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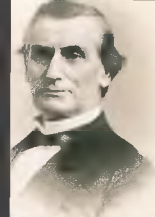
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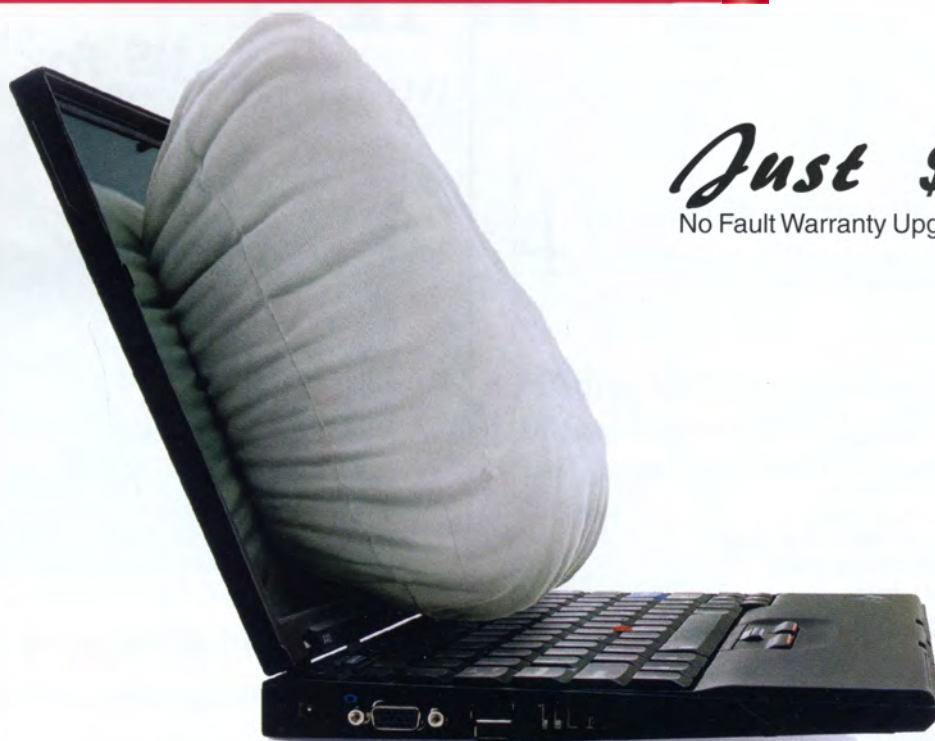
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### Search Begins for New Alumni Association CEO

The University of Maine Alumni Association will begin a search for a president/CEO late in the spring, with the goal of naming a new president by fall. The search will be headed by former UMAA chair Greg Jamison '72, '98G.

"We seek candidates who share the vision of our board and staff," said current UMAA chair Bion Foster '68, '70G. "Although we are an independent Association, we have forged partnerships with the university that have benefited all parties. We will continue to seek new and creative ways to be of service to our alumni and UMaine, and our new president will be a driving force in forging and negotiating these new partnership initiatives."

### UMaine Fraternity Earns Awards

The UMaine Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity continued to challenge the "frat boy" stereotype by recently winning three regional awards for excellence. Twenty-five students were on hand at the annual Carlson's Leadership Academy to receive the top honors from among 27 Northeast chapters.

SigEp won the Excellence in Membership Development Award for the second year in a row. It also received the award for Northeast Chapter Home of the Year for the third straight year and the Scholarship Excellence Award.

### Stephen King to Graduates: "Stay in Maine"

Four years ago, Stephen King '70 spoke to the entering Class of 2005 at the university's convocation ceremony. At that time he vowed that he would return in four years to speak at their graduation.

King made good on his promise, addressing 1,993 graduates, a record number, in two ceremonies at the Alford Arena on a cold and rainy Saturday in May.

King offered the graduates ten pieces of advice as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Numbers 7 through 10 were all the same—"Stay in Maine."



Stephen King at UMaine's May 7 commencement ceremony.

"I was born here, I choose to live here, and I'll die here," he said as he extolled the virtues of the state. King also

asked the graduates to "read books" and to remember to share their good fortune with others, once they have established successful careers.

The graduation ceremonies also included the awarding of honorary degrees to former *New York Times* and *Chicago Tribune* reporter and editor Douglas Kneeland '53 and to Andrew Shepard, CEO and cofounder of the Maine Winter Sports Center.

The Class of 2005 valedictorian is Dusty Lavoie, an education major from Lisbon Falls. The class salutatorian is engineering physics major Tyler Dunn of Skowhegan.

### Professor of Distinction



Finance professor Robert Strong, Ph.D., is the 2005 recipient of the university's most prestigious faculty honor, the Distinguished Maine Professor (DMP). The DMP is given once a year by the alumni association and recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching, research, and public service. It's accompanied by a \$4,200 cash prize, funded by the Class of 1942.

As a teacher, Strong believes in giving students the intellectual tools they need to evaluate an idea. One extension of that philosophy is the Student Portfolio Investment Fund (SPIFFY), which Strong formed in 1993, and continues to advise today. In managing the fund for the University of Maine Foundation, SPIFFY students can develop proposals to add to the portfolio. Those proposals are then evaluated by the other students in the group.

Strong has published three books on finance which are used widely around the country, as well as in Canada and Asia. He also serves on the boards of eight different companies and nonprofit groups.



### Blueberry Study Needs Volunteers

University of Maine graduate student Ann Barker is looking for volunteers to participate in a study examining how wild blueberries affect cholesterol levels and other risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Volunteers must be at least 30 years old and have borderline-to-high serum LDL cholesterol levels. People who smoke, or have diabetes or heart disease, are not eligible. Volunteers will receive free medical analyses and diet counseling, as well as \$100 for completing the study. (Call 207-581-1733.)



## New Centers Will Foster Innovation at UMaine

It was a day for optimism and celebration. On a beautiful late April afternoon the university opened its Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) and broke ground for the new Student Innovation Center to be housed right next door.

Politicians, professors, and administrators were all in agreement that the two new facilities will have a positive economic impact on the state by spurring innovation among manufacturers as well as budding young student entrepreneurs.

"The University of Maine is making sure families have opportunities for good-paying jobs and benefits, right in the state," said one of the special guests, Maine Governor John Baldacci '86. Also attending was second district congressman Michael Michaud and representatives from the offices of senators Olym-



Representative Michael Michaud (center) and Governor John Baldacci (right) tour the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

pia Snowe '69 and Susan Collins.

In turn, UMaine president Robert Kennedy thanked Maine's public officials for their support of the projects.

"The support we've received from the governor, the legislature, and the congressional delegation is a key reason that UMaine has been able to make such significant progress in developing new knowledge—that is critical to Maine's economic future," Kennedy said.

AMC was created as the result of a \$6

million economic development bond approved by Maine voters in 2002. Using state-of-the-art equipment, the AMC staff works to support the Maine manufacturing industry, to encourage entrepreneurs by developing their ideas through the prototype stage, and by providing engineering

support for laboratories involved in UMaine's research and development.

The Student Innovation Center will encourage entrepreneurship by creating an environment where new ideas can be developed in a supportive community and where the necessary resources to try out those ideas are readily available. It will also provide business assistance and access to business resources at UMaine and throughout the state.

## New Women's Head Basketball Coach Brings a Record of Success

With women's basketball's long history of success, the team's fans have high expectations. So they should feel very comfortable with the Black Bears' new head coach, Ann McNerney. She knows a bit about winning, having compiled a 119-65 record in six years as head coach of the Merrimack College Warriors, while leading her team to two consecutive NCAA Division II Final Four appearances (2004-2005).

McNerney will replace Sharon Versyp, who became the latest UMaine women's basketball coach to be successfully recruited out of Maine by teams in the Big Ten. The first was Trish Roberts, who went to the University of Michigan in 1992. Then Joanne Palombo-McCallie was lured away by Michigan State in 2000 (where she brought the Spartans all the way to the NCAA national championship game this year and was named national coach of the year).

For Versyp, it was a return home to her native state to take over the reins at the University of Indiana. She was born and raised



Black Bear coach, Ann McNerney (right) with new assistant Kim Corbitt '05.

in Mishawaka, Indiana, where as a high school player, she was Miss Indiana Basketball in 1984. She went on to an outstanding playing career at Purdue.

Versyp compiled a 98-51 record at UMaine, leading the team to three straight America East Conference regular season titles. She was twice named the conference's coach of the year, and in 2004 led the Black Bears to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

McNerney is a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. She's a graduate of Assumption College, where as a member of the basketball team she became the school's all-time leading scorer and third leading rebounder.

She began her coaching career at Nichols College and then became an assistant at Merrimack for two years. McNerney moved on to become top assistant at the highly successful program at Bentley before returning to Merrimack to take over as head coach. In 2004, she was selected as the Northeast-10 and WBCA Division II regional coach of the year.





Abram W. Harris, served as UMaine president from 1893-1901.

### University Award to be Presented in Memory of Abram W. Harris

The University of Maine Foundation recently announced a new award which will go to an individual who has had a major impact on the advancement of the university. The President Abram W. Harris Award, which will be presented at the Foundation's annual meeting in October, will include a \$5,000 prize. The award was established through an endowed gift by former UMaine president Harris' grandson, A.W. "Pete" Harris III '50.

The purpose of the award is to recognize people during their lifetimes whose work and actions have left the institution "stronger and in every respect better fitted to do its work," as was said of President Harris in a trustees' report from that era.

Nominations should be sent to the University of Maine Foundation, Buchanan Alumni House, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469 no later than June 30.

### \$200,000 Hummel Collection Given To UMaine

Back in the 1950s, the nationally known advocate for the elderly, Mary Crowley Mulvey '30, started buying a few Hummels, just because she thought the little figurines were cute. By the time Mary died in 2003, she had collected more than 400 Hummels valued at more than \$200,000.

When Mary's nephew, Ronald Cummings '87G, inherited the Hummel collection he decided to offer it to the University of Maine Foundation.

"She left the entire collection to me and indicated that I could either keep it or donate it," Cummings explains. "When I decided to donate it, the choice was obvious, because the University of Maine was always foremost on her mind."

The collection, which cannot be sold, is now being safely stored, while a decision is made about where and how it will be displayed.



Elaine and Ronald Cummings stand behind the centerpiece of Mary Mulvey's Hummel collection, a large version of *The Happy Wanderer*, valued at \$26,000. This Hummel is the largest and most valuable in the collection.

### Students' Project Looks to Improve Part of Fenway Park

Six UMaine civil engineering students decided to combine their senior project with their love of the Boston Red Sox. The students created a design to renovate the team's Laundry Building, located beyond the right field stands adjacent to Fenway Park. They hope the Sox will consider their designs as they plan to renovate and expand the site now used as a parking garage, restroom, and storage space.

The seniors, Keenan Goslin, Joshua Clapp, Bill Brogan, Brendan Moore, Adam Turner, and Adam Gillespie traveled to Boston three times to meet with Red Sox planning executives. They were invited down again this summer for a fourth meeting and also to take in a Sox



Keenan Goslin (center) discusses the Fenway Park design as two members of his civil engineering project team look on.

game as a guest of the team.

There are currently no plans to renovate the Laundry Building, but the students are optimistic that it might be consid-

ered in the coming years.

(Photograph and information courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)



## New Recreation Center Will "Transform Campus Life"

Ground was broken on April 29 for a 86,000-square-foot, \$25 million, state-of-the-art student recreation center that associate dean of students Kenda Scheele believes will transform campus life for both students and employees.

"This is going to be a one-of-a-kind recreational facility for the state of Maine," Scheele said. "Students will have an incredible resource available to them. Instead of hanging out in their rooms, we hope they'll be hanging out in the rec center."

The two-level facility will be built east of Stewart Commons on Hilltop Road and will include:



Breaking ground for the new recreation center on April 29.

- A 12,500-square-foot fitness center
- Three basketball courts and a multiple activity court
- A leisure swimming pool with lap lanes, a spa, bubble bench, and sauna
- An elevated indoor jogging track
- Three multipurpose rooms
- An administrative suite and lounge area

- Equipment rental room for outdoor activities

One goal of the new center is that it will lead to healthier lifestyles for students and staff members. Scheele adds that it will make a big difference in the way prospective students look at the University of Maine.

"Campus recreational activities are among the things students consider when making matriculation decisions," she notes.

Planning for the facility is being done by Brailsford & Dunlavy of Washington, D.C., a national recreation facility planning firm. The design team is Cannon Design of Boston and OEST Associates of South Portland.

## Moving to the Forefront of Biomedical Science

The University of Maine is partnering with The Jackson Laboratory, Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI), Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory (MDIBL), the University of Southern Maine, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, and researchers from St. Joseph Hospital to create a Graduate School of Biomedical Science (GSBS).

Among the many goals for the graduate school will be to serve as a catalyst for attracting biotech and biomedical companies, services, and practitioners to the state of Maine.

And according to UMaine president Robert Kennedy, the GSBS will "facilitate development of a College of Allied Health Professions in the Bangor area, a University of Maine college that could combine programs currently offered in Orono and at University College of Bangor."

Kennedy adds that such a college would "complete the translational 'bench to bedside' objective of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems' new Maine



Institute for Human Genetics and Health." The college would also tie together the missions of basic and clinical research, education, and wellness and outreach, as well as enhance working relationships with St. Joseph Hospital, Eastern Maine Community College, and regional social and human service agencies.

The GSBS is a continuation of UMaine's commitment to the biomedical field. The University currently offers several doctorate degrees in genetics and cell biology in conjunction with The Jackson Lab, MMCRI, and MDIBL. And just two years ago, UMaine created the Institute for Molecular Biophysics with The Jackson Lab and MMCRI.

The planned location for the new graduate school will be at University College in Bangor. The faculty will include UMaine professors from various academic departments. Senior scientists from the partner institutions are expected to augment the GSBS faculty.



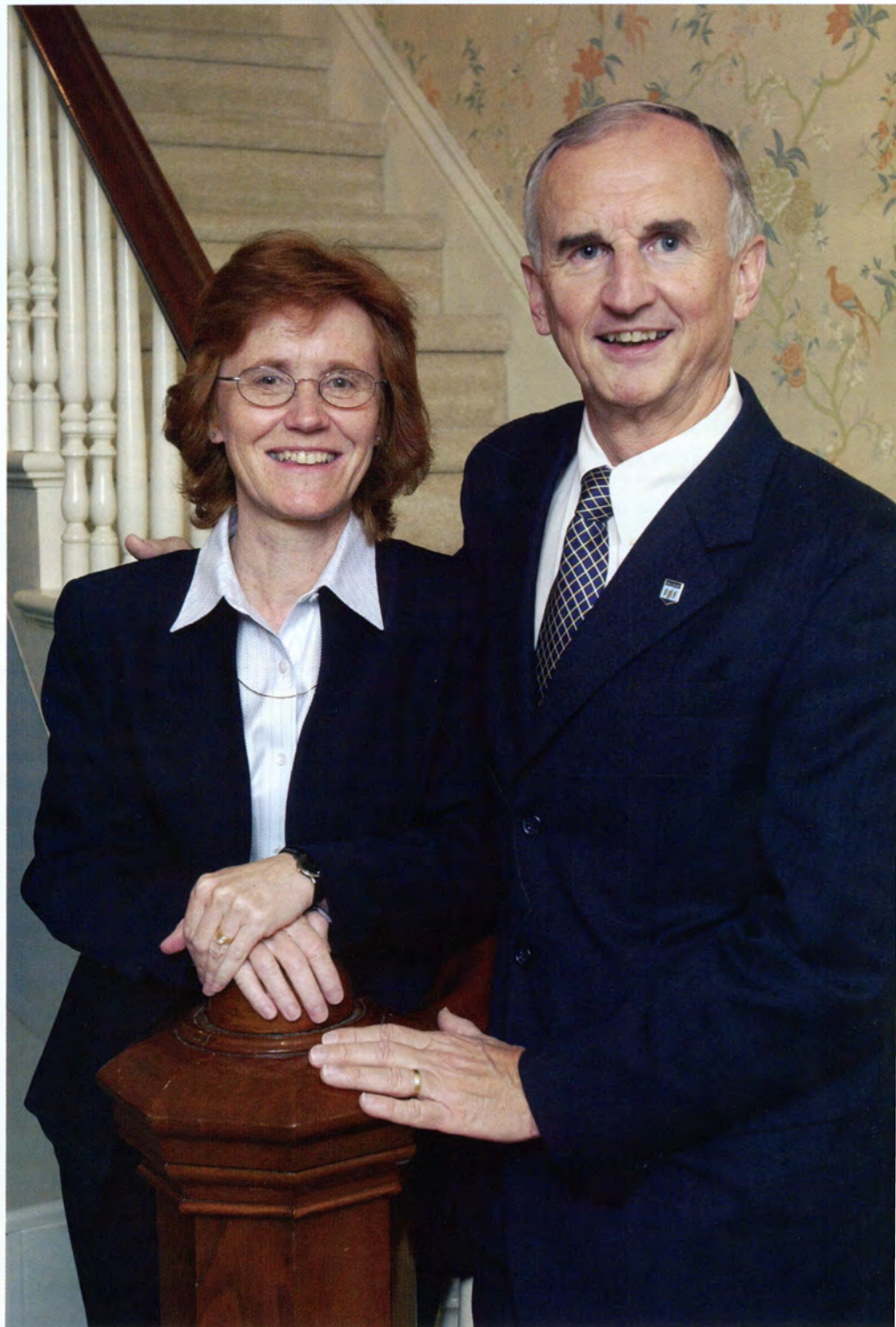
# Hitting the Ground Running

After four years as provost and eight months as UMaine's interim leader, Bob Kennedy knows the campus, the issues, and the state of Maine. Now, as the university's 18th president, he's eager to put that experience and knowledge to work.

*By Jim Frick*

Robert and Mary Rumpho-Kennedy at their new residence, the University of Maine President's House. Mary is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at UMaine.

Photograph by Michael York.





When Robert Kennedy was asked to take over as interim president of the University of Maine last summer, he wasn't sure whether he would be a candidate for the permanent position. But his experiences over the next eight months removed all doubt about his wanting to be the leader of the state's flagship campus.

That desire was realized in April when, after a national search, the University of Maine System chancellor and trustees decided the best possible UMaine president was already in the job.

"I approached the position this year, not as a caretaker, but as *the* president of the university," Kennedy explains. "Because of that, I think I got a really good idea of what a permanent presidency would be like. I realized how proud I was to serve this institution."

A big factor in his decision was the gratification that came from connecting with so many people around the state as well as alumni throughout the country.

"What was striking to me was the importance of the University of Maine in so many people's lives," Kennedy says. "That made an impression on me—it really influenced my decision."

It was quite obvious that Kennedy also made a big impression on the people of Maine. The outpouring of support for his selection came from all sections of the state and from a broad range of people and organizations.

"He had tremendous support from both off and on campus," noted Allen Fernald '54, a member of the search committee and chair of UMaine's Board of Visitors. "It was clear that Bob had connected with people—that made him a logical choice as the university's leader. But it was important to have a search to assure everyone that we have a leader of national stature."

Kennedy, who was "overwhelmed and humbled" by the support he received, believes that one reason he has connected so well with Maine folks is because he was raised on a farm, albeit in Minnesota.

"There are similarities between where I

grew up and Maine," he says. "I was recently up in The County, and I could swear it felt like I was traveling in northern Minnesota. And the people are a lot alike too."

Another reason for the support was his deep understanding of the mission of a land-grant university.

"I'm really a product of land-grants," Kennedy says. "I've been affiliated with six different land-grant universities as either a student or a faculty member. The culture and mission of an institution giving back to the state is very ingrained in me."

As was noted by Chancellor Joseph Westphal in the official announcement of Kennedy's selection, "He has demonstrated that he has the confidence and support of key constituencies within and outside the university."

Among the most important of those constituencies are the state legislature, where Kennedy has earned considerable support, and Governor John Baldacci '86.

"He's a proven leader on campus and in the community," Baldacci said in a statement praising the choice of Kennedy as UMaine's new leader.

Of course, the ability to connect with Maine people wasn't the only reason Kennedy was the top choice. His five years at the university and eight effective months as interim president were also a factor.

"One major advantage Bob had over the other candidates was that he was ready to hit the ground running," Fernald says. "He knew the campus, the issues, and the state of Maine."

As chair of the board of visitors, Fernald got to know Kennedy when he served as the university's provost. What impressed him the most was his ability to get things done and his gift as a communicator.

"He has tremendous energy," Fernald says. "I swear, I don't know when the man sleeps." Fernald also has praise for Kennedy's communication skills.

"He tells the UMaine story like no one else," Fernald said. "And that's saying something because there have been some pretty good storytellers in that office."

It's not just off-campus groups that the new Maine president impressed. Although

faculty support for Kennedy was certainly not unanimous, it was broad-based and effective.

"We need stability, strong leadership, and a sense of fairness; and I believe Bob was quite simply the best person for the job," said associate professor of nursing and graduate program coordinator Carol Wood.

Wood got to know Kennedy soon after he arrived at the university to serve as provost and vice president of academic affairs. She says she was immediately struck by his quick grasp of the academic issues as well as by the more complex and diverse human issues on campus.

