

Richard W. Lemay, Charleston, South Carolina, died November 9, 2003. He and Barbara Vaughn Lemay '48 were married in July 1949. They were both loyal alumni—returning to campus often for reunions. I remember Dick from freshman math. He was intelligent, a serious student, and a very nice boy. Much later (at our 50th class Reunion) I realized he was brilliant, a devoted husband, and a marvelous

human being. Our thoughts are with you, Barbara.

B. Roland Babcock of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away September 30, 2003. He and **Jeanne Heartz Babcock** were married June 1947. Rolie served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force. Both Rolie and Jeanne grew up in Bangor, but they settled in Phoenix and raised their three sons there (Peter, Robert, and David). Rolie retired from Honeywell but he remained active in the church, community, and social affairs. A wonderful family and marvelous memories, Jeanne. We add our prayers.

Our condolences to Fred and **Jackie Brown Merrill** on the loss of their son Steven C. Merrill '81. Losing a child has to be the biggest heartbreak of all. I wish you understanding and peace.

I was sorry to see the death notice for William H. Bruns, Bangor. He was **Dorothy Bruns Moody's** brother. Thinking of you and your family, Dottie.

Although Anna Griffin was not a member of our class, I dare say everyone knew Anna at the Bookstore. I always looked forward to a cup of coffee and a few minutes with Anna. She seemed to know if we needed to be patted or poked. I missed her after I graduated. She didn't retire until 1975. She died June 30, 2004, after 91 years of extra-special living. Rest in peace, Anna.

Would welcome any news items, old stories, golf scores, recipes, good books—whatever. Best wishes to all you alums and greetings for all the coming holidays.

1948

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Hello, fellow classmates and friends. We were so saddened to receive the news of the death of our classmate **Frank Haines** in August. Frank served as our class president for 15 years ending with the 50th class Reunion in 1998. He gave so generously of his time to our class. We extend our deepest sympathies to Alice and their family.



Enjoying the President's Club brunch at Buchanan Alumni House during Homecoming 2004 are (left to right): Sona Averill Wyman '48, Bob Elliott '50, Carolyn Brennan Alley '84, and Reverend Henry Wyman '49.

Our mailbox had two enjoyable updates from classmates of '48 sent along from the alumni office. **Barbara Day Bryan** was recently appointed a member of the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, Historic District Commission. The commission reviews and acts on applications for buildings (including houses) related to additions, roof and siding materials, house colors, driveway materials, etc. in the town's three designated historic districts. Related state historic district regulations must also be considered as well. She also continues to serve as a library volunteer at the Fairfield Historical Society and serves on the board of directors of the Association of Connecticut Library Boards. Senior volunteerism is so important. We're proud of you, Barb.

Jay and Betty Brown Calkins '50 also sent news that they have returned to Maine permanently after 35 winters in Florida, 10 working in public schools, 25 as retirees. Plans call for summers as usual in Washington County and winters in Dirigo Pines in Orono (no address yet). They write that they expect to be a little shocked their first winter and to miss their orange (3), grapefruit (2), lemon (2), lime (1), and avocado trees. Betty has been very involved in Mayflower, DAR, and genealogy groups, and will probably get somewhat involved in the Orono and Bangor area. Great planning, Jay and Betty. We got quite a bit of news while dining at Lauria's in Augusta this summer. **Marguerite Sullivan Powers** proudly announced the

arrival of a grandson, Alexander, born in Taiwan, June 22nd. This makes eight grandchildren for Sulli. **Helen Noyes Taylor** had the pleasure of welcoming Amanda Haines '04 to Dover-Foxcroft where she is teaching second grade. Amanda is the granddaughter of the late **Frank Haines** and **Alice Fonseca Haines**. Those of us who were at Orono for our 55th Reunion, remember Amanda and her excellent hospitality as our aide de camp. **Alan Burgess** and wife, Mary Marble Burgess '46, were spending the summer at their cottage on Lake Wesserunsett. They will be returning to their home in Oklahoma City for the next nine months and encourage classmates to come see them and find out what a nice place OKC is to live. They report that most of their family came in July and they did things like climbing Borestone Mountain and hiking in the Rangeley and Grafton Notch areas.

Ruth Fogler Goff announced that the pledge to the Fogler Library steps by the Class of 1948 has grown to \$18,000. We're still short by \$7,000 so would like to have some financial help from you folks who have not joined in the commitment to our class gift. The luncheon group donated \$100 for the second time so we keep whittling away at it. Every bit helps! Can you give us a hand!? We had the pleasure of other UMainers in attendance at Lauria's that lovely day. They were Richard '49 and his wife, Betty Jane Durgin Banton '47. Also Peg Googins Dowe '47 and Jane Longfellow Cullen '47.

Guess that's it from the news desk. Please fill our mailbox with your doings, trips, hobbies, grandchildren count, and all the rest.

Our best, Lancy and Barb

1949

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As I am writing this column, it's September in Maine and time to close my cottage here at Toddy Pond in Surry and return to Bangor. It's hard to leave behind the lazy summer days, the loons, and the osprey.

I received a nice note from **Nancy Carter Bishop** in which she wrote, "Lexy Carter, Barb McKay, and I attended our 55th Reunion and had a great time. We were impressed with the excellent food, the linens on the table, and the fresh flowers! After the Reunion we drove to Deer Isle, Maine, and stayed at a marvelous bed and breakfast (The Pilgrim Inn), with gourmet meals. It's a charming old home. We also went to Castine and Isle au Haut. So it was a grand time for our Reunion. We were also impressed with the Alumni House and how large the campus is now." It was signed "the three gals."

The New England Fellowship of Agricultural Adventurers presented former Maine Agricultural Commissioner, **Bernard W. Shaw**, of Augusta with the 2004 Agricultural Adventurers Award at the annual trustee meeting of the Eastern States Exposition on May 20th. Shaw, a native of Limestone, has had a 20-year career of farm operations and participation in local state and national agricultural organizations. He served as commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture for seven years and was a director of the Finance Authority of Maine and served on the board of Land for Maine's Future for eight years. He was also the president of the Eastern United States Agricultural and Food Export council and a member of the National Association of the State Department of Agriculture. He served as president of the Maine Potato Council, Aroostook County Extension Service, Agricultural Bargaining Council, and the Limestone Potato Growers. He is a longtime member of the Maine Potato Board and was a director of the

National Potato Promotion Board. The *Packer*, a nationally published industry magazine, recognized him nationally as Potato Man of the Year and he also received the Golden Potato Award for leadership and achievement from the National Potato Council in 1982.

Effective May 27, 2004, **Paul J. Mitchell** became a member of the board of trustees of the University of Maine System. Congratulations, Paul!

Former Marine Sergeant **Edwin Boggs** of Warren hosted the ninth annual S.O.S. breakfast in June at his farm on Stirling Road. The annual event draws Marines from Caribou to Kittery and from outside the state. When the Marines sit down to the table, it's S.O.S. affectionately known as s— on a shingle (chipped beef on toast). Back in the early 1940s when Boggs enlisted in the Marine Corps, S.O.S. was dished out a lot of times for breakfast. Boggs served in the Corps from 1941 to 1945 with the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions. He voluntarily enlisted before the attack on Pearl Harbor and was stationed solely in the Pacific Islands.

Beth Burgess Bartley writes, "A year of wandering in my Winnebago is over, for now anyway. My permanent address is 120 North Broadway #605, Santa Maria, California, 93454. Yes, that's on the sixth floor of the tallest building in Santa Maria, with great views and plenty of exercise as I often take the stairs instead of the elevator. I love hearing from everyone. I have excellent memory and recall of those precious years! Best wishes to all."

It's so great to get news of classmates. Won't you send me yours?

1950

55th Reunion June 3-5, 2005

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Lots of news this round—as we make preparations for our 55th Reunion celebration on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of June 2005. Mark your calendars now! The annual August mini-gathering of the class was held on the 5th of August at the Salmon Falls Country Club near Saco—on a picture perfect summer day. After



Henry Saunders '50 presented a University of Maine clock to **Pat Cummings '89** for her outstanding service to the Class of 1950 and the university during a class meeting last summer. Pat, who worked for many years at the alumni association and then at the UMaine Development office, recently took a position as the director for development at Maine Public Broadcasting.

prexy **Maggie Mollinson McIntosh** welcomed classmates and representatives of the alumni association, **Gerri Lamb Kenneally** paid tribute to Norma Mooers Gray '52, wife of

George, who died in July after a valiant battle with cancer. We observed a moment of silence for Norma and other classmates who have died this past year.

Preliminary plans for our Reunion festivities in Orono were an important part of the agenda; we will firm things up in November when we meet at the Samoset Resort-on-the-Ocean in Rockport. The Reunion committee, consisting of **George Gray** (chair), **Dick Fairfield**, **Ellie Hansen Brockway**, and **Henry Saunders**, (with the rest of us chiming in!) will plan a fun get-together. More news will be forthcoming—please look for mailings with information galore.

Hoppy reported on the Flag Plaza that "greet" one and all to campus; we acknowledged, with gratitude, the generous gift of Dot and **Don Waring** to the Flag Plaza fund. The interest on the gift assures we can purchase new flags and needed replacement lights as well as provide for planting of seasonal flowers and routine cleaning of the area. We are delighted that the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund was able to award scholarships to five descendants of the class who attend the Orono campus: Joshua Bernstein of Bangor, grandson of **Harry F. Hallsey**; Jennifer Deane of Winslow, granddaughter of **Richard Watson**; Jessica Deane of Winslow, granddaughter of **Richard Watson**; Matthew Ledoux of Standish, grandson of **Philip H. Lowell**; and Jason McGann of Presque Isle, grandson of **Maurice Fenderson**. Congratulations to all of these fine young people. It is anticipated that we will increase the monies available in the



Among those attending a memorial service at the Class of 1950 Flag Plaza during Homecoming 2004 were '50 classmates (left to right): **George Gray**, **Dottie Lord Hopkins**, **Al Hopkins**, **Maggie Mollinson McIntosh**, **Janet Marston Bodwell '55** (wife of '50 member **Bill Bodwell**), and **George Gonyar**. At the memorial, **Al Hopkins** read the poem, "I am the Flag of America."

fund, so that larger stipends can be awarded in future years!

A nominating committee comprised of Dick Fairfield, **Flo Mad-docks Fairfield**, Gerri Lamb Kenneally, and Ellie Hansen Brockway nominated George Gray to be interim vice president of the Class of 1950 until elections are held in June of 2005. George was elected by acclamation! An election of class officers will be held at the business meeting of the Class of 1950 at Reunion 2005.

Jan Pettee Milligan is living at 214 Mascoutah Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62220. She hopes to get to Orono next year—and we are all anxious to see her at Reunion! **Eva Burgess Newell** called to say hi from their summer camp in Liberty. She sends her best to all and said that she would have been with us in Salmon Falls had they not had family arriving that same day to enjoy the beauty around Lincoln. (We hope she and Hank found everything ship-shape when they returned to their condo in Melbourne, Florida, after the hurricanes!) Gerri Lamb Kenneally was in Maine for the summer. Though she was to return to Avon Park on the 11th of August, she was delayed a few weeks because of the damage to Avon Park and environs as a result of hurricanes Bonny and Charley. She returned after hurricanes Frances and Ivan and we are happy to report that she is doing well.

We were delighted to see **Ted Hawkes** at the meeting in August. He and Jan Knowles Hawkes '51 live in Cape Elizabeth and are mighty proud of daughter Pamela who is chief architect for the \$10,000,000 Lord Hall renovation project (AnnBeha Architects)—which signals a new era for a historic campus landmark. Featured in the refurbished building will be the Vincent A. Hartgen collection and a new studio building that will be named for artist James Wyeth. James Linehan, chair of the art department, said, "Our goal is to provide the best and most comprehensive art program available at a public institution in Northern New England." A proud time for our university, and the talented daughter of one of our own! Others in attendance in Salmon Falls were class agent **Sherm** and Edie Snow **Cole '53**, **Dick Hewes**, and **Roger Percival** from Cape Elizabeth, **Bob Lincoln** from Eliot, **Elbert** and Phyllis **Prince** who joined us from Falmouth, **Floyd** and Dorothy **Smith**



Len Minsky '50 and his wife Renee (left) with graduate school dean, Deirdre M. Mageean at the President's Club brunch at Homecoming 2004. Last year Len and Renee were the recipients of the Vincent A. Hartgen Award for their strong support for the arts. Len has also received the Class of 1950 Achievement Award. Most recently, Len and his brother Norman '52 helped the university secure an extensive collection of films and videos on Jewish life and history.

(who wrote that their winter condo in Port Charlotte, Florida, made it through the hurricanes with no problem), and **Caroline Strong**. Carolyn held us spellbound as she described her teaching career in locations all around the globe as well as meeting many fascinating people including Madame Chang Kai-Shek in Taiwan. We were pleased to welcome Peggy Given White (widow of our classmate **Rocco White**) who lives in Reading, Massachusetts, and summers in Sebago. **Al Mosher**, a regular at our annual conclaves, was unable to be with us as he has been overwhelmed rebuilding his barns on the farmstead on Mosher Corner in Gorham—which buildings were destroyed by fire in June. We hope the project was completed in good speed. The **Al Levesques** spent the month of August in Canada. Brother **Bill Bodwell** hosted a large family gathering in early August and would have come to the Salmon Falls meeting except for the fact that he was leading the Bath Community Band at the change of command ceremonies at the Brunswick Naval

Air Station. We are mighty proud of Bill and so delighted that he received the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award at Reunion 2004!

The **Gerald Mayberrys** were unable to get to Salmon Falls—but sent greetings. We remember fondly Jeanne and Gerry dancing away at the Friday Night Stag Dances that so many of us flocked to at the gym. Memories galore! Speaking of memories: **Allison "Al" Catherton**, who lives in Franklin, sits down every evening to record the day's highlights—something he has done for close to 50 years. He started recording daily events initially for he felt it important that his sons have the opportunity to know more about his life through the years. And he faithfully has continued this practice, writing in bound books, ledgers, or whatever he can put his hands on when each January 1 rolled around; it is interesting to note that no two diaries are the same size or shape, but each one reveals a man who indeed forged a career in forestry and geology and has an appreciation for conservation and all that nature has provided us. There are

also some years recorded where he taught—seven years at Franconia College, one at Shead High School in Eastport, and another year at the University of Maine in Machias. The writer of the article about Al noted that his journals reflect someone who has always loved the outdoors, ice-fishing, the wonder of apples on trees come fall, and the annual filling the farmhouse porch with split wood to provide heat for the winter months! Al's children and their families will, in the years to come, enjoy reading the loving legacy that chronicles his life—with so many stories, and so many memories of years gone by. Who remembers gasoline at \$.21 per gallon? Al received 8 cents per mile expense money when he worked in the Vermont forests. Ah, the "good ole days!" In addition to his own journals, Al is delighted to own the 1793 diary of Donald McKay, an ancestor from Scotland who lived in Nova Scotia; the journal tells of Donald's life making a living in the woods—and makes for interesting reading for young and old alike.

The alumni office received a nice note from **J. Walter** and Bertha Clark **Allen '51** who winter in Vero Beach, Florida, and summer in Ellsworth. They are very busy in both places and were so delighted to attend the third graduation at the Orono campus of a grandchild.

Roger Blake of 139 High Street, Belfast, Maine, 04915, is working full time as an attorney, and enjoys every minute of his stimulating work. He is the oldest practicing attorney in Waldo County and has been named Dean of the Waldo County Bar. Early in his career he became county attorney and served four years in the post that was tantamount to today's district attorney. He later has specialized in real estate matters and domestic situations. His work, plus volunteering within the community as well as hunting, fishing, camping, and playing a bit of golf keeps him more than involved!

The university has received from the Charles Revson Foundation and the Jewish Media Fund an extensive 200-title collection of videos on Jewish life, history, culture, and humor, thanks to matching funds from the Minsky Judaic Studies Fund, which fund is supported by the families of Norman Minsky '52 and Renee and **Leonard Minsky**. The collection of films, some humorous, some serious, and some tragic includes such titles as *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. There are also films of television

programs that involve some aspect of Judaism, ranging from work by journalist Bill Moyers, to Mel Brooks, Jack Benny, and Sid Caesar. Many thanks to all of the Minskys for making this acquisition possible. The collection will provide a rich resource for Judiac studies on campus as well as a cultural resource for the public statewide.

We are saddened to note the death of **Eric R. Doughty** on the 13th of August. He received a degree in agricultural engineering and was employed for some 32 years with the Central Maine Power Company as director of farm services. He was instrumental in the creation of Maine Farm Days and received many awards during his career including the Friend of Agriculture Award, the Service to Agriculture Award for Maine Farm Days, and Honorary State Farmer by the Future Farmers of America. He had many interests and hobbies including building and restoring boats and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved entertaining family and friends and one and all looked forward to tasting his famous lobster stew at Christmas time as well as his fish chowder at the Winthrop Congregational Church chowder luncheons. Our sympathy goes to Jean and the family.

A planning session for our 55th Reunion in Orono on June 3, 4, and 5 was held on the first day of November at prexy Maggie's time-share at the beautiful Samoset Resort right smack on Penobscot Bay—and what a spectacular spot it was. We were located on the sec-

ond floor so that we could view the lush 18-hole golf course that meandered below us, with the calm blue water right there beyond—and Owls Head Light blinked its greeting to us all. The weather was just perfect, and we marveled at spectacular sunrises and sunsets, and oh, the moon's reflection in the tranquil water of the bay was superb. We could see a million and one stars overhead; what a spot!

Our crew consisted of Maggie, Hoppy, and **Dotty Lord Hopkins**, Dick and Flo Maddocks Fairfield, **George Gray**, Brother Bill Bodwell, and me—plus wonderful staff members from the university alumni association to help us plan. Sunday night we all gathered in the Breakwater Lounge of the Samoset for conversation and dinner. We were delighted that a local group was playing "our" kind of music—and that many were dancing away on the excellent dance floor. We were pleased to spot classmate **Clarence Leonard** tripping the light fantastic and chatted with him in between sets; he retired from the Thomaston public schools after some 35 years of teaching and lives in Rockland (49 Summer Street, Apartment #4, 04841 telephone 207-594-8600). He said that he is proud that his five children are all graduates of the University of Maine.

The next morning at our meeting, we discussed, deliberated, and then decided! The prereunion gathering will be June 1 and 2 at the Bar Harbor Inn on Newport Drive in Bar Harbor. The inn is located at the head of Frenchman's Bay and is a

full service oceanfront resort; our accommodations will include a continental breakfast each morning.

Though we will pretty much be on our own, we are planning a lobster bake at Halls Cove on the evening of the 2nd.

Next day, we will motor from Bar Harbor inland for reunion activities in Orono including registration at the Buchanan Alumni House. The association staff spoke regarding the housing situation on campus, and it was the consensus that classmates would be very comfortable at the Country Inn at the mall on Stillwater Avenue in Bangor. Reunion chair George reported that we will have very fine accommodations and can commute forth and back to Orono—either in our own cars or in buses that can transport us to and from campus. Three special notes: 1) we will meet at Millers in Bangor for a buffet extraordinaire on Friday night, 2) the class will have access to the lounge on the second floor of the Buchanan Alumni House for gatherings as well as for R&R while we are on campus and 3) a special memorial service will be held at the 1950 Flag Plaza, celebrating the lives of classmates who have died since 2000. Hoppy is planning a special tribute during the service to those classmates who were members of the armed services and hopes to secure a USMC Color Guard as well as a piper to play "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of the service. You will be getting several letters from now until the actual Reunion outlining detailed plans for the gala few days as well as information on the

fund raising challenge for the Class of 1950. We hope you will circle your calendars for June 1-5 and will join us in Bar Harbor as well as in Orono.

We were saddened to read of the death of **Julius Marzul** on October 3rd during the Portland Marathon. He died doing what he loved best—running. He was a member of the Maine Track Club and New England 65+ Running Club. Sympathy goes to his wife Yolanda and their family. Please note a change of address for **Myron Zimmerman** to 8D Pejepscoot Terrace, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Watch your mail for Reunion correspondence—adorned with our Flag Plaza logo. More in the next column!

See you at Reunion 2005!

1951

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On August 19, 2004, the class reunion committee met for a lobster picnic at the cottage of **Mary Hastings Dumas** and Bruce Folsom '49 on Mousam Lake in Shapleigh. **Ellen Stratton Turner**, Ginny Stickney Cooper '50, and **Jack and Joyce McGouldrick Ryder** visited with Mary and Bruce prior to the picnic and helped prepare a sumptuous



Senior Alumni finance committee members met following the Senior Alumni luncheon on October 23. Left to right are: Jayne Hanson Bartley '49, Bill Currie '52, Jean McIntire White '52, Bob Patten '47, and Dick Sprague '50.

feast. Others attending were **Frances Pratt Caswell** and her husband **Forrest, Roy** and **Ella Trafton, Elwood** and **Virginia Norton Beach '52, Dick Noyes, Thelma Lord Dombkowski, Russ Meade, Nancy Whiting Sears, Floyd and Pepper Burbank Milbank, Cynthia Pierce Richardson, Joan Wiswell Beach** and husband **Dale, Edwin Manzer, Duveen Bryant Dews, Gus and Polly "Boo" Robbins Gosse, Marion Waterman Meyer** and friend **John A. James, MD, Joanne Mayo Nyerges, Gwen Small Tupper, and Milton and Joan Vachon Victor '52.** After dining on boiled lobster with all the fixings and hearing reports from Orono by **Dan Willett '69, '70G** of the University of Maine Foundation and **Kari Wells '04G** and **Val Mitchell** of the alumni association, classmates enjoyed swimming and a party boat tour of the lake. Many thanks to **Mary and Bruce** for their gracious hospitality.

Our 2005 class picnic will be held next August at the summer cottage of **Woody and Ginny Beach** in Raymond, Maine. These summer get-togethers are open to all class members and their guests. If you are not on the picnic mailing list and would like information about the next picnic, please contact **Jack Ryder** at: 102 Windsor Lane, Unit E, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185 or jryd2729@aol.com. When e-mailing, put UMaine in the subject line.

Eva "Tudy" Stinson Wight was unable to attend the picnic, but wrote that she is happily settled at 1709 Steinbeck Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is looking forward to our reunion in '06. In the meantime she has plenty of room for overnight guests and would welcome classmates.

Marion Waterman Meyer reports that learning to fly is a real challenge and she highly recommends it. She hopes to solo soon.

Joanne Mayo Nyerges has a new home address: 29576 Indian Ridge Cove, Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Thelma Lord Dombkowski is living at 262 Main Street, Gorham, Maine 04038.

Duveen Bryant Dews is living at 63 Loop Road, Otisfield, Maine 04270.

Polly Boo Robbins Gosse recently took a trip with her daughter, **Holly Gosse Braley '83.** They enjoyed a fun mother/daughter experience as well as a wonderful tour of Paris and southern France.

Floyd and Pepper Burbank Milbank took a trip last year on the cruise ship *Infinity* to Chile and Ar-



Mary Hastings Dumas '51 and Bruce Folsom '49 hosted the Class of 1951 summer picnic at Mousam Lake in Shapleigh.

gentina and "rounded the Horn." They were impressed with the dramatic scenery of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

Joan Wiswell Beach and husband **Dale** recently took a 15-day trip to Alaska. They skied last winter despite record cold temperatures, and they continue to enjoy four weeks each summer at Lake George.

Philip Pendleton writes that he and his wife **Jean** have finally become grandparents. Their new grandson is the joy of their lives. Philip is still active in music and thinks fondly of the days with the University of Maine Glee Club and Varsity Singers under the direction of **Jim Selwood**. He also keeps busy with writing projects on memoirs and general topics.

Mary Lermond Turner writes that she is now living in a new home at: 7445 SE 105th Place, Belleview, Florida 34420-6382. Mary has been retired for 10 years after a career as a teacher of the mentally handicapped. In retirement she is an active volunteer for her church and the Special Olympics and teaches family history classes using the computer.

Frances and Forrest Caswell recently traveled to Gabarus, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to attend a three-day homecoming celebration in the scenic little fishing village where her maternal grandparents were born. This event spurred Frances on to complete a genealogy of her Canadian ancestry.

Remember to send along your contributions to our class column. Your classmates will be glad to hear from you.

1952

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Hi to all of you in the Class of '52 from the Cupola. We have managed to keep the home fires burning because those rays shone down on hundreds of us as we drove from the campus after hearing The Capitol Steps perform at the Maine Center for the Arts last week. The alumni association, together with the University Credit Union, presented the musical political satire troupe and they got a lot of laughs. Prior to the 7:00 show, the above mentioned sponsors invited alumni and guests to a dessert reception upstairs in the Bodwell Lounge. One's choice of lemon meringue, blueberry, or apple pie and beverage was served. Many favorable comments were heard, and my lemon meringue pie was so good. **Jean McIntire White** was the only person I saw to speak to from our class, but there were no doubt more attending. Thanks to the UMAA for inviting us to the reception. We do indeed appreciate that kind of treatment. Stuffed black bears wearing blue scarves and American flags were given to alumni who had just joined. I heard the end of the announcement as I was walking up the stairs and rushed right over to the table to tell a smiling lady that I had sent in my check that morning. She passed me a beautiful Bananas bear, and one of my

guests took it to the car. Later **Carol Prentiss Mower '53** explained to me that the bears were only for first time joiners of the alumni association. However, I am not sending back my bear. Included in my check was my final pledge payment toward the Buchanan Alumni House cupola. So there is another thing accomplished. If you pledged, please keep paying. We do have a responsibility to light up people's lives as they go down College Avenue.

In May an interesting e-mail arrived. Its greeting said, "Dear Frances of the Cupola." **Roger Gould** had just read the spring issue of *MAINE*, and said he was finally galvanized into sharing some news. A fraternity brother, **Ronald "Ron" Schutt**, had visited Roger and his wife, **Mae**, in Thousand Palms, California, (a Palm Springs neighborhood) in November 2003. Ron also made a side trip to visit another Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, **Dwight R. Holmes**, in San Diego. Roger said that he and Mae would be in Maine most of the month of September 2004 and would of course stop by Dear Old Maine to admire the cupola et al. They looked forward to seeing brother Ron again as well as **Ralph Martin**. They hope to see others from our class who are planning our 55th Reunion. Roger is delighted that the expanded Memphis Belles will entertain our class again. Thanks so much for mentioning the cupola, Roger. I know you will be impressed.

Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon moved to Maine from San Mateo, California, in June. At the same time, one of her sons, **Matt**, and his wife, **Andrea**, moved to Portland from San Mateo. Mary-Ellen (whom most people now call Mel, if they weren't her friend 50 years ago) found a lovely old brick house at 171 Wilson Street in Brewer. She has two of the most meticulously constructed doll houses that her husband, **Scott Weldon**, built for her and their daughter, **Ann Weldon Blanke '76.** Each doll house needs its own special room to show it off. Both have winding staircases, antique ornamentation, and furnishings, including sconces on the walls. Any viewer would guess that professional decorators had planned the interiors. Mary-Ellen herself has done beautiful stitching on many items throughout the doll houses and the brick house. Who would have thought that both the engineer and the home economics major would have evolved into such accomplished artists? Way to go, Mel. We

are so happy to have you back in Maine. She can be reached at (207) 979-6978. And I did get her permission before including this information concerning her whereabouts.

Ruth Drysdale Frazier's husband, Vernon, died from pancreatic cancer in June. After he retired from teaching physics at the University of Nevada in Reno, he was ordained an Episcopal priest. While preaching at a prison one Sunday in February, he fainted. That was the first symptom of any ailment. Please accept our sincere sympathy, Ruth. Ruth came to Maine on the 24th of August to attend the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Elizabeth Hopkins Knight '54 and **Richard Knight** in Oakland. She had been in their wedding in 1954. She spent some time in Ocean Park deriving pleasure from sea scenes, sounds, and scents. After the celebration she visited **Jeanne Frye Begley** and her husband, Chuck, in Waldoboro. Next she spent two days in Camden with **Margaret Murray Pease** and **Alan Pease**. She had a delightful time with each couple and then she came to Hancock to visit me for two days. During two hours of that time we watched the most spectacular waves crash against Schoodic Point granite at Acadia National Park in Winter Harbor. As many hours as I have observed the Maine coast, I have never seen or heard even Thunder Hole produce so much forceful activity. We both hope to be able to bring up the vision of those waves crashing forever.

Copresident **William "Bill" Currie** regretfully e-mailed a sad message to say **Norma Mooers Gray**, one of our reunion team members, died on July 2 in Raymond, Maine. Bill also made arrangements for a contribution to be made to a scholarship fund that will be established in her name and administered by the University of Maine Foundation. Bill and **Harriet Johnson Currie** attended Norma's memorial service in Westbrook on August 20th, as did **Virginia Norton Beach** and husband, Elwood "Woody" Beach '51. Our condolences to Norma's family. We shall certainly miss her on our team.

The next sorrow-filled message was sent to Bill Currie from **Ralph Martin** to say that his beloved Guida passed away early the morning of August 18th. Ralph went on to say that she went peacefully with their three children by her side. He said even though it was unexpected, it was not uncommon with ALS. Having known from the beginning there

was no cure, Ralph explained that if there was a bright side, they had been able to do and say the things most people let slip by until it is too late. He also mentioned that Guida had the opportunity to say good-bye to her nine grandchildren and many of her oldest and dearest friends over the past weeks. You expressed your feelings beautifully, Ralph. Just reviewing what you wrote again brings tears. Our thoughts shall continue to be with you, as well as the rest of your family. Bill and Harriet Currie attended Guida's memorial service in Orland, Maine, on August 25th, where Bill said a number of folks from the university were also present.

Copresident Bill Currie urges any and all classmates who would possibly be interested in a Norway coastal cruise to contact him. At least six to eight couples plan to take the cruise in September 2005. Included among the group will be **Perry Hunter**, and perhaps his significant other. How exciting, Perry. Bill Currie has spoken with Jim Frick, the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* editor, suggesting revising the column deadlines. This deadline is September 15th with a publishing date approximately December 20th. With Homecoming Weekend after September 15th, none of those happenings would be read until toward the end of April. Official changes may not occur right away, but Jim Frick did assure Bill if anyone writes about Homecoming events, the news will be published in December.

In August, Jeanette Bishop Fox '54, wife of **David Fox**, called to invite me to dinner here in Hancock. My AO II daughter, Melissa Parker White '54, would be visiting the Foxes with her husband, Vic White. The Whites live in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, summers and Naples, Florida, winters. I had not seen Melissa since 1952, so much reminiscing filled the enjoyable evening, not to mention the delicious scallop meal that Jan prepared. The Foxes seem completely recovered from last summer's automobile accident for which we are all thankful.

A mini-class reunion was held on June 23rd at the Peter McKernan Hospitality Center on the Southern Maine Community College campus. I assume many attended and enjoyed the buffet luncheon on the porch area overlooking Casco Bay. Probably Bill Currie e-mailed me about it, but I can't locate the information.