"I've closely followed his work since then," Wood added, "and my early impressions have been confirmed by Bob's concrete accomplishments in many areas during his time at UMaine."

When he was a student leader at UMaine, Matt Rodrigue '04 also had the opportunity to get to know Kennedy well. Rodrigue, a former president of the UMaine student government, continues to work with Kennedy as a member of the UMaine Board of Visitors.

"When I was student government president and Dr. Kennedy was provost, we worked closely together on a number of projects, most notably the new student recreation center," Rodrigue says. "That's where I really got to know him well. He became a mentor for me. He's a brilliant man and I learned a great deal from him."

Based on his experiences, Rodrigue thinks UMaine has a campus president who will be very "student friendly."

"It's unusual for the provost to have a great deal of interaction with students," Rodrigue notes. "But during his time in that job, Dr. Kennedy had a lot of interaction with undergraduates. He was great at coming to student events, and he really supported undergraduate activities."

Whether it's working with students, faculty, or off-campus constituencies such as alumni and the legislature, Kennedy knows he faces a demanding schedule and a daunting number of challenges.

One of his first priorities is to fill a num-



ber of important administrative positions that have been in limbo until a new university president was named. That will be part of a commitment in the coming months to spend more time on campus.

"This past year, I spent a lot of time traveling around the state," Kennedy explains. "That was important—to get out there and reconnect the university to the people of Maine. Now I want and need to spend more time right here on campus, having discussions with faculty, students, and staff, getting their thoughts on the directions that they think the university needs to go."

Another priority for the new president is laying the groundwork for another big fundraising effort that will begin this summer and extend through the next several years. He says the new campaign will be comprehensive.

"That's why I need input from the people on campus," he says. "My own thoughts are that the major focus will be on scholarships, professorships, and faculty positions. We need to keep this university affordable in order for all the people of Maine to have a chance to fulfill their aspirations."

Of course, getting more Maine students to have aspirations to go to college is a major issue in itself, and one that Kennedy plans to address during his presidency. He's optimistic that the development of community colleges in the state will help.

"A good many students are entering community college now with the hopes of transferring to a four-year school. And with the new relationship between the community colleges and the University of Maine System, that opportunity will be there."

In addition to working closely with community college leaders, Kennedy also has a very good relationship with Univer-

## UMaine's 18th President

**Robert A. Kennedy, Ph.D.**

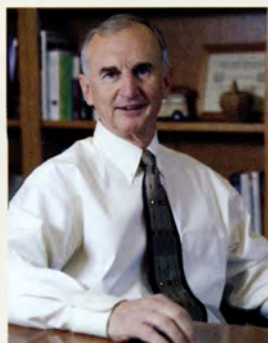
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Mary Rumpho-Kennedy, Ph.D.  
Four sons

Education:  
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Berkeley, Ph.D., in Botany (1974)  
University of Minnesota, Bachelor's in Plant Science (1968)

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Executive Vice President and Provost, UMaine (2000-2004)  
Vice President for Research, Texas A&M (1992-2000)  
Vice President for Research, Maryland Institute for  
Agricultural and Natural Resources (1990-1992)  
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Foundation (1989)  
Director, Cellular Biochemistry Program, National Science  
Foundation (1988)  
Chair, Department of Horticulture, The Ohio State  
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we can better serve the state."

Kennedy believes that better service to the people of Maine will include even more partnerships with USM.

"Those partnerships, like the one we currently have in electrical engineering, only enhance our mission of serving the state," Kennedy adds. "I respect the important role USM plays in that region. But we are different institutions with different missions. Our mission is statewide."

One part of that mission that Kennedy feels strongly about is UMaine's breadth of academic offerings. Although his background is in plant science, he says it was the broad number of offerings in the humanities and arts that attracted him to UMaine in the first place.

"It was a strong attraction for my wife Mary and me," he says. "And it's fundamental to the way this institution serves the region and the state. Cultural and arts offerings are a big part of what citizens expect from their flagship campus. If you look at land-grant universities around the country, virtually every one has strength in humanities, arts, and science."

As the Kennedys get ready to move into the President's House, the new university leader wants to make it clear that UMaine is not a stepping stone—that he and Mary are here for the long haul.

"We've developed a real love of this state and its people," he says. "We aren't looking beyond this position. On the other hand, I'm not here to retire either. I want to help this university reach its full potential. I sense alumni, faculty, and Maine citizens also feel there are goals and aspirations yet to be reached. My vision is for UMaine to expand its mission for the state, but also go beyond that and achieve a new level of national recognition and prominence."

sity of Southern Maine president Richard Pattenau. And UMaine's new leader doesn't share some UMaine supporters' fears that USM's growth is a threat to the flagship campus in Orono.

"We aren't in a major population center and the Portland region is growing faster than this area of Maine," Kennedy says. "But I really think it's a disservice and counterproductive to look over our shoulder all the time and see who might be gaining ground. That isn't what you do when you're number one, when you are the premier institution. I feel strongly that we need to be forward looking, not paranoid. We need to focus on the future and how



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# Alumni News and Events



## Newest Alumna

Pearlee Buchanan was made an honorary University of Maine alumna by alumni association chair, Bion Foster '68, '70G, at the alumni gathering in San Diego in March. Pearlee is the wife of Dr. Robert D. Buchanan '44 who gave the naming gift for the Buchanan Alumni House.

## No Summer Magazine for 2005

Due to a short-term budgeting situation and a special project being undertaken by the publications staff, the alumni association will not publish a summer 2005 issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. We will return to four issues of the magazine in 2006. The Association apologizes to its members for the change in its publications schedule.

## On the cover

An unidentified student is shown competing in the 1955 UMaine Agricultural Fair. This photograph is from the 1956 *Prism*. If you can identify this alumna, e-mail us at: [abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu](mailto:abigail.zelz@umit.maine.edu).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June 3-5

Reunion Weekend at the University of Maine  
All alumni welcome! Honored Classes: 1955, 1950, 1945, 1940, 1935 & Senior Alumni  
University of Maine campus, Orono  
Sponsored by the alumni association

### Thursday, August 4

Portland Alumnae Summer Coffee  
Home of Faith Wixson Varney '56, '65G  
69 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, ME  
RSVP by August 1 to Faith at (207) 781-3038.

### Monday, August 8

6th Annual Southern Maine Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament  
Spring Meadows Golf Course—Gray, Maine  
Time TBA. Check [www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com) for information as the date draws closer, or call the Southern Maine office at (207) 828-2327.

### September 16-17

Fall Reunion Weekend. All alumni welcome for an event-filled two days!  
Honored classes: 1960, 1965, 1970, and 1975  
University of Maine campus, Orono

### Sunday, September 25

New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia  
Lake Arrowhead, New Jersey  
For more information, e-mail Ron Sheay '55 at: [Revdrvirginias@aol.com](mailto:Revdrvirginias@aol.com) or contact Margaret Wilde Giuliano '67 at: (908) 725-1669.

### October 21-22

Homecoming 2005  
All alumni welcome! UMaine football, annual craft fair, group reunions, and more.  
Honored Class: 1980

**Be sure to log on to: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com) to find out the latest information on alumni events on campus and around the country.**



## Attention UMaine Alumni

The University of Maine Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 5, 2005, at 10:45 a.m. in the McIntire Room of Buchanan Alumni House on the UMaine campus. All University of Maine alumni are welcome to attend.



## Congratulations 2005 alumni award recipients

One of the highlights of a UMaine reunion is the Sunday morning awards breakfast (this year on June 5). At this annual event the alumni association recognizes outstanding individual achievement as well as service to the University of Maine and its alumni body. This year's award recipients are:

### **Alumni Career Award**

John Buckley '49

### **Bernard Lown '42 Humanitarian Award**

Richard '48 and Middie Cohen Giesberg '47

### **Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award**

Mark H. Cohen '54

### **Fogler Legacy Award**

The Bodwell Family

### **Black Bear Awards**

Wilma Bradford, Richard A. Hale '44, Greg D. Jamison '72, '98G, and Alan F. Merritt '58

### **Block "M" Awards**

Baron B. Hicken '63, Mary Atkinson Johnson '55, Robert "Mike" Roy '42, Milton '51 and Joan Vachon Victor '52, Thelma Crossland Robie '49, and George R. Gray '50

**Hilda Sterling '55 Class Correspondent Award** Joanne Owen Bingham '56



Enjoying the March 23 alumni reception at the Scottsdale, Arizona, home of Mike and Stephanie Barry Brown '65 are (standing) left to right: alumni association annual fund director Danny Williams '91, '94G, UMaine president Robert Kennedy, alumni association president Donna Keirstead Thornton '78, '79G, Helen Hauck Bartley '43 (niece of former UMaine president Arthur Hauck), Glenna Renegar Bingham '65 and Lee Bingham '63, '66G, and UMaine Foundation planned giving officer Brad Coffey. Seated is Stephanie Brown.

## Black Bear clothing/gear now available online



Fleece vest

Great Black Bear alumni gear from the University of Maine Alumni Association Online Store is now available at: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com).

Jackets, sweat-shirts, fleeces, tees, polo shirts, kids' clothes, tote bags, blankets, and more can now be ordered

via our secure web-

site. We'll ship directly to your door. Just pick your item, choose your UMaine logo, and we take care of the rest. Proceeds benefit the UMAA's student programs.

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Good Luck Black Bears!  
Bill Bodwell '50

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# Double Service

For nearly four years, Anne Witham Jenkins '67 has served as chair of the board of both the Farnsworth Art Museum and Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

**S**erving as the chair of the board of one nonprofit entity can be a demanding undertaking. Well, for nearly four years, super volunteer Anne Witham Jenkins '67 has been heading two of Maine's best known nonprofits.

This May, Anne completed her four-year term as chair of Maine Public Broadcasting Network (she will remain as a member of the board). And she's also served for three and one-half years as board chair of the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland.

"There are definitely some weeks where it's more than a full-time job," she admits.

Heading both at the same time was not something that was planned. While Anne had anticipated taking over the board of the Farnsworth, chairing MPBN was a fast developing surprise.

Anne's involvement with the Farnsworth started back in the 1980s as a volunteer. She says her initial interest simply came from being a member of the community (she lives in nearby Owls Head with her husband, Jim Jenkins '66), not from a strong interest in art.

"I was a math major with a French language minor at the university," she explains. "But following all my involvement with the museum and later with MPBN, if I had it to do over again, I think I would major in history



or art history."

In the late 1980s, the Farnsworth was growing and needed to change its structure. It established a board of directors with Maureen Rothchild as its first chair.

"Maureen had a vision to create a guild of volunteers for the museum in order to offer more service without the expense of expanding the staff," Anne says. "She asked me to become president of the guild, a job which made me a member of the board."

As she was asked to take on more responsibility, Anne fell in position to eventually take over as chair.

A year or so before she expected to chair the Farnsworth, fellow board member, Wickham Skinner, approached her about joining him on the MPBN board of directors.

"I asked him if there was something particular that he had in mind for me at MPBN," she recalls. "He just smiled and said, 'You'll figure it out.'"

Anne met with then MPBN president Rob Gardner and decided to accept a place on the board of directors. Just a year later, she

was asked to take over as chair.

"I laughed thinking that was what Wickham had in mind when he said, 'You'll figure it out,'" she says.

In her four years as chair, Anne has helped lead MPBN through a search for a new president, through a successful \$20 million capital campaign, and through the difficult conversion of the network from analog to digital transmission. She proudly notes that the conversion was completed a year ahead of government requirements and under budget.

One result of that conversion to digital was the opening up of more broadcast space, inspiring Anne and the board of directors to refocus MPBN's mission to a clearer emphasis on education.

"We decided we would look for partners that had educational content that they were looking to disseminate to the people of Maine, but who didn't have the technology to do it," she says.

Toward that end, MPBN has worked hard to train teachers about what is available and how to bring it to students over MPBN's television, radio, and internet services.

Anne says she finds many connections between her work on the two boards. For example, just recently MPBN collaborated with the Farnsworth and other Maine museums on making "The Maine Art Museum Trail" in which students and others can learn about Maine's museums from a top quality video.

And sometimes when she is representing one organization, she finds herself thinking about possibilities for the other.

"As chair of the Farnsworth, I just attended a conference on the creative economy with Governor Baldacci," she explains. "I sat there as the chair of one board, thinking about how it might apply to the other one I lead. They were talking about how to get the word out, and I thought, 'That's something MPBN has the means to do.' It's all about serving the community. That's what motivates me."



# Classnotes



## Senior Alumni

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The activities committee of the Senior Alumni has been busy. On December 4th the committee treated members to a light luncheon in the Buchanan's McIntire room. Over 40 people attended. Patrick Nero, UMaine athletic director, was our guest speaker. Following lunch we went to the Memorial Gym, popularly known as The Pit, to see the men's basketball game. You all remember The Pitt—the gym with a balcony surrounding the playing floor. It brought back many fond memories. Back then, all of the big campus activities e.g. dances, etc. were held there. The Black Bear basketball team hosted the game against Harvard College—Oh yes, Maine won. It was a great afternoon for all who attended. Thanks to committee members: **Jean Grindle Carville '54**, **Ruth Fogler Goff '48**, **Thelma Crossland Robie '49**, and president **Jayne Hanson Bartley '49**. We hope to make this an annual event along with our senior luncheons at reunion and homecoming. The group is working on another activity to be held in the spring. The committee welcomes all thoughts regarding future events.

The council in the coming months will be working on scholarship activities for the coming year as well as activities associated with Reunion 2005 including the induction of the Class of 1955 into the Senior Alumni at our annual

luncheon.

Now for news about our senior alumni members: An article in the November 7th *Maine Sunday Telegram* regarding **Luthera Burton Dawson '33** who, after a late arrival as a published author, is out with her second book of essays about growing up in Cushing. It took moving to Ohio to prompt Luthera to write about growing up on a saltwater farm in Maine. She moved to Ohio in the 1930s for a job, then moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for the IRS for 35 years before retiring and moving back to Maine. In 1993 Luthera's son and daughter-in-law started a publishing company and published Dawson's book. Now, 11 years later, she came out with her second book at the young age of 93. It's called *Beside the St. George's: Maine Forgotten Ways* and includes her Saltwater Farm essays plus 18 new essays about her younger days in Cushing and midcoast Maine. Luthera, who lives in Thomaston, is currently finishing a third book. It's about her experiences as a "government girl" working in Washington during World War II.

In the *Presque Isle Star-Herald* it was reported that two recent inductees in the university's Stillwater Society were **Charlene McIntire** and her recently deceased husband, **Smith McIntire '32**. The event was

held in the McIntire Room of the Buchanan Alumni House. There were more than 125 invited guests at the elegant dinner with a special program and entertainment. There are over 800 members in the Stillwater Society. Both Charlene and Smith were very active in the promotion of this room named for **Clifford McIntire '32** who was a twin of Smith and in Congress for more than 15 years.

There was a wonderful article in the October 7th issue of *Island Advantages* published in Stonington, Maine, about **Mary McGuire '28**. Mary does a beautiful job of recalling her memories of her childhood and especially on the town of Stonington that used to be.

## 1935

*70th Reunion*  
*June 3-5, 2005*

**Basil G. Staples**  
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Dear Classmates,  
 The year 2005 has suddenly been thrust upon us whether we are ready for it or not. It is the year of our 70th



**Hildegarde "Bill" Baxter Perkins '36** was one of the many alums who attended the University of Maine reception and lunch at Turtles in Sarasota on March 1. Next to Bili is University of Maine Foundation president **Amos Orcutt '64**.

class Reunion. I can think of no more satisfying and pleasant event than to visit Orono and see what wonderful improvements have been made to our alma mater, visit with other alumni, and reminisce about those things that happened to us so many long years ago.

My records show that there are approximately 45 class members on our current mailing list. It would be wonderful if you would all show up in Orono in June. My recent mail has not been very encouraging. Hopefully, it will improve and I will be receiving confirmations of your attendance. Let's show dear old Maine that the Class of '35 is still very much alive and still has much affection for what used to be a little college on the Stillwater.

## 1936

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I received a Christmas card from **Jim Haggett** who still spends springs, summers, and falls at Mashpee on Cape Cod, but spends winters with his son, Greg, in northern Connecticut.

Jim says, "It's tough to get old as you'll find out—I turned 90 the last of October. Everything takes longer such as raking the nasty oak leaves every fall and getting out of bed every morning."

Jim still walks nine holes of golf, but his bag of clubs rides before him on an electric Kangaroo. Due to his trouble with an Achilles tendon, it seems about time to graduate to an electric riding cart such as is used by almost every golfer in Green Valley, Arizona.

I just received a message (via the alumni office) from **Alfreda Tanner Black** who is enjoying her "golden years" in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She misses the volunteer work she could do before two hip surgeries, both on the same hip. She feels fine now. Alfreda just got back from a four-month stay with a daughter in Orange County, California.



My youngest brother and I spent the first week of June at Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport. The clams that once proliferated on the river bottoms are all gone, and the fishing near the shore rocks is no more. However, the lobsters still spend the summers migrating from the cold deep ocean to take up residence in the shallow pools near shore. We happened to arrive during the full moon when it seems that Mother Nature pulls out the plug, and the tide drops about 18 to 20 feet at low tide. My brother Don and I were able to walk out about a quarter of a mile at low tide just as we used to do 80 years ago. Sure enough, we saw many lobsters in the burrows they had dug along the dividing line between the sandy pools and the undersea meadows of eel grass which stretched as far as the eye could see.

I recall an old rhyme I heard long ago which goes:

Goose Rocks is that part of  
Kennebunkport  
which does all the Maine things  
right.

The rocks all abide on the is-  
lands off-shore,  
and the beach is all sand that is  
white.

## 1937

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Last year was an eventful one for **Ernie Dinsmore**. Summer in Maine went as usual except for the time his car backed into a tree and broke its rear-view mirror. But when he got to Florida things started to happen, beginning when his undisciplined car ran into a boat. Dinny describes the resulting fine as "juicy."

This happened on Christmas Eve, after a hurricane had caused him to spend two nights on the floor of a music room in a school with flashlight and candle. Then he found his house in such bad condition that it had to be torn down. He now lives in a trailer.

But in spite of these mishaps Dinny managed to attend a buffet where many Mainers could gather and fill a stein.

Class of 1939 member Harry Halliday completed a booklet on his life last winter. Much of the autobiography is about his days as a UMaine forestry student and member of Lambda Chi Alpha as well as his strong connections to the university as a loyal alumnus. Harry has been an important part of all his class reunions and also active in Senior Alumni.

Harry also recently put together a book honoring the life of his daughter, Sue Anne Dickert, who died after a long, courageous struggle with several health problems.



## 1939

**Edna Louise Harrison "Squeeze" Dempsey**  
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Christmas cards were welcome, but fewer in number this year. **Gin Maguire Drew** and **Dana** are doing fine, sounding up-beat, as usual. They were off to Connecticut for the holidays after doing their cards.

**Lucille Bell Grange** and **George '37** are in "pretty good shape," having celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last October. They are fortunate to have a large and always growing family. In 2005, they plan to have their 25th family reunion on the Outer Banks, North Carolina. (Tell us all about it, Lucille.)

The following conversations were contributed by Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, who phoned Lucille Bell Grange after interviewing other UMaine cheerleaders of the early '50s. She also spoke to **Ralph Higgins**.

"Lucille majored in home economics, child development, one of the first female cheerleaders at UMaine! I called Sun City Center, Florida, and here's what she (and George) had to say.

"My father wanted me to go to a girls' school, but when I mentioned Maine (he graduated from there),

what could he say?!" Lucille said her father, **Roger W. Bell '16**, was 'a great runner at college, the top runner in his class at that time.' She also said **Dot Davis Page** and she were both living in Albany, New York, at the time, so when she went, Dot went along too. The two tried out as freshmen, made it, and led cheers for the next four years. She said **Libby Doble Sylvester** and **Helen Philbrook** made it, too. 'We went on all the trains, we had a wonderful time,' Lucille said. 'We didn't join any sororities. We met all the boys cheering.'

"There were no girl cheerleaders before '39,' Lucille said. 'We were very sedate, we wore navy skirts, white blouses, and navy sweaters,' and George piped in, 'They were all good looking.' She said there were four men, with long white trousers. 'We jazzed around, we spun around,' she said of the cheering. And then she talked of the 7:30 curfew and how they had to practice one night and Dot wanted to stay out with Dave '37. 'If I went in before that, there would be trouble,' said Lucille. So Dave brought George along (they were both Phi Gamma Deltas). 'He was a nice-looking fellow, good-mannered,' she said, and George: 'She got me.' (Dave later was best man at their wedding.) Well, Lucille and George's family is growing: they have three children, Gail, George, and Terry, 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way."

Nancy Plaisted also spoke with

Ralph Higgins of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, "whom I met at a Senior Reunion lunch or dinner last year and he was delightful.

"Well, Ralph, 87, who reminds me of the actor Hume Cronyn (remember *Cocoon*?), is also an actor, playing character roles, such as Herr Drosselmeyer in *The Nutcracker* with the Princeton Ballet (with the American Repertory Ballet Company), and with the Suburban Dance Force. Ralph, who had his right knee replaced a year ago February, said: 'Just call me Ralph the Robot.' Ralph has a great voice and can remember everything! (I wish I could. I can't find the list he sent me of plays, etc., he's been in.) His favorite play, however, is *Kiss Me Kate*—'It pops in and out of my mind.' And his second best? *Kismet*. Ralph mentioned that he was Johnny Johnson in UMaine's *Masque* in 1938.

"Ralph still drives and volunteers as a courier at the University Medical Center at Princeton. More power to you, Ralph."

Thanks for your contributions, Nancy

**Karl Wenger** writes that he and his wife occasionally go out to dinner and that he attends Rotary Club meetings. Like all of us he has to restrict his activities somewhat.

In chapter two of **Harry Halliday's** autobiography we will cover his many and varied civic activities. Beginning with running the Cub Scout "Akelo" troop and the Pack 13 Boy Scout troop in West Newton, Massachusetts. Harry was active in the Needham YMCA during the '60s, being an instigator and board member. He also helped in the Hale Reservation of Westwood, Massachusetts, and was active in the Exchange Service Club in Needham. President of the United Methodist Men's Club, also in Needham, he also found time to be a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. He was a founder of the Cape Cod golf tournament, raising money for the Shriners hospitals.

Harry was also a Blue Lodge life member, a Needham and King's Way Golf Club member as well as a supporter of Lake Wentworth Association Audubon activities at Wolfboro, New Hampshire, and a trustee of the First Congregational Church of Yarmouth in Yarmouthport, Massachusetts.

His university activities included Senior Alumni and executive committee and '39 class agent where he helped raise the \$155,000 class gift. He received the University of Maine



Block "M" Award, and in 1991 the Black Bear Award.

Certainly you have used your time well, Harry—obviously keeping busy during your long life.

Loss of good friends and neighbors is truly a "bummer." However, the "celebration of life" concept brings joy even where there is sadness.

To end on a happy note, I am grateful for Mainely People and love receiving it. My best to you all.  
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## 1940

**Pauline Jellison Weatherbee**  
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Hanging on the wall in my den is a beautiful wooden plaque with the University of Maine seal, a golden quill pen, and the inscription "Pauline Weatherbee In deep appreciation for 35 years of faithful service as class secretary. Class of 1940."

So after thirty years I again take my quill in hand. My life, like yours, has changed drastically in these years. Art and I had many happy years of retirement as "snow birds," summers in Kennebunk and winters in Florida. We did all the retirement things; volunteer work, travel, golf, bridge, and some carousing. When Art died of Alzheimer's I sold our home in Kennebunk, and became a full time Floridian, but still spent part of each summer in Maine on Deer Isle.

My family has grown from my three children, Sue, Dick, and Steve to six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Sue, Dick, and I had a common interest, browsing in old book stores and collecting. Sue died three years ago on Christmas Day leaving her collection of rare books to Dick. It had been her dream to have a book store and on the first anniversary of her death, Christmas week, Dick and wife Barb opened Idylls and Odysseys, an antiquarian book shop in the quaint little town of Georgetown, Colorado. It was a true labor of love. Barb commutes from Denver for the week and Dick does the weekends. He is counting the months until his retirement from the justice department. We still book-shop and I spend part of my summer in the mountains of Colorado.

Last summer in Florida was traumatic. Our local paper called it



**Judge Bill Treat '40 and his wife, Vivian, were among the attendees at the Fort Myers alumni lunch on March 4. Bill was recently selected as one of the outstanding UMaine graduates who will be featured in the Alumni House Galaxy of Stars display. He was one of the nation's leading probate judges, a highly successful banker, and later in his career a United Nations delegate.**

"44 days of horror." When the hurricanes were headed directly at us the question was to evacuate or stay? So we hunkered down and stayed. We were very lucky. Except for the inconvenience of long lines, frustrated people, power outages, we had little damage. Trees were down and power was off for several days just long enough to lose our food, but the devastation in Florida was unbelievable. Thousands of people are still homeless.

**Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier** and I had a long, happy phone visit recently. She has moved to, of all places, Kennebunk not far from where we lived. Over the years we had many wonderful reunions as couples with Ted and the late **Peg Hauck Ladd**. AA has a large, loving, and supportive family. Her four daughters are scattered, Peg in Hawaii, Anne in California, Fran in New York, and Barbara Poeppelmeier Eretzian '73, '87G in Auburn, Maine. In spite of great distances they all manage to be together often. Brother Jim '45 lives in Kennebunk.

Last year was a year of change for AA. She lost her sister Frances Donovan '43 who was not only her

sister but her best friend. Also there was a series of losses in her family. Maybe that helped her make the decision to change her life.

In July she went to Maine to visit family and begin the search for a place that would be more carefree than her Seven Lakes home. On to Cape Cod where daughter Anne was celebrating her 60th birthday in Orleans. Anne had rented a huge house that was perfect for all the children, grandchildren, and cousins of all ages.

Then back to Seven Lakes, North Carolina, to sell the beautiful home that Vin designed, and in October her move to Huntington Retirement Community where she has her little cottage and her golf clubs!

Her move came just as her daughter Barbara was elected by her peers as Maine's Superintendent of the Year honoring her years of work in the Auburn schools. AA was able to attend the celebration luncheon with the governor, commissioner of education, and other dignitaries. A fitting welcome back to Maine.

All the girls gathered again for a Christmas celebration in Kenne-

bunk. What wonderful memories we have of all these children growing up.

We send our love and sympathy to **Betty Libbey Stallard Vernon** who lost her husband Bob last year. She has moved back from California to her former home in Hingham, Massachusetts. Betty and I have happy memories together of our beginning days of motherhood in Bangor. We had a big group whose husbands were all overseas in World War II. I guess now you would call us a support group.

**Barbara Welch Wilson** is a life-long friend of mine from Bangor. We giggled our way through Bangor High School and still spend our visits together laughing about old times. Barb leads a very busy life in Waterville with her daughter Sue and son Randy nearby. Sadly, she lost her son David.

Last summer was Barb's year for attending the theater. In the spring she went to New York where she saw four shows, visited museums, the Twin Towers Memorial, and the colonial St. Paul's Chapel. Back home she went to several musicals on the Bowdoin campus. In the fall she took a course at Colby on Chekhov's plays. Barb takes advantage of her proximity to two wonderful schools.

**Elnora Savage Grant** is also a Bangor friend. Our lives have been full of coincidences. We shared a room at Eastern Maine General Hospital when our daughters were born in '43. Our first grandsons were born at the same time and our first great-grandchildren were also born at the same time.

Elnora lost her husband George '41 last year. We were so sorry to hear that. He was a wonderful man. Elnora lives in Rutland, Vermont, and is fortunate to have her son nearby. We have our long phone visits which sometimes last for two hours. She still has her farm in the mountains of Vermont but spends most of her time now in town.

Judy and **Bob Merrill** live in Sarasota. They have the best of three lives. They spend part of the summer in the mountains of New Hampshire and part at Lake Onawa, the loveliest lake in Maine (we think). Judy and I have been friends forever, in music since grade school, so I was delighted when she married Bob and became a member of the class, sort of.

Bob is an accomplished piper and has played the bagpipes for years. He and Judy traveled to many festivals, and he looks very



handsome in his kilts.

I still see Vivian and **Bill Treat**. I am pleased to have copies of his last two books, *As I was Saying—an Autumnal Accounting*, which is a record of his amazing career, and *Remembered Journeys—Nomadic Adventures of the Treat Family*. It is a wonderful autobiography with great photographs of the family's travels all over the world.

Bill sent the following letter to the alumni association:

"During my four years in Orono my friend and classmate, **Earle Bessey**, always had a way of humbling the rest of us by performing with a little more class than the rest of us could manage. When Earle wrote a letter for our class notes, I was reminded once again that I have totally failed in my responsibilities to keep in touch with other members of the class through the alumni column and Earle sufficiently embarrassed me so that I am finally taking pen in hand.

"The classic comments of octogenarians seem to circle around medical appointments, travel plans, and the adventures of the overly indulged grandchildren. Typically, Earle avoided these conversational traps by telling us about the glories of Green Valley, Arizona, a community that I have become acquainted with over the years because my sister, Mary Esther Treat Clark '44, lived there and found it hugely attractive.

"For reasons that are not entirely relevant, Vivian and I go to the west coast of Florida in the winter months, warm but without the special beauties of the west. Like Earle and Suzanne, we have recently sold our home in Florida and opted for a condominium with diminished management responsibilities. Our two children, Dutch and Mary Esther, favor us with occasional visits and take part in presenting the annual Treat Award at the annual dinner meeting of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Dutch is addicted to the Maine coast and escapes as frequently as possible to his summer home in Lincolnville. Our daughter, Mary Esther, insists on remaining in Shelburne, Vermont, where she can indulge in hiking and skiing.

"As a family we have refreshed our connection with our English roots with frequent visits to our family church in the village of Pitminster in the West Country of England. All three grandchildren have been baptized there thus regenerating a family practice last

exercised in 1637.

"Lastly, my thanks to Earle for setting a good example and persuading me (and I hope others) to drop a note to the Alumni Center. (By the way, Earle, for your interest in large caverns take a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.)"

When you read this it will be almost Reunion time—our 65th. Wouldn't it be great if there were enough of us there to fill our balcony on the Buchanan Alumni House!

## 1941

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A Maine Hello to all '41ers! We in southern Maine have been most fortunate this winter; the hockey team and the boys' and the girls' basketball teams have had games scheduled at the Cumberland County Civic Center with an alumni reception in Salty Pete's before the games. Bob Kennedy, interim president; Peter Nero, athletic director; and the respective coaches have spoken briefly. Luckily, all games were victories! **Charlene Perkins Strang** attended the Cumberland County Alumni Chapter dinner last fall as her daughter, Meredith Strang Burgess '78, was honored in receiving the CCAC Outstanding Alumni Award. Meredith in her remarks stated that she was a third generation Maine graduate and that her oldest son was enrolled at the university to start the fourth generation. The guest speaker was Gary F. Thorne '70, the ESPN sports announcer. Charlene also came from Topsham for the Portland Alumnae of the University of Maine meeting in October so the attendance banner was awarded to the Class of 1941 because we had three classmates there: Charlene, **Joyce Ramsay Carter**, and myself. Dr. Robert Kennedy was the guest speaker.

Last fall many alumni were invited to a reception in Portland for the Honors College at the University of Maine. The Honors College is a recent creation at the university and in the spring a dean was chosen. The Honors College is housed in Colvin Hall and soon will branch out into Balentine. I attended this reception and made plans to visit Colvin when I was on campus for the University of Maine Foundation lun-

cheon. It was exciting to have a tour of the facilities, but of great interest was the thesis/reading room (formerly the smoking room which has been raised and has a foundation under it) where there are 851 bound theses which represent almost all of the Honors graduates since 1937 (four that year). Thus, I have a print-out of the eight members of the Class of 1941 who enrolled in the Honors Program. Our classmates who achieved such honors were **Donald Devoe, George Ellis, Alma Fifield Woodward, Lloyd Griffin, Ruth Linnell Ladd, Raymond Valliere, Catherine Ward Shorb, and Charlotte White Potter**. This information includes the title of the thesis, their major, and the location of the thesis (either at the Robert B. Thomson Honors Center in Colvin or at the Fogler Library). The Class of 2004 had the largest graduating Honors class in the 69-year history of Honors at Maine—52 Honors students. The Honors College, which is attracting highly qualified students, has 78 percent from Maine in this year's 250 new students; its annual publication is entitled *Minerva*. Remember our senior year—we girls christened Estabrooke—North and South. Now that is a dormitory for graduate students only—quite necessary because UMaine has the largest number of graduate students in its history, 2,273.

The recipients of the Class of 1941 Scholarship Fund for the 2004-2005 academic year are: Jennifer Piper, a senior majoring in landscape horticulture from Troy, Maine, and the great-niece of the late **Allan Piper**; and Nathan Burnett, a sophomore majoring in international affairs from Presque Isle, Maine, and the grandson of **Mary Boone Smith**. I would like to share with you the letter of appreciation from Nathan:

"I was very pleased to receive the announcement that I have been awarded the Class of 1941 Scholarship for 2004-2005. The \$1,000 that your class has generously given me allows me to pursue my undergraduate studies in international studies with an emphasis on economics.

"I intend to study international law, and, since this is my second year, I realize that I have a lot of study and expense ahead of me. My first year was successful in that I made some new, solid friendships, I feel confident that I've chosen a field that interests me, and I made pretty good grades (3.18 GPA).

"This is the second year that I

have received a scholarship from your class. I'm starting to feel rather like I'm adopted! Thank you so much for your interest. My grandmother, Mary Boone Smith, graduated from your class. She is enjoying a busy life here in Presque Isle, and she is happy to know that her graduating class is helping her grandson through the University of Maine.

"Financial support like that awarded by your graduating class really helps me."

**Sally Culberson Nardone** has a change of address: 4 Dewberry Drive, Apartment 21, Presque Isle, Maine 04769. Sally has sold her home and moved to Leisure Gardens; with such a name and Sally's description of its social calendar the place sounds interesting. **Christine Tufts Taylor** stayed in Rangeley this winter instead of going to Florida. Her address: Rangeley Townhouse Apartments, 14 School Street, Apartment B1, Rangeley, Maine 04970. Chris spent the holidays with a daughter in Weston, Massachusetts, and then planned to hibernate because it's been a long, long time since she's been exposed to this climate. When I was teaching, I always signed up for an Appalachian Mountain Club trip to Philbrook Farm Inn, mainly to visit with **Connie Philbrook Leger** and Nancy Philbrook '42. One always found Connie doing some intricate handiwork during the evening. Her Christmas card this year was a beautiful piece of petit point with the word PEACE over a globe of the world—what a wonderful thought and what a treasure to have!

Alice Ann Donovan Poeppelmeier '40 has moved to Huntington Commons in Kennebunk, so Priscilla Thomas Perry '40, **Joyce Ramsay Carter**, and I had lunch together here at Piper Shores. Also joining us were John Carter '42 and Robert Parker '38. Bob is living at 75 State Street in Portland. Do you remember how talented he was at the piano? He entertained all with a repertoire of Maine songs—the "Stein Song," the "Fight Song," the band number, etc. and then many tunes of our era. What a day for reminiscing!

Stay well, stay healthy, and please stay in touch!

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**mainealumni.com**



## 1943

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"Hail fellow, well met" is how I remember **Frances Marie Donovan**, always upbeat, always a cheerful greeting and a ready smile. Therefore, it was sad to read of her death on December 13, 2004, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Fran came to Maine with the reputation of being a great tennis player according to Houlton classmates. She continued her interest in athletics as a member of class field hockey, basketball, and volleyball teams. Those were the days of intramural sports! She was a leader in student government and a class officer which leadership was recognized by election to Sophomore Eagles and later as an All Maine Woman. At commencement, 1943, she was cited as the outstanding woman graduate thus receiving the Portland Alumnae Watch Award. Fran was a loyal alum over the years following matriculation, serving as class officer, reunion committee member, and fund raiser. Together with her siblings, Alice Ann Poeppelmeier '40 and James '45, a scholarship was established honoring their parents Dr. Joseph and Mary Donovan. The Donovan scholarship serves to aid Houlton students at the university. Therefore, you may recall Frances was honored by receiving the Black Bear Award at the 60th Reunion of the Class of 1943.

She was a service oriented person manifested by a two-year association with the American Red Cross in the China, Burma, India Theater of Operations 1944-1946. She was stationed first in Kunming and then in Tientsin, China.

Upon her return to the states she became executive secretary to Bill Cunningham, a leading columnist of the day and sports writer at the *Boston Herald*. In 1955 she married Francis Donovan of Boston. Roughly a decade later the Donovans lived in Hudson, Ohio, where she pursued a highly successful real estate career. One year she won a trip to Hawaii as the top sales person in the Smythe, Cramer and Company Realtors firm. She was honored by the Hudson Country Club in 1987 by the establishment of the Donovan Cup, an annual match play tournament for 18-hole women golf players



### Senior Alumni Present Annual Student Awards

The Senior Alumni Scholarship Committee met in early March to review applications for the Donald Taverner '43 Nontraditional Student Scholarships for 2005-2006. At the meeting were, standing (left to right): Jeanne Patten Whitten '43, Nancy Verrill (alumni association staff), Danny Williams '91, '94G (alumni association staff), Dick Noyes '51, Bill Currie '52, Maggie Mollison McIntosh '50, Barbara Sullivan Knowlton '48, and Gianna Marrs (student financial aid office). Sitting are (left to right): Earland Sleight '44, Shirley Hathaway Sibley '46, Mary-Jane Hoyt Pierce '46, Ruth Fogler Goff '48, and Thelma Crossland Robie '49.

At their annual scholarship awards ceremony on April 17, Senior Alumni presented 30 nontraditional students with financial assistance. In addition, the group gave four Top Scholar awards, four Distinguished Scholar awards, and four Distinguished Student awards.

Senior Alumni hope to raise \$82,620 this year to support the scholarships and its endowment.

## 1942

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In October Sam and I were in my hometown of Milford for a weekend which just happened to be Homecoming weekend at UMaine. We had a lovely weekend on campus. A very large craft fair at the Memorial Gym must have had over 100 exhibitors, no shortage of beautiful handicrafts. We went for lunch at the Bear's Den—what a superior dining experience. Lots of various eateries, something for everyone. Then we visited the Bookstore—another great stop. As we continued to the Buchanan Alumni House we passed Merrill Hall, Colvin, Balentine, and Estabrooke—what memories. We took a tour of the beautiful Alumni House. We all should be so proud of the "Gateway" to the university.

Thanks to a news item from Catherine and George May '54 about the death in Florida on November 12, 2004, of **Miles B. Mank**. Miles served his country and the state of Florida very well. He retired in 2001 after a successful law career in Vero Beach, Florida. Sympathy is extended from our class to his family.

Another of my Milford classmates, **Theodore "Ted" Stone**, died October 18, 2004. Ted served in the Marine Corps and continued with the Reserves while working with the Soil Conservation Service and the landscape division of the Maine State Highway Department retiring in 1979. Our class sends sympathy to his family.

On November 7, 2004, Cora Davidson Reed, former first lady of Maine and wife of **John Reed**, died in Washington, D.C. Cora will be remembered as the gracious hostess at the Blaine House during John's seven years as governor and as the ambassador's wife for two tours in Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives. Those who knew Cora

were amazed at her ability to face any situation with concern and charm whether it was a diplomatic crisis or a stray cat.

Master of the View-Master.

Can you guess who it is? It is none other than our classmate, **Paul Knaut**, who has been recognized in a national magazine for his 3-D images of classic New England scenes. Fifty years ago, Paul shot his first photos of scenic places. Now he is being honored with a spread of his three dimensional photos in *3-D Magazine* as the oldest surviving View-Master photographer in New England. Remember all those wonderful photos Paul brought to several of our reunions? He brought photos of Moosehead Lake, Mount Katahdin, a logging drive on the Penobscot, and many, many more. The *Portland Press Herald* on Monday, September 27, 2004, did a wonderful article with pictures of Paul and his work.

I have just received the new University of Maine 2005 Directory. I have spent hours just looking up friends and classmates. Memories...



at the club. Actually, she has been recognized over the years for her excellent golf game by winning club championships in Belmont, Massachusetts; Hudson, Ohio; and Seven Lakes, North Carolina.

The Donovans retired to Seven Lakes, North Carolina, in 1987. Fifteen years later, upon the death of her husband, Fran moved to Greenwich, Connecticut, to be near her daughters Anne Bodner and Jeanne Fisher of New York City.

**John Chadwick** left Orono in 1943 to travel to Notre Dame for training which led to a commission and "chasing submarines" in the Atlantic. However, most of his active duty was carried out in the Pacific theater. He recounts that, while stationed in the Philippines, a group of Philipinos came one day and asked permission to come aboard to play some music. And would you believe the first selection was "The Stein Song"! What a treat for an alum a long way from home.

John was sent home in 1946 and reassigned to Air-Sea Rescue Duty, based in Bermuda, for six months. There he met and married an English girl, and went back to Houlton to take over the family florist and landscape business. Subsequent to joining an inactive service program, he was called to active duty in Cuba for two years. He returned home to Houlton, sold the business, and asked, "Now what am I going to do?" His answer came soon while attending a Phi Mu Delta picnic and meeting up with Dr. Albert Nutting of the forestry department. He persuaded John Chadwick to consider a career in entomology and offered to "send you to Cornell" after which he would be in the employ of the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation, state of Maine, concentrating on the eradication of Dutch elm disease. This entailed touring the state to set up tree wardens per town, ensure state aid for towns to carry out the shade tree planting program, wherein the dying elm trees would be pruned, cut down, burned or buried, and replaced by shade trees. Later problems to challenge him were the gypsy moth and spruce budworm diseases.

By the 1970s his boss had retired and John Chadwick had taken over the entomology department from which he retired in 1981. Looking back over his career, he noted that state government had not been his first choice for employment, but "having good bosses and travel throughout the state and meeting

people in towns along the way" were a real joy during these 19 years.