The June 3rd issue of *The Weekly* included an article headlined In-

surance Company Honors Bangor Dentist. Northeast Delta Dental Insurance Company recognized **Dr. Harold "Hap" Gerrish** as a 35-year participant with the company. Relations representative, Diana Moyer, made the trip from Concord, New Hampshire, to Gerrish's workplace, Twin City Dental in Bangor, to make the surprise presentation of an engraved wall chime clock along with a note of thanks from CEO, Thomas Raffio. Hap's wife, Judy, Dr. John Mabee, Dr. James Griffith, Twin City Dental staff, and patients were on hand for the presentation. Dr. Gerrish graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1955 with a degree in medical dentistry. He spent 1956 and 1957 in the United States Dental Corps with an internship at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. From 1957 until 2001, he was in private practice in Dover-Foxcroft, where he raised his family. He has served as a director and president of the Dover-Foxcroft Club, lieutenant governor of Division 25, chairman of annual Kiwanis fundraisers and functions, and governor of the New England District of Kiwanis. Hap is an active member of Squaw Mountain Education Ski Foundation. My Greenville special education students benefited much from ski instruction each week because of that foundation. Dr. Gerrish continues to be an active member of the Piscataquis and Maine State YMCA. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a Noble of the Anah Temple Shrine. He is on the board of directors and development committee for the New England Medical Center. Congratulations to you, Dr. Hap Gerrish. That is indeed quite a list of responsibilities and accomplishments.

On Feb. 7th, 2004, the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame announced election of 10 new members. **Merrill "Red" Wilson** of Holden was among the inductees. Mention was made that he was a former college standout and coach. Red was a two-time All Yankee Conference selection in 1951 and 1952 at the university. He managed 14 seasons in the prestigious Cape Cod Collegiate Baseball League. He also did a stint at Husson College in Bangor, where he is a member of that school's Hall of Fame. Kudos to you, Red.

The *Lincoln County Weekly*, February 12th issue, contained an item from Damariscotta discussing an art exhibit called Sight, Sound, Memory. The show consisted of oils and woodcuts by **Sally Arseneault Pedrick** from Round Pond. The exhibit was at Miles Memorial Hospital.

The paintings, *I've Seen Gardens* and *Can't Remember Here*, have titles from Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*. Two of the paintings include mirrors. Forgetfulness and seeing things in reverse are themes in Carroll's book. Other paintings such as *Lost Bobbins*, *Memories of the Mills*, and *Endless Bobbins*, all with French subtitles are reminders of the constant sounds in the textile mills, sounds that caused hearing loss in many textile mill workers. Pedrick's works can be seen in numerous collections in Damariscotta, Maine, Philadelphia's Newman Galleries, the National Museum of Women in Arts in Washington D.C., and the Rakow Library at the Corning Museum of Glass in New York. Pedrick is a member of the Maine Media Women, Maine Fiberarts, Glass Art Society, and Zeta Phi Eta. For more information, Sally can be reached at (207) 529-4210. More pats on the back to you, Sally.

In March, the 13th to be exact, *The Kennebec Journal* announced that **Robert "Bob" Whytock**, a former principal and football coach at Cony High School, will give up his duties at the Augusta Civic Center as Western Maine B,C, and D basketball tournament director after a 30-year run. Bob Burns, who has worked as the tournament public address announcer for each of Whytock's 30 years, praised Whytock and said he was very easy to work for. Burns also said, if Whytock wants a thing done a certain way, that is how it will be done. It's sort of his way or the highway. Whytock has seen numerous changes in his 30 years directing the tournament. Even though eight teams played in each bracket for all 30 years the whole thing really doubled in size with the girl's tournament. Great work, Bob. Our hats are off to the tourney king.

Bill Currie reports that there are a number of classmates (14-18) including spouses or significant others who are in the process of signing up for a specially-arranged 14-day tour. The tour includes a six-day southbound Norwegian coastal voyage from Kirkenes (near the Russian border) to Bergen, a train trip through the mountains and glacier scenes to Oslo, and a two-night stay at Reykjavik, Iceland. Days of relaxation and sightseeing are also scheduled for Kirkenes and Bergen.

This is a non-escorted tour but Bill and Harriet have made the Norwegian coastal cruise segment

on two previous occasions. He is working with Hewins/Carlsen Travel Group in Portland.

This is not a luxury cruise ship with all the amenities, or entertainment. The ship stops at numerous ports all up and down the coast. You can get off at each port and visit the village or town. There are several shore excursions to take. Dress is casual including dinner. The ship is modern—built in 2003. During the summer months the ship carries about 600 passengers but in September the number is likely to be half that number.

If other '52ers are interested in joining some of their classmates on this trip please contact Bill through his e-mail (wdc@maine.rr.com) or give him a phone call (207) 846-3993 for more details about the trip.

The tour begins with a flight out of Boston on September 15 and ends on September 28, 2005, with a return flight to Boston.

Thanks a lot for reading *MAINE* and supporting your alumni association. Please send news, and many thanks to those who did.

1953

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I wish I were more clever with our class column. What can I write that will have you sit up and take notice? I'm pregnant (with triplets)? I've moved to the Arctic Circle (Trip Tiks are wonderful)? I'm your next president—2008 (strictly undecided party)? I finally reached 100 (milkshakes did it)? I'm a Power Ball winner—giving away \$1,000 bills on April Fools Day (did I forget to say where and how many)?

No really. Enough said. (It took care of my opening, didn't it?) OK, how are all of you lovely people out there, all over the world? We're still classmates. We may be aging, but we're young in spirit, I hope. You know, I'm so happy to be alive. I just want to sit back and think about me and what I want to do in life. But that's selfish, isn't it? I should be volunteering. I have plenty of free time, but I want to get paid for what I do. Selfish, again. Maybe when I'm 80 I'll volunteer. I really should. Right now I want to tell you about my latest working endeavor in



Barby Girard Dorman '53 and husband Dwight are welcomed to the island of Guam. The couple took a South Sea island cruise last May, which stopped on most of the islands that were liberated by U.S. troops in World War II. Barby said the trip was made more interesting by the many World War II vets who were on the cruise.

September (and then on to classmates).

My two daughters (40 and 45) decided I should work to support my shopping habits, or at least be a volunteer (like Meals on Wheels) so I wouldn't have time to shop. Well, I finally took the much-repeated hint and applied for a seasonal job, dependable work for a great company. So, I filled out the paperwork, passed the exam and interview, and went to my first day's training. Very fast-paced, but I'll get it, I said to myself. I didn't "get" it that day, or

the next day, or the one after that and by Thursday I definitely was behind. Way behind! You see, computers are not my everyday thing. (Ask **Lloyd Oakes** if you don't believe me.) I've worked with (against?) them (computers), but I'm what you call a slow learner. (After all, I was almost 73 at the time.) At the end of Thursday's class, I was taken aside. I knew what was coming. But I'm not a quitter, so I said, and told them I'd be back the next day, the last paid day of training. At the beginning of Friday's



A group of 1953 classmates got together for lunch last August at the Simon Pearce glass blowing and pottery factory in Quechee, Vermont. Left to right are: Nancy Schott Plaisted, Helen Strong Hamilton, Kathy Mitchell Mendelsohn, Maxine Dresser Thurston, and Carol Prentiss Mower.

class, I was told of another job I could have with the company, not so fast-paced (and it certainly sounded less stressful and easier, surely I could do that). I was happy. But Friday was miserable. Have you ever felt ignorant, that you just can't get it (and everyone else can)? So on to the next week and the new job, trying once again to prove that I'm really quite capable of the work (which I found out quite rapidly I wasn't). This time, when taken aside, I gave in. Up? (You see, I really didn't catch on from the beginning, couldn't remember the material, so unsure at my job, and way too slow.) But you know what? I was so relieved in a way. I felt like I had really retired and that life was out there ready for me to enjoy. I no longer thought about juggling dental, doctor appointments, family, and social functions, etc. I felt like I was on a vacation from life. All in six days' time! What a great feeling! Until I had to tell everyone that I had failed at the job(s)!

How many of you '53 classmates are still working? And to you I say: Congratulations!

"The only trouble we have is when we're eating corn, who eats the odd row?"—this from a Brandon, Vermont, couple who shares everything. Humor is their middle name. They work together, and if they ever do retire (they say "never") it'll be together. Their names? **Maxine Dresser Thurston** and her husband, **Harmon '51**, owners of New England Woodcraft in Forest Dale, Vermont. I got to see them! You see, **Carol Prentiss Mower** called me one day this past summer to see if I wanted to take a trip to Vermont. How could I refuse? I said yes and she made the plans. Carol is a shopper (I never knew that, and you know I am), so of course we had to stop at cute little towns on the way. And we had to eat, too—in Hanover at Molly's (great loaf of bread). We also checked out the Hanover Inn (ladies room and gift shop) and shopped in Woodstock.

We did OK until the very end, the last mile when we cell-phoned Maxine and said we were lost (somewhere after two cemeteries and an apple orchard). She told us to turn around, come back up the road and she'd be there in her car. Sure enough and from there we could see her yellow house up on a hill—with some 200 acres and rolling hills. "We don't like to feel crowded," quipped Harmon. "We own two corner lots with a few hundred acres in between," he

smiled. Everything was green, green, green. Their 1810 colonial style home with its vast expanse of lawn, beautiful flower gardens, wide verandah, the Green Mountains to the east, and the Adirondacks (don't ask Maxine how to spell it and Harmon said "Anything over two syllables I can't pronounce") to the west, a couple of barns—it was the perfect setting for beautiful sunsets. Throw in bacon and waffles with Maine blueberries and Vermont maple syrup, some wine, great home-cooking, and lots more and we were treated like two queens!

Maxine and Harmon, you were the greatest of hosts. We had fun, didn't we, Carol? When I asked Harmon what he did at the factory? "I have no idea," came his reply. And as I watched him put the roll of Saran Wrap in the freezer, I thought to myself, does he have a touch of Alzheimer's? He didn't. He said it cuts easier that way. We ate lunch on the porch at the Neshobe Country Club, had dinner at the Wheel Inn in the tiny (I mean tiny) town of Benson (with all the locals), took a tour of their factory (remember the room of furniture which Maxine and Harmon donated to UMaine's Colvin Hall with its honors students), and had a tour of Brandon with its Bird-house Festival. What creative, colorful birdhouses were displayed at art museums and stores throughout the town, to benefit the arts! And Carol discovered another wrinkle—"This Vermont air isn't doing any good," she laughed. Oh yes, in their downstairs bath hung this sign: "Guest towels are for guests only—if you are not a guest, please wipe your hands on your clothes."

You know how Vermont is supposed to have more cows than people? Harmon said they were all in the barn and got milked three times a day. And on the way home Maxine went with us as far as Quechee (Vermont) where we met up with classmates **Kathy Mitchell Mendelsohn** and **Helen Strong Hamilton** for lunch at the Simon Pearce glass blowing and pottery factory. What a great place to eat (and shop and watch glass-blowing and pottery making). I came home with four glass napkin rings. I don't know what the others bought. It was great getting together and with pen and paper in hand, I jotted down a few things, such as Kathy and her husband, Lou, live in Quechee summers, Avon, Connecticut, spring and fall ("We've lived in Connecticut forever, since graduation practically") and Boca Raton winters, all in

condominiums. She married Lou in '58 and they have two children, Eric (38) of Granby, Connecticut, with two daughters, and Carrie (35) of Virginia. Lou, a Brooklyn College grad, is still in investments (counseling) and Kathy, who majored in business administration and was in insurance, retired "a long time ago." The two met at work and both play golf, tennis, bridge, garden, and go down every couple of weeks to see the grandchildren.

Kathy, a Phi Mu gal (Carol is one too), from Unity, said she roomed with **Jean Palmer** in West Hall her freshman year, South Estabrooke her sophomore year, and with Maxine her junior and senior years. She's never been to a reunion and when I asked why she picked UMaine, she laughed and said, "That was the only place my father would send me."

We talked about marriage, hair color, and after lunch Maxine headed back to Brandon and Helen back to Bow, New Hampshire, and Carol and I went over to Kathy and Lou's condo where Lou offered us chocolate chip cookies (I think he made them). Delicious! Thanks.

Here's a Theta Chi classmate who lives in Winslow, Maine, and when asked what his hobbies were, replied: "I've got to have a few." He's **Joseph Dumont**, a forestry major from Fairfield who enjoys woodworking, "hutches and things" for his children. He and his wife, Roberta, a graduate of Thomas Business College in Waterville, have six children and 13 grandchildren. Joe, 76, who retired some 20 years ago, has never been to a reunion, but said he believes he gets the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. I hope he does. He sounds great. He's worked for the state and the state highway most of his career. In the construction department for the DOT out of Augusta, he worked all over the state and on several of the interstate construction projects. Thanks, Joe. We've got to get you to reunion one of these days!

This classmate is also retired, has never been to reunions, and never back to Maine, so I was happy to chat with him. He's classmate **Horace Disston**, now of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, a philosophy major who came from Yarmouth. After graduation he said he went to work for a friend of his in the shipping industry in Philadelphia for nine years, then manufacturing in New Jersey, making tools, some 12 to 15 years. And finally his own metal-working business, centerless grind-

ing, with a partner for five years. Now his hobby is walking his and his wife's Welsh Corgi. It was a short call, but a nice one.

This classmate made it through all the hurricanes and is now safe and dry. She's **Carolyn Lamb Ellis** of Kissimmee, Florida. A mathematics major, originally from Sanford, Maine, she helps people in her retirement community with computers. She said she taught math for too long, 10 years. "Teaching wasn't my thing. Discipline wasn't my thing." So off she went to Alaska, to a little remote fishing village called Seldovia, where there was a small airline and where she lived for 23 years and taught school, making her money by substituting—\$92 a day. "Alaska is for young people," she said. From Alaska she went to Oregon, and then Florida.

However, she joined the Navy, the WAVES, right out of college, and served from 1953 to 1956. An ensign, she said she didn't get too far and ended up a lieutenant JG. She trained in Newport and then went to Seattle, in communications, training people in code work. She asked about **Trudy Harriman Metzger** who was also in the Navy. Trudy spends winters in Titusville, Florida, and summers in Westport Island, Maine. Trudy's new winter e-mail address: jellylady53@sunnyfla.us. After the Navy, Carolyn was a graduate assistant at Maine from 1956 to 1957. Carolyn said she doesn't like reunions and has never been to one. She said she only went to UMaine her junior and senior years, rooming alone, having spent the first two years of college at New Jersey College for Women (now called Douglass College, part of Rutgers, in New Brunswick, New Jersey). She loves Florida and right now she said the weather is the best, 92 degrees when I called. Carolyn first married Ray Ellis and is now married to Earl (Earl is correct) and has three children and five grandchildren. And she spoke of her nephew, Gary Lamb, an official here in Kennebunk, and if he's reading this, she said to say hello from Aunt Carol. Thanks, Carol, for the update. Do come back to Maine some time soon.

Next I called Salina, Kansas, where our classmate **William Epps** lives. He wasn't feeling well, so instead I had a nice talk with his daughter, Pamela, 48, who was staying with him. Bill, 79, whose wife, LoReta died more than 10 years ago, was born in Phoenix. Pam, an only child, said Bill's par-

ents were sharecroppers during the Depression. Bill moved to Houston at age five, and then Pam, who is a substitute elementary teacher when she can, mentioned something about between Kansas City, Missouri, and Junction City, Kansas, and Salina. She said I could mention Bill's address and phone number. I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from classmates. William J. Epps, 2842 Bret Avenue, Salina, Kansas 67401-7740. Tel: (785) 827-3763.

Bill, who retired from the Air Force, went to UMaine on the GI Bill for a year. He then went back into the Air Force where he was a medic until he retired. And in closing, Pam, who's never been to Maine, said she once saw a photo in some publication or another which pictured the UMaine library. "The steps looked so terrible," she said and wondered if they had been fixed. I relieved her mind and said I went to the dedication and that the steps have been built anew and look just beautiful. She's so happy to know they've been repaired and that there's also a wheelchair ramp. Here's hoping you feel better, Bill, and thanks, Pam, for taking the time to talk.

Remember **Barby Girard Dorman**, out there in Irvine, California? I called her, and her husband, Dwight, answered. Barby was out, but later that night she called back. Oh, she sounds so bubbly, so delightful and full of pep, which she always was (she was one of my roommates junior year). She and Dwight had just gotten back from their two-mile walk, which they do every day. Then it's off to the pool. With 506 homes to the tract where they moved 29 years ago, they're so lucky to be right across from the pool.

And yes, they're still cruising, on ships that is, teaching bridge, and this year they said they're traveling more than ever. Barby said, "As long as I can walk up the gangway I'll do it." And off they went in November, flying to Barcelona, on to Lisbon, to the Barbados, Costa Rica, and home December 5. They went on the inaugural voyage on the *QM2*, across the seas in seven days, lost three pounds (food), and rated the trip not so great. They also went on a 24-day cruise on the Princess Lines in May to the South Pacific World War II sites: Honolulu, Midway, Okinawa, and others. She said many World War II veterans were on the ship and it really made her think when she heard how 1,000 World War II veterans were dying each day.

Barby and Dwight are traveling 112 days this year, so far six cruises, including a 24-day cruise to Alaska. She loves being aboard ship: "After 49 years, I'm tired of grocery shopping and cooking" (and that's all history when you're on the water, isn't it?). Married 49 years (50 in August 2005), they have one son, Chip, who lives 10 minutes away, and a granddaughter, Hope, "10 going on 39," said Barby. She said they may be back to Maine next summer for a wedding. I hope so and that we get to see them. Barby, who describes her hair as "curly, short, and dishwater blond," and who spends "half my time at the dermatologist" (remember, cruises), has taught Latin (her major) to home-schooled children, ages 7, 8, and 9, at Calgary Baptist Church the last two years. She spoke of the minister's wife with 11 children who are all home-schooled. That's a tremendous job—I practically shoved my seven out the door!

The last classmate I called, who majored in education and turned 80 on April 28, lives in Athol, Massachusetts, and does a lot of piano playing. His name? **Bayne Drown**. Why Bayne I asked? "It was the last name in a romance novel," he said. "My mother liked romance." (And at his Congregational church there's a man named Wayne, another Sayne, and he's Bayne.) Sayne and Bayne, now those are different. And college? "My work at the University of Maine was sort of haphazard," he said. "I went only in the summers or when they had extension classes. I even did correspondence courses. It was nice up there."

As to his piano playing, he took lessons up to the seventh/eighth grades, paying 25 cents to his teacher, and now plays for the elderly at the Quabbin Health Care Center right next door. "I go over and help them with their monthly parties for an hour or two," he said. His career? He taught all of the business education in the high school for five years in Bristol, Maine (right down on the coast near Damariscotta). Then a year off for his master's in education at Boston University. Next came a year in Farmington, two years teaching business education in Kennebunk (he believes), and sometime in there came marriage to Betty, who attended Gordon College in Boston for three years and who said "I got my Mrs. before my MRE (christian education degree)."

The two moved to Natick,



Doug Kneeland '53 was one of the special guests at the Galaxy of Stars dinner during Homecoming 2004. Doug, whose career in journalism took him to top positions at the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*, is one of the first 22 outstanding alumni to be highlighted in the new touchscreen computer display at Buchanan Alumni House. He was also honored last spring as a Presidential Achievement Award recipient at the annual Stillwater Society dinner.

Massachusetts, where he taught in the high school for some 27 years. Parents of two boys and two girls, and grandparents to 17 (he believes), and five great-grandchildren, he said they just came back from a grandchild's wedding in Connecticut. To get back to his career, he said he picked up Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley "along the way" and taught one or two courses once or twice a week. Then the move to Athol in 1988 and teaching management and introduction to business at Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner eight years (he thinks).

"That's the end of my story," he said, "but I'm still alive," and he laughed. And I can't forget his three-year, three-month service in the Army back in the '40s. Bayne was in the division of operations (chief clerk, master sergeant) of the 15th Army Group stationed in northern Italy, Salzburg, Austria; and Vienna. "Florence is such a beautiful city," he said. And when I asked him how he felt when he turned 80, he replied with a laugh: "You're going to be wacky as ever, just like I am." And he ended with: "I have to get off the phone and do my chores." Oh, Bayne, thanks for such a delightful time on the phone.

The university sent me a

photocopy of a news item that appeared in the *Bangor Daily News* June 9, 2004. Our classmate **Fred Hutchinson** was chairman of the committee that selected the seven individuals who received the first leadership awards presented at the Buchanan Alumni House as part of the University of Maine Foundation's 70th anniversary celebration. The seven were: Harold Alfond, 1984-1994; George L. Jacobson, 1994-2004; and posthumously, Stephen Wheatland, 1934-1944; Raymond H. Fogler, 1944-1954; Mark R. Shibbes, 1954-1964; Vincent A. Hartgen, 1964-1974; and Alice R. Stewart, 1974-1984. They were chosen because they helped make the flagship campus stronger and better fitted to do its work. Their contributions represented each decade of the foundation's existence.

Let's congratulate our classmate **Doug Kneeland** of Lincoln, Maine, on receiving the Stillwater Presidential Achievement Award April 30. He was one of four. And congratulations again, Doug, for "making a difference," and having your name included in the Galaxy of Stars. Thanks to IBM and the university, the unveiling of the Galaxy took place at Homecoming (we won against Northeastern), and on this touch screen are the first 22

recipients with photos and voice-overs, as well as printed biographies. It's great!

On a sad note, our classmate **Dave Anderson** of Jacksonville, Florida, died October 8 of terminal cancer. I called Marylou, his wife of 45 years, to say we were sorry to hear the news and offered the class's condolences. She said Dave also had chronic leukemia. Their daughter, Carol Bernard, and her granddaughter, Kristen, live with them. They also have a son, Bill.

I went to Lewiston High with Dave and in our yearbook was this quote: "A man not of words, but of action." In high school Dave (Andy, as he was called) was voted "best looking." He also was a basketball, baseball, and tennis letterman, class treasurer, class marshal, and on various committees. I'm so glad he made it to our 50th Reunion in 2003, along with his son. We'll miss you, Dave.

This is about it for another three months. Time to give the computer a rest. I do hope you enjoyed the holidays, had a great 2004, and I wish you all a most memorable year ahead. Note: How about the Red Sox and all those big, bold, victorious headlines proclaiming them to be baseball's best. Wow! And you wonder why it took all those years to win (again). Let's have a repeat of that one at the next World Series! And I hope you voted Bush. But as someone said, it's OK to be for one candidate or another (at election time), but once they're elected, be democratic about it, be united, or else no one wins. About the war in Iraq? Who knows when it will end. Only time will tell and let's pray it's over before you ever read this. Do take care and please keep in touch.

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Reunion memories are still fresh and warm. I don't know about you but I still have a hard time believing that 50 years have passed. It was a great summer of celebration for **Jane Stevens Harvey**. She was honored in July being named Hal-lowell's Citizen of the Year for 2004. Jane and husband **Harmon Harvey**,

who cochaired our class reunion, have been busy over the years contributing in a wide variety of ways to the betterment of the Hallowell community. Jane helped to form the Hallowell Trade Board after the ice storm in 1998 destroyed many huge town trees. She has belonged to the Friends of Fort Western, Governor Angus King's Elder-Advisory Committee, and served on the board of directors of the Southern Kennebec Head Start program. While Jane was doing all this Harmon was serving as mayor of Hallowell and as a city councilor. This incredible couple has six children and six grandchildren.

Soon after Reunion, **Lionel Berube**, who is living in Worcester, Massachusetts, sent along a nice note of appreciation to the reunion committee saying what a great time he and wife Jane Auber Berube '56 had and he appreciated the obvious attention to every detail—great food, thoughtful favors, and outstanding entertainment. Lionel says he especially enjoyed **Mark Cohen**, who served as master of ceremonies on several occasions.

The Knox and Waldo County Funds challenge grant campaign has named its honorary cochair, Anne Adams Collins '61 and **H. Allen Fernald**. The funds provide grants to support the work of nonprofits in the two counties.

Jim Holland and his wife Claudette have enjoyed Homecoming each year and are great followers of the UMaine hockey team. They made it back to two games last winter and are looking forward to the coming season.

Many classmates have or will be celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries. **Charles Peckham** and wife, the former Beverly Jean Bates, who were married February 20, 1954, were given a surprise party by their children. They have seven children, 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Charlie is a retired captain of the Maine State Police, a retired dairy farmer, and also retired from a trucking business.

An article titled "A Sense of Humor Smooths the Bumps" printed in the Norway, Maine, *Advertiser Democrat* highlights the married life of **Allen Bancroft** and Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft '55. They were married June 18, 1955. After five children, four or five house moves, and job changes, they look forward to celebrating 50 years together next year.

Jay Vreeland of Scarborough, Maine, received the 2004 TAPPI

Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal at the TAPPI Paper Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. Jay is retired division vice president and director of research for S.D. Warren Company. He is respected for his work in paper coating technology. After graduating from Maine with a B.S. in chemistry he went on to MIT earning a Ph.D. in physical chemistry. Jay worked for A.D. Little Company as a staff chemist and after four years he joined S.D. Warren.

1955

50th Reunion June 3-5, 2005

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I hope that you received letters from class president, **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, and class vice president, **Mary Litchfield Whitworth**, concerning upcoming events for our 50th Reunion on June 3, 4, and 5, 2005, preceded by social events in Bar Harbor on June 2nd and 3rd. If you haven't filled out your Reunion information form to be included in our Class of 1955 memory book, don't delay any longer, as **Reg Bowden** and Mary Litchfield Whitworth have the unenviable task of putting together our memory book which is a huge project. You can keep up with plans for our Reunion by checking the class web site: www.mainealumni.com. **Dick Eustis** has done a superb job on our site. Check it out periodically.

There was a wonderful article in the *Advertiser Democrat* in Norway, Maine, on Al '54 and **Mary-Alice Hastings Bancroft**. The article was entitled "A Sense of Humor Smooths the Bumps." I enjoyed reading the article, as it was humorous indeed. One of the more humorous events took place when Al and Mary-Alice were married. Al appeared at their wedding with a grease stain on his white jacket. It appears that Al was staying at a motel near Bethel where other guests were also staying. When it was time for him to leave for the wedding, everyone had left. Al realized that he had not arranged for transportation. He walked to the road and began to hitchhike, and he was lucky, as relatives of his who

were also on their way to the wedding picked up the groom. Somehow the grease found Al while he was sitting in the back seat of the car. Mary-Alice said, "We managed to get the grease off—sort of." Mary-Alice and Al have had a wonderful life together over these many years, and both of them agree that you must keep a sense of humor and be able to laugh at yourself and situations. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary right after our Reunion next June 2005.

An article in *The Wiscasset Newspaper* indicates that **Ken Honey** is going to run for election as a Lincoln County commissioner. Ken has been a state legislator for the past eight years, and because of term limits, he is prevented from running for that office again. He also spent 14 years as a Boothbay/Boothbay Harbor school committee member. Ken lives in Boothbay with his wife, Laura, and they have two daughters.

This past summer, Carol and **Bill Butler** who live in Midlothian, Virginia, took a Tauck Tour of Ireland followed by a visit with their son and his family in Sweden. In the fall they spent three weeks with **Paul** and me. First, we went to the Samoset where Bill and Carol have a timeshare. Then, they spent a week with us in Cape Elizabeth, and then we all went to Cape Cod for another timeshare. In addition to shopping and playing golf, we played many card games.

Nice to hear about classmate, **Hubert Clemons**, who now lives in Hiram, Maine, and is a retired school teacher. He taught English and French at Potter Academy and Andover High School and taught in the elementary schools at Brownfield, Hiram, Sebago, Buxton, and Limington. His current activities are official town historian, Hiram, Maine; curator, Great Ossipee Museum in Hiram; and secretary of the Hiram Historical Society.

Paul Cederstrom retired in 1988 after 33 years in education, including teaching physical education and English and coaching many sports as well as student activity director. Paul resides in Queensbury, New York, and is manager of a large tourist attraction gift shop, Lake George Steamboat Company, from April to October. He travels a bit in winter.

Great to learn that **Stu Cohen** will be at our 50th Reunion. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps, Stu has practiced family dentistry for 44 years.

He enjoys playing golf, and during the winter months he attends Lewiston hockey games.

Gil Landry of Benton, Maine, has been retired since July 1993. Gil has two more years to go after having served seven years as selectman in his town and is very involved with automotive restoration. Gil is looking forward to returning to campus next year.

Also planning to attend our Reunion is **Art Tournas** who now resides in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Art is retired and is a marine docent at the University of New Hampshire and enjoys oil painting and foreign travel.

Mary Farnsworth Gillis has been involved in her church and Christian activities throughout the years, and loves gardening, walking, and reading. She lives in North Bridgton, Maine. Mary taught school for five years, was a homemaker after that, and substituted in schools after her children were grown up.

Glen and Nancy Caton Dean who live in Madison, Connecticut, spend the winter months in Fort Myers, Florida. Nancy retired as an elementary school teacher in 1996. Glen is also retired as a math coordinator at Southern Connecticut State University and Choate Rosemary Hall School. Both Nancy and Glen are involved in many volunteer organizations and love family gatherings in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Wonderful to hear that **Ellen Sargent Kroot** is hoping to attend Reunion. Ellen and her husband, John, live in Richmond, Maine. Ellen operated a private nursery school for 15 years. The last 34 years she has been office manager in an orthodontic office and is presently working part-time. Ellen, give those classmates on the fourth floor of East Hall a call and urge them to return to Orono next June.

After spending 38 years at Fryeburg Academy where he was assistant headmaster, **John Gordon** retired in 1996. John is not sure about being with us for Reunion weekend, but we look forward to seeing him if he can make it.

Wendy Dow Ricker has certainly led a very productive and interesting life during the past 50 years. Another retiree in 1991, Wendy spent 16 years providing psychological services in the Windham, Maine, school department before which she worked part-time in the psychology department of Pineland Hospital, a state residential facility for those with retardation. She has served as

chair of the division of school psychology of the Maine Psychological Association. In her spare time, Wendy travels via Amtrak, small RV, mini-van, or river cruises in North America and Europe.

In 2000, **Len Bowles** and his wife, Mabel, moved back to Maine (Machias, to be exact). Len now does some fishing, cutting wood, and taking care of his house (16 acres) and camp. They like to travel—mostly cruises—about once a year.

Shirley Bostrom Hargreaves has been a very active person in her community as president of three women's clubs (Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Florida) and various state board positions, as well as chairman of an American Cancer Society unit in Massachusetts. She has been chairman of many school projects and committees and has served her political party affiliation in many ways. Keep up the good work, Shirley, as I know what a great job you do in anything that you undertake.

Nancy Collins Adams worked as a school psychologist for 19 years, retiring in 1998. She is involved with her family and likes to visit historic and interesting places in North America and Europe and still has a long list of places to see. Hope to see you next year, Nancy.