A public spirited man, Chadwick served the Augusta School Board for 18 years, elected chairman for three of those years. In addition, he was active in his church going through the chairs of the church board. The Chadwicks are parents of two daughters, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A telephone call last November brought me up-to-date with the **Ed Pipers** at Orono. Ed and **Helen Deering Piper** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2004. We extend belated congratulations! Wonder how many other '43ers celebrated a 60th anniversary last year or this year? Let us hear from you!

Older daughter Crystal Piper Slatick '68 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has retired from her public utilities position and is now a computer programmer; Don '70 is supervisor of the Nordex Microbiology Lab in Scarborough; Jean Piper Meakin '88 is director of purchasing in the UMaine System's Bangor office.

Ed and Helen spoke of visiting Beverly and **Bert Pratt** in Bangor. Bert enjoys visits from classmates! How about dropping by next summer and visiting Beverly's flower and vegetable garden too?

## 1944

**Joyce Iveny Ingalls**  
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The Cumberland County Alumni Chapter's board of directors recently voted to make **Dick Fuller** an honorary lifetime board member. Congratulations to our devoted and loyal classmate!

**Don** and **Jo Blake Bail** '42 received a letter from **Eleanor Leh Hepburn** who said that she was grateful to all who participated in the *Class of '44, Our 60th Reunion* book. She has read each page over and over again "with no less enjoyment each time." Eleanor and Bill '42 had 54 years together before he passed away following 10 years with multiple health problems. Eleanor now has a companion in Florida with whom she travels and attends local events.

You all should have received the message and generous offer from our vice president, **Russ Bodwell**.

Russ says in his letter that now, living in Orono and being closer to the scholarship needs of the university, he will match up to a total of \$50,000 in gifts by members of the Class of '44 to either the School of Performing Arts or the College of Engineering until the end of 2005. Barb Higgins Bodwell '45 and Russ have provided many gifts for scholarships and student loans: two scholarships honor classmates **Don Presnell** and **Peg Chase Morrill**; \$100,000 for the new visual arts renovation of Lord Hall; \$50,000 for a scholarship for Honors College students living in Colvin Hall; plus other smaller gifts. They have also deeded their Dirigo Pines unit to the University of Maine Foundation to establish an honorary professorship in civil engineering. Kudos to Russ and Barb Bodwell.

We've written before about the long and healthy life of Fred Hale, Sr., father of our classmate **Fred Hale, Jr.** Sadly, we read in the *Portland Press Herald* obituaries that Fred's father passed away on November 19, 2004, at the age of 113 years. He had the distinction of being the world's oldest man at the time of his death. Our condolences to Fred and his entire family—may you all enjoy this longevity.

We had several Christmas cards this year from classmates who brought us up to date with short newsy notes:

From **Midi Wooster Roberts** and Ernie a note told of the excitement that rippled through their whole family when, on October 27, 2004, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series. It was explained to grandson, Evan, that "Grandpa waited over 80 years to see this Red Sox miracle and now at age nine, he had seen the Sox take the series and the Patriots win the Super Bowl, twice." Midi and Ernie were also fortunate to survive the fall hurricanes in Florida with minimal damage to their home there.

**Rhoda Tolford Stone** wrote about the highlights of her year. She attended her first husband, Walter Schwartz's 60th class reunion at the U.S. Naval Academy. Walter died during World War II. One of the Florida hurricanes in the fall kept Rhoda from attending her great-granddaughter's wedding in Omaha. Rhoda spent a week on Peaks Island during the summer and saw many family members and friends. Her Christmas was to be in Florida with a gathering of 14 on the weekend. We hope to see you next summer, Rhoda.

**Mary Billings Orsenigo** wrote that her husband, Joe, had triple bypass surgery in March and is doing fine. They have a granddaughter attending the University of Miami. Mary and Joe were in Deer Isle last summer and saw **Ruth Blaisdell Silsby**. It's always great to hear from you, Mary.

**Kate McCurdy Warren** spent Thanksgiving in the Portland area with her sisters and their families. She and Jim are now at their winter place in Florida.

**Esther Holden Hopkins** and Jack's card came from their home state, California. Esther wishes that they were closer to Maine. In addition to her Christmas card I had a nice note from her in late September. Esther's fall and winter schedule includes a lot of helping out with grandchildren. Esther and Jack's children are teachers, following in the footsteps of both mom and dad.

Last night, January 7, **Joe** and **I** and **Charlie** and **Anita Stickney** attended a UMaine hockey game at the Civic Center in Portland. Maine was playing the USA Development team. A really good game that our boys won handily.

Happy New Year to all—keep those cards and letters coming!

## 1945

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Happy and healthy 2005 to all of us!

Some of this news is being repeated, some new, some sad, most happy and contented!

We extend our sympathy and love to the family of **Mary Linnell Leslie** who died on September 22, 2004. We remember Mary as a quiet but ambitious student. She proved this by graduating UMaine in 1966 after rearing two sons—who made her a grandmother of four grandsons who next made her a great-grandmother of four great-granddaughters! Mary taught English at Brewer High School for 18 years and then she became a realtor for 10 years before retiring in 1992! She served three years on the Brewer School Board. She leaves quite a legacy!

**Romaine Littlefield Kupfer** has been a loyal correspondent for many years. I wrote a brief resume of her



activities. Her address is: 418 N. Cheyenne Street, Powell, Wyoming 82435. Romaine and Don had moved to Wyoming to be nearer their daughter. Their son lives in California. Romaine has lost most of her vision, but not her interest in geology and "digs." Both she and Don have advanced degrees in their life's work. I enjoyed the picture of Don and daughter Madeleine, and I pray that the degeneration of the macula has ceased. We are praying for healing for you and for **Barbara Higgins Bodwell's** Russ '44, who is also suffering this disease. Barbara and Russ have moved to 2 Alpine Court at Dirigo Pines, Orono, Maine 04473, which is adjacent to campus and are participating in activities offered there. They deserve the benefits offered as they have contributed so much of themselves to the university—both as undergraduates and alumni. Barbara served as our president, yearbook editor, and lovely hostess during class reunion meetings. We wish both of these caring and giving friends much happiness and long lives "on campus."

**Carolyn Chaplin Grant** also received short shift because she was unable to write her "looked for" holiday greetings in 2003. Ralph '54 was quite ill during that winter and Charlie was nurse, maid, and Jill of all trades. This year, I received a lovely, long letter concerning their lives in Fort Myers, Florida—where they have lived now over 20 years—and celebrated their 30th anniversary. Both Carolyn and Ralph have been active in their church and city, and now must step back physically for the "younger ones." Ralph is still having treatment, but was up and around according to Carolyn's letter. She did get North for a couple of grandchildren's graduations last June. She's looking forward to our 60th! I hope, too, that most of us will be present! The hurricane didn't do them damage. We were praying for all of our friends and relatives in Florida.

Just a few minutes after Abby finished typing my column (February 5), she learned of Ralph Grant's death. I'm sure the obituary will be published in the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Carolyn and the family.

**Jim Donovan**, our prexy, sent a nice letter including a family picture taken on the outer banks this past summer of '04. Jim and Peg celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their family is still growing as two



**University of Maine Foundation president Amos Orcutt '64 stopped to visit alumnus Dr. Robert Petterson '44 in South Carolina in late February. Amos was on his way to attend the alumni Spring Swing events in Florida. Photo by Lola Orcutt.**

grandchildren were born in '03 and two more will be added in '04! We pray they have arrived safely, healthy, and happy! The Donovans traveled many miles around the USA visiting their children, cruised the Mediterranean with friends, and spent gorgeous days in Bellagio on Lake Como. In addition to these trips, Jim and son Matt made a return visit to Ecuador to do orthopedic surgery with the Perfect World Organization group—Jim adds, "very satisfying and emotional" for both of them. To continue to use the gifts God gives us is a blessing. God blesses you and Matt, Jim. Thank you for sharing with us.

Jim sent along the letter from the office of financial aid that listed the recipients of the Class of 1945 scholarships. The class provided over \$2,000 in scholarship assistance for 2004-2005. The recipients are: Sarah Campbell from Skowhegan, who is majoring in wildlife ecology; Stephanie Fitton from Waterville majoring in nursing; and Nancy Thomas from Garland, who is majoring in communication science and disorders. All are sophomores and achieved the highest GPA at the end of their first year of study. Congratulations to all.

I had a nice card and note from **Doris Emery Spencer** who now resides at: 101 Brooksby Village Drive, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960. Doris has seven grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren! I think back often of the days when Mert and I lived in Beverly. I had a job substituting in the Danvers schools and Doris cared for Scott! Jim had asked me if I had any ideas for our 60th Reunion—as I told Doris (and she repeated me) "We want to visit, eat, attend any event not too taxing, visit the Chi O House, and talk, talk, talk!" We also pray that many can attend the 60th (Are you reading this, Jim?!).

**Norma MacKenney Peterson** joins the group of good correspondents—she also takes time to write a poem for us. They have all been Norma's—she can touch a person's memory, heart, and spirit with her words that make pictures!

To Love, It Is!  
Walking a low road, hand in hand,  
a hug in the vale  
of a foreign land.  
To love, it is!

A requisite, for all one's days,  
slow to censure,  
quick to praise.  
To love, it is!

Understanding all the while,  
talking listening,  
with a wink and a smile.  
To love, it is!

Caring, faithful and true,  
kinship tears in sorrow,  
laughter to carry on thru.  
To love, it is!

Harmonious companions, consistent,  
needing and lending support,  
each to the other, sufficient.  
To love, it is!

Thanks so much, Norma, for your sharing. The Petersons had a marvelous trip on the Mediterranean for two weeks in May. They had made the trip 33 years ago and Norma said little appeared to have changed from what she and Bob remembered! In September, they cruised the inland waterway of Alaska. They were able to stop in Anchorage where they visited their granddaughter Erin, who, having earned her master's at Washington University in St. Louis, took a position in social services in Anchorage! Bob had spinal surgery, but he has not had the hoped-for improvement. Norma says her infirmities follow her, but she now has a most perceptive and supportive pain specialist. We hold you two active people in our prayers and really hope you will be at Reunion. Thanks again for your input. Norma's address is: 418 Knotts Valley Lane, Cary, North Carolina 27519.

**Isabel Ansell Jacobs** wrote a nice letter replacing a card at the holidays. Issy is experiencing arthritic hands and I thank her for writing all that she could. She wrote the letter on December 7th and wanted me to share her thoughts of us all who were alive 61 years ago on the University of Maine campus. Each knows exactly where he/she was and what we were doing that Sunday—perhaps we could have a reminiscing round table at the 60th in June. Issy says she's comfortable and busy thanks to Steve's foresight and planning; her home is within easy walking distance of "beautiful downtown Dexter."

Issy does some traveling. Perhaps the highlight this past summer was a trip on the *Queen Mary II* with an Elderhostel group. They had two nights in New York before sailing, six days and nights at sea, two days in London. She said she didn't mind the short stay there as she and Steve had been there twice. The group flew back to New York. She also added that everything was marvelous except the trip from New York to Bangor—she was tired, connections were poor, but it was worth it! Fact: the *Queen Mary II* is all it's cracked up to be! Issy missed the Class of '44 Reunion last June because she was attending her grandson's wedding! I missed it too, Issy, as I had fallen and hit my head! As I am on coumadin, I looked like the multicolored witch of Lancaster



Avenue!

I'm trying to be more careful this year! Yes, Issy, keep your spirit alive, your memories fulfilling and your family close to your heart—and thank the Lord for all His gifts to you. I accept the candle you lighted for all of us, and please accept my prayers of friendship and caring. As Doris says, "Yours in Chi Omega and we'll celebrate in June or May or whenever!" Have a grand 2005!

**Al Barmby** wrote his letter in October with the temperature at 82°F. I must say he and Thelma do keep busy meeting with the 3187th Signal Battalion Army reunion, struggling with diabetes, which he calls, "test, shoot, and eat time"! His heart surgery is doing well although having lost 30 pounds after the surgery, the insulin and carb diet has packed it back on—oh well! They share the cares of stepchildren like is the horse pregnant or just gaining weight?—just fat—A roof was blown off another's house during Ivan—the rector had a better offer so she's moving to Leids, Alabama—I can attest to this as we lost our lady rector two years ago and December 31st we lost our male rector and now we are seeking a full-time person. We have done well here in western Massachusetts, handling the upheaval in the church. God is in charge! Al was intrigued at the Libby's factory, watching the pumpkins riding the conveyor! So, whenever you make a pumpkin bread or pie think of Al as I did at Thanksgiving!

I won't re-write all of Al and Thelma's trip to his battalion reunion—but they traveled from Alabama up through Nashville over to Paducah, Kentucky, on to Morton, Illinois—terrific trip and I gather you enjoyed the food at the Cracker Barrel—after the reunion they went on to Pearin and so back to Huntsville. Al—I counted five Cracker Barrel stops in addition to breakfasts and banquets, I'm thinking the insulin and carb diet isn't doing all of the damage—at least you are moving and enjoying life. Keep it up—and keep writing—will there be a trip to Maine this year?

This rambles, I know, but it is difficult to keep up with the change of publication time—so bear with all of us who are involved. Thank all of you who sent cards—including **Gerry MacBurnie Roley, Mary Hurley Rissel, Pat Holmes Maines** (whom I was able to meet in Augusta for lunch in October), **Jennie Manson Hermanson** who was recuperating from a visit to her "exchange

daughter" in France, and thanks again for the sharing.

An article from the *Bangor Daily News* was received. This pertained to a settlement on berry price fixing. Five minutes was all the judge needed to wrap up the landmark blueberry price-fixing case that took more than four years to be heard. Many plaintiffs had opted out of the suit in 2003 before it went to trial. Others chose not to turn in paper work. Three of the four original plaintiffs were present in the Knox County courthouse for the final settlement hearing on the price-fixing case. They are: Nathan Pease, Union; Carl Cunningham, Waldoboro; Tom Worcester, Columbia; and **Alan Johnson**, Rockport. I think Alan opted to be in the Class of '48, but we still have you listed as '45!

Let us try to be present at Reunion in the spring—60 years! Wow! "God bless us everyone!"

## 1946

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Hi everyone, happy spring! How about sending me a little news—whether it's of your tulips or your summer plans—we'd love to hear from you!

## 1947

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The Class of '47 is out there, active and enjoying life, but we can't report on your goings-on unless we hear from you. Please call, write, or e-mail so we know what's happening. There must be something you can tell us about. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Thanks for your  
alumni association  
membership.**

## 1948

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Dear classmates,  
The news is very sparse. I am writing this with the thermometer in my kitchen at -10°F and the weathermen predicting a large snowstorm with an accumulation of eight to twelve inches of snow on the way! Could some of you Mainers find time to fill us in on your doings at times like this when I know you're "hunkered down."

Have had some nice telephone conversations with **Ruth Preble Finney**. She and Bob '50 are still living in Massachusetts, but make several trips to Maine each year.

Had a good letter from **Alice Fonseca Haines** and also one from **June Swanton Johnson**. Both wrote about a get-together of classmates, including **Helen Noyes Taylor**, **Lois "Toni" Doescher Atkins** and **Janice Scales Cates**. This took place in Westport, Massachusetts, with husbands Evan Johnson '49 and David Cates '50 also attending. This group has continued to gather regularly since they met at Colvin Hall their freshman year.

Lancy had a note from **Bob MacDonald** who writes that he and wife Molly are living the good life in Bozeman, Montana. They are still skiing and playing tennis. He says he enjoys reading the column as well as those of other class years.

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of Peter Stengel, husband of **Mildred Morris Stengel**, and also of Guy Twombly '54, husband of **Betty Quimby Twombly**. Our sincere sympathies are extended to you and your families.

To end on a light note, **Ruth Fogler Goff** informs us that she has a granddaughter who did an exchange semester in London. **Margaret Watson Savignano** enjoyed a great trip to Iceland. **Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** had a trip to Arkansas and recommends its beauty to all who are able. **Lancy** is languishing and playing bridge in Parker, Arizona.

We're still hoping for donations to complete our class commitment

to the Fogler Library steps. It is a class gift and wish we could complete the remainder.

Best to all—stay healthy

## 1949

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It's January here in Maine and the bleak midwinter is upon us. The holidays are past and I hope that yours were as pleasurable as mine. In November I took a cruise on the Holland American to the western Caribbean. It was very exciting when our ship had to stop and search for three Cubans who were spotted adrift on a raft headed for the USA. They were rescued after eight hours but we missed the port call in Jamaica and our tour of Dunn's Falls. The next day the Coast Guard came out from Miami and took the Cubans off our ship and we continued on our way.

I was pleased to find out that so many people read my class notes in the fall issue of the alumni magazine. I received lots of e-mail, calls, and letters, many of which I will now share with you. Eileen Weston Cyr wrote: "My dad is **William Nathan Weston** and he was in the Class of 1949. His college days were interrupted with a stint in the Navy as I think he started in 1940 or 1941. Anyway, he does not do the e-mail thing and I thought you might like to put in the alumni magazine that he had the honor of being Rumford's Citizen of the Year for 2004. They gave him a small mantel clock with a name plate and his name has been added to a huge plaque at the municipal building (town office) in Rumford. He does a great deal of volunteering including the Rumford Historical Society, holding various offices over the years. He volunteers at the Rumford Archives one-half day a week and helps at the Rumford Museum which is open two days a week during the summer months, at the Small Woodlot Owners of Maine, and the Rumford Center Village Improvement Society. Those are the ones I can remember. He was also named Tree Farmer of the Year in 1994. My mother, Virginia Smith Weston, was in the Class of 1944 and she passed away on January 13, 1997. She was from



Anson, Maine, and Dad was from Madison, Maine, but they lived in Rumford Center since 1962. He would never brag about himself so I will do it for him! Our son is a graduate of UMaine and my husband, Bert, got his master's degree there in 1988, so we get the alumni magazine. Dad has gone to some meetings at UMaine for various things, including the Maine Professional Engineers and he always gets the prize for having the most family members as graduates including his wife, two of his brothers, two of his nieces, two nephews, son-in-law, and grandson. I took a course there in the late 1960s. I hope I haven't left anyone out."

From **Bob Hanson** and Lois Webber Hanson '47 I received the following e-mail in October: "I was flabbergasted at the size of the class column in the fall issue. I was so overwhelmed that I got motivated to write to our class correspondent for the first time ever. My name is Bob Hanson and I graduated with the class with a BSEE degree. I knew **Leon Gray** very well but wisely never debated him. My wife, Lois Webber Hanson, was Class of '47 with a B.S. in home economics. We, like **Ben** and the late Donna Graves **Harrington** '48 lived in the trailer colony our entire stay. I spent 32 years working for Western Electric Company (part of the Bell System then), lived all over the country and finally got transferred to Greensboro, North Carolina, where I retired and where we now reside. I now have a clear conscience since I have written to our correspondent after these many years."

I received the following e-mail in October from Kathy Hunt Stafford '63 titled, "Tracking **Jayne Bartley**." She writes, "I received the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* yesterday here in Morro Bay, California. I was a graduate of Maine '63. I was delighted to come across Jayne Hanson Bartley's name and picture as president of the Senior Alumni council. I was the flower girl at her wedding in the late '40s. Jayne and I had a nice visit at Webb Pond about 25 years ago but have lost contact with her since then. Please send me her address. The last I knew she and the late Bun '47 lived in Millinocket. Am looking forward to your reply."

In October the following letter arrived from **Bruno H. Baldacci**, 8681 Sugar Tree Drive, Novelty, Ohio 44072-9615. "I was very sorry that I was unable to attend the 2004 Reunion at Orono. On February 16, 2004, my wife, Glenda, had the first



During his spring trip to Florida, UMaine president Robert Kennedy (far right) presented Henry '50 and Margie Saunders with a clock in appreciation of their service to the university.

of three craniotomies for an aneurysm in her brain. She died on August 3, 2004, at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Her illness required my constant attention during this sad period. Life must go on and I will continue to spend the winters in Arizona, spring and fall in Ohio, and summers in upstate New York. I am looking forward to the next gathering of the Class of '49. Again, my sincere regret at not being in attendance at Orono this year."

On August 28, 2004, a celebration was held of the 80th birthday of the Reverend Dr. **Henry G. Wyman** and the 56th anniversary of the marriage of Henry and Sona Averill Wyman '48. Their son, Stephen Henry Wyman '79, gave a presentation and a toast, their daughter, Reverend Susan E. Wyman, gave a presentation and prayer, and their son-in-law gave the benediction during the celebration.

At Christmas, I received the Dearborn Diary from **Vance and Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn**. Their travels this year included Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin. In May, they flew to Milwaukee for their daughter, Lynne's graduation. (She received her Ph.D. in architecture.) Their big event for the year was a two-week trip to Hawaii where they cruised for 10 days on the *Norwegian Wind* visiting the Big Island, Maui, and Kauai. They visited 121 new counties in 2004 and as avid bird watchers they also saw 10 new life list birds.

In November I met with **Marion**

"**Lexy**" Carter, **Nancy Carter Bishop** and husband, Bill, and other friends at UMaine in Orono for a tailgate party before the Maine vs. New Hampshire football game. We had a great time even though the weather was cold and windy and Maine lost the game. Lexy has recently moved to Maine from New Hampshire. Her new address is: 11 Sokokis Point Road, P.O. Box 1477, Windham, Maine 04062.

The *Presque Isle Star Herald* recently featured an article on **Arnie Davis**. The 83-year-old is a season ticket holder for all of UMaine's major sports programs and frequently makes the trip to Orono to fuel his passion. He has always had an interest in athletics. He played freshman basketball and ran cross-country and track at UMaine and was collegiate champion in the two-mile run. "I got my degree in agriculture but I majored in sports," he joked. Along with attending the games at Orono, Arnie takes it upon himself to promote the potato industry wherever he goes. He is grateful to his wife of 55 years, Joyce, for "supporting me in everything I've done." All three of their children are UMaine graduates. Arnie estimates that he makes the three-hour trip from Washburn to Orono and back "between 60 and 80 times" during the course of the school year. He has no plans on curtailing his frequent trips to university sporting events. "I'm only 83, so I have a long time to go," he said.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Carlton D. McGary '48, husband of **Beverly**

**Green McGary**. Carlton died unexpectedly on December 29, 2004. After graduating from UMaine, he pursued a career in banking until his retirement in 1989 as president of Key Bank. His wife of 56 years, a daughter, and two sons survive him. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Beverly and her family.

I want to thank all of you who sent me notes. I really appreciate it. Enjoy your winter!

## 1950

*55th Reunion  
June 3-5, 2005*

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A belated Happy New Year to you! What a superb year 2005 promises to be, particularly as our class gathers for our 55th Reunion at "the college of our hearts always" both in Bar Harbor and then on campus. Reunion information is/will be making its way to you; each piece of correspondence will feature our Reunion logo—the replica of our Flag Plaza that you will see when you enter the campus. The excellence of the Plaza continues to take my breath away as we gaze upon the flags of the United States, the state of Maine, and the University of Maine that signal a welcome to all who enter the campus.

Reunion chairman **George Gray** and his committee are planning a wonderful pre-reunion gathering at the Bar Harbor Inn on June 1 and 2 where we can meet and greet one another while reminiscing away, plus wondering where in the world the years have gone! There will be opportunities aplenty for enjoying Mother Nature at her finest—including jaunts into Acadia National Park with its awesome views where you can see just as far as you want to see.

We will be able to marvel at brilliant sunsets from Cadillac Mountain, awaken early to enjoy the majestic sunrise over Frenchman's Bay, and walk along the shore path. Provision is being made for us to visit Jackson Laboratories, enjoy a lobster bake, play a bit of golf, or just walk around the picturesque town. Whale-watching tours will be available as well; I remember back in 2000 when several of us ventured



out in a sturdy craft in search of a whale or two swimming under the vast expanse that lay before us; alas, all we experienced were huge waves in very rough seas and overpowering queasy feelings due to the constant motion! Whales wisely stayed in the deep blue, while many on board turned a strange green. We couldn't have been more delighted when we planted our feet back on solid ground! When the third of June dawns, we shall head toward campus and utilize the Country Inn in Bangor as the class headquarters. We are promised a gala few days in Orono and environs as we take in the sights and sounds of Reunion activities.

We will be remembering—remembering way back when! The alumni office sent several fascinating articles about classmates from long ago! One was about **Bill Findlen** who became the Maine Potato Boy in the 1937 campaign to promote the excellence of Maine potatoes all over the United States. The “red-haired, freckle-faced Maine potato boy” posters were featured in stores across the country (the old A & P, First National, and Economy grocery stores...for goodness sake!) .... a young man with a straw hat and overalls who held an official state of Maine red, white, and blue trademark sign that noted, “It takes Maine soil, Maine climate, and a Maine grower to produce a Maine potato.” The campaign was a great success and the excellence of Maine potatoes became established throughout the country. The original poster can be seen in the Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Littleton. Later on, Bill became a potato farmer with his dad, and later on taught industrial arts at Fort Fairfield High School, at schools in New Hampshire, and finally at Northern Maine Tech in Presque Isle where he developed the diesel hydraulic technology course. Bill is very civic minded and is involved with the Frontier Heritage Society; he was instrumental in saving the McIntosh one-room schoolhouse in Fort Fairfield as well as the historic Canadian Pacific Rail Station there. He and his wife, Dawn Hodgkins Findlen '51, thoroughly enjoy their fine family and invite you to drop in the next time you are near Fort Fairfield (34 Densmore Road, 207-476-5221).

The other article dates back to the year 1939 when classmate **Donn Fendler** made newspaper headlines when he was lost for nine days on Mount Katahdin during a

family trip. Both Walter Winchell and Lowell Thomas (don't we date ourselves, now) chronicled the plight of Donn, who wandered for nine days weathering storms, black flies, bears, hunger, and thirst—and traveled some 50-plus miles from where he began on the mountain to the log cabin where he was rescued by a Maine Guide and his wife on the east branch of the Penobscot River. The story has been told through a book by Joseph Egan: *Donn Fendler: Lost on a Mountain in Maine* that is now available on audiocassette and CD. In the months following the adventure, Donn and his dad visited the White House to meet President Franklin D. Roosevelt where he was awarded the Army-Navy Medal for Bravery. Donn now speaks to groups of young people each year telling of those extraordinary days. He and his wife, Ree, live summers in Newport where they thoroughly enjoy golfing, fishing, and visits from family. Winters are spent in Clarks-ville, Tennessee, near Nashville.

**Elaine Lockhart Brown** survived the horrific snowstorms in the Sierras this winter. Twenty feet of snow is a powerful lot of snow! She reported that she has moved to a new home overlooking (on a clear day!) miles of ranchland complete with Black Angus cattle. She continues to be active in her community—teaching Read and Succeed programs for elementary children who are in special academic need, assisting Girl Scouts as they seek an aviation badge, working with the International Organization of Women Pilots, and is active with the Reno Championship Air Races, raising scholarship money for younger women who are seeking advanced licenses to qualify for work with airlines. **Don** and **Harriet Waring** moved to their new home at: The Plantation, 24525 Parlange Court, Leesburg, Florida 34748 (phone 352-728-5356). They are delighted with all in their comfortable home, have great new neighbors, and thoroughly enjoy warmer temperatures and golf in abundance. They promise that they will be in Maine for Reunion! **Earle “Trapper”** and **Polly Curtis Clifford** wrote from their home on the golf course in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that all is well and that they hope to get to Maine this summer as well; we hope that the dates will coincide with our Reunion festivities! **Lois Ann Whitney Thomas** recently moved from Bangor to: 6A Therrien Avenue, Saco, Maine 04072. Though she is

officially retired, her days are busy and action packed. She has a vigorous exercise regime and plays volleyball as well—and is working diligently to figure out the intricacies of her computer!

**Marilyn R. Noyes Mollicone** is a naturalist and has worked closely through the years with the Augusta Nature Center and the Augusta Nature Camp. She reported that she continues her studies in Orono, and hopes to finish a project she is working on that will offer “fungal cultures of the order Monoblepharidales that can be ordered by teachers and researchers over the internet and will include directions for their growth and use for the classroom.” Marilyn is clearly 100 percent “on task” and then some! Congratulations and keep up the great work! On the other hand, your secretary is so busy being busy that I know I must be afflicted with the phenomena known as “multi-tasking” wherein there are so many things on our agendas that we feel as though our brains are on “over-drive!” It is what is called pseudo-ADD—where recent memory is the first thing to go! Now, where did I leave those car keys?

**Sheldon L. Gray** is living in Brooklin, Maine, and is not only actively involved delivering Meals on Wheels for recipients in the area but also puts to work the experience he had as a math teacher for some 30 years as he provides math tutoring for grandchildren (and others) who may be struggling with high school math. He maintains rental property during the summer months which requires many hours of lawn and flower garden maintenance...and at the same time tends some 20 acres of blueberry fields and harvests firewood for the winter months. Those Maine blueberries must be such tasty morsels! **Dick Hammond** wrote that he is utilizing his motor home to the fullest as he travels throughout the U.S. including Alaska and New England. He said that he so enjoys traveling along the Maine coastline, especially Boothbay Harbor. When “in residence” in Lighthouse Point in Florida, he works with New England Life, as well as volunteering with St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton. We have high hopes that Dick will join us both in Bar Harbor and in Orono! **Barbara Stewart Bentley** is living at: 3305 St. Catherine's Way, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452 with husband William. They are mighty proud of their three children and eight grand-

children who venture up to their Rangeley camp in the summer and fall.

**George** and **Robin Foster** extend greetings to classmates from their home at 84 Argilla Road, Ipswich, Massachusetts 01938-2653. They both attended Maine under the GI Bill—he a veteran of the Army and she a member of the U.S. Marines. Robin wrote that because of the long-term effects of the severe wounds George incurred in the Battle of the Bulge during the war, he is experiencing difficulty in ambulating now. As much as they would like to join us in Bar Harbor and Orono, they simply can't make it—but send best regards to all. We shall miss you and offer a toast to you both.

**Elwyn Morrow** and his wife, Rosella, plan to be in Orono for Reunion activities. They both volunteer in community services in and around Wells; he is vice president of the Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center. Interesting that utilizing skills developed during his working career, he was able to secure several grants and loans necessary to build their new senior center which opened in July of '04—and he was selected an outstanding community volunteer in September. **Kendall Warner** so enjoys his work as a volunteer with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and lives in Orono (86 Forest Avenue). We hope you will be able to join us at least for the Orono portion of our Reunion activities! **Herbert Scribner** wrote from Monroe, Louisiana (2104 Elmwood Drive, 71201) that he retired after 32 years from the Albright and Wilson Americas, a division of Tenneco Corporation. During his career he obtained several U.S. and Canadian patents and authored publications on chlorine dioxide and polybleaching. He is a member of TAPPI, and the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.

**Furber S.** and **Florence Sawyer Roberts** '47 decided to maintain their home in Volcan, Republic of Panama, after many years with the United Fruit Company. Bob purchased a coffee farm in Panama's highlands and just sold it—so that they are now freed up to garden in that lush area of Central America, read, and travel when the spirit moves. I shan't ever forget the fascinating trip through the Panama Canal a few years ago. What an experience! **Betty Brown Calkins** moved to Dirigo Pines in Orono (5 Longwood Court, 04473) after 35 years in Florida. She remembers



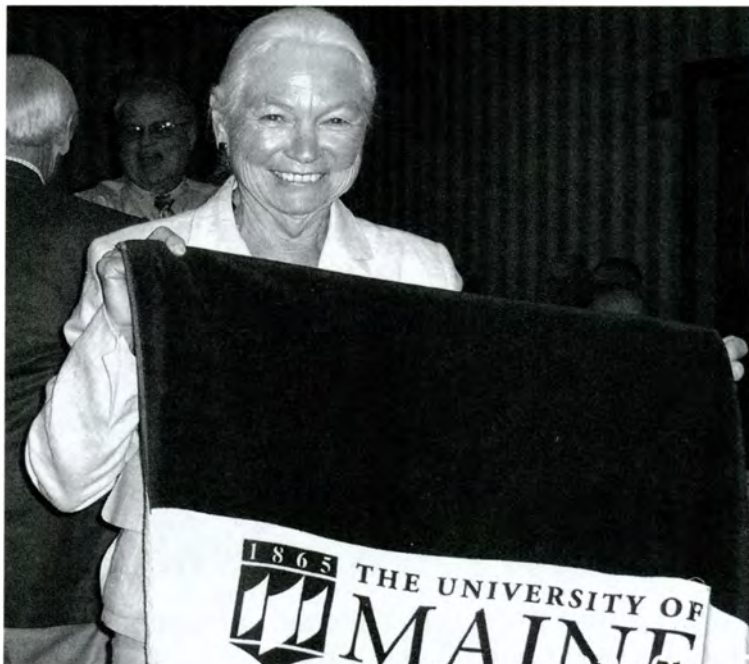
undergraduate years living in the university trailer park with 32 couples—no running water, community bathrooms, a rec room, and lots of togetherness....and all for \$90 a month! She is pretty well finished unpacking and settling into a new house, while renewing acquaintances in the university area. She stays busy what with delving into genealogy as well as work with the DAR and Mayflower Society. **J. Walter** and **Bertha Clark Allen '51** wrote from Ellsworth that they maintain two dwellings—one in Vero Beach, Florida, in the wintertime and Ellsworth in the beautiful Maine summers. They stay active working around the house and grounds, playing tennis several times a week, delving into philately, and visiting with family and friends. **Ken Chatto** is retired from the DuPont Corporation where he was a quality technology consultant. He has just returned from Jerusalem where he presented a workshop at the International Quality Conference. He and his wife, **Joanna**, live at: 75 Magnolia Lane, Lugoff, South Carolina 29078.

Our family went on its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. long weekend at Okemo Mountain in Vermont, with opportunities galore for skiing (both cross-country and down hill), snowboarding, walking, and golden moments galore. One icy fall on the cross-country skis convinced me that I should not chance a broken limb, and so decided to answer a question I had seen posed on a billboard not too long ago: How long has it been since you did something for the first time? Went back to the ski shop, donned those safe and secure snowshoes for the first time ever, and ventured out into the countryside. What a great new adventure, and I had a ball! And I shall do it again!

If you haven't ever been to a class reunion before, come back for the first time! If it has been a long time since you have returned to campus, decide today to "Go for it!" We do hope that many of our classmates will gather for our 55th, renew acquaintances, and meet new friends. There are no strangers in the Class of 1950—only classmates we have not yet met! Y'all come!

Best love, Ruthie

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**Joan Vachon Victor '52** was the lucky winner of the door prize (a UMaine beach towel) at the Spring Swing alumni gathering in Sarasota on March 5. Joan is a retired real estate broker and a current trustee at Thornton Academy.

## 1951

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In November 2004 **Pauline Davis Lorfano** was honored by the Vienna (Virginia) Arts Society for her many contributions to the society and to the Vienna community by dedicating their annual juried show to her. Vienna has benefited in many ways from Pauline's talent and efforts. In 1977 she helped establish an art appreciation program for elementary children that was endorsed by the Fairfax County school authorities. She also illustrated *Visiting Historic Vienna*, a children's book. She has been on the governing board of the Vienna Arts Society for 28 years, joining the year after it was founded and serving twice as president. In April 2004 the society realized a long held goal and was able to take over an old Moravian church and turn it into a beautiful gallery and classroom. Pauline is a signature member of the National League of American Pen Women and serves on the national board as a director. She also is a member of the International Society of Marine Painters,

the Baltimore Watercolor Society, and the Virginia Water Society. Her watercolors may be seen on the web at: [potomacvalleywatercolorists.org](http://potomacvalleywatercolorists.org) and [virginiawatercoloristsociety.org](http://virginiawatercoloristsociety.org).

**Robert Dow** of Sebec recently retired from the dairy business. As a result, Sebec lost its last commercial dairy farm. Bob took over the herd at Bendwood Jerseys from his father in 1951. Part of the Bendwood operation included land settled by Eli Towne, the second permanent settler of Dover and Bob's direct ancestor. With a herd of 50 cows, Bendwood Jerseys was able to compete with modern operations of 200 to 300 cows because the high butterfat of Jersey milk was worth more to milk processors. But in recent years, the price paid for milk by processors has been less than it costs the farmers to produce it. When asked by the *Bangor Daily News* why he milked cows for so many years, Bob said, "Because I loved every minute of it! It's the cows...and the land...doing the best I can to groom these acres."

**Richard Porter** of Porter Farms of Washburn was recently honored as one of the top 10 potato growers in Aroostook County in 2004 at the McCain Growers Barbecue in Presque Isle. McCain Foods determines the top 10 growers by monitoring the processing quality of the potatoes at its Easton plant. Each of

the top 10 growers received a plaque and \$1,000 cash award for their efforts.

**Joan Wiswell Beach** writes that she and Dale celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in January with a trip to St. Martin in the Caribbean.

**Russ Meade** writes that he returned in February to a snow filled driveway after three weeks in Thailand on an Eldertrek. He did not witness the tsunami devastation as he was trekking on elephants in the mountainous part of the country at that time.

**Ed Manzer** writes that in March he attended an alumni picnic at Fort Pierce, Florida, with Mary Noyes Robbins '53. Ed lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and Mary lives in Madison, New Hampshire, and Barefoot Bay, Florida. The speaker at the picnic, one of five Florida events in Spring Swing 2005, was interim U of M president Robert Kennedy.

**Jack Ryder**, our class president, reports that plans are under way for our annual class picnic to be held August 3, 2005, at the summer home of **Woody** and **Ginny Norton Beach '52** in Raymond, Maine. Plans will be made for our 55th Reunion to take place in 2006. All classmates and guests are welcome. For more information, contact Jack Ryder at: [jryd2729@aol.com](mailto:jryd2729@aol.com) or your class correspondent.

## 1952

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Here we are again from the cupola: It was great hearing from you, **William "Bill" Bird**. Your "So What's New?" answers tell us that your wife's name is Joan, and you live at: 9 Lewis Road #1 in Winchester, Massachusetts 01890. You have three children. Bob is 49 and has two children, Tom is 47 and has one child, and Anne is 44 and has three children. I bet someone who reads this will be calling or dropping in to see you soon. Thanks for sending in that information.

Copresidents **Bill Currie** and **Al Cole** sent an e-mail message today to say that our annual class gathering should perhaps be changed to August from September because quite a few of the class members will be cruising the Norway/Iceland trip from the middle of September



on. That seems like a wise decision. We were also asked if we preferred a luncheon or a social time late one afternoon with dinner following at the Buchanan House or elsewhere. Anyone wishing to have input should contact Bill or Al.

I just pushed the end of call button on the phone after inquiring from **Ruth Drysdale Frazier** about how she endured the recent storms of Reno. They had a lot of snow falling for 10 consecutive days. Ruthie explained that the city of Reno has far too few plows to take care of the amount of snow on the ground after 18 inches falling each on a number of days. Private plowmen had to be hired. The streets were cleared for tourists to get to the gambling places, but streets in residential areas were left piled high. After the snow, one day the temperature was 10 degrees. The average temperature for this time of year would normally be 35 degrees. As we spoke, Ruthie said the snow was melting and there was so much fog that no planes could arrive or depart from the Reno airport. Ruth's son, Tom, has his own electrical business with his office in her home. There were many days that he could not drive to the office. Their plans to spend New Year's in Pasadena were canceled. I hope your remaining winter doesn't include quite so much shoveling, Ruthie. Of course you won't get this until spring, so perhaps by then a few flakes of snow might actually feel pleasant.

**Marilyn Harmon Saydah** called from River Vale, New Jersey, before the holidays to say she and her husband, Bill, would be traveling to Boston to be at her daughter's home for Christmas. Sixteen of their family were to gather there. Marilyn also said that her twin sister, **Carolyn Harmon Coco**, who lives in Brewer, still does meal planning for some healthcare facilities and is a librarian at both Eastern Maine Medical Center as well as at St. Joseph Hospital. They both sound like busy Maine alums.

**Mary Snyder Dow** sent great pictures of her family at Christmas. She and Stewart Coffin did a super work of art with their new computer, printer, and Photoshop software. Besides the family collage was another nine-photo arrangement showing one of their cruises to St. Vincent and their Elderhostel bike trip in the city of Ulm, and an old area of Bavaria where no automobiles are allowed. I couldn't find Ulm in my atlas, but did find Regensburg. Their group was pictured



**JEAN BOOMER EMERSON '52, '65G** received the Allen J. Finkelson Award from the Florida Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association at a ceremony at the Renaissance Hotel in Boca Raton in January. Next to Jean is her husband, Chester, and Steve Wolf, director of marketing at Pompano Park. Jean, who also has a M.Ed. from UMaine, is a retired English and physical education teacher. She spent 25 years in the Saco and Biddeford school systems and during that time she and her husband also bred, raised, and trained standardbred race horses. In 1980 Jean started a newspaper for the harness horse industry in New England. Now that she spends part of the year in Florida, she writes for the Florida Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association and works on special projects for the racetrack. She and Chet return to Maine in May.

crossing the old stone bridge there. The bridge was built in 1146 and still carries regular traffic. We look forward to their 2005 biking trek in Prague and the Czech Republic. Other pictures showed Mary and Stewart on the summit of Mt. Watatic on the Wapack Trail near the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border. The enclosed commentary explained that this was Mary's first climb since her double knee replacement. Way to go, Mary. Until next time, happy loam screening, Stewart. If that were a prerequisite to that lovely flower garden, I would say it is a truly worthwhile one.

When **Gladysce Baker Stais** was writing this column, she called me to see if I could give her some news or have others e-mail her theirs. When I tried to call her for this issue, neither the phone number in the university directory nor another that I had reached her, so I asked Verizon. Not only did she have a new phone number, she had a whole

new residence. Gladysce and **William "Bill" Whited** bought an 1887 large brick house together on Portland's west side. This all happened about a year ago. Big news indeed. Somehow between Gladysce's travels they have managed to redo the whole house. Bill is an architect, and still working. Gladysce has one son who is an architect. When that boy finished school, he worked for Bill's firm for some length of time. Bill's brother **Henry Whited** was also in our class. The day after I called Gladysce, she was leaving for two weeks in Kenya and Tanzania. Upon her return, she and Bill were going to spend a month in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Gladysce and Bill watched the University of Maine women win their game in Portland a few weeks ago. They went to the game with **Joan Vachon Victor** and her husband, Milton '51 and **Elizabeth Leighton Furlong** and her husband, Chuck '54. After the game, they all had dinner at the Victor

home.