Buzzy Knight is a retired high school principal who now enjoys golfing, golfing, and more golfing! Bring your clubs to Maine next June and play at one of the golf courses in Bar Harbor at our pre-Reunion festivities. We hope that you and Joyce will be able to make it.

Remember to read all the literature you receive from the alumni office, check our class web site, and mark your calendars to be in Orono, Maine, on June 3 to 5 after joining classmates in Bar Harbor beforehand. We hope you can be present for the entire five days, but if you can only make it for part of the time, we'll take that, as long as you can be with us for some of our 50th Reunion festivities. I know you won't be disappointed with the special events planned for the entire time and especially to reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a long while. If you have never been to a reunion, don't miss this one, as it is truly special. And of course, we look forward to seeing YOU.

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A group of Phi Eta Kappa brothers got together in August for a cookout in Southport. Left to right are: Pete Wilson '55, Paul Ferrigno '55, Dwight Sewell '54, Nate Churchill '54, Dewey Dow '57, Carl Kruse '54, and Ron Sheay '55.

1956

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Classmates: I missed the due date for the column as Bing '54 and I were on a cruise to the Baltic capitals, and I was actually in St. Petersburg the day I was supposed to be sending any news into the magazine. So this brief note is only to alert you to the fact that your reunion committee is still working on their plans, and you should be receiving a letter from '56 president **William Johnson** around the first of 2005.

That's all folks.
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1957

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Twenty-one years ago in 1983, "Jiggs" Cecchini, Thurlow Cooper, and Dave Wiggin '54 gathered a group together on the third Tuesday in July to play golf, first in Pittsfield and then at Natanis in Vassalboro.

This became known as "The Jiggs Open" as he talked it up and made the arrangements. In 2003 he was honored to have a football scholarship established "in celebration of his loyalty, dedication, and Maine spirit—as evidenced by his organization of 20 consecutive annual golf tournaments for University of Maine alumni and friends." Recipients of this first year's Jiggs Cecchini Scholarship are: Ivi Nwosu and Jared Gomez.

Aram "Turk" Garabedian had contacted and challenged the attendees in 2003 to match his donation, and they surpassed it! Jiggs said he "was stunned when Turk came up with this proposal and shocked when he told me the final amount."

This 21st year about 53 attended and the class and age spread was remarkable, from Paul Kostacopoulos (UMaine baseball coach) to the Class of '51. For many, the chance to visit with each other and reminisce is much more important than the game. Attending were: Harold "Tank" Viollette '60, William "Bubba" Harvey '58, Dana Kierstead '58, Thurlow "Coop" Cooper, **Pete "Kosty,"** Paul "Kosty," Dave Wiggin, Jiggs Cecchini, Tom Golden '55, Wally Covell '55, Marty Pineau '58, Bob Carmichael '58, Ralph "Ram" Harvey '61, Ed Akucovich '59, Turk Garabedian, Bill Bragdon '59, Skitch Carroll '58, Joe Mancini '58, Donald Desroches '62, Herb Carmichael '58, Tom Murphy '65, Dick Ingraham '64, Craig Milne '63, Dave Joseph '65, Art DiMauro '64, Paul Desmond '59, John Amato '56, Chris Russell '60, Fred Bolduc

'52, Jack Small '56, Fred Seger, Harold Jones '51, George Kurajec, Ron Oberg '58, Jim Burnham '58, Dave Davis '58, Jon Forbes '62, Dick Upham '56, Jack Nivison '56, "Cuffy" Phair '58, Jim Duffy '56, Bob Pickett '59, Harold Hutchinson, Ed Pickett '58, John Huard '67, John Welch '60, Chuck Eberbach '59, John Theriault '59, Jim Cusack '59, Steve Gravelle '69, John Cornish '61, and Craig Young '56. If you should make the effort to wander in around 3:00 p.m. next year, you might reconnect with some you don't see in your usual summer life rounds.

The '57 ladies gathering developed more recently and met here this year in the fog. **Janet Malcolm Buck** and **Caroline Skolfield** assisted with the logistics. From the west came **Barbara Swann Pineau**, Kay Fletcher Mosher '56, Alice Kelson Longmore '56, **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** and **MaryLou Hughes Richardson**. Ginnie Freeman '58 came from Kennebunk, Marilyn Graffam Clark '58 from camp in Holden instead of Presque Isle, and Cynthia Rockwell Wright '58 from Wiscasset. Sandwiching the trip between morning and 5:00 p.m. meetings, **Jane Barker** came from Jackson Lab. **Connie Doe Leslie**, **Jane Farwell Russell**, **Frannie Rich Secord**, and Sandra Pendleton Bacon '56 arrived from the upper midcoast. Not driving as far were: **Judi Smith Davis**, **Margaretmary McCann**, **Ann Dingwell Knowles**, **Claudie Halle Higgins**, **Charlotte Swan**, **Alice Osier DePatsy**, Sandra Daley Denman '58, and

Norma Bradbury Ludwig. Kali Perkins came after her daily radiation with **Barbara Coy Thaxter** and eventually removed her stylish toque to quiet applause.

Ann Chase Hussey's granddaughter Megan Tapley was the recipient of the '57 scholarship this past year, so we are moving along in the generations.

It was nice to get an e-mail from **John Burnham**, who retired in 1996 and volunteers in the Sanibel, Florida, and Southwest Harbor libraries. He and wife **Becky Dow Burnham '64** have David and Susan, both recently married, and have moved from 35 years in Wilton to a family home in Southwest Harbor. John graduated with us and got a degree from Clark University in 1958, worked for the Maine State Library Bookmobile, and received a library science degree from Simmons College in 1963. Then he worked at the Fogler Library awhile, the University of Maine at Farmington library, and managed the UMF bookstore.

Keith Mahaney was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in September. He led the UMaine men's team in scoring with 22.7 points per game in the '53-'54 season and 22.6 points per game in the '56-'57 season. 'Bout time!

Dave Maxcy has closed his teaching and coaching career after 44 years. His first year was at Freedom Academy in Waldo County, followed by eight years in Presque Isle High School, three years of farming full time, and the rest at Cunningham Middle School in S.A.D. 1. He moved from coaching at the fairgrounds track to a new one behind the high school, and also got to watch the construction of the facility for S.A.D. 1 athletic complex in the mid 1990s. He also coached cross-country at UMPL in the early 1980s and concurrently as the head coach of the Wildcat cross-country and track and field squads since 1986. During his lengthy tenure he had one state championship team, five Eastern Maine championship teams, and six individual state champions. He said, "I liked seeing the kids improve, especially the ones who had no background in running and became very good." He also enjoyed being able to see the progression of females becoming involved in the sport. "That was a great step forward." He and **Janet Griffin Maxcy** have seven children and six grandchildren.

Bob Cruickshank is the president of the Friends of the Chatham Senior Center, and involved with

Another Hall of Fame Honor for Keith Mahaney '57

Former Black Bear basketball star Keith Mahaney '57, '68G was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in September. Keith has the distinction of being the first UMaine graduate to receive that distinction as a Division I UMaine men's basketball player.

Keith was fifth in the nation his sophomore year with a 81.4 percent foul shooting average. He also led the Yankee Conference (now America East) in scoring his junior year (21.8 points per game). In his senior year, he held UMaine's highest state series scoring average (23.7), and was second in the Yankee Conference in scoring with a 22.6 points per game average.

As a senior Keith rewrote the record book, breaking nine individual records including his own record of 39 points against UMass. His other 39-point game was against Bates in 1954.

At the time of his graduation in 1957, Keith held 11 out of 14 records in basketball and earned the following recognition: All-Maine (two years), All-Yankee Conference (two years), All New England All-Star (one year), and All-American Honorable Mention (two years).

He was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the State of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. In December 1997, Keith received the ultimate honor—his basketball jersey #24 was retired by the University of Maine in a ceremony at the Alford Arena.



Former Black Bear great Keith Mahaney in action against Bates College.

other civic and church activities. He is also an active grandfather and he's still playing tennis. **Bob Hastings** celebrated his birthday by leading a canoe trip down the Allagash with his children and grandchildren.

Hope this is the beginning of a trend—a 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated in June by Charles and **Mary Goding Kyes** in Gardiner. She was employed as a business education teacher in West Paris, Mexico, Kennebec School of Commerce, Hall-Dale, and Gardiner Area high schools. They have two children and two grandchildren.

We need your help in order to put on the most fabulous 50th! Are there some among you who can put something together with desktop publishing capability? We'd like to do a memory book with entries from each of us—pictures and so forth. Have we clergypersons who would be willing to participate in a short service remembering those who are no longer with us? The university has no

records further back than the early 1970s—has anyone saved lists from early reunions? There will be the usual calling teams in hopes of getting as many of us to participate as possible in this "once-in-a-lifetime" event. **Lois Whitcomb, Pat Wade Fraker**, or I can put you in touch with the person you need to connect to!

1958

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Having served in the state House of Representatives and the state Senate until the state's term limits caused him to retire in 2000, **Richard J. "Spike" Carey** has decided to run for the Senate seat representing District 18. He is currently serving as the chair of the Belgrade

board of selectmen and is a former mayor (four terms) of Waterville. For seven years he was director of the Maine State Lottery and was responsible for the creation of the Tri-State Megabucks game. Spike says that he does not go along with several of the governor's current proposals especially those involving monies for schools.

Jane Dudley Newhall was profiled in the 55 Plus Center's June pamphlet. Jane is a graduate of Brunswick High and majored in social work at the university. After spending some time in California, the Newhalls returned to the east coast and Maine. Jane is very proud that all her children were born in the east, saying, "California was an experiment." Jane taught with the Headstart program in Gardiner, Augusta, and China for several years, and worked for the Children's Development Services in Augusta. She has spent the past 10 years as a very active member of the First

Parish Church where she has reached out to develop unbreakable ties with state and local service agencies including the Tedford Shelter in Brunswick as well as other area churches. Jane has recently had several surgeries on her back and says she has "more screws, wires, pads, and things inserted" in her back than she cares to think about. However she is not letting it get her down and she is continuing to work and plan for others.

Art Mayo, Sandra Daley Denman, Paul McCourt, Bob Carmichael, Patti Hayes MacDonald, Frank Young, and yours truly celebrated the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Morse High School. With receptions, parades, golf tournaments, and the annual alumni banquet we had a very busy and fun-filled weekend. The Bath high school alumni association holds a reunion banquet each year with approximately 800 alums in attendance. As president of our class and a past president of the alumni association, Art was very pleased to present to the scholarship fund on the behalf of the high school Class of 1954, a check for over \$25,000.00.

Cyn Rockwell Wright was the hostess again for the annual last Friday in June gathering of some of the women of the Class of '58. The Wrights' summer home in Round Pond was the scene for about 20 of the ladies to gather for lunch. Again an excellent meal was served courtesy of the Anchor Inn, a lot of catching up on activities during the past year was done, and the best part of the day was the renewal of long-time friendships.

Keep sending me notes, letters, pictures, etc. Mark your calendars for our 50th in 2008, pay your alumni dues, and enjoy the holiday season. I hope that you are all rested, relaxed, and ready for the onslaught of winter.

1959

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Hi, '59ers! Hope you all had a great summer and escaped the ravages of the hurricanes. All of us in Florida were really hit hard but we personally



Will '59 and Elanna Crowley Farnham '81 enjoy the tailgate at Homecoming 2004. On display behind them is a UMaine emblem from 1913 that belonged to Elanna's father.

had no major damage.

Dana Fields has retired after 37 years at Lawrence High School, Fairfield. He has been guidance counselor for the past several years after joining the faculty in 1967. Previously he taught at Harmony, Clinton, and Besse high schools and Maine Central Institute.

At Penquis Valley High School graduation, a scholarship was started in honor of **Walter Oakes** to honor his over 45 years of teaching. Walter has been driver education instructor for 36 years and has taught adult education and summer driver ed. The scholarship was announced and started by his son, Donald Oakes. Walter has no retirement plans and is hoping to teach for 50 years!

Anita Peavey-Haskell has been appointed to the joint select committee on regionalization and community cooperation. The committee is tasked with identifying barriers and incentives to regionalization and will review regionalization legislation. Anita currently serves in the Maine Legislature and is seeking the District 30 seat in the Maine Senate. She is the ranking Republican on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Richard Blanchard is seeking the nomination for the House of Representatives from District 14 which encompasses Old Town.

Hugh Keene is chairman of the family selection committee for the Androscoggin Habitat for Humanity.

That's the news. Send me more!

1960

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Donald C. Lewis is in the news! His Nyle Corporation factory will bring 80 jobs to the Brewer, Maine, area. Don is cofounder and president of Nyle Corporation. The company, through its division, Nyle Special Products LLC of Bangor, has designed and is marketing a new heat pump that works in cold climates. Nyle Corp was cofounded by Don and his partner, Sam Nyer, in 1977 and began business producing lumber-drying equipment.

George A. Cox, D.D.S. writes that he retired three years ago and his golf game is loving it. Daughter, Cynthia Cox Furber '91, married Timothy Furber '92. They have given them a grandson who is almost two years old.

Art and Judy Clark Rankin have been in Appleton, Wisconsin, for 30 years and now consider it home. Art retired July 2001 from a career in the paper industry. He is still consulting part-time and is active in the Paper Industry Management Association (national president in 1993), and the Technical Association of Science and Engineering School Foundations at U of Minnesota and U of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Judy retired in January 2001 from a 25-year career

in residential real estate sales and management. She keeps busy with home, gardens, volunteering, and family. Both their daughters, Debi and Kris, live in the Twin Cities area. Debi and Scott's triplet daughters graduated from high school in June 2004.

James Saunders, Jr. has retired from *The Forecaster* newspaper in Falmouth, Maine, after more than 16 years in its service. Jim was a reporter and photographer for the newspaper. Even before Jim announced his retirement, he had begun work as a volunteer at the Homeless Animal Rescue Team in Cumberland, where he spends three mornings a week. Jim and his wife, Nancy, have a white cat named Edith Ashley and a cairn terrier named Kitty.

The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce in Waterville, Maine, awarded **Clarence "Chuck" Bickford** the Distinguished Community Service Award for demonstrating leadership, resourcefulness, and involvement in three or more areas of community service. Chuck is the vice president and private banking officer for Merrill Bank, treasurer for the Kiwanis Club, a member of the American Institute of Banking, board member for the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital, and a member of the Red Cross. Chuck and his wife, JoAn, have one daughter, Brenda.

Leroy J. Barry retired from Madison Paper Industries in Madison, Maine, and was named a TAPPI Fellow at the TAPPI annual meeting and awards ceremony in May 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia. Leroy was president and CEO at Madison Paper Industries since 1994.

1961

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Since we didn't have a summer issue, my news covers many, many months.

This summer I and I attended the New Jersey alumni group's Lobster Maine-ia. **June Toulouse Heintz** was sharing photos of Casey, granddaughter number one. June has been retired from math teaching for a year now and happy with all of her free time. **Larry Schiner** will be retiring this year from his job as a college athletic

director. And **Charlie Hunnewell**, already retired, was elated to have his daughter and her husband home from England before they relocate in Canada with the diplomatic corps.

And now some snippets from the newspapers: **Larry Cilley** stepped down in June as interim town manager of Wiscasset. Peter and **Sara Pearson Dufour** recently sold their Hidden Meadows Golf course in Old Town. **Anne Adams Collins** was honorary cochair of the campaign for the Knox and Waldo county funds challenge grant, which is part of the Maine Community Foundation. Anne has been active in charitable organizations all of her adult life and is a distinguished member of the board of visitors and chair of the house committee of Buchanan Alumni House. **Terence Christy** was elected to a second term on the town council of Standish. **Sheila Chouinard Dias** retired from the Ludlow school system where she taught since leaving college.

You've got my e-mail address—it's pretty painless. Let me know what's shakin' in your part of America—or overseas if you are living elsewhere!

1962

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Hopefully all of you are enjoying a wonderful holiday season as you read this column. May your days be bright and merry and your nights warm and cozy.

Len MacPhee has retired from coaching after 36 years. Lenny was the University of Maine Farmington men's basketball coach for 24 years and the University of Maine Farmington women's team coach for seven. During his tenure at Farmington, he led two women's teams to national tournaments and had 20 winning seasons. Five years ago Lenny moved to Rangeley to pursue a change of careers. He became the pastor of the Rangeley Baptist Church, but continued his coaching career at Rangeley High School. This past spring he left Rangeley High to devote full time to an ever growing church community. More basketball: UMaine retired two men's basketball jersey numbers last February. Former head coach **Skip Chappelle** was on hand as his number (34) was

The Story of a Common Man

Spencer Hodge '61 isn't a war hero. He isn't rich or famous. He hasn't overcome drug addiction or been involved in a scandal. And he hasn't come up with a revolutionary new diet.

In fact Spencer is a self-described "common man." So why did he take the time and effort to write an autobiography?

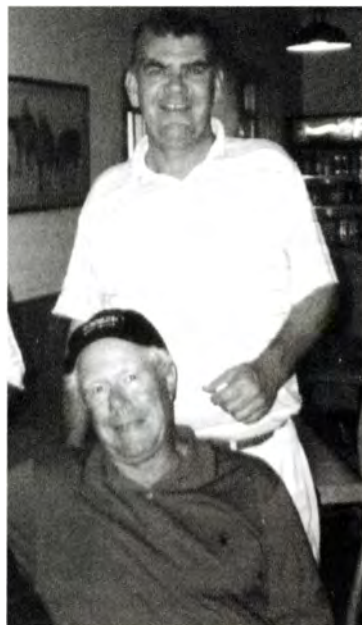
"I wrote it first for myself and then for my family," he notes. Then he began to think that other people might be interested in the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

The result is *The Autobiography of a Common Man*, published by PublishAmerica. It's available at Amazon.com. and at BarnesandNoble.com.



raised to the Alford Arena rafters along with that of Keith Mahaney '57.

Attorney **Barry Mills** of Hale & Hamlin in Ellsworth received the



Craig Milne '63 (standing) and Tom Murphy '65 were part of the winning golf team in the annual Jiggs (Robert "Jiggs" Cecchini '57) Open. The others in the foursome were Dick Ingraham '64 and Dave Joseph '65. The event was held on July 20 at Natanis Golf Course in East Vassalboro. The Jiggs Open is always on the third Tuesday in July.

2003 Pro Bono Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project last January. This award, sponsored by the Bar Association's continuing legal education committee, recognized Barry for having the highest cumulative number of pro bono hours of cases closing during the 2003 calendar year. **Mitchell M. Cohen** writes that he has just relocated. Friends can now find him at: 6901 Corte Spagna, Rancho Santa Fe, California.

On the literary front: **Iona Tate Desmond** finished collaborating with David Packhem last spring on a children's book called *A Mother's Dream*. The book, written by Packhem, is a long verse-style poem, which tells the story of a working class Maine family and the unexpected events that occur to bring a mother's dream to fulfillment. Iona illustrated the book with her beautiful pastels. After leaving the university, Iona taught art for 38 years in the South Portland school system. Today she continues to teach private adult and children's art classes. She is a member of the Pastel Painters of Maine and the Maine Women in Arts. Her work has been exhibited by Saco Bay Artists in Biddeford and Old Orchard and in numerous summer shows along the southern Maine coast.

In late July I had the opportunity to stop at the Maine Coast Book Shop and Café in Damariscotta to see **Trudy Chambers Price**. It gave

me a chance to not only catch up with an old friend, but have her autograph my copy of her wonderfully entertaining book, *The Cows are Out!* If you haven't picked it up yet, I highly recommend it. It is published by Maine-based Islandport Press. One particularly humorous chapter was featured in the special anniversary issue of *DownEast* magazine this summer.

As for me, I have had a very busy fall. After retiring last June I decided to make a run for the New Hampshire Legislature. As I write this column, I have just successfully gotten through a contested primary and am gearing up for a very hard general election. I have been told that it has been over 40 years since a Democrat was elected to the New Hampshire House from my town, but who knows? You never can be victorious without trying, can you?

Again, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, and keep in touch.

1963

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Mike Gentile gave me a hard time at our high school reunion this summer. He says that I never write about him! Well, Mike, that is true—because you never let me know what you are doing! You need to write to me, so I can write about you! That's the way this system works! What I did learn about Mike is that he lives in Jay, Maine, and commutes to his Augusta law firm; Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau, Pachios, & Haley LLC, and has a beautiful, new, remodeled kitchen.

Baron Hicken did write to me! He was thrilled about the news that he would be inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame at Homecoming in October. He joins **Chubb Michaud** of our class and Pete MacPhee '64 in that honor. Congratulations, Baron. Several Phi Eta's joined him at Homecoming and he promises more news about our classmates. For the second year, to celebrate Father's Day, Baron and his son, Mark, and Chubb and his son, Matt, have met in Costa Rica. He warns that you don't go after golf balls in the water there—crocodiles!

Tom Austin was given the Contribution to Amateur Football Award by the state of Maine Chapter of the

National Football Foundation. He received the award at Bowdoin College in May. **Hank Richards** of South Portland was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July.

Richard Boucher was ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral in Connecticut, as a deacon, to serve at Sacred Heart Parish. Deacon Richard and his wife, Camille, have lived in Enfield, Connecticut, for 34 years.

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and perhaps you heard from your college friends. Please share any news with the rest of us. My AOL e-mail will be blocked for January and February, but the Juno address will be active while I am away from the computer and in Florida for those two months.

1964

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Our heartfelt thanks go to **Joyce**

Harburger Bennett for serving as the class correspondent for many years. Despite her moves north and south, and during times of both little news and reunion years with lots of material, she crafted an engaging column for the class. Thank you, Joyce!

We are seeking a new class correspondent to report the news of '64. Please call, write, or e-mail to the above address if you would like to write the quarterly column.

The Spirit of America Foundation recognized **Roger Blackstone** last spring for playing a key role in helping his community's Spirit of America chapter organize Winthrop's awards ceremony for many years. Roger is active in his community as a member of the Lions Club and is on the alumni board of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He is the owner of R. Blackstone Associates, a company specializing in business management and taxes.

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1965

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It is hard to believe that autumn has arrived. I just returned from a wonderful two-week vacation in Canada, by way of Seattle. My sister Jean '69 and I celebrated the 60th birthday of our sister Louisa Tapley-VanPelt '68 with her family at high tea at the famous Empress Hotel in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Jean and I continued on to Whistler, British Columbia, and then took a fun and relaxing rail tour through the spectacular Canadian Rockies to Banff National Park.

At the 36th graduation exercises of UMaine at Augusta, **Richard Randall** received an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree and was named a professor emeritus of sociology. Richard, a retired professor of sociology and human services, had served at the school for more than 35 years in various ca-

pacities.

Stephanie Barry Brown and her husband, Mike, opened a new art gallery, called Loon Song Gallery, on their property on Blue Hill Bay. She and Mike had always dreamed of owning a gallery after retirement, so they decided in early May to give it a go. They are featuring many of the artists that they have personally collected and become friends with over the years—from France, South Africa, Utah, Scottsdale, etc. Stephanie and Mike will now make Scottsdale and Maine their winter/spring and summer/fall residences.

On September 25th, **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** was out with her kayaking friends for a day-long cruise on Moosehead Lake. Earlier that day, Jonas Birch Hutchinson made his appearance. Papa Rob assisted Mama Amy and the three midwives (who luckily arrived in time) at home, while big sister Maeve watched "Thomas the Train." Grammie Caroline and Grandpa Bruce '66 were off to Penobscot early the next morning to meet their first grandson and his proud family.

Roberta "Bobbie" Fowler continues to spend much of her time fundraising for the Animal Orphanage in Old Town. She coordinated a



Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega held a reunion in August in North Conway, New Hampshire. First row, left to right are: Foe Meader '60, Jon Forbes '62, Scott Woodman '65, Barney Galinsky '64, Paul "Little Max" McGuire '61, '66G, Ed Foss '61, Art Hanson '61, John Corson '59, and Bob Piper '60. Second row: Al Schroetel '62, Harvey Donald '61, Bob Sween '63, Hal Brown '59, Charlie Guance '60, Gordon Stuart '60, Brett Russell '61, Larry Franchetti '62, Jerry Durgin '61, Ernie Ridlon '61, Bob Wilkinson '62, Shamus Daly '63, and Bill Ferguson '62. Third row: Henry Shepard '61, Steve Karpowich '63, Jim Carroll '61, John Longley '62, Bob Spence '62, Hal Arends '61, John "Nicolo Capone" Nichols '63, Norm Twitchell '65, John Ball '60, Al Nelson '62, and Tom Record '62. Attending but not in the photo were: Tom Deans '63, Mike Severance '65, Earl Freeman '64, and John Watson '57. The ATO event was hosted by Brett Russell and John Longley.

5K run-walk this past April. Bobbie is also board president and treasurer.

Next year the Class of 1965 will be celebrating our big 40th UMaine class Reunion. The UMaine Alumni Association has already contacted the class officers to begin organizing plans for the upcoming event. If anyone is interested in being part of reunion planning, please contact the alumni association at (800) 934-2586 or (207) 581-1142.

1966

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It works like this: I write to you in the middle of one season, and you read my column in another one. So, this time around, while my air conditioner is whirring, and I'm waiting for hurricane Charlie to come swirling in, it may be snowing on you. Be that as it may, this time around, I have lots of news to share with you, so enough weather talk.

While **Thomas A. Trafton** has chosen to retire as vice president and loan officer of Kennebec Savings Bank where he's been serving for the past 22 years, many of us are electing to stay the course and keep on working. Take, for instance, **Brian Ames**. In March, Pennview Associates, made up of Brian and his partner, Mo Fer, submitted the initial details for Belvedere on the Riverpark, an upscale condominium complex for Bangor's waterfront redevelopment zone. This July, the agreement was signed, and the planning board gave its official approval. In between all that, as president and chief executive officer of Ames A/E Architects and Engineers, Brian announced the launch of Ames AM, Asset Management Solutions, based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He says, "We see many clients spending too much money on breakdowns. By using our software and working with in-house talent, we are able to cut emergency repair costs by as much as 30 percent." All I can say is "Wow!"

Meanwhile, another Brian has been in the news. This past spring, **Brian Bicknell**, a Yarmouth town councilor, ran for the state Legislature as a Republican in the newly named District 107, formerly District

Leon Favreau '67

Innovator of New Products: Advocate for Sound Forests

Leon Favreau '67 might best be described as an innovator, a risk taker, and a passionate advocate for sound forestry practices.

Leon graduated from UMaine with a degree in engineering and for much of the 1970s he worked in that field. But in the late '70s he took over the Bethel Furniture Stock, which had been started in 1958 by his father. Under his leadership, the company grew, with improvements in both the technology and the product line.

In addition to being a good businessman, Leon earned the admiration of many environmentalists for his commitment to maximize the value of every hardwood tree his company used.

In the late 1980s he founded the Multiple Use Association, a group dedicated to providing information about forest health and the forest products industry to the public and politicians. He remained the driving force behind that group for almost 20 years—writing editorials, speaking to civic groups, and even testifying before Congress.

Many wood product companies, including Leon's, have gone through tough times in recent years. Recognizing the need to adapt and change, Leon recently added a new subsidiary, the Maine Chair Kit Company, a mail-order business out of Bethel with 70 local employees. Using precompression technology, the company offers high quality kits that let you easily build your own furniture for home or business.

Leon lives in Shelburne, New Hampshire, with his wife, Suzanne Morrison Favreau, Class of 1971.



Leon Favreau with some examples of chairs from his mail-order company, the Maine Chair Kit Company.

44. He won the council election last year against four other candidates all vying to fill an unexpected vacancy and has made local fiscal issues one of his priorities. Meanwhile, Brian continues to serve as a senior account executive with Alcoa Consumer Products. Also, making the news is **Jadine Raynes O'Brien** who was confirmed by the Senate for membership on the Maine Human Rights Commission. Next comes **John May**, president and chief executive officer of the Sebas-ticook Valley Hospital, who was recently elected secretary of the hospital's board of trustees. Kudos to them all!

In a different vein, I have news that Brigadier General **John W. "Bill" Libby** has been put in com-

mand of the Maine Army National Guard. Four units consisting of about 910 Maine guardsmen and women are either on their way to Iraq for up to 18 months or coming home after a year of service. Sixty-five percent of the Maine guard's personnel are attached to either Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As Bill explains, "If something happens to one of the units, it happens to a community." He also says, "We may disagree over whether we should be there, but there's tremendous support for our troops. We didn't have that in Vietnam." Gratefully, these remarkable men and women put themselves in harm's way for us, led by dedicated leaders such as Bill.

On a less serious note, I've learned that **Carl "Stump" Merrill** is now managing the Trenton Thunder, the New York Yankees' AA minor league affiliate in New Jersey. He says, "This is where they wanted me and where they thought I'd be able to do the most good." With his proven record, there is no doubt that he will "develop some of New York's top young talent." Also hard at work is **Rebecca Cummings**, who has been chosen to serve as part-time interim principal at the Mildred Fox Elementary School in Paris, Maine. She has been the district's Title 1 coordinator for many years and will continue in that capacity on a part-time basis, as well. As superintendent Mark Eastman notes, "She is the most knowledgeable person in

the district in literacy development and has been involved with starting literacy collaboratives in three other schools." Meanwhile, **Peggy Nason Swett** continues to teach first and second graders in Orrington and believes that "all over the world, families are in crisis and that the church can do much to meet their needs." It's no wonder then that she is so very proud of her daughter, Lisa, who has been elected president of the Northeast Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting of United Methodist Women, comprised of nearly half-a-million women across the nation.

More good news comes in the form of a note from **Eileen Grossman Shulman** who now lives in northern California and is enjoying her twin granddaughters and anticipating the arrival of yet another grandchild. She recently retired as a sales manager and is enjoying the time she now has to enjoy her extended family and her violin playing. Also celebrating grandmotherhood (my spell check says there is no such word) is **Paula Singer Windstar**, whose daughter has recently been blessed with fraternal twins, Grace and Rose. My heartiest congratulations!

And so it goes. As I write this, the summer is slipping by all too quickly and school bells will soon be ringing again. That means it's out of my comfy shorts and flip-flops and back to being Mrs. Josel, learning specialist. Fortunately, I still love the job—it's just that I love days off even more! Ah, well—just know that unless I'm fired or someone volunteers for the position, I'm here waiting to hear from you, hoping that all is well with you and your loved ones.

1967

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It seems like just a couple weeks ago **Bill Jordan, Jr.** of Cape Elizabeth was featured in the *Portland Press Herald* tilling his field for the new vegetable crop. Now we're hearing the "f" word in the forecast: Frost? Already?