Mary Laflamme Jordan '55, **Mary-Ellen Chalmers Weldon**, and I went to the Senior homecoming luncheon on Friday at the Buchanan Alumni House. Neither of them had been inside. I really enjoy seeing the expression on people's faces as they tour that fantastic building and its cupola with the spectacular mosaic floor at its base. Donna Keirstead Thornton '78,'79G from the alumni association took us upstairs to show that exquisite table. Thank you, Donna, and also thanks to the alumni association for the "I'm Connected" buttons. At the luncheon table sat Dick Noyes '51 and Fred Knight '49 who are both friends of Mary-Ellen, and a young man, a recently hired associate development officer for the university, Martin Puckett. Martin grew up in Hancock, where Mary Jordan and I live. His mother, Elaine, and sister, Cindy, both belong to the Hancock Woman's Club, so we had many topics to discuss. Martin will do well representing the University of Maine. My directory doesn't list him, so he graduated after this 2000 issue was printed. On Saturday, after lunch at the Webber tailgate party as a guest of Priscilla LaFlamme, we watched Maine win its game. Even though it was no sure thing until the very end, it was a win. Next I joined Carol Prentiss Mower '53 at her house and we picked up Margaret Mollison McIntosh '50 and Nancy Schott Plaisted '53 to hear the Bangor Symphony play its magnificent premiere performance of *The Penobscot River* at the Bangor Auditorium. A super gala with Bangor area students giving a rousing steel drum concert at intermission. By midnight, we were at Dysart's Restaurant enjoying a variety of treats, everything from soup to apple pie à la mode with about 100 other people.

A few months ago our copresident, Bill Currie, sent a list of classmates who had died during 2004. We send our condolences to the families of the following members of the Class of 1952: **Connie Berry Anderson**, August 10, Waterville; **Allan Corey**, M.D., June 30, Yarmouth; **Nancy Cousins Richter**, June 8, Hendersonville, North Carolina; **Philip Hoyt**, May 29, Danielson, Connecticut; **William Hall**, April 8, Lady Lake Florida; **Philip Dennis**, February 29, Portland; Harold Folsom '51, February 8, Milford, Connecticut; and **Frances Russell**, January 13, Sun City Center.

When I called **Adelaide "Gump"**



le" **Grant Ruby** to wish her a happy birthday on January 22, it wasn't one of her happiest. **William Ruby**, Gump's husband, has been hospitalized since January 3. He has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis since their return from two months in California, but also many other complications have developed. Gump asks for our thoughts and prayers concerning Bill and their family.

Please let me hear from others in the class with news, and happy days until the next issue.

## 1953

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A spring column, they say? Gosh, piles of snow are still out there! (I've really been a bear this winter, kind of hibernating.) Well, with the column past due, I thought what should I write about? One morning an idea came to me. With the Pats winning the Super Bowl, why not write about our own great football team? So I took out my battered *Prism* and there on page 166, sat/stood the varsity football team, all 45 of them, with numbers 88 down to 31, from what I could tell. (How come **Glenn Folsom** and **Dick McGee** are both wearing #86?) Well, I started calling some of that "rough and tough" team, members of the Class of '53, and reached seven of them. Nineteen fifty-one was quite the year. Unde-feated and as the headline said: "In proud possession of the Yankee Bean Pot." And I quote: "The team emerged after seven tough games, with six wins, no losses, and one tie—a hard fought battle with the New Hampshire Wildcats." And at the end of the season, the Black Bears held titles in both the State Series and the Yankee Conference. Congratulations! (photo on page 19)

I'm going to start with their coach, Hal Westerman. After all, someone has to be the leader to produce such a winning team. And Westy or Coach (as he was called) was it, his first year as varsity coach. I called Vero Beach, Florida, and reached a very amicable and lively Westy. He said he was 34 in '51 and a '41 grad of the University

## Boy Scouts Honor Fred Hutchinson

Over 400 people showed up at the Bangor Civic Center last November 18 to honor one of Maine's favorite sons, former UMaine president Fred Hutchinson '53, '58G. The event was sponsored by the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which presented Fred with its Distinguished Citizen Award.

Among the many tributes was one from MBNA founder Charles Cawley. "When I see Fred I think of wisdom," Cawley said. "Whenever I see Fred I see laughter. I see kindness. He's one of the happiest and most affable people I've ever met. To me Fred's life is lived on his honor."



of Michigan. (All during the '40s he worked with the FBI—security—at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where they built B-52 bombers.) Westy started coaching with Dave Nelson at Hillsdale (Michigan) College in 1946. Then in 1949 Dave asked him to go with him to Maine to be assistant coach. (Dave left in '50 to go to the University of Delaware and Westy took over in '51.)

The team was great, Westy said. "I felt that philosophy of family was the need to be a successful team—an unselfish family, a football family. There were no scholarships," he said. "They came because they loved to play. They were all good students, wonderful young men." He said it was a "real privilege and pleasure to coach at the university because it had great traditions, a fine academic school." He went on to say: "We had an opportunity to be a member of two conferences, the Maine State Series (Bowdoin, Bates, Colby, and Maine) and a member of the Yankee All State Universities of New England and BU."

And he spoke of **Pete Pocius**, captain of the '51 team (now deceased), of **Woody Carville**, his assistant coach in '53 (thanks, Woody, for giving me Westy's name, address, and phone), and '53 co-captains **Ed Bogdanovich** and **Ed Cianchette** '54. Boy, did Westy have his scrapbooks handy, one for each year he coached. He could have pulled out names for anyone I wanted to know about! He said 1953 was

the year they eliminated two-platoon football. "That changed the game quite a bit," he said.

Westy said he coached for 16 years and then became athletic director and retired in 1982. He then moved to Vero Beach full-time. But he said, "We try to come to Maine every year." Well, he was there at last year's Homecoming game and said he talked to some 50 or 60 of the "old ballplayers" at the tailgate picnics and sat with some at the game until someone came and took him up to the press box (where it was much warmer) and he sat with former UMaine President **Fred Hutchinson** and his wife, Dione Williams Hutchinson '54.

Westy talked about Maine playing in the Tangerine Bowl in Florida in 1965. "A great experience," he said. "It was a good year, undefeated. Some of the players had never been on an airplane or out of Maine." (Maine lost.)

And now for some of those '53 varsity football players (in no particular order).

Number 74 is **Ray Cox**, of Newcastle, Washington (a suburb of Seattle), a SAE guy who majored in history and government. Ray played defensive left tackle, one of the "heavy-duty" guys, with the two-platoon system, he said. He played freshman, sophomore, and junior years. (His senior year saw him at Boston University Law School, early.) "A lot of fun, a lot of action," he said of the sport. "The highlight of my career was the 0-0 game in New Hampshire where we shut

them out and won the Yankee Conference Championship." Ray, who played football, baseball, track, and basketball at Bangor High, also won the state javelin championship at UMaine. As far as injuries go, he said they were of the one-week, two-week type. He's kept in touch with classmates **Ted Tocci**, "a hockey guy from Massachusetts," of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, also SAE, and **Dick Searles**, Sigma Chi, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, who also has a place in Old Orchard Beach.

We went on to talk about his life since Maine. He's married to Nancy, who majored in business at Wayne State University in Detroit. Ray met Nancy when she worked at General Motors in Warren, Michigan, and he was at Boeing (32 years), a contract attorney, in support of international sales. "Most of my work was of a sales and contract nature. I traveled the world—China, Japan, England—I had unique opportunities in travel," he said. Ray and Nancy, whose backyard overlooks an orchard with apple trees and has a view of the mountains, belong to a time share, three weeks a year, and go to Palm Springs, California, every December. They also go on cruises and have relatives in Maine. He said, "We have fun, we've kind of fallen into retirement." Now 73, he said he conditions at a health club, "still carrying on. We're in good health, happy, and doing great things."

Number 70, **Don Stevens**, of Chatham, Massachusetts, also a history and government major, played freshman football in '49, and varsity in '50, '51 and '52. He played left tackle and filled me in on football (I told him I didn't know much about it). Don said he lost a tooth, but that's about it. No face masks or mouthpieces back then.

Don and his wife, Betsey, were off to Costa Rica the first two weeks in March, "sunning our buns on the beach after this cold winter," he said. They traveled up into the rain forest. "We try to take a trip once a year." A graduate of Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, he spoke of classmate **Doug Kneeland**, of Lincoln, "best man in our wedding," and Fred Littlefield '52 of Olmstead Falls, Ohio, "usher at our wedding." And September 24 will be their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! He also mentioned last spring in Appalachia, when speaking how the pulp mill in Lincoln had died, and spoke of classmate **Jim Thorne** of Portland, who came down to visit them. He has been to reunions, the



10th and 25th. Let's get him to our next one.

Father of four and grandfather of seven, Don can be found on the computer. He does a lot of digital photography and also does volunteer work. "We know we're going to lose, but we're fighting the battle of aging." So it's off to the gym six days a week (bicycle, treadmill). I think they'll do pretty well, don't you? We ended with him saying: "Take the good times while you can." I believe in that.

Number 31, **Al Card**, of Augusta (since 1965), a Phi Mu Delta man and a phys ed major with a M.Ed. degree from Springfield College, was a fullback and played varsity football three years and varsity baseball (captain 1953). Al lost a couple of front teeth and got a concussion while on the team. I asked him what about playing pro football, pro baseball and his reply? "I'd get killed!"

"I was so exhausted after the Super Bowl game. I was just sweating it out," he said laughing. Al loved baseball, he said. "Football is a harder, tougher, much more physical game. You need to be more relaxed to play baseball." He wasn't good enough to play basketball, he said, only 5 foot 10. He said he knew all of the players quite well and roomed with Woody Carville in Oak Hall. "I lived on campus because I needed a job." He said he loved football and baseball. "They were a good group." (He also played football, baseball, and basketball in high school.)

Al, who grew up in South Paris and is married to Irene, worked at summer camps in Harrison while coaching and teaching at MCI. His career reads: "Education—Phys Education and coached football and baseball; two years active duty and four years Reserve duty; 30 years high school and college basketball official; 33 years baseball, high school and college umpire (including parts of four decades doing UMaine games)—worked three Babe Ruth League World Series." And it goes on: "Have been inducted into three Hall of Fames—Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, Maine Central Institute Hall of Fame, and Maine High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame—"Outstanding Physical Education Award from UMaine in 1986; Distinguished Service Award from Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance." (Al didn't even mention any of this. I got it from his bio in our Memory Book. Hope you don't mind, Al.)

Al, who walks almost every day

and takes to the treadmill winters, said he hears from **Bob Churchill** by e-mail. "He sends some of the funniest stories," he said. "I see Harry Richardson '52 quite often. He's quite a guy." Al also helps take care of the grandkids a lot (he now has seven), and went to Florida in March for a few weeks. He mentioned that his daughter, Linda Card LeBlond, '78, is now doing the Class of 1978 column and that his son, Ryan, of Sabattus, an Ithaca College grad who works for Central Maine Orthopedics in Auburn, had a son, Andrew Ryan Card, in late January. Al has also changed his e-mail provider to gwi.net. Same name though. His closing remarks? "Stay in good health."

Number 32, **Don Waterman**, an Alpha Gamma Rho man for three years, an agricultural engineer of Wales, Maine (next to Sabattus), played end four years. "They're called wide receivers now," he said. "You go out for passes or block." He didn't play football at Lewiston High. "You had to work," he said. And Don, six feet, 150 pounds, said he was lucky, only a bent finger. "I wouldn't think of playing nowadays, they're too big!" And he definitely followed the Super Bowl. "I always liked sports."

Don said he was "kind of shy, and then I blossomed when I met Evelyn." She was a Nasson College (Springvale, Maine), gal and the two met through mutual friends and celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. The secret? "Give-and-take is the magic of a happy marriage," Don said, with Evelyn listening in the background. (I'm sure she was smiling.) Don said he stays out of the meal planning. "I do dishes." Don said he's "pretty well retired." He's turned his Waterman Farm Machinery Company (homeowner and industrial products) over to the boys, he said, two of his sons and two nephews. He mentioned that his three boys went to UMaine and his daughter went to Bates and then on to UConn. He also has six grandchildren, has done a lot of traveling, Australia twice, around the world once, France, Germany, England, New Zealand, Italy, Switzerland—and wants to go back to England. His health? "Not bad." He also likes to snowmobile and golf. Thanks, Don.

Number 84, Woody Carville of Orono, a Phi Mu Delta man and phys ed major (with a M.Ed. at UMaine), played offensive left. Woody just broke a few teeth in the game and said of the team mem-

bers: "They're just great!" When I spoke of some of the BIG men on the Super Bowl team, he said of the UMaine team, there weren't many heavy ones back then, that 230 pounds was very large. (Woody was/is six foot one inch, 190 pounds.) He spoke of Al Card, his roommate, and basketball team members Bob Churchill ("a good guy"), and Bob Nixon '54. I couldn't believe it when Woody said he didn't play football in high school! He said York (Maine) High didn't have a team back then. And for our Memory Book (sorry, Woody), he wrote: "Varsity football and basketball (captain), five letters; frosh basketball and baseball, two numerals; Athletic Board member; Men's Athletic Association (president)." For his career, he wrote: "Teacher—coach, four years, public schools, Waterville; Laconia, New Hampshire; assistant coach, UMaine, five years, football, basketball, baseball; administrator, UMaine, 27 years (retired)."

Boy, it was hard to reach Woody! Their line was busy, busy! I found out why, when Jean Grindle Carville '54, his wife, answered and said she'd been on the Internet. She was planning to go to Florida to her sister's the middle of March "to get out of the Northeast!" Meanwhile Woody was off to Guatemala in February for one-plus weeks with classmate **Ron Bishop**, of Cornelius, North Carolina, for Habitat for Humanity, to work on/build two or three homes up in the mountains. It's their winter there, he said, and Woody's ready, he's inoculated and has his malaria pills. It's "bring your own tools." You need a few basic skills, he said. Good luck to you both.

Woody also spoke of skydiving with Ron two years ago in Sanford (Maine). "Wonderful," Woody said of the experience. "It's over a 16,000-foot fall, you free-fall for two miles. You're tied to instructors," he said. (Thank goodness!) "You don't even have the sense of falling until the last mile or so," he said, "but keep your mouth shut, otherwise a lot of air." (Oh, not me. I'd be unconscious before I left the plane!) Well, it seems Woody's in good condition. He's ready for anything, I guess, because he said he walks a lot, runs, and cross-country skis six or seven miles a day.

Happy 74th Birthday, Woody, on August 20! (I only know that because when I mentioned a class get-together on that date in Bass Harbor, Maine, he said that's his birth-

day.) So, classmates, please save Saturday, August 20, for a noon lunch at the Seafood Ketch on the water in Bass Harbor! (I hear they have the greatest lobster rolls and an outside patio for dining.) Their phone: (207) 667-7434. Call or e-mail **Helen Strong Hamilton**, class president, in Bow, New Hampshire (603) 224-4893 or e-mail: Helen.Hamilton@verizon.com or myself to tell us if you can make it and how many, for an update, etc. It's very casual. Hope to see a lot of you there!

Number 12, **Fred Dolan**, a Sigma Chi man of Junction City, Kansas, wasn't in that photo of the '51 varsity squad, but he was on that team and played left halfback in '50, '51, and '52, "mainly offense, running, carrying the ball quite a bit, kick-off, more technical now," he said. "I was smaller, 5 foot, 9 1/2 inches, 190 pounds." He laughed when he said, "My teeth got knocked out and I used to say 'All I wanted was my two front teeth.'" Westy wrote him, he said, and talked with him several times. Fred also spoke of Bangor High classmates Ray Cox and **George Weatherbee**, of Orono, All-State; and football coach Cy Perkins at Bangor High. He said George, a Sigma Chi, a pole-vaulter, and Navy man, has pulled him in to quite a few high school reunions. He said he used to work with George for George's dad who was in the painting and contracting business, of which George is now president. (Fred went with Boeing and that's when he saw Ray again.)

And up at UMaine he said, "Those were pretty good days. Maine's changed a lot." He said, "Old Sam Sezak '31 (coach of the freshman football team) was the kind of a guy who you would crawl off a football field and be back the next day good as new." Fred lettered in football and track at UMaine, did the broad jump, the 100-yard dash, the 220. He said "Ray made a lot of touchdowns for me." And he spoke of Prescott Johnson, Dick Dow, both '52, and Mother Pray of the Sigma Chi house.

"We were lucky to have grown up when we did," Fred said. "Kids have lost a lot, no more cowboys and Indians for them. Life is a complex society," he said. "It's probably us that made it easier for them. This war in Iraq has changed things." And then Fred went on to say how "So many of us went into the military after graduation." And that's what he did, attaining the rank of colonel. "I





That super Black Bear football team of 1951 went undefeated and won both the Yankee Bean Pot and the Maine State Series.

flew everything up through jets. I was a fixed-wing (wings fixed to the fuselage, according to Webster's dictionary) liaison pilot, flying a single engine. We called them 'puddle jumpers' in those days." Active in the military, with 38 years of service, he went and had physicals when Desert Storm happened, but was never deployed. However, he worked with several of the units that were being deported out of Fort Riley.

Fred said, starting in '90, he helped with the memorial to the Black Soldier, the monument which stands in Junction City (Kansas), with a "Buffalo soldier at the ready with his horse. Only five of the 11 Buffalo soldiers (mounted cavalry) remain," he said. Why called buffalo? One version, Fred has heard, is that Indians thought they looked like buffalo with their long hair.

Fred, who initially thought of coaching, talked of his dogs. While in the service he had a German shepherd, "Poncho," a parachutist, the 1st Division mascot, who parachuted with him three times. One time Poncho, who'd been through some seven schools, ended up in the river (but was rescued). He said, "My dog was the only dog that sat at the head table of the Officers Club, and had more fun at my wedding, the first military wedding of the 1st Division." (Poncho is buried in a military cemetery in Wichita and has been written up in the *Stars & Stripes* magazine.)

Fred, who has a commanding voice, like a general in a way, very precise, but pleasant to listen to, also talked of his three Great Danes. He just has one now, "Duke," about five years old, from the humane

society, with a big fat belly, 121 pounds, named after Duke Wayne. He said "The Duke" was also a Sigma Chi, along with Dave Letterman.

Fred called himself a "pack rat, 18 moves in 48 years of marriage." He said he went into banking after the service and then retired, "time to smell the roses, doing a little bit of everything." However, he does some consulting work. He's also into boating and golf ("I played Army golf for four years for the 42nd Airborne Division."), he watches a lot of the sports people, and he and his wife, Pat, who have a daughter, Shawn, and one grandson, do a lot of traveling. "I'm in pretty good health. I can still put the feet on the floor in the morning. The old back and knees I got from karate, 12 years, and football." He also can still get in and out of his uniforms. And somewhere he heard: "You look back on the old, live in the present, and look to the future."

Number 22 is **Joe Alex**, a Phi Mu Delta man, an education major, of Twentynine Palms, California, until the last of April, with a permanent residence in Liberty, Maine. A defensive halfback, running back, Joe, a '49 Skowhegan High grad, is our last '53 player.

Joe, who got his M.S. at Springfield College, lettered three years on the varsity team. "Pretty good years," he called them. "Football put me through school." He said he missed part of the '51 year, his junior year, due to a bad knee (in football). "We beat Bowdoin!" And he spoke of Coach Westerman and said Westy was best man at their wedding. "He was very good to me, I'd love to see him again. I haven't

seen him for a long, long time. He's a golfer, too," he said. Joe spoke of Al Card, talked of "Big Ray (Cox)," and said he stays in touch with Woody Carville. "I was quite young, the youngest player on the team, 18," he said. Joe was also captain of the freshman team with **Steve Emmons**. "One of the highlights of my senior year in '52 was when I intercepted a pass and ran for a touchdown. We beat Rhode Island at Maine," he said.

Joe, who was at our 50th, said he's "hanging in there." He likes to play golf; he used to hunt, fish, ski. And when he's dreaming, once in a while it's about football. Joe was a phys ed teacher with most of his teaching in Maine, although he started in Massachusetts. He taught in high school and coached in S.A.D. 3, Mount View High School in Thorndike, Maine, which serves 11 towns. He and **Jean Libby Alex** were married the end of their sophomore year, in '51, and have four children, Joseph, Stuart, Daniel and Meredith, and 10 grandchildren. Thanks, Joe.

And let's not forget the '53 varsity team players no longer with us: **Stephen Emmons**, **Jack and Jim Butterfield**, **Glenn Folsom**, and **Dick Breen**. (Forgive me, if there are others.)

(Also, I apologize for any '53 varsity team players I didn't call.)

And who led the cheers for this winning team of ours? (See their photo on pages 154-155 of your *Prism*.) There were a few of the Class of '53 that I know of and I called the three of them. As I mentioned earlier, Jean Libby Alex, an elementary ed major of Unity, Maine, was one of them. She said

she and Joe "escaped the snow shoveling," and are in a fifth-wheeler in California until April. Jean, a Pi Phi, who lived at The Elms at UMaine, was a cheerleader three years, '50, '51, and '52. "It was great fun," she said. "Skirts came down below the knees and we wore 'M' sweaters like the athletes. I think there was a lot of school spirit compared to now. We were really leading cheers: TE...TA...TM and we cheered:

"Jack Butterfield, he's my man  
If he can't do it, Gene Sturgeon,  
he's my man.

If he can't do it—" and then they'd name another player and end with:

"If they can't do it, the team can." Then they'd go into the TE...TA...TM cheer.

Jean, who taught elementary ed in S.A.D. 3, and plays "at golf," spoke of Kit Kidder Berger '54, and Shirley Johnson Greenwald '50, the head cheerleader, who also lived at The Elms. "We went on the trips, separate buses." Those were the days, weren't they, Jean?

"We were horrible!" said cheerleader **Jeanette Hovey Wiggin**, when I reached her in Bonita Springs, Florida. (Their home is in Essex, Connecticut, but summers she and her husband, Dave '54, are directors of the New England Music Camp in Oakland, Maine (near Augusta, on one of the Belgrade lakes.) "It wasn't like it is today, a very, very different thing, a big thing now," Jan said. "We led cheers, we didn't do acrobatics, we were pretty lousy. We were nearly freezing to death—it was pretty silly with the snow." (She said there were guy cheerleaders, too.)



Jan was cheerleader her sophomore, junior, and senior years, president of Pi Phi, and majored in the arts and sciences. Mother of three, she and Dave (class president) have been directors for 37 years. "It's always been in our family—69 years," said Jan. "We took over from David's family. It's hard to stop." She said the camp, for ages 12-18, has two orchestras, one symphonic band, two jazz ensembles, and two choral groups. "We hire 40 faculty, and take 195 for each four weeks. Some stay for eight, about 350 total in the summer." I say that's a lot of music at the lake!

Note: Jan and Dave are very much interested in getting UMaine people together, anyone living in the Naples, Bonita Springs, or Fort Myers area. Please call them at the New England Music Camp in June or July: (207) 465-3025. They'd love to hear from you. If you need their number in Bonita Springs, please give me a call. She wanted so much to get to our 50th, but had a conflict. Hard decision, she said. But she hopes she can make it August 20 to Bass Harbor for our class get-together. She does have to be back to camp by 4:00 for a big banquet. Let's hope you can make it, Jan and Dave!

And this from **Bertha Norris Holmes** of Portland, Maine, who also cheered a couple of years for the football and basketball teams (she was a basketball player herself.) "The girls cheered for the boys when they weren't playing," Beth said. "The games were so well attended and the band was great. We knew the team and we had a lot of fun—we ran around and just loved it, being out on those autumn days. The school was so much smaller then, very unsophisticated, the way it should have been." A Chi Omega gal, on the Panhellenic Council, Beth spoke of the sorority being "very academically oriented," stressing being a good citizen. And she spoke of other cheerleaders, Chi Omegas Norma Smaha Truman '54 from Portland, and Jan Hovey Wiggins, at Colvin Hall.

White sneakers and socks, turtleneck, white corduroy skirts, with a borrowed "M" sweater from the boys, Beth said. "We were very conservative." (She still has her sterling silver megaphone, a charm with a blue "M.") She also spoke of her freshman roommate, **Ellie Newhook Butler**, who "taught me far more than I needed to know," and Colvin Hall and its suites with

roommates Ellie, Nancy Leach McIntosh '55 (Chi Omegas), and another gal.

Beth, a speech major from Winterport, Maine, who received her M.A. from Columbia University and Ed.D. from Vanderbilt, has two daughters (son Paul, and her husband, Jack, are deceased). Betsy lives in Portland and has an eight-year-old son, and Sarah lives in West Falmouth and has a 17-year-old, Allie, a runner on the track team at Falmouth High. Thanks, Beth.

And let's remember the late **Jan Hanna Leblanc** (who died in 1989), a cheerleader, English major, and president of Phi Mu, of Ellsworth, who also wrote this column at one time.

Lucille Bell Grange '39 was one of the first female cheerleaders at UMaine. She was pictured in the winter issue with her husband, George '37. To read about my conversations with her and her classmate Ralph Higgins '39, please see the Class of '39 column.

Well, we have two classmates who have recently made the news. The headline from the November 4, 2004, edition of *The Bow Times* in New Hampshire reads: "Bow's George and Helen Hamilton named Concord's Citizens of the Year." (It was a great picture of them both.) The article stated that **Helen Strong Hamilton** and George "never went to the annual Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce's dinner thinking they were going to win the Citizen of the Year Award, but they always had fun guessing who won. 'I thought I'd do that this year, then I realized, my goodness, they're talking about us.'" It said that the two had been involved with the chamber for more than 20 years, serving on the board of directors and other areas.

Helen served as chairman of the education committee on the board and started Capital Area Student Leadership (CASL), in which she is still involved. In the article it said: "CASL is a leadership program where qualified high school sophomores participate in various activities that focus on different aspects of being a leader." She's now the executive director of Kids Voting New Hampshire. She's also served as dean of student affairs at UNH and Springfield College, and is on the board of trustees at Brewster Academy. A middle distance runner, Helen has helped organize many races.

George, who served in the Army

Air Corps in the Philippines during World War II, "served as interim executive director during a tough time of transition for the chamber," said Tim Sink, chamber president. It went on to say that George is also a longtime Rotary Club member, joining in the mid-1950s when he worked as a conservation officer in northern New Hampshire. He then became manager of mountain huts for the Appalachian Mountain Club. He also worked at the State Planning Office, was the state parks director, and then became a banker. Named Conservationist of the Year by the Society for the Protection of Forests in 1998, George "helped guide famous people such as the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Douglas," stated Tom Raffio, selection committee chairman. "He is a very respected outdoorsman."

The paper said the award is "usually given to one person, but the Hamiltons were the best choice." Congratulations, Helen and George!

Now, it's your turn, Fred. And here are the headlines from the November 20-21, 2004, edition of the *Bangor Daily News*: "Good will natural for Hutchinson." Written by Tom Weber '74 (and I quote the first four paragraphs because he told it so well):

"When the people at the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America first approached Dr. Fred Hutchinson about their 2004 Distinguished Citizen Award, the former University of Maine president was more than happy to oblige.

"He told them he'd be glad to serve on a committee, if that's what they needed him for: Or maybe he could help organize the big award dinner and recognition night. You name it, he said, and he'd be there.

"That's when the Scout officials realized a little clarification was in order:

'Fred,' they told him, 'you're the individual we want to recognize.'"

I just had to call Fred in Lamoine, Maine. "It was a very humbling event," he said. "It was a very strange experience for me. I am not used to being involved with events where I do not know what's going on," he said. "For nine months I didn't know what was happening until I walked in the door." You see, Fred was afraid there would be such a small attendance and not much money raised at the event honoring him. He said his wife, Dione, said: "That's their problem, not yours."

Well, Fred, you needn't have worried. More than 400 people filled

the Bangor Civic Center that night of November 18, to the sound of bagpipes and the John Baptist Chamber Ensemble. It was a night of testimonials and anecdotes, and as Weber wrote: "a portrait of a man of extraordinary accomplishments yet humble enough to perceive them simply as one person's effort to give back all he could to the state he loves and to the university that made it all possible."

As the newspaper's Bangor Savings Bank ad stated: "He gives a lot more than the old college try." Richard Avery, executive director of the Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America, noted, "Over \$85,000 was raised, so we reached our goal. This project was successful because people get behind projects for Fred because that's what he used to do as president of the college." (The event's proceeds will benefit the programs of the Katahdin Area Council Boy Scouts of America.)

Also, from Weber's column: "When I see Fred I think of wisdom," said Charles Cawley, the founder of MBNA, which named its education center in Belfast after Hutchinson. "Whenever I see Fred I see laughter. I see kindness. He's one of the happiest and most affable people I've ever met. To me, Fred's life is lived on his honor."

And this from one of Fred's agronomy students, Amos Orcutt '64, president of the University of Maine Foundation, the event's dinner co-chairman, and on the committee that selected Fred: "It was my honor to recognize Fred Hutchinson, President Emeritus of the University of Maine. It is highly unusual for a graduate to return to his alma mater and become its president. Fred has been an effective leader in many different capacities and has genuine concern for all the citizens of this state, especially its youth."

Our classmate Doug Kneeland and his wife, Barbara, of Lincoln, attended the event and represented our class. "Fred was really impressed and overwhelmed," said Doug. "He doesn't get too overwhelmed too often," and Barbara said: "It was exciting—we had a great time, a fabulous, fabulous night. We were thrilled to death—we were in awe. They're (Fred and Dione) so well known, so well loved."

Our congratulations, Fred!

Now, some sad news. Our class has lost a number of classmates: Dick Breen, 74, of Ocala, Florida, of



cancer, in December. (Thanks, **Mary Maguire Riley**, for sending me the news.) Dick had retired to Las Vegas before moving to Ocala to be closer to his children and grandchildren, according to the obituary. At Lewiston High, he starred in football, basketball, and baseball, and at Orono he was a star varsity player in football and basketball. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he went on to earn his graduate degree in law in 1958 from Georgetown University and passed the Virginia bar in 1959, where he resided until 1979.

A civil service lawyer for the Federal Communications Commission in Washington for 20 years, he then became the airport director with the city of Vero Beach, Florida, from December 1982, retiring in May 1991. An Army first lieutenant, he leaves his wife of 51 years, Vera, five children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Classmate Stephen Emmons, 75, of Kennebunkport died January 28, 2005, of cancer. In the February 3 edition of the *Portland Press Herald*, it said: "The sea was a constant source of pleasure to him and even as he moved to new jobs he retained his links to the ocean. He built his own schooner, creating and varnishing the hull, hewing the spars, and spending countless hours in the family living room hand sewing the sails." It stated that he was "equally focused on the land" and that in the 1980s he and his wife, Natalie, "pledged their 108 acres, house, and barn, to the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust."

Steve, an English major, SAE president, and football player at UMaine, worked for the Kennebunkport Police Department and later served on the police commission. A nature photographer, he also worked at the K&E factory and later for Kennebunk's water district. From the obituary: "His legacy will live on and be perpetuated by the nature preserve and its library which bears his name—The Emmons Preserve—and those organizations through which his philosophies will endure." He leaves two sons, a stepdaughter, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a brother.

Chet Kennedy '50, of Brewster, Massachusetts, sent me classmate **Charles Neil's** obituary. Chuck, 76, of Harwich, Massachusetts, died November 25, 2004, after a brief illness. A Bangor High graduate, he then served in the military police unit



**Vincent and Anne Dutille Ryan '53 at their retirement cottage in Kennebunk, Maine.**

in Korea. After his service he went to UMaine, majored in history and government, and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the ROTC upon graduation. In 1983 he retired from the Army Reserve as a colonel.

Chuck worked as a claims supervisor in the insurance industry in Connecticut for 30 years and retired in 1989. He leaves his wife, Carole, a son, a daughter, and a grandson.

Our condolences go out to all classmates' families, relatives, and friends. Life is too fleeting.

On to some happier news: From the November 27, 2004, edition of the *Bangor Daily News* came the announcement of the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of our classmate **Francis William Boyle** and his wife, Natalie Ann Brown Boyle, of Trooper, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to you both! Francis and Natalie were honored on February 20, 2004, at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor on that date in 1954 and their best man was Francis' Delta Tau Delta fraternity brother, Paul Marcoux '54 of Cumming, Georgia. The matron of honor was Florence G. Callaghan, Francis' sister.

Francis, an electrical engineering major from Bangor, served two years as a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He was employed with Sperry/Univac, now Unisys, for

35 years and retired in 1989. The article said he's enjoying retirement, golfing, bowling, and traveling with Natalie.

Francis and Natalie, who settled in Trooper more than 35 years ago, have four children: Catherine M. Boyle of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Michael F. Boyle of Lumberton, New Jersey; Karen N. Boyle of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; and Kelly T. Kenwood, and her husband, Douglas, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania. They also have three grandchildren: Sean, Matthew, and Sarah Natalie Kenwood.

Wishes of good health and happiness may be sent to Natalie and Frank at: 5 Heatherwood Hills, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19403.

Also from the university came this *Bangor Daily News* clipping of August 18, 2004, about classmate **Al Hackett**. Larry Mahoney's column with the headline: "Al Hackett has scoring expertise" tells of Al being "a fixture at Mansfield Stadium in Bangor for the two-plus years of the Senior League World Series. Just like he used to be at University of Maine baseball games when he was the color analyst for radio play-by-play man George Hale." Al, who keeps the official scorebook, still works with George on WABI-AM of Bangor, "doing a variety of sports including high school football."

Al was also quoted as saying: "The way the teams fit into the community and the way the commu-

nity has accepted them has been very, very good. Everybody donates their time with a lot of pride. They've been very glad to do it." And Al is one of those volunteers. Keep up the good work!

And in a February 6 e-mail from **Barby Girard Dorman** of Irving, California: "We are off to Bangkok to Hong Kong and Hong Kong to Singapore with three days on our own in Bangkok and Singapore—an early 50th anniversary present to each other. Do not know if I shall be totally prepared for the high 80s and low 90s." Happy anniversary!

From **Lloyd Oakes**, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, come all kinds of things by e-mail, such as: "Still doing a little consulting—local company—do it all at home and just e-mail the reports....We are leaving for another Hawaii trip later this month. Going to Reno and San Francisco in May."

**Ray Robbins**, of Pittsford, New York, also e-mails me frequently. He's now on the road to recovery after being "awarded a left knee" (total knee operation January 18). Then came a letter (no e-mail where he was staying and yes, Ray, your handwriting is something else!), in which he said how the Seafood Ketch restaurant in Bass Harbor, Maine, would be a nice gathering place for classmates on August 20. He also spoke of the motto over their door: "What fools these morsels be," and another sign which says: "Come in quickly before we both starve!"

Ray talked of his dormmate for more than two years at Corbett Hall, **John Webb**, mechanical engineering major of Newport, Maine, and that he was an usher at John and Connie's wedding in the summer of '52. He said as a wedding present he invited them to West Tremont (Maine) and took them out lobstering. Then they had a quick lobster picnic on the shore with his parents and himself. He wrote that John took a job in Rochester with Kodak but left a few years later and went back East to work for Polaroid. He said John, of Lincoln, Rhode Island, has since gone on to other things, including consulting. (I remember John and Connie. They gave me a ride to Jackson Lab at our 50th Reunion in Bar Harbor. Thanks!) He spoke of another Corbett Hall dorm mate of John's: Daniel A. Hodgkins '52, '53, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Dan was from Jefferson, Maine, Ray said, and that he seemed to recall that "one weekend he (Dan) went home from Orono and while there a



deer or two ran into his car and got killed. Somehow they ended up in his trunk!"

**Anne Dutille Ryan** and Vince live in the nicest little retirement cottage here in Kennebunk. By the way, you can call them early in the morning, but not late at night. They go to bed at 5:30, watch TV, and wake up at the crack of dawn.

When **Carol Prentiss Mower** of Orono and I went over in November for a visit, they welcomed us with open arms. Anne was decorating for Christmas due to a two-week time-share up north. They're great at decorating, and Anne still knits scarves and socks that automatically make their own design. Vince told us tales of telemarketers who would call. Once he told them that the man of the house had a houseful of company and a serious case of diarrhea. Another time he told them the person didn't live there anymore, and that as a matter of fact he was in jail. Oh, Vince, you're terrible!

Anne, who came from Waterville and majored in education, showed us a light switch she/they decoupled with UMaine postcards of university buildings. Vince, who retired as a major in the Air Force after 20 years, said he's "longtime retired and happy framing puzzles." When I said we had come for a house inspection, Vince was truly delightful. We saw the inside of their stove and refrigerator, his bath and hers (he said how he just cleaned his), their bedrooms, garage, everything! (Anne and Vince, thanks for coming to my Christmas party on such short notice.)

This is truly the end for another four months. When you read this in May, it'll be great weather here in Maine, hopefully. Next week, I'm off to the "Great White Way," off to Vegas for four nights with relatives and friends, some 13 or 14 of us staying in three different hotels. I've never been there, but maybe I'll play the slots and see Hoover Dam. It ought to be fun. Well, so long. See you in Bass Harbor in August!

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## 1954

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As I write this column near the end of January there are huge snow drifts all around my house with a few narrow paths cut through—just enough for daily comings and goings. Thank goodness for snow blowers!

**Peggy Thompson Homans** and husband Lefty '52 have moved to their Florida house for the winter but are, as I write this, skiing in Vail, Colorado.

**Tim McManus** and Barbara are enjoying their winter retreat in Arizona and **Bob** and **Jean "Marty" Wyman Weatherbee** have gone to Lake Havasu City in Arizona near the Colorado River.

Looking for classmate news, I called **Marg MacKinnon Nelson** in Portland. She has also been contending with snow but was awaiting the arrival of her sister and brother who were joining Mac for a family gathering at her daughter's home in Connecticut.

Last November the *Portland Press Herald* had an article about **George "Bud" and Valerie Kewley Weiland**, the Class of '54's generous, over \$1.4 million gift, to UMaine and an important method by which alumni and the university can benefit by creating annuities through the University of Maine Foundation. Bud and Val have established two charitable gift annuities which, according to the Foundation, pay a regular lifetime income at a favorable rate and thereafter go to support a program of the donor's choice at the University of Maine. A possibility we might all consider.

The Weilands have sold their farm and carding mill, moved into a house they built in Ellsworth, and are still trying to clear out things from their barn. Val had extensive foot surgery in the fall and after many weeks of rest and recuperation reports that she takes walks with no problems (except for the snow!).

Coming out of retirement, **John Norris** is back as coach of the Brewer High School golf program. John started the program way back in 1969 when he was also teaching science at Brewer High. When Mark Hall resigned the coaching position just before the fall season started,

the school approached Norris about coaching again. He agreed and so has returned to a team that is the defending Penobscot Valley Conference champion. Hope you have a great spring season, John.

A Christmas card from **Skip and Rosemary Carlin Hall** said, "We're off to Florida. See ya in the spring!" I think they left before the big snows came.

As chairman of the UMaine Board of Visitors, **H. Allen Fernald** is also actively participating in the search for a new president for the university. President Peter Hoff stepped down in August after seven years in that position. The goal of the search committee is to name a new president in Orono by the end of this academic year.

**Herbert R. Doten**, P.E. was recognized as a distinguished member of the Francis Crowe Society by the University of Maine College of Engineering, department of civil and environmental engineering. Distinguished members are presented with a certificate acknowledging their outstanding professional service to the field of engineering. The Francis Crowe Society is named for a member of the UMaine Class of 1905 who was a civil engineer in charge of 19 major dams in the western United States from 1904 to 1944. Herb is retired and resides in Augusta.

Call me sometime with news of your comings and goings. I'd love to hear from you.

## 1955

*50th Reunion*  
*June 3-5, 2005*

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Well, classmates, here we are approaching the time for our 50th Reunion, and your committee is truly excited, as according to our calculations, there will be over 100 people returning and several more who at this point (mid-January) have indicated they may attend our festivities. I am particularly anxious to see a large number of you who have indicated that you will travel to Orono who didn't graduate with us but who were part of our class our freshman year and attended either

one or more years. We all have a lot of wonderful memories particularly of our freshman year when we knew everyone in West Hall, the home for all of us girls, and Dunn and Corbett Halls where the males in our class lived. Our class president, **Marion Bugbee Mannheim**, and her committee are looking forward to seeing you all.

An e-mail from Father **Don McAllister** who is now retired from the position of chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Portland reports that he traveled to China a few months ago. He went as chaplain aboard the *Empress of the Orient*. Although the weather needed some improvement, he had a wonderful trip. He had a rather unusual continuation of his trip, as he was asked to fill-in for a priest who got sick on a Celebrity Cruise and had to go to the hospital in Denmark. The cruise line flew Don to Denmark to pick up the group and he went on with them to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, on to St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Finland, Goteberg, Sweden, and Oslo, Norway. He indicated it was a fun trip but received a surprise in Oslo when the priest who was sick got back on the ship and finished the trip to Ft. Lauderdale. Don flew back to Boston and the boat continued on to its destination in Florida. **Paul** and I wish that something like that had happened to us when we took a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal aboard Holland America's *Rotterdam VI* last November. No such luck in our case!

**Don Arnold**, whom we remember as co-captain of the 1955 UMaine baseball team, retired from teaching in 1986 and lives in Madawaska. Not entirely retired, however, he works part-time as sports editor for the *St. John Valley Times* (Madawaska) and enjoys golf and bowling.