Judge **Ron Russell** has retired after 22 years on the bench in 3rd district court in Bangor. He has no immediate plans but recalls his

Admiral Gregory Johnson '68 retires

"It Was Like Living a Dream"

Aroostook County native Admiral Gregory Johnson '68 recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 35 years of outstanding service to his country. He rose to the Navy's highest rank and ended his career as commander of all U.S. Naval forces in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Following his graduation from UMaine, Johnson had plans to attend law school, but the Vietnam War and a low draft number changed all that.

He entered the Navy and became an aviator. When his tour of duty was over he found he enjoyed military life and decided to make a career of it. He quickly rose through the ranks and was given positions of increasing responsibility—including serving as assistant to former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell and later as senior military assistant to former Defense Secretary William Cohen.

Along the way he has been decorated with numerous awards and medals.

Johnson is undecided about his future plans but will spend some time relaxing at his family's home in Harpswell with his wife Joy Jewett Johnson, also a Class of '68 member.



favorite all-time job of law clerk in the '70s in Portland. The "just pure law"—all reason and logic—might tempt him back. He's a baseball (New York Yankees) fan and a regular at local theater productions. He was appointed to the bench in '82 by Governor Joe Brennan after serving on the workers' compensation commission for two years. Since then he's made 250,000 final decisions leaving a legacy of hard work with limited time and resources.

School is back in session and **Dwight Littlefield** has been named athletic director at Valley High in Bingham. The long-time basketball coach had six straight Class D state titles and separate win streaks of 101 and 46 games for 400 career coaching wins. He's been tapped for the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and will be honored September 14 at the University of Rhode Island's Ryan Center. Last spring **Dr. Charles Belisle**, former football captain at St Louis High and

UMaine, with championship season to show, received the distinguished American Award from the Maine National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame at Bowdoin College. Surprised to learn from comments made by **John Huard** what a passionate hockey fan he is. He loves the game. He has attended Frozen Four games almost annually. The former football player and coach is now the rep for Northeast Turf, installing a new generation of synthetic sports field turf. **Tom Perry** retired from the Orono school system during the summer, after 33 total years and his seventh year as Union 87 superintendent.

Sandra Hill Poland of West Paris taught math at Oxford Hills High for 28 years. She was also involved with scholastic and social clubs. Married with two children, she has owned and operated an antique shop since her "retirement" 10 years ago. She is very dedicated to West Paris, where her roots run

deep, and decided to run for town selectperson.

The *Coastal Journal* in Bath is promoting Thursday as date night and recommended Richard and **Dotty Piippo Gnauck's** German restaurant in Brunswick as a place to start. These two married in Germany about 34 years ago and now two sons work with Richard preparing German and American food. A third son is in Germany preparing to become a brew master so he can open a micro-brewery in conjunction with the restaurant. **Patti Cochrane** of Bangor and former class advisor **Art Mayo** of Bath have been mini-reuniting at a hockey game.

I'm mourning the loss of my UMO roommate for three years (as well as a year after graduation), **Judy Jones Blake** who passed away in September after a long illness. She and **Dick** had recently become grandparents to little Solon Haskell Perry, born in the spring. We extend our sympathy to her family.

1968

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From **Martha Berglind Burnham**: "My husband and I are both retired in Concord, New Hampshire, and enjoy an annual trip to Colorado to visit our children." Martha and her husband were doing final planning for their daughter's wedding, which was in York, Maine, in mid-September. She wrote, "We treasure our trips to Star Island and York Beach each August as well, and keep more than busy with various church activities, home projects, and craft fairs."

From **Leonard Dow**: "My wife Donna and I have been married for 40 years and live in Albion. We have a married son and daughter, both living in central Maine and doing well with their jobs and families (five grandchildren). After graduating in 1968, I went on to receive my MBA from Maine in 1972. I am chief operations officer of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority. The authority was created by the Maine State Legislature as a consortium of 24 central Maine municipalities that have funded the purchase of land and construction of

infrastructure to support a 300-acre business park in Oakland. The express purpose is to provide business a place to create high tech jobs, jobs for the 21st century, jobs to replace lost manufacturing jobs in the areas such as paper, textile, and apparel-making industries."

Loraine "Lonnie" Labbe Corey dropped me an e-mail from Mill Valley, California. "After graduation I taught school in Portland, then Tallahassee, Florida. I diverted from that career path in Boston, working for State Street Bank and traveling all over the country as a utility specialist and getting my MBA at Suffolk University. After 10 years I left to expand a confidential document destruction business I'd started in the Boston area to another city by the bay, San Francisco. My husband Terry (HBS '77) and I are trying to be official corporate dropouts and go overseas to teach."

News from **Penny Robinson Blaisdell**: Our son Benjamin got married in September in Marblehead, I hosted our high school's 40th reunion in Manhasset, New York, and my husband and I spent an entire month this summer cruising the Maine coast.

1969

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It is autumn, and the Maine landscape is beautiful. Our 35th Reunion has passed. Those of you who couldn't attend this year should definitely plan to attend our 40th! Send any suggestions for our next reunion to the alumni association or to us. The Class of '69 was very active. Do you remember that we had class banquets, concerts, and booklets highlighting our activities for our first three years? Here is some reunion news received from classmates.

Charles "Chuck" Martel of North Fayston, Vermont, is retired/self-employed. Chuck, a former Owl and Senior Skull, remembers fall on the mall. His most remarkable change since graduation has been having three children and one grandchild. **Carol Ann Kealiher** has been owner/operator of West Branch Pond Camps, Township A, Range 12, for 30 years. It is the

oldest continuously operated by one family sporting camp. Carol participated in the University Singers, Marching Band, and Concert Band and fondly remembers studying at Fogler Library. By the way, new steps were completed in front of Fogler Library this spring.

Alfred Joseph Anderson is a psychologist who resides in Germany. He earned his Ph.D. from UMaine in 1975.

Lorna Mitchell Hills attended the 35th Reunion. She and husband Don have operated a hydraulic sales and service business for 29 years. In the summer of '69, Lorna was crowned State of Maine Blueberry Queen, and she has helped organize the 45th reunion of all former queens. Lorna fondly remembers living in a triple in Hancock (by choice) with Connie and Jean who have remained close friends after 35 years. **Al Hodsdon** of Fairfield earned his master's in engineering from UMaine in 1975 and has been the owner of a private consulting practice for 30 years. Al, a former head counselor at Hannibal Hamlin Hall, continued to help in his community by serving on the Fairfield budget committee and manufactured housing board. **Sharon Reed-Erickson**, program director of the Child Development Center of Stratford County, New Hampshire, is a former board member of New Hampshire Theater Project, board member of Arts Rochester (New Hampshire), and has held many offices in her church. **George Pratt**, medical director of Professional Medical Examiners in Omaha, Nebraska, is a retired USAF senior flight surgeon. George has favorite university memories of the serenity of campus, friends, and Walt Abbott '58, football coach.

Anita Carroll Brown of Union is currently a homemaker in a new home with her husband and both of her parents. Anita had worked as an elementary teacher and as a social worker. Her memories are of Colvin Hall. Today Colvin Hall is the center for the Honors College. **Edward Ainsworth** is retired. He is a former town manager of Lisbon and Bar Harbor and former school business manager of Falmouth. **Rod and Judy Libby Hanscom** attended our June Reunion. They live in Holden and as Judy relates, "have lived multiple career paths." Rod has been a long-time member of the Baxter State Park Advisory and has participated in the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race more than 25 times. Judy has served for more

than 20 years on the executive board of the Maine Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was a member of the steering committee that established Penobscot Valley Senior College.

Have a wonderful winter. We'll continue with news from reunion update forms next edition.

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Can you believe that 2005 is 35 years since we graduated from UMaine! Where has the time gone? It is true that time does go by faster the older you get!

Robbie-Jean Smith Rice writes that she is the grandmother of two future UMaine alums. She lives in Walton, New York, and is still teaching family and consumer sciences and also makes quilts and teaches others to do the same.

Bonnie Houle Alpander has had her artwork displayed at the Old Town Public Library as well as in juried shows and in galleries throughout the state of Maine. Her primary mediums are watercolor and oil. She has studied silk-screen printing, stained glass, fabric design and appliqué, and watercolor with artists in Maine and abroad, including France, Turkey, and the Netherlands.

Paul Cuetara has been living in the Hampton, New Hampshire, area since he began teaching at North Hampton High School in 1971. He also taught at Newmarket Junior-Senior High School where he was named Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year. In 1987, he was named the recipient of the second Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical. In 1988, he founded Technology Education Consulting Services. At Winnecunnet High School in Hampton, New Hampshire, he was a curriculum consultant and program facilitator. Paul has also been very active as a sports official. He has officiated at high school and college games in soccer, basketball, and baseball. He has been supervisor of Women's Basketball Officials for America East.

A letter to the editor of *DownEast* magazine from **Marc Owen** states

that he still feels he is a Mainer in mind and heart even though he has lived and worked out-of-state and is currently a "public servant" in the Virginia area.

David Ouellette retired this past year from the principalship of Maine's Caribou High School. He was at the school for 35 years, first as math teacher and ski coach and later as assistant principal and principal.

Sandra Grover Hatch is making a living doing what she loves and what is also her hobby. She is the editor of *Quilter's World*, a glossy bi-monthly magazine with a circulation of 120,000 to 130,000. Sandra is living in Lincoln, Maine, but got involved in the magazine while living in New Hampshire. After moving to Lincoln in 1988, she was happy that she was able to continue her work from her new home. In 2003, Sandra and Jeanne Stauffer published a book that is titled *New Ways to Appliqué*.

Arthur Dunlap has been appointed to the board of supervisors of Maine's Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. In the past, Art has worked in the broadcast industry for Maine Public Broadcasting, Karlen Communications, and Channel 8 Mt. Washington.

Stephen King is following his heart and wrote a book about his (and my) beloved Red Sox. (Can't wait to read it!) He and his wife, Tabitha Spruce King '71, have also been most generous again to the Bangor area in donating \$1.4 million to the city for the construction of the Beth Pancoe Memorial Aquatic Center. The center is named for a star diver at Bangor High School who died in 1999 of leukemia.

1971

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Hey, folks, the arrival of 2005 means it's time to make a new year's resolution to write to me. How about an update on your work, home, children, grandchildren, pets, hobbies, or dreams? Whether you're cursing the cold or reveling in the winter wonderland, we'd like to hear from you!

1972

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Well, summer and fall flew by, didn't they! Here are the gleanings from the latest batch of clippings from the alumni association, most harking back to last spring.

William Cutts lives in Gainesville, Florida, and works for the Florida Park Service. Recently, his field guide, *Trees of the Bahamas*, was published by MacMillan. He also spent two weeks in Cuba, researching his next project, *A Guide to the Trees of Cuba*.

Rick Pohle is in his twenty-first year as golf coach at Williams College and head professional at Taconic Golf Club where his wife, **Cathy Tripp Pohle**, is the shop manager. Their son, **Joey (Skidmore '02)**, is in Port St. Lucie, Florida, working at PGH Country Club as a golf assistant professional. Their daughter, **Becky**, is a member of the Class of '07 at Elmira College in New York State.

Greg Knight resigned his position as principal at Hebron Station Elementary School in Oxford Hills, Maine, to accept a position as principal of Frisbee Elementary School in Kittery. He is looking forward to working in a school that houses only three grade levels, as the "narrower focus allows administrators to take a more hands-on approach."

Robert Drisko has been the town manager of Chelsea, Maine, for six years. He also plays a leading role in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Gardiner and Augusta. Last spring, he was selected to be honored by the Spirit of America Foundation for making significant contributions to his town's Spirit of America and other volunteer efforts. Some of his volunteer efforts include: delivering food baskets to needy residents of Chelsea with his wife, **Myra**; fundraising for the Maine Children's Cancer Program; and helping the Augusta Lodge organize suppers, casinos, and other activities to benefit Team Cony, Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, Bread of Life, and several other charities.

Norman E. Thidemann of Greenfield, Massachusetts, also has years of experience in town management. He was named interim



Enjoying a pregame tailgate at Homecoming 2004 are (left to right): **Todd Gordon '51**, **Sam Hamilton**, **Greg Jamison '73**, **'98G**, **Jayne Henneberry Dyer '75**, **Ricker Hamilton**, **Eunice Gordon**, **Cindy Houston Hamilton '74**, **'81G**, **Adam Sproul**, **Beth Houlihan Kotredes '77**, and **Betty McElwain Jamison '74**.

town administrator for the town of Longmeadow last March. Previously, he served as town manager for the town of Greenfield from April 1985 to November 2002 and as acting town manager on a voluntary basis until June 2003.

A mentoring program for middle and high school girls called Girls-Talk, created seven years ago by **Valerie King Osborne**, came to a close last May. Over the past four years, the program raised close to \$60,000 to help young girls improve their self-image, learn about adolescent issues, and share the love of reading, while instilling respect and responsibility. I wish my town would institute such a program.

Sarah "Sally" Medina, the first female student to graduate from the University of Maine's forestry department, was honored last spring by the Abnaki Girl Scout Council after retiring from six years as council president. The council is in the process of raising money for an endowed scholarship in Sally's honor in cooperation with her employer, Seven Islands Land Company. The scholarship is intended to help another female student follow in Sally's footsteps. Sally's experiences as a Girl Scout gave her "the confidence to do something that was out of the ordinary, to do something I

wanted to do, not something somebody else thought I should do."

Steve Swindells officiated at the New England high school wrestling championships in New Haven, Connecticut, last spring. An Augusta resident and principal at Canaan Elementary School in S.A.D. 54, Steve was one of nine officials selected for the meet, and the only one from Maine.

That's all for now! If you drop me a line, please note my e-mail address above.

1973

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Congratulations to **Pete Gavett** who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in Kingston, Rhode Island. The article referred to Pete's leading the Orono high team to the 1967 Class L state title, but made no mention of his time on the courts in "The Pit." We remember.

Ron Cote is the new girls' basketball coach at Biddeford High. **Waine Whittier's** long-dead distant

relative, former Cheney City (Washington) marshal **Edward Whittier**, was honored at the Washington, D.C. National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The marshal was killed in the line of duty in 1888.

Tom Squiers was elected to the board of selectmen in Windsor, Maine. **Tom Cavanaugh's** uncle, **Richard Paquette '26** bequeathed the funds to purchase a Steinway & Sons Model B grand piano for the Minsky Recital Hall. **Ron Brown** has retired from a basketball coaching career that spanned more than three decades. **John O'Connell** has decided not to seek reelection to the Lincoln County Commission. **Bill '75** and **Fran Cyr Mackowski** have sold their gardening business in Old Town. They had run Dawn 'til Done for 18 years.

Charles Pray, ex-Senate chief, has been chosen by Governor Baldacci '86 as the state nuclear safety adviser.

Ken and **Sharon D'Amato** have returned to Maine. Ken joined the medical staff of Franklin Orthopedics and Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was most recently chief of the department of surgery at Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins, West Virginia. **Linda Cannell Bleile** was the subject of a newspaper article chronicling her career as a reading teacher

turned principal of Wiscasset Middle School.

Steve and I took our youngest daughter, Susan, to Queens University of Charlotte in August, emptying our nest. I began a new job teaching high school English at the school from which all three of our girls graduated.

1974

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We had a wonderful two weeks in Maine last summer and treasure every moment of time we get to spend at our little cabin on the lake. We are planning some long-overdue renovations on our cottage so that we can really enjoy those Maine summers for the next 30 years or so!

A few updates to begin the class notes.

Ginny Fall Howard made the news again as the only female president and CEO of a Maine-based bank, Skowhegan Savings. She had a lengthy interview and answered questions about her choice of careers. I knew Ginny because we were both physical education majors. Here it is 30 years later and neither of us pursued that career path.

Our best wishes to **Robert Bellefleur** and his family in Madawaska, Maine. We reported over a year ago on the hit-and-run death of his daughter, Connie. The driver finally came forward and confessed to the accident. We hope this brings some peace and closure to this tragedy.

Another update from **Robert Baldacci** in Bangor. It looks like there will be more waterfront development of the restaurant-style from the famous Baldacci family. They have been behind some great Italian food since 1929. There's always room for more great eateries!

Katherine Musgrave is an 84-year-old with a great attitude about health and nutrition. A practicing dietitian in Bangor, she prides herself on teaching people about food and the body's response to what's healthy and what's not. Originally a Tennessee farm girl, she has lived in Maine since 1968 when her husband landed a job in the animal

Alison Haskins '76

First female city engineer for Hamilton

Alison Brown Haskins '76 says people are often surprised when she answers the phone as Hamilton, Ohio's, new city engineer.

"It's probably just because most people aren't expecting it to be a woman," she told Hamilton's *Journal-News*. It's the first time a woman has held the post in Hamilton.

Alison was well qualified for the job, having served as an engineer in Hamilton for 23 years. She played a key role in projects such as the creation of the city's river bike path and the implementation of a Geographic Information System.

In addition to her civil engineering degree from UMaine, Alison earned a master's degree in business administration from Miami University in 1992.



science department at the University of Maine.

Lauri Sando Burke has been a librarian for over 25 years. She lives in Barrington, Rhode Island, with her husband and daughter. She loves classical music and writes poetry.

We had a note from **Elizabeth "Betty" Nesin Bickford**. She has a husband, two kids, and a master's degree in middle level education. Right now, she's living in Enfield, Maine, and teaching eighth grade. She's interested in a Hart Hall reunion.

There was a close vote in House District 137. **Alan Casavant** lost by five votes in a bid to fill the seat of Representative Nancy Sullivan. He lives in Biddeford.

Clayton Fowlie was also seeking a seat in the Maine House of Representatives in District 17. Clayton and his wife Deanne live in Bangor and have three children.

Congratulations to **Stephen T. Hayes** who received a 2003 Pro Bono Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Maine Bar Association. His award was for accepting the most family law cases.

I had an e-mail from classmate **Blaine Horne**. He and his wife live in Marco Island, Florida. After 25 years in the insurance business, they took a Harley trip around the country and worked on charter boats in the Caribbean. Now he's working at a boat marina and occasionally works as a boat captain. What a life!

Keep warm—spring will be here before you know it!

1975

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Happy New Year, Class of 1975! I hope your holidays were merry and healthy.

Meris Bickford of Bangor is president-elect of the Maine State Bar Association.

What about the rest of you? 2005 is the 30th anniversary of our graduation from UMaine! It's a great time to send in your news and report what you've been doing for the last three decades—we want to hear from you!

1976

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Hello '76ers!
Thanks to **Cynthia Freeman Cyr** for

sending a note telling us what's new in her life. Cynthia writes that she continues to work at Womancare, Piscataquis County's domestic violence project. She says she keeps active and busy working with local Democratic politics, planning board, church, grange, and parenting her 13-year-old daughter.

Steve DeAngelis was named as a finalist in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Steve works at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield. **Dennis Burnell** received an Exemplary Service Award from the Maine Warden Service for his help in rescuing an injured hunter last year. **Leigh Ingalls Saufley** was the commencement speaker at the University of New England's 34th commencement ceremonies last May. **Ron Weatherbee** is teaching math at Lee Academy in Lee and is also the girls' varsity basketball coach. **Barbara Bannin Kelley** was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. **Gary Dow** has been named as the Auburn-Lewiston YMCA director of communications and financial development. Gary lives in Lewiston with his wife, Jane.

Earl Brechlin was featured in the *Bangor Daily News* for his new book, *Bygone Coastal Maine*, which features old postcards of the coast of Maine from his collection.

1977

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Hi, everyone. Not sure when you'll be reading this, but as I write it's fall, the leaves are just beginning to turn, and there's a fresh crispness in the air.

Just one news item to report this round. **Bruce McGlauffin** has become a partner with the law firm of Petruccelli, Martin & Haddow, LLP, of Portland. Bruce lives in Bath and is president of the Bath Area Family YMCA.

And that's it, folks! As always, do write when you get a chance.

Until next time, have a safe, hopefully kind winter, happy holidays, and all my best to each of you for the new year.

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Happy 2005, everyone! Hope you're having a good winter.

Don't forget to send in your news so that we can read about your latest endeavors in this column. We need your help—how painful can it be to send along an e-mail?

1979

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Class of '79, still going strong even after 25 years! Thanks for your notes for this issue, and we'll have reunion news in the next issue.

Let's start off with some family news. Dr. **Blaine Littlefield** reports that both of his children are at Orono this year; daughter Sheridon is a sophomore and son Nicholas is a freshman. Blaine returned to Maine in 1984 after optometry school, opened his practice, married his "best friend and soulmate," and is "thrilled" that both of his children opted to attend UMaine. "It seems quite enjoyable to walk the campus again, and I couldn't have chosen a better place for them."

Shawn Yardley and wife Rita '81 of Bangor have recently adopted three youngsters, in addition to already having four grown children. Shawn, the director of the River Coalition in Old Town, and his wife, who works in the Bangor school system, spotted the girls in a foster family newsletter. After much discussion with Megan (16), Josh (21), and 10-year-old twins Jeremy and Shane, three more members were added to the Yardley mix. The family reports that with help and support from many, they've gotten back in the swing of having the four, five, and seven-year-old sisters in the house.

Mark Cross writes that he, wife Melanie, and children Kayla (8) and Nathan (6) have recently moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where he is with Johnson Diversity. Mark has been

Leigh Ingalls Saufley '76 Honored at UMaine

Maine State Supreme Court Chief Justice Leigh Ingalls Saufley '76 was one of four women to receive a Maryann Hartman Award during a ceremony at Buchanan Alumni House on October 13. The other recipients were Vivianne Holmes, Denise Altwater, and Safia Nur.

The awards, named in honor of the late UMaine speech professor, feminist, and humanist, are given annually to women whose achievements inspire other women.

Appointed in 2001, Saufley became the youngest chief justice in Maine history and also the first woman to serve in that post. She has served on the state Supreme Court since 1997. Prior to that she served on the Maine Superior Court and the Maine District Court. Early in her career she became one of Maine's first female deputy attorneys general.

During her time as chief justice, Saufley has been particularly concerned with the issues of domestic violence and the safety and accessibility of the courts.



traveling to Asia, Latin America, and Europe as part of this job, and reports that, "Kayla and Nathan are now soccer stars and Melanie is nearing golf pro status!"

Roland Guerette now heads the office of Marsh USA Risk Services in Portland, and was elected to the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. **David N. Packhem, Jr.** has joined the board of directors of the Center for Environmental Enterprise at Southern Maine Community College. **Charles J. Spies**, formerly head of the Finance Authority of Maine, was honored by the Maine Small Business Administration.

Now on to other news: **Curt Bartram** of Windham recently joined Allied Engineering of Westbrook. Prior to that he was a senior mechanical engineer at the University of Maine. Sergeant **Michael Edes** is an 18-year veteran with the Maine State Police and president of the Maine State Troopers Association.

George M. Jabar of Waterville was appointed to the Kennebec County Commission by Governor Baldacci '86. George, a lawyer, served as commissioner for 12 years before taking an eight-year hiatus. He, wife **Bethanie Smiley**

Jabar, and their four children live in Waterville. **Douglas Carville** is the new principal at Winslow High School. An Orono native, he has held administrative posts at Maine Central Institute, Bangor and Orono high schools, and the Buker Middle School in Augusta. He and his wife have two teenage sons.

Educators in the news: **Arrah Vanier**, art teacher at Hermon High School, was named Art Teacher of the Year by Art in the Heart of Maine, a local art teacher organization. A mom and grandmom, Vanier developed a K-8 art curriculum in the Orrington school system, organized the painting of a historical mural on the side of the Wiswell Farm barn for the town's centennial, and developed the art department and curriculum in Hermon.

Ivan Fernandez was one of six faculty members in UMaine's college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture recognized for outstanding contributions to the college. He is a professor of soil science and cooperating professor of forest resources. A resident of Orono, Ivan is considered a leading expert on the effects of acid rain. **Rose Marie Roy Angell**, a teacher

at Jefferson Middle School in Auburn, was among those honored by the Center for Educational Services for work in creating and developing innovative technology study units.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

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Hi! Thank you to those who have recently sent along their news. It's nice to hear what you are doing. If you haven't sent in your news lately, take some time this winter and let us know what's going on with you!

Maribeth Barney recently joined Child Development Services-Penobscot County as executive director. For the last 25 years, she has worked hard for the benefit of Maine children and families. Congratulations, Maribeth!

Mark Green (a fellow public management student way back when) is the new town manager of Sanford. Mark had previously served as town manager for York, Maine, for several years.

Tom Griffin teaches sixth grade health education at Scarborough Middle School. A former UMaine baseball player, he also coaches varsity softball at Scarborough High.

Catherine M. Kelly Martin recently joined the board of trustees at Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls.

Joan Brooks, chair of the town selectmen for Eddington, has recently been selected to serve in that capacity for another year.

Our UMaine friendships were made during a very important time in our lives. Take the time to keep in touch and let your UMaine friends know what you are doing!

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1981

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Hey, classmates! Slim pickings in the mailbag again this issue. Why are you all so bashful? Top billing in this column will go to **Janice Newell Bissex**, the lone e-mailer since my last column! You may have caught a review of her book in the alumni bookshelf in the spring 2004 *Mainely People*. A food and nutrition major, Janice is now a wife and mother to two daughters. She is co-author of *The Mom's Guide to Meal Makeovers*, which tackles what's wrong with today's all-American diet and serves up practical and delicious ways to improve it! You can learn about strategies for feeding families and "make over" 120 family favorite recipes to be faster, healthier, and tastier! Join the Meal Makeovers Moms' Club at www.mealmakeovermoms.com for additional tips, product news, and recipes for busy parents who don't have a lot of time to cook. Janice's book is in its third printing and has received both local and national media attention. She credits professor emerita, Katherine Musgrave, with inspiring her to major in food and nutrition and says that she remains her mentor today! Katherine is still active in the field of nutrition, well into her retirement years, and has appeared most recently on a TV commercial on nutrition in the Bangor market. I personally remember Katherine as one of my mother-in-law's colleagues. She hosted a very nice bridal shower for me way back in 1985 (with lots of nutritious food!). What a great story, a great book (even for those of us who aren't parents!), and another successful career thanks to a UMaine education!

In news clipped from the headlines, we see that **Gary Gonyar** is now principal at the Holbrook School in Holden. **Martin Allen** is the vital ministry development coordinator at the Winthrop United Methodist Church. A successful entrepreneur as well, Marty has been involved with a number of businesses and currently owns Park City Pizza in Auburn. He and his family reside in Winthrop. Congratulations to **Bill Lucy** on his promotion to president of Merrill Merchants Bank in Bangor.

How well many of us recall Bill's dad, Dean Lucy, from our campus days! Bill inherited some great genes!

By now, many of you sports fans know that we have a classmate in possession of the Stanley Cup! Coach **John Tortorella** led the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 2-1 win over the Calgary Flames in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup last June. What a thrill for John and his team! We're proud to say he's a former Black Bear star, along with his brother Jim '85, who now coaches at Colby College.

O.J. Logue, assistant dean of academic services at the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development, recently took part in the rededication of what is now the Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Speech, Language, and Hearing Center at UMaine. O.J. was among the first group of young clients at what was formerly the University of Maine Speech and Hearing Clinic in 1963. His parents had previously been told their son, who had severe hearing loss, would never learn to speak. Thanks to the education he received at the clinic, he went on to earn bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Logue has worked in a variety of public and private jobs, teaching, counseling, and working with students with disabilities and special needs, and returned to Orono in 2000 to become assistant dean.

Finally, here's a warm and fuzzy story about my high school and college classmate, **Rita Hill Yardley**, and her husband, Shawn '79. After raising four kids over the last 21 years and getting close to empty nest time, Rita and Shawn have welcomed three new daughters into their Bangor home, ages four, five, and seven! What a wonderful home for these three sisters! Good luck with family number two!

Homecoming news will appear in the next issue, as I'm writing this column prior to that date. We're all looking forward to hockey and basketball seasons up here in the north country, but we're still celebrating our football victory over Mississippi State! It promises to be another great year for Black Bear sports and I hope those of you nearby can make it to campus for a game or two. I just began a two-year term as president of the Black Bear Board of Advisors and welcome your feedback on Maine sports (along with your donations to the Black Bear Scholarship Fund!). Go Blue!

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Hope everyone had an enjoyable and blessed holiday. Remember when preparing for Christmas included cramming for finals? Glad those days are now a happy (?) memory! All these years later and our class is still making the news:

David Chase (natural resources management) is the new executive director of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness, New Hampshire. The center is a private, non-profit educational organization whose mission is to advance the understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world.

Mike Duddy (forestry) was recently bestowed the American Hiking Society's 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with the Greenbelt Trail System in Cape Elizabeth. Mike and his family have been living in Cape Elizabeth since 1999, having moved there from Bangor.

Gregory Dufour (business administration) was recently named to Camden National Bank's board of directors. He also serves as the president and CEO for the bank and holds the title of chief banking officer for Camden National Corporation. Greg has been with Camden National Corporation since 2001. Prior to that he served in different capacities for the Merrill Trust Company, Fleet Financial Group, Texas Instruments, and IBEX Capital Markets.

Suzanne Traxler Godin (parks and recreation) is the new assistant superintendent of schools for South Portland. Before this, she had served as principal of the Mabel I. Wilson School in Cumberland. Prior to that she worked as Title 1 coordinator for the Lewiston School Department and also as an elementary school teacher for Lewiston.

Marcelle Marble (special education), formerly school principal for School Union 107 based in Woodland, is now the new curriculum coordinator for S.A.D. 5 based in Rockland.

Patco Construction of Sanford was recently bestowed the Governor's Award for Business Excellence. This award is presented by the governor of the state of Maine to recognize Maine businesses for their commitment to a dual bottom line—for customer service excellence and dedication to employees and com-

munity. Over the past 10 years, Patco has constructed over 300 commercial and municipal buildings and nearly 400 residential homes throughout New England. Patco is owned and operated by our classmate, **Mark Patterson** (business administration), along with his brothers Greg '87 and Michael '91.

Donald Spencer (education) is now the principal of Eddington School, after having taught six years at St. Mary's School in Bangor and 16 years at Holbrook School in Holden.

1983

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Hello, Class of '83! I hope you all are well and enjoying whatever season it may be when this column reaches you! As you can see, there are very few items to report, so please take a moment to e-mail me with your news.

Gertrude "Gert" Nesin recently celebrated her first wedding anniversary with husband, Jon Haddow, whom she married on October 11, 2003. Jon is an attorney in Bangor. Gert is stepmom to Andrew and Ian, and the family lives on College Avenue in Old Town. She earned her master's degree at UMaine and Ph.D. at the University of Georgia, both in middle school education. She is a clinical instructor at UMaine's college of education and human development.

Randy Tome has been promoted to vice president at Woodward & Curran in Portland. He serves the firm's municipal and government clients with civil engineering and site design projects.

David W. Wilson has been promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Massachusetts State Police. He is an 18-year veteran of the department and is currently assigned to the collision analysis reconstruction section. David and his wife, Carol, and their four children live in Charlton, Massachusetts.

Pamela Ward LeBlanc is the owner of Promises from Maine and Beyond, a children's clothing company she founded 10 years ago. Pam designs and makes RizzoWear, a unique line of jumpers for

little girls. She recently added a line of handmade handbags. Pam sells her jumpers at craft fairs, and her handbags at fairs and through her website, promisesfrommaine.com/. She travels all over New England and has done some craft shows in Florida. Pam and her husband, Jim, a builder, live in Kennebunkport.

Timothy P. Nightingale has been named senior vice president and senior loan officer at United-Kingfield Bank. He joined the bank in 2000 and was formerly vice president and senior loan officer.

Phyllis Borns of Orono was honored with the American Association of University Women Achievement Citation Award. Phyllis has been an active member of AAUW at the state and local levels. In addition to her professional life, she has given hours of volunteer time to a long list of community and church groups.

James Cervone lives in Dalton, Massachusetts, where he owns his own real estate development firm. He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons who attend Berkshire Country Day School, where James is a member of the board of trustees.

Neal F. Pratt is a partner at Verrill & Dana LLP in Portland, specializing in litigation and construction law.

Megan Huber is executive assistant at the Gulf of Maine Aquarium in Portland.

Gary Sukeforth is the owner of the Common Market in Union, Maine. He is the recipient of the 2003 Smart Growth Award by the Friends of the Maine Seacoast.

Diane Norton is a regional advertising director for Courier Publications in Rockland, Maine. Diane previously served as advertising manager and then general manager for the *Camden Herald*, one of the Courier Publications's newspapers, and the *Melrose Free Press*, in Massachusetts.

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Hello, classmates! I hope all is well for you as we usher in 2005. September 2004 was tough for me as I put my baby into full-day kindergarten. With both of my children in



Getting into the tailgating spirit before the UMaine Homecoming football game are (left to right): Jeff Leadbetter '80, Dino Spugnardi '81, Todd Michaud '82, Dave McKenney '86, Mike Williams '84, Harry Richardson '52, Frank Jordan '65, and Scott Stacey '83.

school all day, we slowly made the transition from summer to fall. We settled in, and besides school, are busy with swimming, Brownie Girl Scouts, religious education, and violin lessons. With winter finally here, we are looking forward to ice-skating and sledding. Let's hope for a lovely winter!

I attended the Homecoming football game and tailgate in late October and saw several of our classmates. I can't believe it was our 20th Reunion! I don't know about you, but I'm not that old. I saw our class president, **Teresa Henchey Debenedictis**, who gave birth to a son in April! His name is Nicholas and Teresa says he is a wonderful, sweet baby. Aren't they all! Teresa is assistant director of public works in Arlington, Massachusetts.

Diana Douglas Nye was visiting from London where she lives with her husband. She looked exactly the same and was wearing a gorgeous bright pink coat which I desired!

Becky Wyke was also there. Her oldest child is a freshman at Boston University!

Another classmate with a child in college is **Julie Hennessey Marston**. She and her husband, Matt '85, have a daughter who is a freshman at UMaine, and a son in high school. Julie is the vice president of quality management at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta.

I was ecstatic to see my college roommate, **Cheri Meinsen Birch**. Cheri teaches environmental science to children in kindergarten through third grade in Hollis, New Hampshire. Her husband, **Craig Birch**, was also at Reunion and works as a forester.

Todd Ehrlich was at Reunion even though it was the day of his tenth wedding anniversary. What dedication! He and his wife have two daughters: Miriam who is 8 and Rebekah who is 5. Todd is a high school math teacher in Brooklyn, New York.

If you were at Reunion and I missed you, send me your news and I will put it in the next issue. I also have news on other classmates.

Carl Soderberg ran the Mount Desert Island Half-Marathon, finishing 37th with an impressive time of 1:31:01. It was a cool, rainy day but most runners I spoke with said the weather was perfect. Congratulations, Carl!

Bob McPhee received a special achievement award from the Maine Sports Hall of Fame this past June. Bob is a sportswriter for the *Rumford Falls Times* and the *Lewiston Sun Journal*. Way to go, Bob!

Melinda Babson has joined the First National Bank of Ipswich (Massachusetts) as assistant vice president, credit administration. She was previously vice president, loan administration at James Monroe

Bank in Arlington, Virginia.

Timothy R. Verreault is the area retail leader for KeyBank's Maine district. He is responsible for the sales, service, and financial leadership of 12 bank branches in coastal and central Maine. He is based in Augusta. Tim earned his bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in business administration from the University of Maine. He resides in Gray.

The Orono High School football team has a new coach: **Bob Sinclair**. Bob is a graduate of Orono High School and he is currently assistant principal there. He had previously been the head football coach at Hampden Academy, ending his 11-year tenure there after the 2000 season.

Donald Clavette was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Portland, on June 6, 2004. He served as a teacher from 1970 to 2002, receiving his master's in education from UMaine.

Arthur Roy is the new police chief in Dexter. Prior to that, he served in the Maine State Police for 22 years and as training coordinator at Bangor International Airport for the Department of Homeland Security.

Congratulations to **Ronald and Petra Clark**, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 16, 2004. Ronald is a

systems engineering manager at BAE Systems in Nashua, New Hampshire. He and his wife live with their daughter, Sabrina, in Amherst, New Hampshire.

George Hanson is regional manager of Ames AM, Asset Management Solutions. Ames AM works with companies to better manage assets and help to reduce maintenance expenses. George has extensive background in computerized maintenance managed systems and will work with Ames AM clients in Maine.

You may have also read newspaper articles about a couple of our classmates. The *Maine Sunday Telegram's* Steve Solloway talked about **Bill Swift** in a June 2004 article. He noted that Bill is the head baseball coach at Scottsdale Christian Academy and that his team won the Arizona Class 2A championship last year.

The *Bangor Daily News* ran a story in February 2004 about the dearth of women coaching high school girls' basketball teams in Maine. **Julie Treadwell** was interviewed for the story. She spent 12 seasons as the girls' basketball coach at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and is currently the athletic director and assistant head of school at MCI—a fascinating article.

Lastly, for those of you who do not get to Orono often, there has been much development around the Bangor Mall. Many new stores and restaurants have sprung up, seemingly in the past two years! However, a landmark has closed. After 29 years, Paul's Restaurant and Speakeasy closed its doors for good. It was a one-of-a-kind.

That's the news for this edition! Let your classmates know what is new with you! Send me an e-mail or postcard telling me of a new job, baby, grandchild, house, boat, hobby, etc.

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What fun we had! **Susan Johnson, Colleen McGoldrick Meader, Paula Quatromoni**, and I spent an overnight in Ogunquit this summer—just like the old days in 67 York Village.

It had been too many years since we had been together, and while our lives have taken us in different directions, some things haven't changed. Susan is still the best party planner, Colleen still takes an afternoon break for tea (with milk) and cookies, and Paula can still make us laugh at the simplest things. We walked, shopped, talked—and barely slept. We cried when we greeted each other—and cried when it was time to go. UMaine gave me these wonderful friends and for that I am most grateful.

Susan lives in Arlington, Virginia, and travels the east coast for Budget working in the area of human resources and labor relations. She has become quite an artist. Her paintings are beautiful!

Colleen and **Stan Meader** and their three children are in the process of moving to southern Maine. Their plan is to build a home in the Berwick area since daughter Samantha is a freshman at Berwick Academy.

Paula (Dr. Q) is a professor at Boston University. She and her husband, Dr. Steven Borkan, and their three children live in Medfield, Massachusetts. Paula's nutrition research has earned the respect of her academic peers and has received mainstream acclaim. She has lectured throughout the U.S. and abroad and her work has been highlighted in *Self* magazine and on "Good Morning America." Way to go!

Dr. Robert Patenaude, Jr. studied dentistry at Tufts and works with his sister, Dr. Nancy Clifford, at their family practice in Augusta, Maine. Their father, Dr. Robert Patenaude, retired from the dental practice last year at the age of 80. Robert is married to Carol and they have two children, Hilary (12) and Robert III, (8).

Mark McCarthy is living in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations to you and Erin on the birth of Cormac and your recent promotion to vice president of leasing at Prime Retail.

The *Bangor Daily News* highlighted the work of **Georgia Clark-Albert** and her efforts to educate people about healthful eating habits. Georgia lives in Athens, Maine, with her husband Marc and their dog Dugan.

Carl Balduf has been promoted to town engineer in Westwood, Massachusetts. Prior to working in Westwood, Carl was assistant town engineer in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel **Nathan Lowrey**, USMC, was awarded his doctorate in anthropology at American University. Nathan received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

John Duranceau is an investment specialist with The Northern New England Financial Group of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. John recently qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable, a career milestone that indicates sales and service achievement. John lives in Saco, Maine.

Emily Jo Ellis, a basketball standout at UMaine, had her #40 retired at a half-time ceremony this past winter. Congratulations! And to think that we played against each other in high school. Emily lives in Bangor with her children and is a real estate agent.

Director **Jeffrey Priest's** Old Town High School Jazz Ensemble won first place for the fourth year in a row at the Berklee Jazz Festival in Massachusetts.

Scott Palmer graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with a doctor of philosophy in public policy. Scott has also earned master's degrees from both Drexel University and George Washington University. Scott lives in D.C. and is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Send me a holiday greeting with your news—or I may need to start calling you! I hope that your fall chores got done and you can cozy in for the winter. It's not too early to be planning for our 20th Reunion in 2005. Can you believe it!

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Dear classmates,
As we write this, summer is on the way out and fall is definitely taking hold. Summer in Maine had quite a bit of rain this year making sunny days even more appreciated. And sunny days on weekends as valuable as gold! Of course, with only a few good days it made it a tough struggle to choose between mowing the lawn or going fishing. It must be age because it seemed like the lawn won more often than not.

Carol Wiley Rico has joined Agency 1 Real Estate as a sales associate. She has more than 16 years of accounting and financial management experience. Carol also has a M.S. in business from Husson College. She has been CFO of several non-profit organizations in the greater Portland area.

George's boss, Governor **John Baldacci**, has recently been made the new chairman of the Coalition for Northeastern Governors. This coalition is made of all six governors of New England as well as the governors from New York and New Jersey.

Kim Day of Holden has been named director of Special Children's Friends (SCF). SCF runs groups for special children up to four years of age and provides case management for children and their families up to 21. One of the goals of SCF is to build bridges between families, schools, and services in the area. Kim has been working with domestic violence advocacy, child welfare, and Head Start programs in Hancock County, Maine, for 13 years.

Wonder what your favorite celebs are reading these days but don't want to read through the tabloids? Wonder no more because **Glenna Nowell's** annual list of "Who Reads What" is out. Glenna has been publishing this list for 16 years now. She is a retired librarian from Gardiner, Maine.

Senator **Paul Davis** received the President's Award from the Maine Snowmobile Association. The recognition was for the key role Paul played in passing legislation regarding snowmobile club liability for trail grooming and maintenance activities. Paul is the minority leader of the Maine Senate.

David Kinney is starting his second year as the town administrator for the town of Lincolnville, Maine. Prior to this challenge, Dave worked 13 years for the town of Wiscasset, Maine; first as the town engineer and then as their first town manager. David earned his MPA from UMaine in May of 2002. But Dave said the best news was that he and his wife Michelle were expecting their first child in September.

Julie LeMoine has been running her company U C How for three-and-a-half years now. The company she founded was chosen by Forrester Research last fall as one of 30 outstanding and emerging technologies. U C How is a company that bundles information security and collaborative technology into a real time product she has branded IDE-

Server. Before founding U C How, she founded Concept 5 and worked for Mitre.

Marilyn Eater Silocka has been promoted to vice president of branch administration and training at the First National Bank of Bar Harbor. Marilyn had previously been the loan operations officer and branch administrator and training coordinator. She has additional degrees from Northern New England School of Banking at Williams College. She resides in Bar Harbor with her husband, Tom.

Jennifer Mullen of Marshfield, Massachusetts, opened JB Mullen Designs in December 2003, a jewelry design and repair shop in Pembroke, Massachusetts. Jennifer says she will repair anything. "If it's something that somebody treasures, it's worth being fixed." She went back to school at the North Bennett Street School and learned jewelry restoration and repair. Her new shop also features new designs that she has created.

Kelly Goddard Clark has recently become the director of educational services for New Hampshire Public Television. Prior to this position she was executive director of the New Hampshire Forum on Higher Education. She has also been president of the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council, town administrator of Henniker, and executive director of the New Hampshire Rural Development Council. Kelly also has a M.A. from the University of Southern Maine in public policy and management. In her spare time, she enjoys getting out to hike, reading, and spending time with her husband, John, and their two rottweilers.

Representative **Nancy Smith** of Monmouth, Maine, is among 40 leaders from around the country selected for the Council of State Governments Toll Fellowship program. This program is a week-long seminar in Lexington, Kentucky, to focus on trends analysis, policy development, and institutional changes. Nancy will also be spending the year as a member of Leadership Maine. This is a group chosen to study how to energize Maine's economy while learning about different leadership styles and effective governing and management.

Rumford, Maine, native, **Gary Tanguay**, is the co-host of Fox Sports Network's "New England Sports Tonight." He says covering the Patriots and the Super Bowl was great and going to see the Red Sox at Fenway never gets old. He has

Carol Normand '87 now assistant VP at Banknorth

Carol Normand '87 was recently promoted to assistant vice president in the marketing department at Banknorth Group in West Falmouth, Maine. In her new job, she will be responsible for coordinating and supporting regionalized marketing strategies and activities for Banknorth's retail division.

She joined Banknorth in 2000. She previously worked as a field services manager and a project manager.

Carol lives in South Portland.



even interviewed the late Ted Williams. But the thing that really thrills him about his job is talking to the guys he followed growing up like John Havlicek, Jo Jo White, and Tommy Hiensohn. He adds that he had a chance to do a play-by-play with Rico Petrocelli, who he saw hit a home run for the Sox with his dad as a kid. Gary lives in Boston, Massachusetts, with his wife, Randi, and two-year-old daughter, Harper.

Remember that we love to get class e-mail! Put in the subject something like "Class of '86" or "university notes." With all the spam these days it is easy to delete unknown addresses, etc. if I don't recognize the name.

Have a great winter!

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Here it is winter again already. I hope everyone had a great summer and fall. We sold our home and moved into a home we had built this summer so things have been a little crazy. The whole process was stressful but ultimately very rewarding.

Dr. **Allen W. Delong** joined the faculty of the department of higher education and student affairs administration at Ohio State as a visiting assistant professor. Allen, who

received his master's in higher education and student affairs administration from the University of Vermont in 1989 and his doctorate in higher education administration from Ohio State, has held various teaching and administrative positions.

Susan LaPlante Dube was elected president of the New England Women Business Owners this summer. The group provides professional resources, educational programs, peer support, and networking opportunities for women business owners. Susan is president of Precision Marketing Group in Upton, Massachusetts.

Erika L. McGilley joined Camden National Bank as vice president, Camden market manager. Erika has 12 years of sales and marketing experience and has attended the Northern New England School of Banking and the American Institute for Banking. She lives in Rockport with her husband and son. **Robert S. Tyrer** was elected to the board of EDO Corporation. Robert is president and CEO of The Cohen Group and was also Bill Cohen's chief of staff. **Scott Worcester** was named recipient of The Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 2003. Scott has been very involved with his community including chairing the Harbor House Capital Campaign committee and serving as a school trustee and a sports booster.

George Louis Doughty was divorced from Kate Leola Doughty this spring. **Brad Buck** (aka Ric Tyler) left WLBZ in Bangor this spring. Citing changes at the station, Brad decided to join his wife, Eliza-

beth, in her full-service marketing firm, Blue Paper Communications. **Donna Pelletier Madore** was hired as the special education director for the Augusta public schools in March. Donna has been with the district since 1981 and has been the assistant special education director since 2002.

Daniel P. Philippon is a golf professional at the Misquamicut Golf Club, Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and Jupiter Island Golf Club, Hobe Sound, Florida. He and Sarah T. Ballou were married in Connecticut in September and live in Westerly, Rhode Island, and Jupiter, Florida.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and got some time to spend with family and friends. I have a new e-mail address, so feel free to send me any updates on what you are doing.

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Happy holidays to everyone! We do not have much information for this column so remember to drop me an e-mail so I can include your news!

Sporting news:

Andy Beardsley, the Ellsworth High School track coach, competed in the Boston Marathon last spring for the second time.

As you all know by now, our very own **Mike Bordick** retired from major league baseball last year. It has now been a year and he is still retired, despite calls from many teams hoping to convince him otherwise. He and his wife, Monica Perry Bordick '86, have enjoyed his retirement with their five children—daughter Chandler (10), twin boys Casey and Dylan (8), son Dawson (3), and son Wyatt, almost 2. They have homes in both Maryland and Maine. He expects to remain in baseball in some capacity and is helping coach his own sons in their recreational baseball league. For now, he's just enjoying being a fan of the sport. Last fall he was rooting for the Red Sox!

Elizabeth "Liz" J. Coffin was one of four former women's basketball players recognized at a special ceremony held at the University of Maine last spring. All four women

share the unique distinction of having their numbers retired by the University of Maine. Their numbers were added to the banner that hangs from the rafters. Liz's number was 44. She was a pioneer in providing a solid local base of fan support, still enjoyed by UMaine programs today. The continuity these women provided to the UMaine program enabled it to attract most of the state's other best women basketball players, and that still continues today.

Another former defenseman **David M. Nonis** has become one of the National Hockey League's youngest general managers when he was promoted to this position for the Vancouver Canucks. Nonis spent six years as senior vice president and director of hockey operations prior to this promotion. Dave grew up in nearby Burnaby, British Columbia. He always dreamed of playing for the Canucks and although he never did play for them, being their general manager is the next best thing. He was hoping that a collective bargaining agreement could be worked out this season to prevent a lockout or strike. I was friends with Dave when he played hockey for our team in 1987-88—what a great guy. I am glad he is keeping tabs on his old team and friend, Tim Whitehead '92G. I wish him well in his new endeavor and hope to cross paths with him again one day. I'm still hoping he'll return my psychology notes!

And in business news:

Eric Andrews is a team leader for Kennebec Savings Bank and is responsible for managing the bank's five commercial loan officers with the goal of growing the company's loan portfolio while maintaining strong asset quality. He has held the position of vice president in commercial lending since joining the bank in 1999. He began his banking career in 1988 and has over 10 years of commercial lending experience. A resident of Wells, he earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Maine and received his MBA from the University of Southern Maine. He is active in the local community as well.

Christopher Boothby currently serves as the director of development and community affairs at LRGHealthcare in Laconia, New Hampshire. He has a strong professional background in health care administration, which includes a nursing home administrator's license in the state of New Hamp-

Chris Decker '89 earns teaching award

Christopher Decker '89 recently received the Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award in the college of business administration at the University of Nebraska, where he is an assistant professor. It's the second award Chris has earned in as many years. He was named the Masters of Business Administration Teacher of the Year in 2003.

Chris is a native of Orono and a 1985 graduate of Orono High School. After completing his undergraduate degree from UMaine, he earned a master of arts degree from Boston College in 1991. He then enrolled in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, where he received his Ph.D. in 2000.

Chris lives in Omaha with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children. He is the son of Eva and UMaine Professor Emeritus Edward Decker.



shire. Chris, a native of Peterborough, holds a masters of public administration from the University of New Hampshire and a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Maine. He was also elected president of the New Hampshire Association of Counties. He hopes to work with state and federal officials to improve and create a more sustainable Medicaid financial structure for New Hampshire's long term care obligations. Christopher and his wife of eight years, Maren, reside in Meredith.

Jodi Clayton runs her business, One Lupine Fiber Arts, out of her home in Orono. Her business is growing due to her reputation and write-ups published in *Yankee Magazine* and the *Downeast Christmas* catalog.

Gary P. Dube is a senior sales executive for Munis in Falmouth, Maine. He and his wife, Candice, reside in Gorham.

David Shorette of Scarborough, a certified public accountant at Purdy Powers & Company in Portland, is the treasurer for the board of the Children's Theatre of Maine.

Military news:

In our last column, I talked about Augusta native Army Major **Peter Buotte** who was stationed in Iraq. Peter is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve's 411th Civil Affairs unit and has now completed his one-year

tour in Iraq. While there, Peter wrote a series of 24 comic strips set in the war-torn country. The focus of his comics was on the absurdities that occur while soldiers are deployed. He poked fun at military food, shaving in the desert, cooking popcorn without a microwave oven, and receiving packages with melted chocolate. Now back in Augusta, his comic strips have stopped because they are situation dependent. His comic strips are called *Turtles In A Rock* and were occasionally published in the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division monthly newsletter. Although sketching his humorous comic strips was a pastime, the majority of his time spent in Iraq was to help hire translators and get the country's schools repaired and opened for students. Welcome back, Peter!

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Hello, everyone!
As you read this the snow may be falling but as I write this, the Red

Sox have just reversed the curse and Boston is hopping! Next on the agenda—Maine hockey season! I've heard from quite a few classmates, but as always I'd like to hear from more of you! E-mail should make this painless! Here's the news: **Jack Kaplan** has left his position as athletic director at Valley High School in Bingham, Maine, after 14-and-a-half years, and has taken a physical education position at Carra- bec High School.

William Davids, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at UMaine, has been granted a U.S. patent along with Habib Dagher. They have invented a reinforced building panel that substantially increases the structural strength of a typical house. This will help in protection from structural damage from hurricanes and earthquakes and can reduce expenses related to insurance and reconstruction.

Mark S. Awalt has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Person of the Year for the state of Maine. Mark is co-owner and vice president of JSI Store Fixtures in Milo, which is Milo's largest private employer and manufactures high-end wood and steel displays for the supermarket industry. Senator Olympia J. Snowe '69 attended a reception honoring the award winners and stated that about 95 percent of the businesses in Maine are small businesses (employing 50 or fewer workers) and that nationally 2.5 million jobs were created by small business owners!

Another one of our fellow athletes, veteran defenseman **Eric Weinrich** was traded once again for the fourth time in his 16-year, 1,082-game NHL career to his seventh NHL team, the St. Louis Blues. Fortunately Eric takes the trades in stride; he knows some of the players, is in terrific shape, has a great attitude, and as he says, "Hockey is basically universal" so he can play anywhere. If he doesn't get to play this year, it will only be because of the expired contract between the NHL and the Players Association and not because of yet another trade! If play resumes, this will be his 17th season in the NHL. We'll keep you posted.

Jon J. Prescott, president and CEO of Katahdin Trust Company, has been appointed to the American Bankers Association membership council representing the state of Maine. He will be the ABA's key liaison with Maine and will work closely with Maine financial institu-

tions. Jon has been president and CEO of Katahdin Trust Company for six years, graduated with distinction from the American Bankers Association National Commercial Lending School in 1991, and is a 1993 graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking in Durham, New Hampshire. He currently serves as second vice president of the Maine Bankers Association, a member of the board of directors of Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development, and a member of the Independent Community Bankers Association of Maine. He resides in Island Falls with his wife, Patricia, and three children, Katie, Thomas, and William.

Howard McFadden of Dennysville, Maine, has been inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame! Howard competed for several Washington County semi-pro teams, including the Dixie (Lubec) Eagles and the Cutler Cardinals. He now serves as the high school umpires' assignor for Washington County.

Dan Trembley has opened a UBuildIt franchise in Milford, Maine. UBuildIt features a network of "reliable, competitively-priced sub-contractors and suppliers" that makes it possible for people building new homes to save between 15 and 30 percent of the total construction cost. The company's approach is to provide consultation to home builders who want expert advice and guidance while still maintaining total control of their project. Dan worked in corporate America for 15 years and received his master's in engineering and operations management at Clarkson University. Dan also coaches the Old Town Subway Girls' Little League team and focuses on teaching his players how to work as a team, set goals, develop leadership abilities, and incorporate exercise into their lives. Keep your news coming! Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Michelle Amero '91 now a VP at Peoples

Michelle Amero '91 was recently promoted to assistant vice president in the mortgage department of Peoples Heritage Bank in Portland. In that position, she will be responsible for originating mortgage loans throughout southern Maine. Michelle has 13 years of banking experience, having joined Peoples after graduating from UMaine in 1991.

Michelle lives in Portland where she serves on the board of Greater Portland Landmarks and volunteers with the Portland Mentoring Alliance.



looking forward to the rest of the winter season. Hope all is well with you and your families.

Job news! **Daniel Joslyn** is the new principal at Appleton Village School. For 10 years he was the principal at Georgetown Central School. Daniel is also a Maine Guide and lives with his family in Whitefield.

Other news! Last season **Guy Perron** returned to UMaine to complete his master's degree in educational leadership. In addition, he volunteered as an assistant coach for the University of Maine hockey team. In May **Chris Turgeon** received a master's degree in business from Husson College. Chris and his family live in Augusta. Dee (Denis) and **Lisa Hill Dauphinee** bought Dawn til Done, a favorite local garden and gift shop in the Old Town area.

Please contact me with any news that you would like to share with your classmates. I hope to hear from you soon!

with your college classmates. Go ahead, e-mail me with your latest and let us all know what is going on. You'll feel better once you've done it.

Some career news from our classmates includes **Edwin "Don" Finnegan's** promotion to sergeant with the Rockland Police Department. Don joined the Rockland police in July 1992. He also served as the city's first narcotics investigator. **Eric Roach** has been hired as the new controller for Vortechtechnics located in Scarborough, a leading provider of stormwater treatment systems. In his new position, Eric will direct all financial, human resource, and systems functions of the company. Prior to joining Vortechtechnics, he was group controller based in Portland for SPX Corporation. **Rachel Bouchard** has joined Douglas Title Company of Augusta as a staff attorney and closing officer.

Lori Phillips and **Clarie Kiedrowski '90** have founded a woman-owned mapping firm headquartered in Bangor. The company, KAPPA Mapping, will specialize in photogrammetric mapping services throughout the country. Another Bangor area business owner is **George Gervais** who has two Chocolate Grille restaurants.

Daniel Davis is the teacher-principal at Beals Elementary School on Beals Island. He was born and raised on the island and graduated from Beals High School in 1967, a year before it closed. Now the future of the elementary school seems uncertain with the dwindling number of students.

A couple of our classmates have retirement in their plans. After a 19-year teaching career, **Mary Loring** retired this year from Farrington Elementary School in Augusta. **Gail Goodday Ladd** has plans to spend more time with her family and to travel in her post-retirement free time. Gail has been the principal of Blue Hill Consolidated School since 1999.

While working on his graduate degree, Belfast resident **Thomas Karod** was recently inducted into the University of Maine chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma honor society, a national organization recognizing the top business students.

In June, **John Begin** was elected to the Chelsea school committee. **Robert Liebow** has been promoted to superintendent of Mount Desert Island schools. This position will take him back to the place where he spent his summers, Cranberry Isles. The Cranberries are part of Union 98, as well as the other "outer" islands of Frenchboro and Swans Island. Rob has worked for Union 98 for 13 years, the last six as the top high school administrator. He and his wife Carolyn live in Mount Desert. The couple has two grown children.

Mark Sweeney reached a milestone this season by collecting his 100th career pinch-hit in May while playing with the Colorado Rockies baseball team.

A number of classmates have announced their engagements this year. **David Howard** planned to marry Stephanie Haywood in October. The couple currently lives in the Washington, D.C., area. David is an engineer employed by Bath Iron Works/General Dynamics. **Julie Mason** and **Daniel Hartery** had a July wedding planned in Orono. A fall wedding was planned for **Richard Moffitt** and Vicki Trask. Richard is the director of operations for Chelette Manor, LLC and contracts property and project management services in the greater Bangor area.

This may have happened last year, but it's not too late to congratulate **Dawn Grasso** on her marriage to Ryan Fernald. The couple was married in June of 2003 and lives in Cape Neddick. Dawn is the director of marketing and public relations at York Hospital.

Debra Richards Thibodeau sent in one of the "What's new?" cards with her latest news. She and her husband have a seven-year-old son and live in Georgetown, Maine. Debra is working as a forensic coordination consultant in New

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Hello again! I can't believe that another year has gone by and that it is time for another column. My family is recovering from the busyness of the holidays and we are

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Does everyone else have a substantial "to do" list? Well, here is one more thing to add. Keep in touch

Hampshire part-time and working on getting certified as a guidance counselor in Georgetown Central School. She mentioned that she would love to hear from the RAs from the Bangor campus and other former RDs from Orono. The update cards sent to members of the alumni association are great ways to keep us updated on what's happening in your part of the world.

Maureen Healy Rothbacher and her husband, Richard, are thrilled to announce the birth of their twins, Luke Richard and Anna Maureen, born December 12, 2003. The family lives in South Berwick with their three-year-old daughter, Rose.

I got an e-mail from **Doug Kreis** with some news from his neck of the woods. In November 2003, Doug married Karen Doecker in Battle Creek, Michigan. The couple honeymooned in Belize and Guatemala. Several UMaine alums made the trip to Michigan to celebrate with them including Kathy and Greg Voros '92, Pat '92 and Jayme Lamothe Holland '92, and Kerry and **John Tardif**. This whole group, with the exception of Doug's wife and Kathy Voros, were members of the 100 North Main Foundation. Doug is currently the golf professional at Battle Creek County Club. He also mentioned seeing Pat and Jayme Holland, **Corey Fogarty**, and Tim and Laura Billington Helmig '92 at the wedding of Greg and Kathy Voros in Wilton, Connecticut, in August.

Aren't weddings the best time to meet up with old friends and swap stories of the "good old days?" Please drop me a line with news of your latest gatherings, family additions, career moves, or special memories from our college years.

Best wishes for a season of hope, joy, and peace in the New Year.

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Hello, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. On with the announcements! **James Hartley** was married this summer to Maribeth Whitmore. Congratulations!

Rebecca Day was married to John Faherty on June 12. They honeymooned in Quebec City and



Getting together for a tailgate picnic before the UMaine Homecoming game are (left to right): **Patty Huntley '92**, **Chris McMullin**, and **Karen Stanhope Ryder '80**.

the Gaspé Peninsula and are making their home in York, Maine. Congratulations!

Marjorie Durgin King and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Nelson, on February 9, 2004. And from down under in Australia, David and **Rachel Bonenfant Zehner** had their first child, Annabelle, in September. **Scott** and Jan Vaillancourt **Talcove** '94 had a baby girl on January 8, 2004, which made her the first baby of the New Year in the Old Town area. Congratulations, everyone.

Mary Szwec was hired as superintendent in S.A.D. 56 which is the Searsport area. **Gretchen Wright** reports that she has opened a new practice specializing in the skills of relaxation and therapeutic massage in Lincolnville. She graduated from the Downeast School of Massage last year.

Andrew Grass was promoted to personal lines lead underwriter at MMG Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Maine Mutual Group (MMG). MMG is a regional property and casualty insurance company whose home office is located in Presque Isle. Andrew is also working on his chartered property and casualty underwriter designation.

In Dover-Foxcroft, selectmen have chosen **Jack Clukey** as the new town manager. He and his family will relocate from Baileyville. **Paul Doran** has recently joined the team at Avery Insurance in Wolfboro, which is where he grew up. He concentrates in Medicare, long-term care, and life and financial planning.

In sporting news, after years of coaching Messalonskee High

School field hockey, **Amy Corbett Bernatchez** has been named interim head coach of field hockey at Colby College.

Zoe Harris has announced retirement from coaching the men's non varsity collegiate Husky hockey team at the University of Washington. In 1999 she and Cindy Dayley were the first women to coach men's collegiate ice hockey. Their coaching memorabilia was entered into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Way to go!

That's all for this time—please keep the notes coming. Enjoy the winter, and remember spring is on its way!

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Welcome back to winter. Thanks for your e-mails and cards.

There are a few baby announcements to make—Eric and **Kristen Emerson Brooks** welcomed a little boy, Nicholas Lloyd, on September 13, 2004. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and has a big sister, Alyssa, who turned two in July. Kristen and Eric are living in Windham, New Hampshire.

Ken and **Jennifer Donohue Lloyd** are expecting their first baby in March. Ken and Jennifer have just bought a new home in Melrose, Massachusetts. Congratulations to

you all.

Mike Buckley is the new superintendent of Union 37 in Rangeley, Maine. He is also serving as principal of Rangeley Regional High School. Previously he was assistant superintendent in S.A.D. 3 in Unity, Maine.

Amanda Houston Albert is now working as a kindergarten teacher for Eddington School. **Debi Davidson** is the volunteer president of the Maine chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (a national conservation organization of politically diverse sportsmen and environmentalists). If you'd like more information you can contact Debi at iwlmaine@iwlmaine.org. One (late) wedding announcement—**Sandra Kearns** and Gregory Rogers were married on October 3, 2003, at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham. They honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands and are now living in Bangor. And finally, our good wishes go out to **Brian Wilson** who is stationed in Mosul, Iraq.

I'm looking forward to hearing from more people next issue. Enjoy this winter season.

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Hello, classmates! Since none of you ever write to share your news, we'll continue our longstanding tradition of telling you all of our exciting news (whether you want to hear it or not!). First and foremost, **Beth** has been a busy little bee in the past few months. She's acquired a new fiancé, a new job, and a new Baby. Calm down, everyone—Baby is a stray cat that Beth and Jason have adopted. Cats now outnumber humans 4:2 at their house. While Jason (the fiancé, in case you didn't realize) is not exactly new, the engagement is! A spring 2005 wedding is in the works, and don't worry, you can count on us to keep you posted. By the time this column reaches you, she will also be settled in at her new firm, Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll. Congratulations, Beth!

Speaking of weddings, **Stacey's** wedding did actually take place last July. Leg irons prevented the groom from making a last minute getaway. Due to sheer laziness, she's not changing her name, and the rumor that she has wounded those who call her "missus" is entirely false. As you can see from the new address above, the happy couple has just relocated to New England so that Justin (the husband in question) can attend grad school at MIT. Watch this space for forthcoming complaints about the cold. Stacey is still working as a fundraiser and event coordinator for the American Cancer Society, so if she corners you to talk about volunteering, just dump the contents of your wallet and run the other way!

No doubt there are plenty of other classmates in the Boston area, but one that's easy to spot is **Ken "J.C." Monahan**. Since 2001, she has been the meteorologist and environmental reporter for News-Center 5 WCVB-TV. You can spot her on the weekend evening editions.

In other work related news: **Dean T. Clark** was named to the board of trustees for the Health Services Foundation in Houlton. Dean is a management associate with First Citizens Bank and also serves on the advisory board of the Houlton Parks and Recreation Department. **Rick Doyle** is an award-winning playwright and poet, having won the Maine Playwrights' Contest in 2001 for *Regalia*. He has also won the Grady Award and the SpiritWord Honors Award for his poetry. **Deb Smith** coached the Maine Black Bear softball team to a 2004 America East tournament title. Deb was previously a member of the Black Bear softball team which made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament in 1994. **Matt Wickenheiser** of the *Portland Press Herald-Maine Sunday Telegram* was recognized with an advocacy award from the Maine Small Business Administration. **Andrew Gilmore** is the new town manager of Wiscasset. Andrew was previously Wiscasset's economic developer. **Ralph W. Peterson** is the new principal of Richmond Middle School. Ralph was at Cony High School for more than 15 years, first as a social studies teacher and then as assistant principal. Most recently he was the principal of Buckfield Junior-Senior High School. **Karen Miller Bickmore** is the coach of the Rockland High School girls' basketball team. Karen was profiled in a *Bangor Daily News* article

UMaine grads promoted at Banknorth



Scott Stevens '91 is now an assistant vice president in the marketing department at Banknorth Group in West Falmouth. In that position he will continue to be responsible for Banknorth's corporate marketing budget.

Scott joined Banknorth in 2000. He currently lives in Gorham.



Julie E. Richards Pochehan '93 is now vice president in the human resources department at Banknorth Group in Portland.

Julie has almost eight years of banking experience, having joined Banknorth in 1996. She is a graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and currently lives in Falmouth.

discussing the dearth of female coaches in girls' high school basketball. **Anthony J. Anderson** chairs the Community Health Advisory Board in S.A.D. 11. His primary focus is to prevent and reduce smoking and obesity. **Joan Laliberte Staffiere** is the new principal for Pendleton Street and Capri Street schools in Brewer. Joan spent the previous 10 years as the principal for Eddington School in S.A.D. 63.

In family related news: Scott '92 and **Jan Vaillancourt Talcove** are the proud parents of Ashley Rose Talcove born January 8, 2004. The Talcoves were the winners of the *Penobscot Times* first baby of 2004 contest. **Shaun Sullivan** and his wife, Amy, had a son, Drew Daniel Sullivan, on January 13, 2004. Drew joins two-year-old brother Benjamin in the Sullivan household. **Kendra Warner Raymond** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Nolan Patrick, on March 21, 2004. **Amy Veronica Walkenford** married M. Peter Kestenbaum in New Orleans, Louisiana, in June. They live in South Carolina. Geoff and **Shannon Gardner Curtis** welcomed a little boy, Austin Henry, on July 26, 2004,

weighing eight pounds. They are living in Winchester, Massachusetts.

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I can't believe winter is here, and more importantly, that we are soon to be looking at 10 years out of the University of Maine. Is anyone else surprised at how quickly the years went? I hope your winter is as warm or cold as you like it and that this column finds you well.

I'm happy to report that I have received an e-mail message from one of our classmates, **Monique Robertson**. She has changed coasts, so to speak, and is now living in San Diego, California. She was formerly the principal of East Grand High School in Danforth and is now a principal at the School of Law and Business at Crawford High

Educational Complex in San Diego. Congratulations, Monique, and I hope that you are enjoying the year-round sunshine! For the rest of you, feel free to drop me a note and fill me in on what is happening with you—we love to hear from you!

An article recently in the *Kennebec Journal* highlighted Messalonskee Middle School principal **Mark Hatch** of Oakland, and his relative youth compared to other Maine principals. Mark started out teaching science at Erskine Academy in South China, then was assistant principal at Messalonskee High School for two years, and is now in his second year at the newly constructed Messalonskee Middle School. Mark received his graduate degree from UMaine in 2003.

Daniel Dunkle is settling into his new position of editor of *The Republican Journal* in Belfast. Dan previously worked with the news staff of *The Courier-Gazette* in Rockland, covering courts, county news, and Thomaston town news. In addition, Dan writes movie reviews for *Step-pin' Out* and *The Capital Weekly* in Augusta and will write a bi-weekly column for the *Journal*.

There are two weddings to report. **Antonia Soychak** wed John Walsh on October 1st. Standard Insurance Company employs Antonia, and John is employed with Banknorth. **Timothy Bruce** wed Heidi Ulbrich on August 28th. Citigroup in Portland employs Timothy while Heidi is a nurse in the intensive care unit of Maine Medical Center in Portland. Both couples reside in the Portland area.

The Hayden/Perry Insurance Agency in Presque Isle has hired **Ed Therrien** as an account executive. Ed was previously vice president of operations at a local transportation company. **Bethany Leavitt**, a project engineer in the water engineering division of Wright-Pierce in Portland, has received her professional license from the state of Maine. Speech therapist **Cindy Cowing** has joined the staff of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth.

Tofias PC of Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently hired **John Decamp**. Tofias is one of New England's largest regional certified public accounting and consulting firms with offices in Cambridge and New Bedford, Massachusetts, and Providence and Newport, Rhode Island. John is the business development officer of the employee benefit service group and is responsible for expanding the firm's em-

ployee benefit services practice. John is also a volunteer with the Big Brother Big Sister of New England service program and lives in Nahant, Massachusetts.

The Penobscot Nation has created a department, directed by **Bonnie Parker Newsom**, whose primary goal is to maintain the native language. Bonnie is responsible for language preservation, historic property management on tribal lands, cultural programming, and running the museum. Bonnie has been in the position for two years and has spent lots of time securing funding for the tribe's goals, which include creating a cultural center for the tribe to share its rich history.

Lisa Swett of Orrington has been elected head of the Northeast Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting of United Methodist Women. The group is comprised of nearly half a million women in thousands of Methodist churches. Lisa says one of her goals is to revive the youth mission schools she attended as a teenager. Lisa has attended the First United Methodist Church on Essex Street in Bangor all her life.

And we have two new additions to the alumni offspring. Colin Stephen was born to Chris and **Kassidy Holmes Madden** of Greenbush on August 26, 2003. Colin weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long. Colin has a three-year-old brother, Dylan. And Andy and **Kara Chappelle Grant** welcomed Mitchell Andrew into their family at Maine General Medical Center in Waterville on April 18, 2004.

That's all I have to write about this time around. Feel free to drop us a line and let us know what you are up to. We love to hear from you.

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Greetings, classmates! Here's what some of us have been up to lately—

Nathan Merrill and his wife, Kate Heffner Merrill '02, are living in South Paris, Maine. Nathan was recently named the new teaching principal at Hebron Station Elementary School. He will teach fourth grade half-time, and attend to his principal duties the

other half of the week.

Tim Doak is also a newly appointed school principal. Tim is the principal at Fort Kent Community High School after serving as the superintendent of the Madawaska school department. Tim has 14 years of experience in public schools, spending time teaching, as principal, and as superintendent. **Christina**

Arsenault was honored at the state house in Augusta as a nominee for the 2005 Maine Teacher of the Year award. Christina teaches English at Cony High School.

Aram Calhoun lives in Milford and is assistant professor of wetland ecology at the University of Maine. He was recognized by the college of natural sciences, forestry, and agriculture for his outstanding contributions to the college and university.

Charlie Brown is the artistic director of IZing, a contemporary 18-voice ensemble. Charlie also serves as music director at Christ Church in Kennebunk.

Thomas Desjardin of Pittsfield recently published *These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory*. This is Tom's third book about the Civil War. He is a historian with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Patricia Vadas lives in Orono and has taught art for the Bangor Adult Education program and served as president of the Bangor Art Society. Her artwork has been displayed at Fogler Library and she has won prizes from art societies in Bangor and Waterville.

John Lee of Litchfield is a recreation coordinator for Scarborough Community Services. He recently wed Erin McDaniels. **Michael Feeney** is town manager for the town of Stratford, Connecticut. He received his master's degree in public administration from Western Kentucky University and recently wed Katherine Knott.

And finally, we received a note from **Mark Crepeau**. He is a project manager for Onyx Environmental Services working at the General Electric plant in Lynn, Massachusetts. Mark just bought a home close to Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



Tuba player Jeff Ferrell '93 obviously enjoyed returning to campus to be part of the UMaine Alumni Band performance during Homecoming 2004.

Please drop a line to the alumni association so your classmates can learn what you have been up to lately. Have a great winter!

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Hello, my name is **Yolanda Sly** and I'm your new class correspondent. Currently, I'm a marketing coordinator at Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation in New Jersey. I look forward to keeping the Class of '97 up to date with classmates' news.

If you have anything you'd like to share please e-mail me at: yolanda_sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni association.

Our thanks go to **Erin Flynn** for writing this column for the past several years and keeping the Class of '97 informed about everyone's news. Erin ensured that we had a column in the magazine. Remember—your news is important—isn't

the 1997 column one of the first parts of the magazine that you read?

Andrea Poole Cole received her master's degree in higher education from UMaine in the spring of 2004. Andrea is now working as an academic advisor at UMaine to first and second year education majors in the college of education and human development and continues her work with the National Center for Student Aspirations.

Marc Edwards has resigned from his position of executive director of the Downeast Heritage Center, reports the *Bangor Daily News*.

Louie Hebert received a doctorate in philosophy last year from the University of Toronto, reports *The Weekly*. Louie is currently teaching at Brown University and lives in Providence, Rhode Island, with his wife Edna.

Brandy Lapointe is a guidance counselor at Cape Elizabeth High School in Maine, reports the *Southern Forecaster*. Brandy holds a master's in education from Colorado State University and previously worked at Air Force Academy High School in Colorado Springs.

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A hearty holiday Maine Hello from Germany! Our classmates have been quite busy as we have quite a few updates to report this winter issue.

My fall highlight was when several fellow Maine Betas joined me for opening weekend at Oktoberfest in Munich. Mike "Papa" Johnson '97, **Eric "Slappy" Simonds**, **Adam "Hoagie" Fisher**, and Ward "Uncle Wardy" Libby '99 flew over for a week in September and that particular weekend we raised quite a few steins to "dear old Maine" as well as getting to see the beautiful city.

We would like to announce the births of two new Black Bears to our classmates! Tiffany and **Daniel LaMontagne** informed us of the birth of their second son, Cameron Aidan (eight pounds, 12 ounces and 21 inches). They and their first son, Connor, live in Canaan, Maine. Dan is a forester for Plum Creek Timber Company. Rylie Jade Pleau (six

pounds, three ounces and 20 inches) was born December 15, 2003, to Gary and **Erica Cote Pleau**. Erica works at CORE, a disability insurance company in Portland, Maine. They and their new daughter live in Lyman, Maine.

Five of our classmates got married this summer and fall! On June 19th, **Kim Roux** married Justin Robash in Auburn. Kim teaches third grade at McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston and is working towards her master's degree at the University of New England.

Christopher Brown married Anna Ogrodnik on August 14th. Chris is a senior disability benefits specialist at UnumProvident. On September 4th, **Rachel M. Read** married Adam B. Chamberlin. Rachel is also employed by UnumProvident. **Abigail Deitz** married Joshua Manahan on September 18th. Abigail is the aquarium director for the Maine Department of Marine Resources in Boothbay Harbor. On October 9th, **Jonie Dunivan** married Michael Newman. This year Jonie also graduated from Western New England College School of Law.

On February 24th, **Osmond "Ozzy" Crowley** started work as principal of Mt. View Junior High School in S.A.D. 3 in Maine. This move came after 26 years of service in S.A.D. 48 as a middle school math teacher, a middle school assistant principal, and an athletic director. The "Wizard of Ozz" is looking to organize local sponsors to support a student incentive program at the school.

Earlier this year, **Fran Mullin** of Cornville was named executive director of the Children's Center in Augusta. The center provides year-round services such as speech, developmental, occupational, and physical therapy, to about 110 special-needs children between birth and age five and is currently undergoing a major expansion.

In April, **Jason Cunningham** of Windsor had a Christian song that he wrote, "Lift Your Head," released on the album *In The Beginning*. The album is available nationwide and on HillTopRecords.com. This follows a recent publishing of a novel he wrote by PublishAmerica. Jason is also a copy editor for the *Kennebec Journal*, plays guitar in his band Conversion, and has written an unpublished non-fiction work.

In June, Harriman Associates in Auburn, Maine, announced that **William J. Bell III** started working for them as an electrical designer.

He designs and develops detailed system design in CADD to include writing specifications, performing code studies, and verifying code compliance. William resides in Augusta, Maine, with his wife, Beth, and their two daughters, Alyssa and Samantha.

Some of our classmates continue to excel in athletics. **Gabe Memmert** is currently playing first base with the Elmira Pioneers of the Northeast League. This is his first season with the team and seventh season overall playing minor league ball; Gabe previously played five years in Johnstown. **Cindy Blodgett** played guard for another season with the Springfield Spirit of the NWBL. Earlier this year Cindy was recognized for her accomplishments on the UMaine women's basketball team by having her number, 14, retired and placed on a banner. In July, Cindy was also named as a 2004 Bulldog Award honoree by the Lawrence High School Alumni Association.

Several athletes in our class are now making major contributions as coaches. In February, Bucksport High School named **Mike Cowing** as their new boys' varsity basketball coach. Mike is also the varsity baseball and golf coach for the Golden Bucks as well as a math teacher at the school. He has been on the basketball coaching staff at the school the past five years, most recently as the boys' junior varsity coach. As head coach of the baseball program for the past two years, Mike guided the team to playoff appearances both years, to include winning the Eastern Maine Class B Championship in 2003. This past May, UMaine announced that **Michelle Puls** will serve as interim head coach of the softball team for the 2004-2005 season. Michelle has been the assistant coach for the team for five years. Her responsibilities include coaching catching, infield, and hitting as well as recruiting and serving as the first base coach. **Rex Turner** completed his first season as coach of Cony High School this spring with a 15-4 record and was named the *Kennebec Journal* Coach of the Year. Rex also works as a guide at Old Fort Western in Augusta, at



Performing in the Alumni Band at Homecoming is a family affair for David '94 and Laurie Mann Spooner '96, '98G and baby Mikaela.

Frozen Ropes baseball clinic in Portland, and as a substitute teacher at Cony.

Keep up the good work with all your accomplishments! Please don't forget to keep your classmates informed of all your endeavors, as well as those of others, by dropping a quick note or e-mail; the more we have to share the better! Enjoy the rest of your winter and if anyone would like to join me on the Alps this winter, let me know!

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The summer of 2004 seems to have been a busy one for the Class of 1999.

Two of our classmates heard wedding bells over the summer.

Benjamin Perry exchanged vows with Jessica Lawrence in Sorrento in July. Benjamin is a teacher at Poland Regional High School. **Rick Cyr** and Mandy Raymond were married in August. Rick is a certified public accountant at Baker, Newman, and Noyes. The couple lives in southern Maine. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Congratulations are also in order for **Cassie Magoon Byrd** and husband Jeremy '01 who welcomed a daughter Ryleigh Madison on July 2. **Lynnette Whitney** recently purchased her first home in Barre, Vermont. **Shari St. Pierre Cloutier** and husband Jason moved into a new home in Lewiston this summer.

Jeremy Ray of Union, Maine, is the principal at the Canal School in Westbrook, Maine. After graduation, he was employed as the assistant principal at Dexter Middle School and more recently, he was the principal at Appleton Village School in Knox County. **John Lisa** is teaching at Messalonskee Middle School, after spending two years as principal at Belgrade Central School.

Denison Gallaudet, who received his Ph.D. from UMaine in 1999, has been Richmond's superintendent of schools for five years. He lives in Cumberland.

Charley Martin-Berry of Sedgwick ran in the District 37 Democratic primary election for the Maine Legislature. Although Charley didn't win the primary, she believes that her foray into politics was exciting and educational. These days, she's keeping busy with two jobs and planning to build a home with husband Jake.

While you are writing your holiday cards, don't forget to send us an update!

All the best for 2005!

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Snow—snow—snow—the beautiful white blanket that covers the landscape. This is a picture that is still in my head of my time at UMaine with the mall area and all the trees covered in the white powder. I hope this issue of the classnotes finds you in good health and good cheer as the year 2005 begins. Hope all of you had a great holiday season and

were able to have a white Christmas.

I just got back from Elizabeth Elias's '01 wedding in Massachusetts where I revisited with classmates **Amy Quist** and **Christopher Mockler**, along with other UMaine alumni Carolyn Fotiu '01 and Seth Garland '99. Amy Quist is working at an environmental education center on Cape Cod and is enjoying working with fifth graders there. Chris Mockler just moved back to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, from New Orleans with his wife, Kathy, and is teaching elementary school.

Other classmates have been on the move with jobs also. **Stephanie Sturtevant** has started a new job with KAPPA Mapping as a member of its photogrammetric mapping team. **Mandy J. Fox** is the new director of residence life at Simpson College in Iowa. **Nathaniel H. Smith** of Auburn, Maine, was recently hired by Harriman Associates of Auburn, Maine, as a site designer and engineer-in-training. He is working on Scarborough High School Community Park, Biddeford Middle School, and Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice.

Two classmates made strides in the realm of education. **Shannon Greaney** of Milo, Maine, was named Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart's Brewer store. She is a teaching specialist with Jobs for Maine's Graduates at Brewer Middle School. The award is given annually by the Wal-Mart department store chain to a local teacher in every store area. **Judy Burgess** of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, retired from teaching after 32 years. Her interest was in multi-cultural education and she focused her master's degree at UMaine on multi-cultural books in the primary grades.

Classmate **Michael Hussey** stays active in his creation of the website www.RateMyTeacher.com and www.RateMyProfessor.com. Now parents can rate their children's teachers as well on the site. Being a teacher I have viewed my ratings on this website several times. Classmate **Christine Anuszewski** just returned to Maine after six-and-a-half months of backpacking through Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. She is currently doing real estate and summer holiday home rentals for her family's business, Maritime Realty, at Goose Rocks Beach. If anyone is interested in property there e-mail her at: maritimegr@adelphia.net.

The wedding bells are ringing for several classmates this holiday



A group of UMaine Beta brothers flew to Munich in September to join '98 class correspondent Rob Brewer at Oktoberfest. Rob, an Army captain, is stationed in Germany after serving in Iraq. Left to right are: Eric Simonds '98, Adam Fisher '98, Michael Johnson '97, '99G, Ward Libby '99, and Rob.

season. **Chad Plummer**, former track athlete, and **Kara Lauze** were engaged in April during a trip to Oranjestad, Aruba. A September 24, 2005, wedding is being planned. Classmate **Linda Lombardi** is engaged to Brian Jurdak '03 and the couple is busy planning a September 2005 wedding. Linda works as a chemical engineer for Nalco Company. **Wendy Hughes** plans to marry John Baker in September 2005. She is employed with R.M. Davis of Portland, Maine.

Classmate **Margo McEwen** married Curt Pepper on September 18, 2004. Margo is employed by Hannaford Brothers. Classmate **Andrew King** married Nicole Perkins on August 14, 2004, and now resides in Easton, Maine. Andrew operates Circle K Dairy Farm with his father in Easton. Classmate **Lisa Trefts** of Franklin, Maine, was married this past May to Jeffrey Stone. Both are employed at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. **Jamie Wheelden** married Todd Bangs this past August. She is employed by Brewer Veterinary Clinic. **Velvet Guiggey** married John Regan III on August 21, 2004.

She is working on her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law and plans to graduate in May 2005. Congratulations to all the happy couples.

As for me, **Heidi Dombrock**, I have completed my graduate work in education at Loyola College in Maryland. I'm kept busy with my three dogs and coaching soccer on the club level and high school level. Please keep in touch and e-mail me any news you have to share with your classmates: hdommy1@comcast.net or hdombrock@wire-solutions.net.

2001

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Once again, fellow alumni, as I write this, the weather is turning colder, the holidays are on their way, and another school year has started.

Many of us have started new endeavors and new chapters in our lives to greet the new season. Take a minute to read about what your fellow UMaine grads have been up to.

Joanne Harriman has recently been named the new director for School Union 98. She was voted in by the Mount Desert Island school committee unanimously. Also, **Lesley Lichko** has been appointed development director for Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, an international non-profit studio program in the arts located on Deer Isle. **Cheryl Leblond** has been promoted to director of acute services at Mid-Coast Mental Health Center. Cheryl has worked there since 1996 and she will be managing four departments. **Chris Frank**, who recently obtained his second degree from UMaine, a master's degree in spatial information engineering, has started his own mapping software development company. His company, Intelligent Spatial Technologies, is located at the Target Industrial Center in Orono. **Sean Fredric Edgecomb** will soon be studying towards his doctoral degree in drama at the graduate school of arts and sciences at Tufts University. We wish the best of luck to all on their new endeavors.

Kimberly Savage recently made news with her innovative idea for blankets for the children in the pediatric intensive care unit at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She has created a blanket that incorporates many pieces of traditional silk trim into the edges of the blanket. The blankets are loved by all the children who receive them and Eastern Maine Medical Center is proud of Kimberly.

Sarah Morton Morrell became a mom on January 31, 2004, after the birth of her daughter, Isabella Joleen Morrell. Isabella was born to Josh '02 and Sarah Morrell at Mercy Hospital and weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. Both mom and baby are happy and healthy!

We have some new brides and grooms-to-be in our midst. **Nichole Leighton** recently announced her engagement to Jason Pothier. She currently teaches sixth grade at Beech Hill School in Otis. They plan to wed in August of 2005. **Kristofor Healey** and Laura Maddock '04 will marry in a June 2005 ceremony in Portland. Kristofor recently earned his M.A. in history and is currently working for Casco Bay Lines in Portland. May 2005 will bring wed-

ding bells for Wendy Cummings and **Chad Daniel Greenleaf**.

Last but not least, **Samantha Michelle Brann** is a newlywed! On August 7th, 2004, she married Nicholas Fischer Runco '03. May the honeymoon never end for all our happy couples.

That concludes another alumni column and as usual, we want to hear from you. Remember to send us your baby, career, and wedding news! Have a fantastic fall and remember to take a trip back to UMaine!

2002

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Now that summer is over and autumn passed by, winter brings changes with our classmates. Many of us took the opportunity and time to plan and get married. **Karen Stebbins** and Lucas Takatsu got married on September 10, 2004. Karen is a registered nurse at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta and both she and Lucas live in Gardiner. **Adam Killip** and Brianna DeLong got married in July. Adam is a sixth grade teacher at the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School.

Kelli Ann Moore and Ensign Douglas Raineault were married at the U.S. Naval Academy chapel in Annapolis, Maryland. She is employed as a tax accountant by KPMG, LLP. **Sherri Smith** and Jamie Ryder planned a wedding in October. She is employed as an adult day program specialist by AMICUS. The couple resides in St. Albans. **Tim Bonenfant** and Erika Veilleux '04 are busy planning a wedding for May 2005. Tim currently works as a retail manager in Bangor. Emily Nabozny '03 and **Josiah Willey** are planning a July 2005 wedding. Emily is a third grade teacher in Fairfax, Virginia. Josiah is pursuing a master's degree in special education at George Washington University. They live in Washington, D.C.

Loriann Magno and Paul Bosse '03 wed this past autumn on September 25th in Auburn. Loriann is employed as a staff accountant at Baker, Newman, and Noyes, LLC. **Kim Chaisson** and Marc Kirk '04

got married on June 5th. Kim is planning on graduating with her master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn in May 2005. **Jennifer Black** and Kenroy Patrick will be planning a wedding in the near future; no date has been set. She is pursuing her master's degree and is employed at Griffiths Associates in Augusta. **Michael Lee** and Katie Jackson were married this November. Michael is employed at MBNA in Belfast. **Emily Poppish** wed Nicholas Morin on July 10, 2004. Emily teaches math at Traip Academy in Kittery. **Jessica Walker** wed Justin Lewis on August 28, 2004, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor. Jessica is a speech language pathologist at New England Speech Services in Biddeford. **Jessica Bennoch** wed Cory Ouellette in the fall. Jessica works at the University of Maine.

On a different note, **Elizabeth Holmes Baker** welcomed a new member to her family; Madilyn Baker was born on April 10, 2004, at New London Hospital in Connecticut.

Some of our classmates look forward to the fall when school starts in anticipation of new classes and students to teach. **Justin Page** is leading the Old Town High School girls' varsity basketball team in the 2004-2005 season. **Allen Cole** has taken the helm at the Penobscot Elementary School. Allen has worked at the school since 1994. He teaches math and serves as the school's athletic director.

Emily Cain was elected as a state representative from Orono. She began her two-year term in January as a member of the committee on education and public affairs. Emily recently received her master's degree in higher education administration and policy from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She now works for the alumni association as special assistant for presidential events. She was married to Daniel Williams '91 this past August.

Anna Bourakovsy recently interned in Siberia's Lake Baikal. She spent her time comparing the life existing in Lake Baikal and Lake Tahoe. Both are battling pollution, but to different degrees. She now works at MERI in Blue Hill.

Aaron Hoshide is known to locals as the ultimate frisbee guru and is currently enrolled as a grad student at the university.

In the great wide world of sports, **Chad Hayes** has had a busy year

with football since his UMaine days. Chad is a native of Old Town and former UMaine football tight end. He has currently worked out a deal to play on the Cincinnati Bengals football team. Up until now Chad had been playing in the World Bowl for the Frankfort Galaxy. **Matt Yeats**, former UMaine men's hockey goalie, will be heading to the National Hockey League. Matt will be the back-up for Olaf Kolzig of the Washington Capitals.

Some of you may wonder how I get this information. The great staff at the alumni association provides me with newspaper articles from around the state that mention your news and events. If you have any news that you would like to share, please let me know. I would love to hear from you!

2003

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Many members of the Class of 2003 were busy getting married this summer. **Kristin Van Wyngarden** and **Craig Coolidge** were set to be married last June. Kristin is working at the Laura E. Richards School in Gardiner and Craig is working at Summit Geoengineering Services in Lewiston. At last contact **Louise Jill Hebert** was planning a July wedding to **Lawrence Ellis III**. She is now a student at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Larry is employed by Georgia-Pacific. Also getting married in July was **Mary-Ann Barry**. She is a social worker in Ellsworth. **Michael Lewark** was also set to be married in July. Currently he is pursuing his master's degree in electrical engineering. There were two August weddings for members of the Class of 2003. **Morgan King**, who is a preschool teacher in Dedham, was planning a wedding on August 28th.

Erin Gauvette and **William Seavey** got married on August 14, 2004. Erin is a registered nurse in the cardiac unit of Eastern Maine Medical Center. William is attending Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Also planning a wedding on that date was **Angie Libby**. She is employed by Child Development Services. **Melissa Collenburg**, who received her master's in social work

at the University of Maine, was set to be married this October. She is currently working at the Spurwink School in Brunswick as a social worker. **Casey Scott** was also planning an October wedding as well. Casey is now working for CCB. Finally, **Caileen Nutter** is planning a June 2005 wedding to **Dustin Gamache**. Caileen recently returned from volunteer work in Asia and Africa. Dustin just arrived back from service in Iraq. He is stationed with the S&T Troop of the 3rd ACR at Fort Carson in Colorado. Caileen wrote to say they recently purchased their first house!

Congratulations are in order to **George Woodward**. He has joined Current Publishing as the newest sports reporter. **Michael Loveless** has joined the Child Health Center as a mentoring coordinator in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program. Two graduates of the engineering programs have new positions. **Colby Sturtevant** has joined MacMillan & Donnelly of Falmouth as an environmental engineer, and **Philip Badger** has been hired as an engineer at WBRC. **Catherine Schmitt** has recently joined the Maine Sea Grant program as a science writer and **Jonathan Seavey** is now Piscataquis County's part-time emergency management agency director.

Finally, congratulations are also in order to **Kenneth Morgan**, who has been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the honorary business society, **Cindy Albert**, who was one of two Aroostook County teachers selected for the 2004 Maine Teacher of the Year Award, and **Duska Hayman** who was reelected to the Veazie school committee.

2004

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The Class of 2004 has a class correspondent poised and ready to report your news. Please send your information to **Dylan Mooney** at the above address. Whether you have a new apartment, are job hunting, recently engaged, continuing your education, or figuring out your next move, write and let Dylan know. He looks forward to hearing from you soon.

Weddings

1959

Elinor Lorraine Luce Lopez to James Milton Knowlen on July 17, 2004, in Portland, Maine. They live in Portland.

1971

James D. Julia to Sandra Noyes Davis on March 25, 2004, in Greenville, Maine. They took a wedding trip to the Dominican Republic and live in South China, Maine.

1974

Brian R. Wolcott to **Vicki Lynn Cambridge '75** on July 17, 2004, on Great Diamond Island, Maine. They live in Cumberland Foreside, Maine.

1982

Edwin Atlee Garrett IV to Natalia Pavlovna Golubina on July 17, 2004, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They reside in Bar Harbor.

1983

Brad Weller to Tara Machado on July 3, 2004, in Cumberland, Maine. They reside in Falmouth, Maine.
Michael J. Soucy to **Mary L. Shibles '95** on October 9, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada, and reside in Hermon, Maine.

1984

Alan Stanhope to Tracy Huber on July 11, 2004, in Malibu, California. They took an Alaskan cruise and live in Simi Valley, California.

1985

John "Jay" Thompson to **Linda Robbins Townsend '99** on July 3, 2004, in Waldoboro, Maine. They honeymooned in New Orleans and live in Limestone, Maine.

1987

Daniel Paul Philippon to Sarah Treadway Ballou on September 18, 1994, in Stonington, Connecticut. They live in Westerly, Rhode Island, and Jupiter, Florida.



Among the UMaine alumni who attended the wedding of Stacey Stump '94 and Justin Britt were, back row (left to right): Patrick Doak '94, Kristen Lilley Murphy (visiting student in '92-'93), and Brent Littlefield '94. Front row: Stacey, Yolanda Sly '97, and Beth Watson '94.

1988

Elaine Larochelle to Jason St. George on May 22, 2004, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They took a Mediterranean cruise and live in Kittery Point, Maine.

1989

Ellen Kanner to Ray Marcotte on May 7, 2004, in Salzburg, Austria. They honeymooned in Germany, France, and Austria, and reside in Lebanon, New Hampshire.
Eileen Mary Hecker to Jacob Nathan Ouellette on April 17, 2004, in Lewiston, Maine. They took a trip to Jamaica and reside in Portland.

1990

Scott Frederick Hoagland to Lisa Masten on June 26, 2004, in Rindge, New Hampshire. They took a trip to Prince Edward Island and reside in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

1992

Nancy Anne Allard to Ronald Robert Jusseaume on July 7, 2004, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They reside in Wells, Maine.
Todd Marlowe to Tina Marean on May 15, 2004, in Hinckley, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Punta

Cana, Dominican Republic, and live in Waterville, Maine.

Todd D. Tesseo to Christine D. Shea on July 17, 2004, in Newport, Rhode Island. They honeymooned in Canada and reside in Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Rebecca Day to John Faherty on June 12, 2004, in York, Maine. Following a trip to the Gaspé Peninsula and Quebec City, they live in York.

David M. Mitchell to Kristen Berube on September 11, 2004, in Kennebunk, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Montreal, Canada, and live in Portland.

1993

James F. Gillen, Jr. to Trudi J. Shaw on June 12, 2004, in South Portland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and reside in Gray, Maine.

1994

Naomi Corson to Jeff Brown on June 19, 2004, in Brewer, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Georgia and reside in Brewer.
Amy Veronica Walkenford to M. Peter Kestenbaum on June 12, 2004, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Following a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple resides in Greenville, South Carolina.

Gretchen Dee Ulman to Jon Christopher Lundberg on July 4, 2004, in Fort Fairfield, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Windham, Maine.

Shawn Davis Johnson to Christine Louise Pelletier on July 16, 2004, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Bermuda and live in East Winthrop, Maine.

Kirsten L. Cyr to **Scott A. Ismail '97** on September 26, 2004, in Bar Harbor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Italy and reside in Dedham, Maine.

1995

Antonia Maria Soyachak to John George Walsh on July 31, 2004, in Portland, Maine. They honeymooned in Bar Harbor and reside in Portland.

Laura Carnes to Jason Gall on June 12, 2004, in East Winthrop, Maine. They reside in Cumberland Foreside, Maine.

David S. Wooten to Kathleen A. Walsh on September 18, 2004, in Randolph, Massachusetts. They reside in Salem, Massachusetts.

1996

Patrick Joseph Sullivan, Jr. to Siobhan Kathleen Lawlor on May 29, 2004, in Glastonbury, Connecticut. They traveled to San Francisco and Hawaii, and live in Glastonbury.
Todd Eastman to Sara Lamson on August 28, 2004, in Brewer, Maine. They reside in Savannah, Georgia.

1997

David Bolduc to Tammy O'Neil on September 3, 2004, in Kennebunkport, Maine. They live in South Portland.

Richard J. Radulski to Corey Mullen on June 26, 2004, in Weymouth, Massachusetts. They traveled to Bermuda and live in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Brendan J. Fitzgerald to Erin Lynne Benjamin in Springfield, Massachusetts.

1999

Mark Peter Gilbert to Nola Ann Gagne on May 29, 2004, in Isle La Motte, Vermont. They took a wedding trip to Mexico and reside in Highgate Springs, Vermont.
Sarah Davis to Bruce Rideout, Jr. on July 17, 2004, in Dedham, Maine. Following a trip to the Caribbean, they reside in Bangor, Maine.

2000

Sean Fidler to **Melanie McGlinchey** '02 on May 29, 2004, in Gorham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Australia and live in Portland.
Mathew P. Michaud to **Tracy Fongemie** '01 on June 30, 2004, in Jamaica. They took a honeymoon cruise to Jamaica, the Grand Cayman Islands, and Cozumel, and live in Jay, Maine.
Rebecca Jean Corey to Jason Michael Petrie on May 29, 2004, in East Orrington, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, and reside in Winslow, Maine.
Jodi Ann Fadrigon to Christopher Michael Mason on August 7, 2004, in Orono, Maine. They live in Bangor, Maine.
Michelle Ouellette to Jessie Dionne on July 23, 2004, in St. Agatha, Maine. Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, they reside in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Phillip Daniel Arnold to **Marcy Elizabeth LaVallee** '02 on August 14, 2004, in West Bethel, Maine. They live in Rockport, Massachusetts.
Mary Verrill to **Matthew Poulin** '02 on August 14, 2004, in Auburn, Maine. They live in Yarmouth.

2001

Amy Oliver to **Eryn L. Montgomery** '03 on June 12, 2004, in Chatham, Massachusetts. They reside in Amherst, Massachusetts.
Danielle Pelletier to Terrence Robinson II on August 14, 2004, in Bermuda. They reside in Portland.
Emily Burns to Joseph Flynn on November 8, 2003, in Scarborough, Maine. They honeymooned in Flori-

da and reside in Portland.
Samantha Michelle Brann to **Nicholas Fischer Runco** '03 on August 7, 2004, in Orono, Maine.
Andrew Peter Morton to Katharine Young Sidell on June 26, 2004, in Wellesley, Massachusetts. They live in Ashland, Massachusetts.
Channa D. Jackson to Jim A. Stacey on May 29, 2004, in Northeast Harbor, Maine. They honeymooned in Indialantic, Florida, and reside in Canton, Michigan.
Catherine Henrick to David Twiss on September 24, 2004, in Peabody, Massachusetts. They took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and live in Dracut, Massachusetts.
Stephen Schuman to Anastasia Chaplin on September 5, 2004, in Rockport, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Maui and live in Winthrop, Maine.
David A. Pfaefflin to **Rebecca Butler** '03 on June 26, 2004, in Scarborough, Maine. They honeymooned in San Francisco and reside in Bainbridge Island, Washington.
Katrina Petersen and Paul Van Overbeke on October 23, 2004, in Belfast, Maine. They reside in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

2002

Dawn Conary to Ryan Miller on June 26, 2004, in Old Town, Maine. They honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and reside in Phoenix, Arizona.
Kimberly Ann Crouse to **Robert Pontau, Jr.** on June 12, 2004, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. They honeymooned on a southern Caribbean cruise and reside in Durham, Maine.
Kate Parkhurst to **Mark Carpenter** on August 7, 2004, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. After a honeymoon on Cape Cod, they live in Saco, Maine.



Kelli Ann Moore '02 was married to **Ensign Douglas Emrick Raineault** on August 21 at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel. They had a honeymoon in Maui and now live in Virginia Beach. Kelli works as a senior tax accountant in Norfolk, Virginia, where Douglas is stationed on the USS *Winston S. Churchill*.

Benjamin Joshua Alley to Aimé Marie Audet on May 22, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica, and reside in Warwick, Rhode Island.
Adam Killip to Brianna DeLong on July 24, 2004, in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. They honeymooned at Pemaquid Point and reside in South Portland.
Kelli Ann Moore to Douglas Emrick Raineault on August 21, 2004, in Annapolis, Maryland. They took a wedding trip to Maui and live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
Johanna McDougall to Matthew Libby on September 4, 2004, in Hermon, Maine. They honeymooned on the way to Bozeman, Montana, where they reside.
Whitney King to **Charles Buker** on August 14, 2004, in Minot, Maine. They took a trip to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, and reside in Auburn, Maine.

2003

Anna LaRoche to **Jared Bears** '04 on May 29, 2004, in Greenville,

Maine. They took a wedding trip to Montana and live in Millinocket, Maine.
Brian W. Burbank to Olivia Zimba on May 31, 2003, in Oakland, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a cruise in the Caribbean Islands and live in Fort Rucker, Alabama.
Amanda Leroux to **Ryan Lane** on September 20, 2003, in Westbrook, Maine. They honeymooned in Aruba and live in Windham, Maine.
Kathryn White to Joshua Brown on July 31, 2004, in Sebasco Estates, Maine. They reside in Lincoln, Maine.
Erik Lewis McCarthy to **Abbey Marie Watkinson** '04 on July 17, 2004, in Rockport, Maine. They honeymooned in Turks and Caicos Islands.
Noah Emery to Laura Ann Stewart on July 30, 2004, in South Berwick, Maine. They took a cruise to Bermuda and live in Eliot, Maine.
Jennifer Fraunhofer to Chad Barton on September 18, 2004, at Sugarloaf/USA. They reside in Etna, Maine.

2004

Sarah Abbott to Matthew Marshall on June 10, 2004, in Hancock, Maine. They honeymooned in the White Mountains and reside in Franklin, Maine.
Krystal May Nicholson to **Douglas Edward Morrison** on July 31, 2004, in Millinocket, Maine. They spent their honeymoon on a cruise and in Jamaica and reside in Bradley, Maine.
Jeffrey E. Oliver to Sarah Dwyer on May 29, 2004, in Ashland, Maine. They live in Pensacola, Florida.
Michaelene M. Seavey to Ian S. Spencer on August 7, 2004, in Baileyville, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and reside in Lincoln, Maine.
Bradley E. Perron to Elysia E. Curtis on August 22, 2004, in Plaistow, New Hampshire. They traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon and reside in Dover, New Hampshire.

Deaths

1925

Hazel Clara Rand Wescott, August 11, 2004, from Standish, Maine, at 102.

1927

Helen Adams Peabody Davis, August 31, 2004, from Durham, North Carolina, at 99.

Edith Charlotte Merchant Turner, May 25, 2004, from Burlington, Vermont, at 98.

1928

James Madison Bridges, April 30, 2003, from Arlington, Virginia, at 96.

1929

Arline Francena Palmer Bowsher, June 29, 2003, from Ormond Beach, Florida, at 96.

Mary Elizabeth Robinson McClure, August 30, 2004, from Bangor, at 96.

1931

Leo Francis O'Neil, June 7, 2004, from Columbia, South Carolina, at 97.

Francis Billings Webster, August 28, 2004, from Veazie, Maine, at 94.

Raymond Earl White, September 8, 2004, from Oxford, Massachusetts, at 97.

1932

Edward Wiley Buzzell, September 5, 2004, from West Fryeburg, Maine, at 95.

Clarine Mildred Coffin Grenfell, September 7, 2004, from Orland, Maine, at 93.

Gordon "Hap" Sampson Hayes, June 18, 2004, from Newcastle, Maine, at 93.

Marion Ruth Ewan Lapham, June 6, 2004, from Kittery, at 93.

1933

Dr. Horace Hill Gould, October 9, 2004, from Surry and Ellsworth, Maine, at 93.

William Bartlett Pond, February 10, 1994, from Portland, Oregon, at 82.

1934

Hayden Sewall Rogers, June 28, 2004, from Newport, Rhode Island, and Rumford, Maine, at 91.

Hope Wilkinson Clark Spater, July 18, 2004, from Hanover, New Hampshire, at 91.

1935

Richard Herman Mansur, October 12, 2004, from Richmond, Virginia, at 91.

Angelo Guy Miniutti, June 25, 2004, from South Berwick, Maine, at 90.

Dorothy "Dotty" Louise Sawyer MacMichael Shorey, August 19,

2004, from Skowhegan, at 90.

1936

Kenneth Horace Johnstone, January 11, 2004, from Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, at 89.

Grenville "Gren" Elder Jordan, Jr., July 22, 2004, from Scarborough, Maine, at 91.

Alice Wood Campbell Wakefield, July 17, 2004, from Westborough and East Sandwich, Massachusetts, at 88.

Leonore Evelyn Dorr Wiley, November 7, 2001, from Mukilteo, Washington, at 86.

1938

Richard "Dick" Woodman Gerry, June 9, 2004, from Orono, at 89.

Evelyn "Evy" Buck Adriance Miles, September 21, 2004, from Orono, at 87.

William "Salt" Clarence Saltzman, August 19, 2004, from South Bend, Indiana, at 88.

Marguerite Mary Benjamin Smith, July 1, 2004, from Bangor at 88.

Walter Sylvester Staples, August 14, 2004, from Tamworth, New Hampshire, at 90.

1939

Ruth "Greg" Evelyn Gregory Blethen, June 12, 2004, from Hollis, Maine, at 87.

Charles St. John Hill, September 11, 2004, from Cedar Grove, New Jersey, at 86.

Katherine Elizabeth Gross MacDonald Walker, August 30, 2004, from Eastham, Massachusetts, at 86.

1940

Charles Donald Brown, June 21, 2004, from Scarborough, at 91.

Constance "Connie" Young Millett, June 9, 2004, from Brewer, at 85.

Edith Irene Whitman Smith, August 2, 2004, from Stonington, at 86.

1941

Boaventura Lopes DaSilva, April 12, 2003, from Fairhaven, Massachusetts, at 83.

Clayton "Buddy" Heber Gay, August 8, 2004, from Cherryfield, Maine, and Zephyrhills, Florida, at 82.

David Sutton Greenlaw, August 21, 2004, from Macedon, New York, at 84.

Marion Flint Miller Herrick, June 30, 2004, from Augusta and Thomaston, Maine, at 89.

Earle Lewis Ingalls, August 25, 2004, from Falmouth, Maine, at 85.

Robert Malcom McGregor, Sep-



Clarine Coffin Grenfell '32 died on September 7, 2004, at the age of 93.

In addition to her degree from UMaine, she was a graduate of the Hartford Divinity Seminary. She was a well-known teacher, writer, and church leader. From 1996 to 2002 she wrote the Senior Alumni column for *Mainely People*. In 2002 she was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by the University of Maine.

tember 22, 2004, from Branford, Connecticut, at 86.

Richard Tribler Nunan, July 12, 2004, from Mount Dora, Florida, at 86.

Benjamin "Ben" Sabin Troop, February 2004, from Seattle, Washington, at 86.

Dorothy Allen Werner, July 8, 2004, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 84.

1942

Janice "Jan" Dean Woodward Beedy, August 30, 2004, from Portland, at 85.

Barbara Marie Rowe Gillis, October 14, 2004, from Venice, Florida, at 83.

Virginia "Jinny" Charlotte Stevens Laris, April 28, 2004, from Mexico City, Mexico, and Old Town.

1943

Clement Stevens Dunning, September 17, 2004, from Brunswick, Maine, at 87.

Robert Dale Ingalls, September 6, 2004, from Delaware, at 82.

Doris Louise Webbley Nichols, October 4, 2004, from Chamberlain, Maine, at 82.

George Austin Norton, July 3, 2004, from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, at 82.

Everett Beach Thurlow, July 2004, from Arundel, Maine, at 83.

Donald Battye Wheeler, August 12, 2004, from Canton, Massachusetts, at 83.

1944

Dorothy Perkins Waterhouse Casey, October 9, 2004, from Bangor at 82.

Robert Ernest Foye, September 24, 2004, from Sidney, Maine, at 92.

Arthur Lee Gilpatrick, September 20, 2004, from Whiting, Maine, at 83.

Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Hodges, Jr., September 3, 2004, from Reading, Massachusetts, at 81.

William "Bill" Thomas Houlihan, July 26, 2004, from Bangor, at 83.

Robert Earl MacKenzie, June 7, 2004, from Berwick, Maine, at 82.

Margaret "Peg" Loret Chase Morrill, July 5, 2004, from Industry, Maine, at 81.

Layton "Les" Eugene Spaulding, May 14, 2004, from Appling, Georgia, at 81.

Mary Eleanor Bickford Wyman, July 28, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 83.

1945

William Buck Crossley, December 2, 1993, from Venezuela, at 70.

Norma Erminia Quinn Kennie, September 9, 2004, from North Windham and Bangor, Maine, at 81.

DeVere "Rick" Wellington Ryckman, September 14, 2004, from Glendale, Missouri, at 80.

1946

Eugene Crosby Gamble, March 25, 2004, from Veazie, Maine, at 80.

Ruth "Buttercup" Elizabeth Butterfield Weeks, October 5, 2004, from Bangor, at 80.

1947

Malcolm "Mac" Hinckley Blodgett, June 27, 2004, from East Orange, New Jersey, at 82.

Henry Richard Hanson, July 26, 2004, from Vassalboro at 76.

Charles "Chuck" Connell McLean II, September 21, 2004, from Westbrook, Maine, at 78.

Raymond Moulton Meserve, Jr., May 7, 2003, from Ocala, Florida, at 80.

Patricia Jean Hutto Reynolds Studley, June 7, 2004, from Portland and Northeast Harbor, at 78.

1948

Helen Osgood Nickerson Bagot, September 1, 2004, from Castine, Maine, at 78.

Donald Chester Ellis, November 6,

2003, from Jasper, Texas, at 76.

Irving Raymond Gray, September 15, 2004, from Hampton, New Hampshire, at 80.

Frank "Frankie" Warren Haines, Jr., August 1, 2004, from Lawrenceville, New Jersey, at 83.
Madolyn Elsie Hawes Keiran, July 23, 2004, from Natick, Massachusetts, at 77.

Barbara "Barb" Vaughan Lemay, September 15, 2004, from Winchester, Virginia, at 87.

1949

Robert Kenneth Franz, July 12, 2004, from Bangor, at 80.

Gerald "Jerry" Waltz Hilton, August 8, 2004, from Warren, Maine, at 82.

Robert "Doc" Mardell Savage, Sr., September 3, 2004, from Wayland, Massachusetts, at 84.

John Leighton Stanley, July 19, 2004, from Milbridge, Maine, at 85.

Robert Stephen Temple, December 30, 1999, from Concord, Massachusetts, at 77.

1950

Warren Ishmael Brown, August 16, 2004, from Bucksport and Fort Kent, at 78.



Frank Warren Haines '48 receiving the Golden "M" Award for outstanding class leadership from Fred Knight '49 at Reunion '98. Frank served as '48 class president for 15 years. Frank was a World War II veteran and the retired executive director of the New Jersey Taxpayers Association. His wife Alice is also a Class of '48 member. In addition, three of their children and one grandchild are UMaine graduates.

Eric Rodney Doughty, August 13, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 78.

Russell Emery Dow, September 12, 2004, from Acton, Massachusetts, at 81.

Edward Julius Happ, August 19, 2004, from Port St. Lucie, Florida, at 80.

Charles Anthony Helfen, August 8, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, at 81.

Lewis Goodrich Hughes, July 6, 2004, from Scarborough, at 78.

Joseph "Joe" David Leonard, July 8, 2004, from Boothbay, at 81.

Julius Vincent Marzul, October 3, 2004, from Gorham, Maine, at 78.

Francis Xavier Murphy, August 2, 2004, from Portland, at 75.

Edward Roger Simmons, October 11, 2004, from Sedgwick, Maine, at 78.

Ruth Elaine Hawkins Sullivan, September 27, 2004, from South Portland, Maine.

Robert Gorgon Thomas, October 7, 2004, from Bangor, at 77.

Richard Bradford Whalen, September 14, 2004, from Danvers, Massachusetts, at 77.

1951

Paul Downing Brewer, September 11, 2004, from Presque Isle, at 75.

Philip Graves Coburn, October 12, 2004, from Newport, Maine, and Haines City, Florida, at 75.

John Thomas Conley, June 21, 2004, from Augusta, at 79.

Charles Leo Cosgrove, Jr., June 11, 2004, from Lewiston, at 77.

George Calvin Hamlin, August 19, 2004, from Lewiston, Maine, at 79.

Francis Marcel Laurence, August 14, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 79.

Raymond Edward Leger, April 21, 2004, from Pompano Beach, Florida, at 82.

George Ronald McCluskey, August 12, 2004, from Houlton, at 74.

Robert Joseph Poirier, May 30, 2004, from Hartford, Connecticut, at 79.

Kenneth Luther Rogers, April 11, 2004, from Singer Island, Florida, at 81.

George Washington Scott, June 6, 2004, from Warren, Maine, at 75.

Richard "Putt" Arthur Stover, March 19, 2004, from Perkinsville, Tennessee, at 74.

James Vincent Sullivan, July 3, 2004, from South Portland, at 80.

Clair Oden Wilmot, March 27, 2004, from Oakfield, Maine, at 76.

1952



Edward J. Happ '50 died on August 19, 2004, at the age of 80.

Ed was an Army infantry sergeant in WWII and took part in the D-Day invasion.

Prior to retiring, he was a design engineer with Grumman Aerospace Corporation where he participated in the design of numerous Navy Carrier aircraft. He was also one of the designers of the Apollo Lunar Landing Module (LEM). His name is engraved on a gold plaque on the LEM that remains on the moon's surface.

Constance Stevens Berry Anderson, August 10, 2004, from Waterville, Maine, at 73.

Merrill Day Bartlett, September 3, 2004, from Stillwater, at 74.

George Greene Clark, April 1, 1993, from Gloucester, Virginia, at 60.

Allan "Al" Robert Corey, June 30, 2004, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 74.

Norma Faye Mooers Gray, July 2, 2004, from Raymond, Maine, and Vero Beach, Florida, at 75.

William Allan Hall, April 8, 2004, from Summerfield, Florida, and Yarmouth, Maine, at 77.

Philip "Doc" Arthur Hoyt, Sr., May 29, 2004, from Danielson, Connecticut, at 75.

George Berton Larlee, May 28, 2004, from Oakfield, Maine, at 84.

Nancy Mary Cousins Richter, June 8, 2004, from Hendersonville, North Carolina, at 74.

Richard Irving Spencer, November 15, 2003, from Kennebunk, at 73.

1953

Harvey Frederic Cole, October 1, 2004, from Merrimac, Massachusetts, at 72.

Sidney James Fogel, September 12, 1995, from Rochester, New

York, at 67.

Elmer E. Jalbert, September 17, 2004, from St. John, Maine, at 73.

Nancy Jane Kelley Littlefield, March 5, 2004, from Olmstead Falls, Ohio, at 73.

Bingham Fred Murray, March 14, 2004, from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, at 73.

Barbara Elizabeth Roach, April 9, 2004, from Smyrna Mills, Maine, at 74.

Preston "Duke" Harwood Walters, January 25, 2004, from Readfield, Maine, and Ventura, California, at 74.

1954

Lewis "Bud" James Adams, April 21, 2004, from Ocala, Florida, at 74.

Dirk "Brownie" Wayne Brown, June 3, 2004, from Holden, Maine, at 70.

Walker Delmont Cooper, July 27, 2004, from Augusta, Maine, at 73.

Paul Hamilton Hermann, August 26, 2004, from Rutland, Vermont, at 86.

Elizabeth Ann Ketchen Phelps, April 5, 2004, from Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, at 73.

Clement Chung-Yuan Sheng, in 2000, from Shanghai, China, at 68.

Guy Everett Twombly, September 10, 2004, from Vassalboro, Maine, at 79.

Howard Page Whittum, July 12, 2004, from Otisfield, Maine, at 72.

1955

Virginia Elaine Auderer, July 4, 2004, from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, at 80.

Mary Gertrude Strickland Birch, May 4, 2004, from Coopers Mills, Maine, at 70.

Robert Alonzo Brett, June 25, 2004, from West Paris, Maine, at 69.

Helen Mary Carson, April 8, 2004, from Bangor, at 96.

Fred James Coffin, May 12, 2004, from Avon, Connecticut, at 70.

Leland Vernon Fuller, April 24, 2004, from Flushing, New York, at 70.

Norma Jean McCormick Leroy, May 27, 2004, from Barre, Vermont, at 71.

1956

John David Dow, April 16, 2004, from Damariscotta, Maine, at 81.

Franklin Kelley Ellingwood, June 14, 2004, from Webster, New York, and Bangor, Maine, at 72.

Joyce Elaine Harris, April 25, 2004, from Old Town, at 70.

Francis Ames Hladky, June 29,

Deaths

2004, from Laval, France, at 71.

Leon Lambert Johnson, March 20, 2004, from Ellsworth, at 73.

Anne Hall Kreeger, June 17, 2004, from Arpin, Wisconsin, at 70.

William Faxon Otis, Jr., March 7, 2004, from Sudbury, Massachusetts, at 73.

Neil "Pat" Franklyn Patterson, May 21, 2004, from Lewiston, Maine, at 71.

Roger Clifton Tarbell, August 1, 2004, from Portland, at 80.

1957

Dawson Ronald Cutliffe, March 15, 2004, from Sandown, New Hampshire, at 71.

Louis Paul Hill, May 31, 2004, from Bangor, at 73.

Patricia Peter Pan King Lincoln, August 29, 2004, from Portland, at 69.

Gerald Wallace MacDaniels, Jr., October 13, 2004, from Eliot, Maine, at 69.

LeRoy Picard, May 21, 2004, from Buena Vista, Colorado, at 73.

1958

Beverly "Bev" Dean Clark, March 23, 2004, from Oakfield, Maine, at 74.

Rodrick Leighton Ingalls, May 26, 2004, from Farmington, Maine, at 76.

Lloyd Russell Phair, August 15, 2004, from Limestone, Maine, at 67.

Philip George Richards, September 5, 2004, from Dover-Foxcroft, at 70.

Don Harold Rogers, April 19, 2004, from Bailey Island, Maine, at 67.

1959

Robert Lawrence Cushman, August 7, 2004, from Portland, at 66.

Walter Nicholas Davis, July 16, 2001, from Manchester, New Hampshire, at 66.

Audrey Merle Martin, August 29, 2004, from Sebago, Maine, at 80.

Eric Alfred Meier, May 4, 2002, from Somerset, New Jersey, at 69.

Leslie Raymond Myers, June 8, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 74.

Vance Lloyd Nichols, September 9, 2004, from Canandaigua, New York, at 70.

Alan Ulrick Rigg, May 22, 2002, from New Jersey, at 71.

John Alfred Trainor, Jr., October 12, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 73.

James Houghton Webster, August 5, 2004, from Cape Neddick, Maine, at 72.

William James Winward, July 1,

2004, from Portland, Maine, at 68.

1960

Judith Carol Singal Catz, April 2, 2004, from Brookline, Massachusetts, at 65.

Albert "Al" Roland Elwell, March 12, 2004, from Durham, New Hampshire, at 67.

Shirley Retallack Hammond, July 1, 2004, from Wolcott, Connecticut, at 76.

William Stanley Lowell, August 26, 2004, from Brunswick, Maine, at 73.

Charles "CB" Burton Osgood, May 21, 2004, from Waldoboro, Maine, at 66.

1961

Helena May Anderson, April 7, 2004, from Lakeland, Florida, at 92.

Richard Duane Goodenough, July 26, 2004, from Pottersville, New Jersey, at 65.

Harvey Jon Mitchell, August 12, 2004, from Waterville, Maine, at 65.

Ernest Peter Sothman, Jr., April 15, 2004, from Knoxville, Tennessee, at 70.

1962

Stephen Dean Miller, April 15, 2002, from Superior, Wisconsin, at 62.

Miriam "Mimi" Putnam Eldridge Moyer, June 26, 2004, from Lewiston, at 63.

1963

Irene Benevides McIver, July 10, 2004, from Kennebunk, at 98.

Louis "Lou" Florio Ruocco, July 2, 2004, from Naperville, Illinois, and Bangor, Maine, at 70.

1964

Guilford Carlton Scoville, August 19, 2004, from Lubec, Maine, at 67.

1965

Michael Edward McEwen, July 29, 2004, from Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Bangor, Maine, at 62.

Wallace Elmer Murray, July 15, 2004, from Brewer at 60.

1966

Mary Ella Randall Clark, March 29, 2004, from Skowhegan, at 90.

Mary Linnell Leslie, September 22, 2004, from Brewer, at 82.

Eugene Ralph Milliken, May 2, 2004, from Clinton, Massachusetts, at 64.

Joel Lester Polisner, April 25, 2004, from Winter Haven, Florida, at 61.

Arthur Elmer Tyler, May 20, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 69.

1967

Judith Allen Jones Blake, September 11, 2004, from Chapel Hill, North

Carolina, at 59.

Truman Allen Craig, July 3, 2004, from Sumner, Washington, at 58.

Anna Belle Barrett Maxcy, August 13, 2004, from Warren, Maine, at 83.

Elwood Harold Scott, September 2, 2004, from Houlton, at 77.

1968

Mary Vanier Brogan, August 10, 2004, from Lewiston, at 84.

Patrick Thomas Greeley, May 8, 2004, from Daytona Beach, Florida, at 76.

Deane Edward Hoffmann, May 12, 2004, from Herdon, Virginia, at 61.

Susan Frances Parady, December 15, 2003, from Old Town, at 56.

1969

Linda Lou Frosch, September 12, 2004, from Conway, New Hampshire, at 57.

Diane Jean Skoolicas, August 10, 2004, from Portland, at 57.

1970

Thomas William Adams, August 5, 2004, from Holden, Maine, at 66.

Mary Irene Clements Birmingham, September 18, 2004, from Frankfort and Winterport, Maine, at 78.

Paul Richard Hinton, June 29, 2004, from Bernard, Maine, at 77.

Anne Aubry Johnson Murphy, July 19, 2004, from Harwich, Massachusetts, at 56.

Daniel Anthony Placzek, August 3, 2004, from Orono, at 56.

Donald Paul Zambri, October 2, 2004, from Camden, Maine, at 72.

1971

Paul Christian Kaiser, June 22, 2004, from Bar Harbor, at 57.

Gary Robert Malone, September 30, 2004, from Columbia, South Carolina, at 53.

1972

Frederick Edward Copson, September 9, 2004, from Orrington, at 58.

Dorothy Eaton, September 24, 2004, from Deer Isle, at 90.

1973

Madge Muir Bost, August 1, 2004, from Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 82.

Wendy Lou Beaulieu Gavett, August 16, 2004, from Houlton, at 53.

David Jay Goldsmith, July 15, 2004, from Kennebunk and Old Town, Maine, at 53.

John Palmer Hudson, Jr., September 16, 2004, from Saco, Maine, at 55.

1974

John Christopher Robinson, April

30, 2001, from Gainesville, Florida, at 48.

1975

Priscilla Anne Marden Heney, August 2, 2004, from Blue Hill, at 82.

Judith Eva Jacobsen, August 28, 2004, from Boulder, Colorado, at 51.

1976

Philip James Poirier, June 6, 2004, from West Redding, Connecticut, at 50.

1977

Renanta Cirri, June 13, 2004, from Huntington Beach, California, at 57.

Randall "Randy" T. Reil, June 25, 2004, from West Swanzey, New Hampshire, at 49.

1981

James B. King, September 11, 2004, from Bangor, Maine, and Carbondale, Illinois, at 59.

1982

Theresa Marie Cianciulli Stanton, July 11, 2004, from Trenton, Maine, at 66.

1983

Joseph R. Albert, September 19, 2004, from Caribou, at 74.

1987

Dorothy "Dotty" Andritter Morrill Smith, August 29, 2004, from Old Town, at 69.

1988

David Keith Parlette, July 23, 2004, from Bangor, at 45.

1991

Nanci Rae Ingraham, August 21, 2004, from Bangor, at 62.

Justin Strzelczyk, September 30, 2004, from Wexford, Pennsylvania, at 36.

1992

Julie Fosdick Bonadea, August 19, 2004, from Bangor, at 45.

1994

Robert M. Woodworth, October 7, 2004, from Bar Harbor, at 53.

1995

Barbara Jean Yacono, July 25, 2004, from Orrington, at 52.

1997

Stephen Andrew Albans, September 19, 2004, from St. John, New Brunswick, at 39.

2002

Mark James Ambrose, August 11, 2004, from Ellsworth and Millinocket, Maine, at 48.

Correction

In the fall issue of this publication, Lyn Eilene Brackett '72 was incorrectly listed in the obituaries. We apologize for the error.

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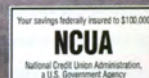
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Searching for SuperPres

As UMaine looks for its next president, faculty, administrators, and involved alumni reflect on the myriad of qualities that make for a top-notch leader.

By Dick Broom
Photographs by Bill Drake

The next president of the University of Maine doesn't have to be faster than a speeding bullet or more powerful than a locomotive. But he or she might need other superhuman strengths to satisfy all the demands of the job and the expectations of important constituents on and off campus.

"The president has to walk on water," Allen Fernald '54 says, perhaps only half jokingly. Fernald chairs the University's Board of Visitors and is a member of the presidential search committee. "If any candidate can walk up the center of the Stillwater River from Orono to campus, that's who will be selected."

Among the faculty members and members of the search committee who were interviewed for this article, there is something of a general consensus on the qualities and skills the next president should possess. Whoever is selected should be a charismatic visionary, a serious scholar, a strong administrator, a skillful negotiator, a consensus builder, and an effective lob-

byist and fundraiser. The president should be both a dreamer and a realist.

Oh yes, then there is the willingness to put in very long days, including most weekends, and to withstand a fair amount of personally directed criticism.

"The ideal president would be a pragmatic idealist," says philosophy professor Doug Allen. "By idealist I mean an educator who has a positive vision of what an educational institution should be and who effectively communicates that.... That could be either a humanist who understands and promotes the sciences or a scientist who understands and appreciates the humanities, liberal arts, and social sciences."

To be effective, though, the president needs to combine that educational idealism with a pragmatic approach to the world beyond the UMaine campus.

"The pragmatist is someone who can articulate goals and priorities and is capable of reaching out beyond the campus community to legislators, citizens, business leaders, and foundations. It's someone who knows how to lobby—to commu-



nicate with people who have money and power."

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Faculty and search committee members interviewed agree that one of the most important attributes of a campus president is a strong academic background.

"I think we need a person who is a recognized scholar," says Virginia Gibson '72, '76G, professor of management information systems. "That contributes to the respect that the faculty have for the president."

In December, the faculty senate went so far as to adopt a resolution calling on the university to hire someone whose scholarly background is strong enough to warrant tenure in a university department. But that



might be unrealistic, says Gibson.

"If somebody has been in administration for a while, they probably are not doing the kind of research and grant writing that is implied in saying they have to be tenurable at the time of hiring. I think that what we are really looking for is somebody who has had a productive academic career."

George Jacobson, professor of botany and quaternary studies, says that while he doesn't believe that success as president necessarily depends on a background of scholarship, he's sure the faculty would treasure someone who has a distinguished academic record.

"I have always thought it would be wonderful for the president to make a point of going to department seminars once in a

while, to listen and ask questions," says Jacobson. "That would send a message about the intellectual engagement of the person, and it would be very helpful in connecting with the faculty."

Gibson would welcome a president "who is not embarrassed to talk about quality in terms that we talk about it."

"There are some bragging rights that accrue to us because of the quality of the research we do, the grants we receive, the publications we do, and the quality of the education that our students receive," she says. "We are an internationally competitive faculty, and our students get an internationally competitive education."

Joseph Westphal, chancellor of the University of Maine System, has also made it clear that the president of UMaine must

have a strong commitment to academics at the university.

CONCERN ABOUT THE CORPORATE MODEL

While there seems to be agreement that a president needs to be an academic leader, some faculty members are concerned that, at some universities, traditional educational values are being overshadowed by corporate values. They worry about what history professor Howard Segal calls "the growing application of corporate models, values, and objectives to higher education. I'm bothered by the assumption that universities, either already are, or should be like corporations—that there is a bottom line and that productivity can somehow be measured," says Segal. "It troubles me when people talk about education as just another product." That troubles Allen, too.

"If we reduce everything to a corporate model, where students are simply our most important product and all we do is increase their exchange value in terms of a market, then we sacrifice some of the core educational values of a university," he says. "Many of those values are qualitative. They have to do with things like critical reflection, civic participation, quality of life, becoming cultured and civilized human beings, and developing ethical sensitivity. All of those are part of the fabric of a society, and if you sacrifice them (to corporate measures of value), then you're not a good university president."

Concern about the corporate nature of universities extends to professors at many of the nation's institutions. One person who has spoken out about the subject is Roger Bowen, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors. He's particularly concerned about the tremendous increases in salaries for presidents. Close to 60 public and private university presidents now earn more than \$500,000 and several are coming close to the \$1 million mark.

"These huge salaries feed into the ongoing corporatization of the academy," Bowen, himself a former university president, has said. "Universities do not exist to make money, but to educate our students and citizens, a role that is central to our democratic society. We send the wrong message when we transmogrify our campus presidents into CEOs."

Of course, by comparison to national trends the UMaine president's salary is fairly modest. Interim president Robert Kennedy is currently making \$173,000 per year. Still, pay increases for UMaine's leader have outpaced faculty salaries. There is no salary range established for the next UMaine president—the chancellor's office indicated only that it will be negotiated.

A faculty member for 30 years and a former faculty representative on the System board of trustees, Doug Allen has known eight UMaine presidents. The best, most successful have had a very practical approach to the job, he says.

"They understood the physical operation of the university. They understood about bringing in grants and raising scholarship funds. They understood the need to lobby effectively. But at their best, they did it in a way that did not compromise the integrity of the institution."

In dealing with the legislature and with foundations, corporations, or other sources of support, Allen says it is tempting to do whatever they want in exchange for what they can do for the university.

"But if we let them select the ends and we just provide the means, then we become simply a service," he says. "That devalues the aspects of university life that you can't easily quantify, commodify, and sell."

"We need a president who is practical, but who will argue and lobby for values as well as for financial support. The president should be willing to challenge people, to bring out the best in them, and not simply become servile to their interests."

THE POWER OF PERSUASION

Whether lobbying the legislature for money, values, or anything else, the new president has to be extremely persuasive, says Bion Foster '68, '70G, who is chairman of the alumni association and serves on the presidential search committee.

"Because we are a land-grant institution and rely so heavily on legislative funding, the president should have a strong understanding of the legislative process and be good at working with the legislature, especially in the acquisition of funding for research and development, which is critical to our flagship campus," says Foster. "Experience in relating well with

legislators and dealing comfortably with the legislative process would certainly be beneficial."

Jacobson agrees that the president must be adept at dealing with a variety of external constituencies. "The support we receive from the state, the federal government, private donors, and others is ultimately what makes it possible for all of us to do our work," he says.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH

Jacobson believes the president must clearly understand why UMaine needs a strong research component and must be able to bring others to that view.

"The president needs to help people understand that the future of the state of Maine depends significantly on our institution being a powerful research university," he says. "That doesn't just mean science and technology and economic development. It's a broad range of scholarly accomplishments that strengthen the state and make its future brighter because we have people who are able to go out and start their own companies."

If the university does place a stronger emphasis on scientific research, what will that mean for the arts, humanities, and social sciences?

"I believe they are not mutually exclusive," Fernald says. "We have a first-class liberal arts college, and those professors are doing research, too. In the humanities, they are looking at issues such as aging and how people work together and the problems of small, rural towns in declining economies. That's all important research."

Another important area the new UMaine president will have to spend time on is working with the chancellor and the trustees on the System's strategic plan.

Jim Mullen '72, '75G, a member and former chair of the UMaine Board of Trustees and chairman of the presidential search committee, previously headed the board's strategic planning committee. He says one of the new president's biggest jobs will be implementing that plan.

"That's critically important, especially since this university is the flagship of the system," says Mullen. "The new president must make it a real priority to communicate within the state about the resources the university needs in order to carry out

the plan and the opportunities it represents for the future of the state."

CHANGING ROLE OF PRESIDENT

While some of the responsibilities of university presidents are the same as they have always been, the job has changed significantly with the times, as well as with the size and needs of the institution.

Indeed, a recent survey by the American Council on Education indicated that college and university presidents spent most of their time working with legislatures and governing boards, planning, fundraising, and budgeting.

One of the biggest changes affecting presidents over the last few decades, according to Westphal, has been the increasingly multi-faceted nature of universities. They are now involved in many more areas of research and development. They are increasingly entering into innovative partnerships with both the public and private sectors—and in many cases developing new products and technologies. While presidents don't have to be experts in all of these areas of research and development, they need to understand them. It is the president after all who is the chief salesperson for the university.

Another big change in the role of presidents has been a much greater emphasis on fundraising.

"The president is required to spend a lot more time raising funds for all the different interests in the university: for academic and research purposes, for capital development, for athletics," says Westphal. "Multidimensional fundraising is a big part of the pressure that's put on presidents. And as revenue from state financing and tuition become limited, universities have to reach out more to the private sector and to other parts of the public sector, as well."

Westphal also points to the competition for good students in higher education as a concern for the next president.

"We need an institution that's exciting and presents itself in a way that is stimulating and appealing to students—inside and outside of Maine," Westphal says.

But whether it's fundraising, lobbying, or marketing, Howard Segal worries that with so much emphasis on external functions, it is easy for a president to neglect internal concerns.

"The thing that's omitted is a sense of intellectual engagement," he says. "It puts you at a real disadvantage if you're not connected with ordinary students. To distance yourself from the student body is harmful to everybody."

Lloyd Elliott, who served as UMaine president from 1958-65, says that both fundraising and lobbying have always been important parts of the job. Forging partnerships with businesses for research and development isn't new, either, but he acknowledges that such public-private initiatives are much more common than they used to be.

"That's growing by leaps and bounds, whether it's at MIT or the University of Maine," he says. But he points out that "the Pulp and Paper Foundation brought industry and academia together in a constructive way long before it was done at a lot of other campuses."

Elliott says the biggest change he has seen in the way universities are run is also the most disturbing.

"I am one of those who is convinced that athletics are out of control," he says. "Fortunately, I don't think that's true at Maine, and I commend the people at the university for it."

The most important job of a university president, Elliott says, is to promote the educational mission.

"The president has to be a leader of the faculty and must demonstrate support for their roles of teaching, research, and public service. And, with them, he develops student support for what, in my book, must forever be an emphasis on academic values."

After leaving Orono, Elliott spent 22 years as president of George Washington University. Asked if he might be interested in taking the reins at UMaine again, he says, "I'm 86 years old, and while I do still play handball, that's not enough to fight those politicians."

Several members of the UMaine faculty and presidential search committee, along with Chancellor Westphal, point to the need for the university's president to understand the special nature and obligations of a land-grant and sea-grant institution.

"Because of that status, the university has a tradition of playing a very large



"What really matters is whether the president is a person of integrity, someone Maine people can trust, a person they feel they can talk to and look in the eye and get straight answers from."

role in the state and supporting partnerships with the state in areas such as engineering, forestry, and marine sciences," says Westphal. "I think it's the job of the president to ensure that those opportunities continue, that the university's capacities in those areas are clearly understood, and that the university is meeting those challenges."

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The presidential search committee has compiled a list of personal characteristics that the UMaine president should exhibit. These include:

- excellent interpersonal skills
- openness to challenge and critique
- ability to build consensus
- willingness and ability to make timely and difficult decisions
- ability to delegate authority
- enthusiasm for promoting the university's traditions
- accessibility to students, faculty, and staff

The search committee also will be looking for someone who can attract first-rate senior administrators, maintain a high visibility on campus, and serve as a spokesperson for high-

er education.

What the university *does not* need, according to Jacobson, is a president who sees the job as a stepping stone.

"Maybe more than in most parts of the country, we notice whether people are committed to being here permanently or if they are on their way somewhere else," he says. "We desperately need somebody who has the commitment to build a strong research university and has an absolute commitment to the state of Maine and its future. That is what's at stake here."

"It doesn't require a person who speaks with a Maine accent, but it requires someone who can speak with the people of Maine with the credibility and authority that comes from a commitment to them."

Gibson agrees: "What really matters is whether the president is a person of integrity, someone Maine people can trust, a person they feel they can talk to and look in the eye and get straight answers from."

Everyone agrees that UMaine needs a leader who can not only get things done, but who knows what *ought to be* done and in what direction the university *ought to be* heading. That requires more than ability; it requires vision.

"We need a president who can come in and articulate a clear vision for the role of this university within the system," says Gibson.

Westphal says he wants to work with a president who has "the vision to help us identify what the University of Maine should be in the future and how we can support that vision and gather the investment for it."

It is one thing to talk about the kind of president UMaine needs. But what about attracting that kind of person?

Mullen, the search committee chairman, says he isn't worried. He thinks the presidency of UMaine is a job that many highly qualified people will want.

"We have a large land-grant institution that's nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in a number of fields, and we have some outstanding faculty," he says. "This really is a great place, and it's a wonderful place to live. The faculty and staff are very proud of the university, and they want a president who feels the same."

Computers: the Next Generation

As a principal engineer for Hewlett-Packard, 2004 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award recipient Linden McClure '89, '90 is on the leading edge of computer engineering and design.



For engineer Dr. Linden McClure '89, '90, the road to success has required a lot of creative thinking about what lies ahead in the world of high technology. It's also involved maintaining a connection with his past. But then, McClure has always had a strong sense of where he comes from and where he wants to go.

McClure grew up on his family's tree farm in rural Kingfield, Maine, and has gone on to become a leading researcher/designer for next generation computer technology at the Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) and an adjunct professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU).

And while he and his HP team push the edges of computer technology out West, McClure still returns regularly to work with his parents on the Kingfield farm. That farm and the state of Maine remain very important to him. In fact, when his parents retire, he fully expects to take over the operation of the farm and to return, at least part-time, to his native state. As he said in his acceptance of the alumni association's 2004 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award, someday he might even end up teaching back at his alma mater.

Becoming an engineer was a logical decision for young Linden McClure. All

By Jim Frick

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through school he had excelled in math and science. And although he had heard great things about engineering at the University of Maine, it was the Air Force Academy that he had set his sights on.

"Yes, for my first two and one-half or so years of high school, my goal was to attend the Air Force Academy," McClure says. "I really wanted to be a pilot, but that possibility was eliminated when it was discovered that I was color blind and a bit near-sighted. I had to change my goals."

He knew a few other Mt. Abram High School students who had gone on to study chemical engineering at UMaine, so he began to think that might be a path to take. And the university was equally interested in him. In fact, former Pulp and Paper Foundation executive director Stan Marshall '61, '64G made a special trip to Kingfield, took the family out to dinner, and discussed engineering with young Linden. That sealed the deal.

After a year in chemical engineering however, McClure went back to work on the farm for the summer and had a change of mind in his career direction.

"In the spring semester, I began to wonder about whether it was right for me," McClure remembers. "I went home to the farm and did some thinking. Working on a farm, there is a lot of time to think. I had a huge passion for music and even had a band in high school. I was trying to think of something that would be more compatible with my music interest, and I thought electrical engineering was the natural fit."

Indeed, McClure had more than a casual interest in music. He received classical piano training growing up and continued to take music courses at the university. He even managed to keep his high school rock band together during his freshman year at UMaine.

Of course the decision to switch to electrical engineering turned out to be a good one. So was the decision to continue on at UMaine and complete a second degree in computer engineering. In the late 1980s, computer use was taking off and the future was bright for high-tech types with creativity and skill.



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"While I was a student at CU, I saw this coming," McClure says. "The embedded systems field has just blossomed. There's a tremendous demand for them. This area of engineering and design became my passion."

Looking back on the solid foundation he received from UMaine, he cites numerous professors who had an influence on his studies and his life.

"There were just a huge number of people at UMaine who had an impact on my life," he says. "People like Eric Beenfeldt ('87G), Al Whitney ('62, '64G), Rick Eason, John Field, and Bruce Segee ('85, '89G). I got to spend a lot of time with them. I think the interaction with faculty is one of the real strong points about UMaine as an institution. It's a place where professors really have the chance to work more closely with their students."

Even as a teenager and a young adult McClure was a goal setter. One of the goals he established as a UMaine undergraduate was to someday be a professor at an

American university. That, of course, meant graduate school.

He chose the University of Colorado where he completed a master's degree and a Ph.D. with a focus on bioengineering and computer architecture.

It was as a CU student that McClure's interest was stirred in a relatively new area called embedded systems. Embedded systems are small, specialized computer systems that reside within a larger system. New cars now have scores of these systems for everything from anti-lock brakes to running your car stereo. They're also in an increasing number of other everyday devices, including cell phones and microwave ovens.

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He actually got the chance to apply his interest and expertise in embedded systems as a CU graduate student, serving as the lead engineer on those systems for a NASA Space Shuttle payload. He also assisted the Jet Propulsion Laboratory with a simulated mission operations system for the proposed Pluto Express project.

When McClure graduated from CU he was looking for the opportunity to continue working with embedded systems. He got that opportunity at Hewlett-Packard where he was assigned to work on the first truly randomly rewritable compact disc drive (CD-RW).

At HP McClure also jumped right into the competitive search for faster and more efficient computer systems, helping to design technical workstations and chipsets for next generation microprocessors. He was a lead designer on the first McKinley (Intel Itanium 2) workstation, and was the lead engineer on the design of the best-selling workstation in HP history—a product which generated several hundred million in revenue.

His outstanding work at HP did not go unnoticed. He's received numerous promotions and honors, including the 2004

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Hewlett-Packard Master Award for outstanding technical contributions to the company.

All during this time his interest in working on embedded systems remained strong. So did that old UMaine student goal of teaching at a university. Both of those desires were realized when he got a call in 1999 from CU's new electrical and computer engineering department chair asking if he would teach some courses.

"They were thinking of starting a certificate program in embedded systems," he notes. "I had taught a trial course in embedded system design when I was a Ph.D. student. But the department hadn't really realized how big this was going to be. By 1999 they did, and I was prepared with all my previous experience to dive right in and help them set the program up."

McClure offered his first embedded system course that fall. It's now one of the top-rated courses in the department and the certificate program has become increasingly popular at the university.

McClure has a great deal of energy and drive. But staying on top of two demanding jobs, keeping up with his interest in music, and spending time with family (he was just married in September) can be a challenge.

"HP gets two-thirds of my time, the university gets two-thirds of my time, and home gets two-thirds of my time," he jokes. "I have a tremendous amount of passion and drive for what I do, but sometimes something has to give."

McClure's still young career has already involved him in many of the important trends in computer technology. For some time that meant searching for ways to increase the speed of the technology. Faster computers and technical workstations benefit designers, engineers, and other people who handle large amounts of data.

And while McClure thinks there will always be a desire for more computer speed, he says that one of the biggest challenges the industry faces now is power. Modern computer systems draw so much power that it's now a major issue for customers.



Linden McClure with family members after receiving the 2004 Spirit of Maine Achievement Award. To his right is his wife, Lorelei, and his father, Howell. At his left is his mother, Wilma. McClure credits his parents, who continue to manage the Kingfield tree farm where he grew up, as an important influence on his life and success. "They always encouraged me to set goals and do my best," he says.

"Just consider a customer who might have a hundred or even a thousand workstations," McClure explains. "Getting enough power to those workstations to keep them all running is a big challenge. Then, there is the secondary effect of having all that power—the thermals and the heat. Power, cooling computer systems, keeping the environment comfortable, and keeping the noise level down are all huge issues, and are gathering a lot of focus these days. HP and other companies know they have to make improvements in these areas to meet customer requirements."

As for the real big breakthroughs, McClure points to nanotechnology (things working at the microscopic level) as the place where the innovations are likely to

come from.

"Areas like micromachinery and MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems) technology, where they can create gears and machines at the microscopic level—we'll see advances there," he predicts. "We also have research in microcomputing—ways to use biological systems to rapidly solve problems that would take much longer, and a tremendous amount of computer resources on standard systems."

But this deep-thinking engineer sees even greater challenges for the computer industry and society.

"Energy is a huge problem," he says. "The question is whether we can do all the things we are trying to do today with a limited energy infrastructure. Computers are going to have to become much more power efficient."

McClure also sees a major challenge to the global society in making computers more accessible to the poorer countries of the world.

"For that to happen, computing will have to become much simpler," he says. "We

would have to see more ways for computers to be used with less knowledge on behalf of the user. It will have to become more of an assistive technology where the computers are there helping you out, but you don't necessarily even know it—just like when you jump in your car and put on your brakes. You don't necessarily even know that a computer is running for your anti-lock braking system."

If the past is any indication, Linden McClure is likely to be involved in some of those big challenges. And it might just be that some new idea will emerge while he's back in Maine working on that Kingfield tree farm. It is, after all, where he does some of his best thinking.



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A message from alumni association chair Bion Foster '68, '70G

We're Working Hard to Promote Economic Development in Maine

The University of Maine has demonstrated time and time again its vital role in economic development in our state. UMaine is represented on many groups, committees, and organizations working diligently to get Maine "on the radar screen" of companies seeking expansion or relocation to other states or regions.

The University of Maine Alumni Association has also become very active in this role, and is reaching out to the more than 90,000 alumni of our institution to promote economic development in Maine.

When a company considers expansion or relocation, many factors are considered, including the availability of skilled labor, the cost of land and construction, and the permitting process. Maine has often been "tagged" as a high-cost state in which to do business, especially the taxes assessed to businesses. Although these factors are often weighed very heavily in the decision-making process, many other factors are considered as well, such as quality of life issues. Whether it be a low crime rate, great educational systems, outdoor recreational opportunities, or the availability and the relatively low cost of land, Maine rates high in many of these quality of life areas.

When all is said and done, Maine has many highly successful companies that call our beautiful state their home. Why not consider Maine for the location of your business?

Working in conjunction with the UMaine president's office and the university's department of industrial cooperation, the Association is promoting the resources of our university and our state to alumni throughout the country and the world—asking them to consider Maine as a logical location for growth and expansion of their companies.



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sion of their companies.

Come Home To Maine! If we are a wonderful place to visit and vacation, a wonderful place in which to live, and a great place to raise your family, then why not *live and work* here?

Our desire to collaborate and cooperate with other groups organized for this common purpose has resulted in alliances with

the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce and the Bangor Region Development Alliance. We are also working with Realize!Maine, Governor Baldacci's ('86) initiative to keep Maine high school and college graduates in Maine, and to attract back those graduates who have left. This collaboration will result in identifying those graduates who would like to return to Maine, as well as providing them with the job opportunities and options in Maine. Web sites will be established to "match" people and positions with connections and links to other organizations that can help.

I am pleased to be actively involved with the promotion of economic development with the University of Maine Alumni Association; the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's "sister-city" initiative with Saint John, New Brunswick; the Bangor Region Development Alliance's "Atlantica" initiative; as well as with the governor's office on the Realize!Maine initiative. We have a unique opportunity to combine our efforts to accomplish our united goal of expanding economic development opportunities in Maine. Working together we can create jobs in our state, enhance the already existing entrepreneurial opportunities and drive that sets our state apart from so many others, and provide a healthy environment for businesses to locate, to grow, and to prosper.

So Come Home to Maine! Contact the Alumni Resource web site at: www.mainealumni.com/resource or www.mainegateway.com for economic development opportunities and information.

Bion Foster is a Maine businessman and entrepreneur. He has served as alumni association chair since June 2002.

News From the College of Business, Public Policy & Health

Maine Business School

Activity within the Maine Business School continues to be brisk as we begin 2005. The innovations in programming begun last year continue and several new initiatives are planned or underway.

- The MBA curriculum was improved with the addition of a residency week emphasizing ethics, leadership, teamwork, communication and case work.
- With the Maine Business School taking the lead, the UMaine Innovation Development Center will break ground in the spring with plans to spur the commercialization of innovation on campus from labs, students, and faculty.
- The international focus was strengthened this fall with MBS participation in Maine Governor John Baldacci's international trade mission to Europe.

With this breadth of activity, private support for the Maine Business School has become critical to our success in providing expanded value for our students and the business community.

For more information on partnership opportunities, please contact us by phone at (207) 581-1968 or e-mail at business@maine.edu.

School of Social Work

The School of Social Work, our faculty and our students, continue to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals across the life span; in families, organizations and communities. Our students are preparing to be the next generation of leaders in social service agencies.

- Dr. Sandy Butler is serving as Interim Director while we conduct a national search for the next Director.
- Our faculty members continue to work to influence policy and institute pioneering programs that close the gap between research and what happens in agencies and communities.
- We are preparing professionals who will provide their clients and communities with a chance to become all they can be.

We are more than happy to share further insights into our activities and the community impact seen when the research of our faculty is applied in communities. Please feel free to contact us at (207) 581-2382 or by e-mail at socwork@maine.edu.

Department of Public Administration

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Public Management programs at the University of Maine, begun in 1945 as the first undergraduate program in the nation.

- The program saw a 12% increase in classroom enrollment during the last year.
- An accelerated BA + MPA degree program (5 years) has been implemented.
- UMaine's nationally accredited Master's in Public Administration (MPA) Program offered in Orono is the only program of its kind available in the state.
- In recent years, private support has enhanced the student experience with the addition of high tech audio/visual equipment and funding for student research that often focuses on unique policy issues facing Maine.

The Department is interested in partnering with individuals or organizations to develop support mechanisms for the academic programs that mold Maine's future policy leaders. If there are questions regarding these opportunities, please visit us in our office on campus at 239 North Stevens Hall; call (207) 581-1872 or e-mail: umpubadm@umit.maine.edu.

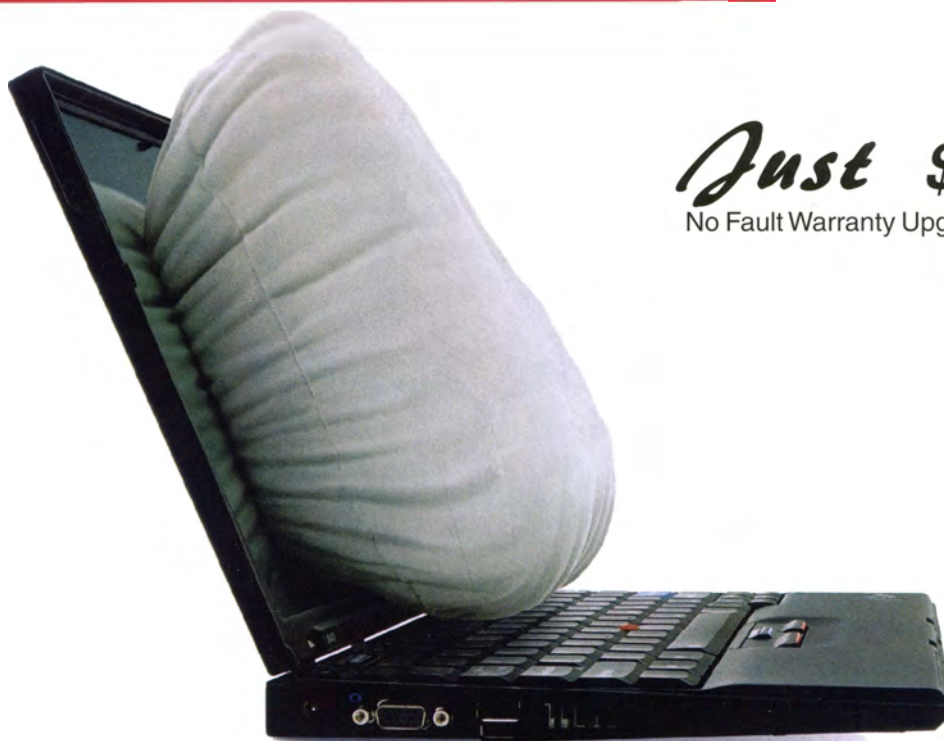
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- As a designated Professional Nursing Education school, UMaine is one of the only 42 universities in the nation that can guarantee Four and Three Year ROTC Scholarships to nurses.
- The faculty in the School emphasize teaching; working closely with each student to ensure the best possible learning experience.
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