**Bob Fairweather** isn't certain at this time whether he will be attending Reunion in June, but we sure hope that he does. I hope that Bob will be in Maine at that time, as he and his wife spend four months in Florida, four months on the coast of Maine, and four months in Fairfield where he spent 25 years working as a teacher at Lawrence High School. Another person not entirely retired, Bob is a part-time lobster fisherman. Bob says, "Other than lobstering I do nothing, or whatever I, or my wife, decide to do. Most likely the latter."

Someone else who is not "entirely retired" and, in fact, not retired at all, is **Sal Scarpato**. He owns his own company which employs over



30 people in West Newton, Massachusetts. Sal and his wife are able to enjoy long weekends in the summer at their summer home in Marion, Massachusetts. Looking forward to seeing you at Reunion.

We all remember **Marion Martel Touchette** playing the piano after dinner almost every night in Es-tabrooke Hall. Those were such wonderful times, weren't they? Marion now lives in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, after having taught school for a few years and then working as an administrative assistant for 20 years, retiring in 1999. She indicates that she has a wonderful life reading, traveling, and doing a great deal of cooking. She says that cooking is therapy for her but she gives most of it away. Marion will be joining us in Orono and I am sure will be playing the piano when asked.

We are excited by the fact that **Doris Martel Piatak** is going to be with us at Reunion 2005, and is coming all the way from Prescott, Arizona. Doris retired in 1995 after having taught English at Kishwaukee College in Malta, Illinois, and previously having taught at Bangor High School and Somersworth (New Hampshire) High School. She still remains busy, however, as a member of the American Association of University Women, the Prescott Art Docents Program, People Who Care, as well as traveling with her husband Dave '62 and enjoying their grandchildren.

Nice to learn that Bob '54 and **Priscilla Ames Pike** will be with us in Bar Harbor and then at Orono. Priscilla lives in Storrs, Connecticut, and has been a nursery school teacher and is a part-time employee at the University of Connecticut. She is involved in many activities and she and Bob spend summers at their cottage in Maine. I was interested and agree wholeheartedly with Priscilla's comment that, "I always knew at the time it was happening that my four years at Maine were the best times of my life to that point. It was a wonderful time!"

**Erlon Varney** is looking forward to coming to our 50th Reunion. He works as a financial advisor at Legg Mason in Portland. Erlon says, "I will continue going to the office regularly as long as it's fun." He also has relaxing, real fun playing drums in various bands and enjoys driving antique cars.

**Len Bowles** served in the U.S. Air Force for four years after graduation and spent 31 years at the

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Look for Reunion memories and photos in the  
fall issue of *Mainely People*

M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington, Massachusetts, as leader of Satellite Communications Group. He retired in 1992 and now resides in Machias. Len is treasurer of the Sunrise Senior College at UMaine Machias, trustee of Machias Bay Chamber Concerts, and plays tenor sax in the Machias Community Band. See you in June, Len.

Well, my friends, that's all there is this time. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Bar Harbor on June 1 and 2 and then in Orono for the great festivities of our 50th Reunion on June 3, 4, and 5.

## 1956

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Classmates: It is winter in Maine with much snow on the ground, and crazy drivers thinking they can beat the odds and still drive as fast on ice as they can on bare roads. The scanner in our kitchen goes non-stop with police dispatchers calling about another crash on the turnpike, 295, or local streets. I try to stay off the roads as much as I can.

**Jay Hoar**, professor emeritus at the University of Maine at Farmington, has recently published his

seventh book titled, *As Maine As It Gets*. The book includes a look at small-town motion picture theaters such as ones his father owned in Rangeley and Kingfield, notable characters, and familiar places of the area. It also includes biographical essays that profile 11 Mainers who served during the Civil War and other material from some of Jay's earlier books. "I have tried to write on topics no one else has touched," he said. Congratulations, Jay.

**Bill Johnson** was appointed to the Thornton Academy board of trustees in October. This is just one of his many accomplishments, also serving as trustee of the University of Maine System, trustee of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, a corporator for Southern Maine Medical Center, and Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution. Plus he is always working hard to make our upcoming 50th a smashing success.

This past summer the Reverend **Robert Giguere** of Greene was part of an open house at the Fellowship Christian Academy, a Christian based pre-kindergarten through grade eight school. The school is a result of a longtime vision of its affiliate church, Greene Fellowship Church, which is pastored by Pastor Giguere. Reverend Giguere is also a retired school teacher, having taught for more than 28 years in Lewiston.

That's all, folks.  
Jody

## 1957

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The **Emerys** spent the first half of last year getting ready to move into their new home at: 3704 Cattails Green Court in Glenwood, Maryland, in June. It is located a few hours closer to grandchildren, national airlines, and medical centers than the McHenry place on the lake. **Phil** now roller blades on the new streets in the development. He has decorated the rec room "in colors as close to the Green Bay Packers as we felt we could live with," says **Sylvia MacKenzie Emery**. In October, on a weekend when the St. Louis branch was in town for a wedding nearby, just a bit before the November and December occasions, "All 17 of our children and grandchildren were at the house to celebrate our 70th birthdays. They had picked up catered food and balloons and truly surprised us. It was a reunion for all our family. God has truly blessed us!"

A lovely drawing, by their son-in-law, of Atlanta Farm with a horse drawn sleigh carrying **Howie** and **Mary Gallop Lyon** towing home a tree made a great card. I've seen all the principals, but not with the snow! Included also was a picture of Howie leading one of the horses while riding a John Deere Gator. Labor saving devices come in handy these days!

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orono was the site for the renewal of wedding vows for **Waldo "Bud"** and Alice Talbot **Brooks** when a group of friends and family gathered to celebrate their 50th in October. Bud was a manager for New England Telephone Company and Alice taught elementary school in West Springfield, Massachusetts; Bangor, and Hallowell before retiring to the home they built on Brooks family property in Forest City, Maine. Their three children and three grandchildren hosted the festivities.

**Charlie and Judy White Boothby** had a chance to travel about the state last growing season while Charlie inspected farms for compliance with Maine Organic Farm and Garden Association standards. Charlie currently is chairman of the Northeast District of the Unitarian/Universalist Association of Congre-



gations and Judy is chairing a committee supervising a ministerial intern at the Unitarian/Universalist Society of Bangor. They are also trying to build on to their house.

Arrangements were made by **Pat Wade Fraker** for a group to meet at the Captain Daniel Stone Inn between Christmas and New Years. **Janet Higgins Nolan** was glad to finally see everyone before she left New England, again. It was nice to see **Dru Nesbit Pedro** and **Claudie Halle Higgins**. **Lois Whitcomb** had interesting trips for conversation—children living abroad help. **Janet Malcolm Buck** came in from Harpswell, while **Sandy Daley Denman '58** and I arrived from the Bath area. **Ginnie Freeman '58** was on her way back to Kennebunkport and **Marilyn Graffam Clark '58** was traveling to York County. **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** came from Apple Acres in East Hiram. Coming up that morning from the Boston area was **Barbara Swann Pineau**. Finally **Margaretmary McCann** arrived and things really got going. We talked in groups and then visited a long while after the dishes were removed. It seemed nearly dusk when we gathered up to leave and found **Bill Johnson '55**, **Marty Pineau '58**, and **Les Smith '63** sitting at a small table and talking in the next room.

"Happiness is..." the yearly mantra of **E. Paul Taiganides** in his fascinating, closely spaced three-and-a-third-page yearly letter wishing Happy Holidays in English, Greek, and Spanish, sprinkled with many small colored pictures of his family and places he has been, and ancient and modern history lessons interwoven. Over 90 now, **Marjorie** and **Carl Hertz** live in Nevada, Iowa: they had invited his wife **Maro** to America enabling **Paul** to meet, and marry her in December 1961. And winning the doubles tennis championship with son **Tasos** in the Greek Veteran 35+ Open in Agios Nikolaos, Crete; a surprise 70th birthday party in Granville, Ohio, complete with all the children, a roast pig, guitar and bouzouki music; and "Witnessing the best ever, coolest Olympics organized and executed by Greece, the country that originated them 2,780 years ago, with a record number of athletes (11,099), most women athletes ever, most countries (202), most smiling volunteers (60,000 of them), and carried out glitch-free, with class, complete security along with nightly cultural events until the early hours of the day. The scintillating opening and closing ceremonies were something

to remember forever and ever. Transforming Athens into a modern city with pedestrian walkways around the Acropolis and a mass transit system was the award for the Athenians' patience. The grandchildren and I touched the Olympic flame that traveled for the first time to all five continents and to every city in Greece, a bold exercise in democracy in the country that gave birth to the idea of democracy 2,500 years ago."

## 1958

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By the time you read this column, spring will be well on its way and the eight below wind chill factor and the sleet, snow, and rain of winter will be just a memory. At least for all our benefits, I certainly hope so.

One hundred and eighty-five acres of land belonging to the Tryon family of Pownal will become part of the trail corridor linking Bradbury Mountain State Park to public lands surrounding Pineland Center in New Gloucester. **Connie Eno Tryon**, who is the widow of **Kenneth Tryon '56** (fifth generation of the original landowner), still lives in the original brick home on the property. Built in 1806 by **Simeon Tryon**, the farmhouse was surrounded by woods and fields and remains so today. To preserve this atmosphere, **Connie** and the other heirs have an agreement with the Pownal Land Trust to protect the acreage which includes the top of Tryon Mountain. **Connie** says a major reason for conserving the Tryon land was "preserving Pownal's rural heritage. It stayed in the family for generations and I felt that to keep open space in Pownal is a valid goal."

One of six inductees into the University of Maine's Sports Hall of Fame on October 23, 2004, was our own **Walter Abbot**. **Walt**, who was a three-year letter winner in football (1955-57), served as a member of the faculty after our graduation. He was head football coach from 1967 to 1975 and served as interim athletic director in 1991 and again in 1994-95. He currently serves as a color commentator for the Black Bear football television network and is a faculty member in the physical education department at the univer-

sity.

**Larry** and **Helen Thurrell** write that their big adventure this past year was a Baltic Sea cruise. Starting in Dover, England, they visited Hamburg, Berlin, Tallinn in Estonia, St. Petersburg and Moscow, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and back to Dover. No smiling faces and police escorts made them feel that the police state is still alive and well in Russia. However, they were able to wander about in Red Square with no apparent restrictions. Helsinki came in first as their favorite. One of **Larry's** big projects this year was to help daughter, **Julie**, build a 1100-square-foot deck on the back of her home which she had designed. **Helen** says that baby-sitting their grandchildren (ages 15 to 1+) is one of her favorite projects all year round.

The **Andrews (Barb Hasey and Tom)** who have been in Florida for the winter, will be heading for Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and Holden, Maine, as the weather warms this spring. **Barb** writes that the **Andrews** clan has been increased by one with marriage of son, **Mark**, to **Judit Sarady**, an M.D. and Ph.D. **Barb** and **Tom** took a land/sea tour to Alaska last June with stops in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park, Skagway, and Vancouver—highly recommended to all says **Barb**.

**Jane Quimby Biscoe** dropped a note to say that **Mark '57** has had his second book published. Entitled *Merchant of the Medomak*, it is a history of the social and shipbuilding life of the Waldoboro area from 1860 to 1910. The **Biscoes** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a gathering of the entire clan last August. **Ann Dunne Snow** writes that 2004 was a great year for them. Their six grandchildren (ages 11 to 1) are keeping them busy with watching the hockey players, the swimmers, etc. **Ann** and **John** have purchased a small home in Rockland where they will spend the winter months instead of slipping and sliding back and forth to Port Clyde. However, **Ann** says they can be found in Port Clyde as soon as the snow melts in the spring and until winter really arrives.

At their annual meeting held last fall, the Tedford Shelter's board presented **Jane Dudley Newhall** with the Brownell Memorial Award in recognition of her outstanding dedication and support of the shelter's mission. The shelter works with the homeless in the Brunswick area and

during the past year, they served more than 800 people, including 112 families.

Yours truly and hubby took a cruise to the eastern Caribbean in January, stopping at San Juan, St. Thomas, and Tortola. As I write this, we are planning on welcoming our son, **Michael**, home from Iraq within the next few weeks. A captain with the Massachusetts National Guard's A Co. 118th Medical Battalion, he has been stationed in the Mosul area for the past year. We have kept our fingers crossed for his safety, and will continue to do so for all the troops there.

Remember our 50th Reunion is fast approaching (probably faster than most of us would like) and president **Judy Demerchant Cohen** is open for suggestions to make this the biggest and best ever.

Please remember to pay your alumni dues in order to keep your magazines coming. Keep me posted as to your activities, because without you, there would be no column. All of you have something going on in your lives that your classmates would love to hear about. Enjoy your summer, and stay healthy and happy!

## 1959

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Hi '59ers! Hope this finds you all well and happy. And now for the news... At Christmas I heard from quite a few classmates. **Pat** and **Joe Cuccaro** in Freeport write that they took trips to Tucson and an Alaskan cruise. **Joe** keeps busy with lots of golf and fishing. **Pat** is into gardening. "Ketch" **Ketchum County** sent a great family photo taken at Fenway Park of herself, husband **Jim**, and children **Judy** and **John**. Speaking of Fenway, how about them Sox?! Wasn't that fabulous! A lengthy note from **Pat Benner Keenan** tells about their winter vacation skiing in Big Sky, Montana, where they have gone for 26 years. Their son **Geoff** was married in Hawaii. They also journeyed to Russia and Ukraine during the past year. **Mike** and **Muffy Campbell Murphy** live in Spokane, Washington, but spend five months at their



home in Palm Desert. They went on a Baltic cruise during the past year. **Merrill Warren Clukey** enjoys living in Garland. During tax season she works for H& R Block in Dover-Foxcroft. She previously owned the Bangor H & R Block office.

**Sally Kyle Rooney** and husband, Fred '61, live in Sedgwick, Maine. Sally continues her environmental consulting business. **Lynn Anderson McLeod** and husband, Don, are planning a trip to Key West and Fort Myers (winter home of the Red Sox!) plus an Elderhostel in Charleston.

Have also heard from **Mary Coffin Sturtevant** in Winthrop and **Dick** and Anne Adams **Collins** who spend time at their homes in Northport and Key Largo. Saw **Judy Adams Gardiner** at Christmas time. My mother and her mother-in-law are in the same health care facility.

Saw **Carl Edler** at the ADT LPGA golf tournament held at Donald Trump's course in West Palm Beach. Carl, **Bob**, and I have volunteered at this tournament for several years. Carl lives in Lake Worth, Florida, and sees classmate **Tony Vazquez** frequently. Tony is a pediatrician in Pembroke Pines.

**Dick Blanchard** has left his position as Penobscot County commissioner after 18 years of service. He will now be a state representative for District 14 representing Old Town and Indian Island.

**Dick Babcock** and wife, Fadelma, have created the Babcock Educational Fund at the University of Maine Foundation. It will benefit students who are graduates of high schools in Washington and Hancock counties.

**Gil Roderick** owns and operates a business called Downeast Stamps in Bangor. Originally started in 1969, the business became a public auction house in 1975 and Gil is a licensed Maine auctioneer. He now runs the business full-time and it has grown to more than 200 auctions over the last 25 years. The first catalogue was eight pages and is now over 180 pages, plus it also is on-line on the web. Gil is married to Diane Faucher Roderick '60 and they have two children.

That's all the news for now. Don't wait until next Christmas to write me. Better yet send me an e-mail.

Thanks for your  
alumni association  
membership.

## 1960

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Dear Classmates,  
Does it seem possible that our 45th Reunion is almost here? The Class of 1960—along with several other classes—will have its Reunion this coming fall 2005.

Received a letter from **Joe Dion** in October 2004 letting us know that after 30 years in Woodstock, Vermont, he and his wife, Peg, have moved to Walpole, New Hampshire. They are right on the Connecticut border and Connecticut River, where he enjoys great hunting and fishing.

Joe says he keeps retiring and then gets bored, so he goes back to real estate. His wife, Peg, substitute teaches in a local elementary school. They go south somewhere for about six weeks each winter. Joe is still a registered Maine Guide and spends a few weeks in the Moosehead area woods.

**Donald DeGolyer**, pharmacist and owner of the Lubec Apothecary in Lubec, Maine, has closed his pharmacy after 28 years. He was no longer able to operate at a profit since the state Bureau of Medical Services imposed cuts in reimbursements for Maine Care prescriptions.

**Sallie Sinclair Huot** has been volunteering at the Dyer Library in Saco, Maine, for more than 20 years in honor of her passion for history. She and her husband, Kip Huot, moved to Saco in 1965 and currently live on Village Green Drive. The couple has three daughters. When Sallie is not in the special collections archives in Dyer Library, she can be found playing tennis, discussing a new book with her book club, volunteering for the Trinity Episcopal Church, or spending time with her grandchildren.

**Forrest "Foe" Meader** will be showing his paintings alongside those of his brother's, Colby College's emeritus professor of art, Abbott Meader. The showing will be at Norma Whiting Piper '59 and **Bob Piper's** Damariscotta gallery, INKA URPI GALERIA, in June 2005. Bob asked Foe and Abbott to do a brothers show when he discovered they had never shown their work together. Foe has shown his work around the country but this will be his first in his ancestral home state. Forrest Meader lives in Poolesville,

Maryland.

**Barrett Gates** spent the first weekend in October at the Fryeburg (Maine) Fair where he reminisced with **Dave Clement** and **Paul Bridge**, both AGR brothers and '60 classmates. Dave emceeds the Woodsman Day at the Fryeburg Fair. Barrett has been retired from SUNY Morrisville for five years. He and his wife live in a log home in upstate New York and enjoy traveling.

Hope to see you all at our 45th Reunion in fall 2005!

## 1961

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**Artie Zalkan** has had enough of cold weather and moved into a senior citizens retirement complex in Davis, California, with his cats.

**Gingee Buckley Franco** writes that daughter Elizabeth is in her third year at Tufts Dental College. Husband Vince '62 is working part-time as a test administrator on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the Nation's Report Card.

Heard from **Paul McGuire** that his plans for a canoe shop are still on track. **Nancy Woods Rearick** sent news that she and Danny had a year of trips to such places as the New England Tennis Hall of Fame, the International Trombone Festival, the Rearick family reunion, and best of all, Danny's high school reunion in Cranford, New Jersey. Son Pete is a flight engineer with the Air Force flying in and out of Baghdad.

Marge Anderson Ham '35 and her husband, Don, parents of **Constance Ham Marr**, recently donated an acre of land to the Monmouth Academy board of trustees. The proceeds from the sale of the land were used to set up a college scholarship fund for academy graduates.

**Mary Irving Fantucchio** and John were able to spend some time in Maine this year. They live in Arlington, Virginia, and are both retired from the federal government. Fellow *Campus* reporter **Fred Stubbart** published his first book this fall and is working on a second. Subject matter not disclosed in his note to me. Had a long letter from **Brett Russell** and wife, Cindy, with tons of family news and lovely nature pho-

tos taken by Cindy. Highlight of their year was a ski trip to the Dolomites, Italy. Some of their kids and grandkids live in Italy which made the trip extra special. When home in New Hampshire, Brett lives on the golf course. And finally a few words from **Etta Libby Davenport** who retired as a kindergarten teacher and presented the new teacher with the 10-year-old classroom goldfish. Now Etta has time to travel and to ski, two of her passions.

Would love to hear news from you—the person reading this right now. E-mail is painless—please think of me next time you are at your keyboard.

## 1962

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Now that the winter winds and snow drifts have left us and our views are filled with tulips and sunshine, I look forward to some news of your families and your upcoming summer travels.

In June, **Charles Butts** joined ERA Associates of Augusta. Charlie's long career in banking began in Ellsworth as vice president and loan officer for the Union Trust Company. He then headed the loan department of Norway National Bank and eventually took over as regional vice president of the Maine Savings Bank in Portland. Charlie's activities over the years have not been limited to banking. He has also served as president of both the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce and the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club.

Congratulations to democrat **Stanley Moody** from Manchester, who will once again represent Maine's 83rd district in the state legislature. This district consists of the towns of Belgrade, Fayette, Manchester, Mount Vernon, and Vienna. Stan, who is also a pastor and small business owner, says his priority in the Maine Legislature this time around will be to reduce the tax burden while raising individual wealth.

My run for the New Hampshire Legislature was not as successful as Stan's. No democrat has been elected to the state legislature from our town since 1935 and try as I might, I was not able to break that



record.

Well, that's the news from here. Keep smiling and stay in touch.

## 1963

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Thank you, **Mae Smith Gee**, for your newsy Christmas letter. The Gees have moved from Maryland to the Maine woods on Crawford Lake, 20 miles from the town (Baileyville "Woodland") where Mae grew up. Mae retired in June, after 19 years of nursing in a pediatric office. Mae writes that she and her husband, George, and their son and his wife went to China in November of 2003 and got their granddaughter, April Renee. Last March, Mae had arthroscopic surgery on her right knee.

In October, **Al Ellis** resigned from the Katahdin Bankshares Corporation. He had served on the board since 1997.

Please note that the AOL address above is the only e-mail address for me now. Juno has changed their rules, so I have been dropped. Hopefully, you will have sent me news for the next column via the U.S. Postal Service. I also plan to gather news from classmates I visit in Florida this winter.

## 1964

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The Class of 1964 needs a class correspondent to write a column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. It's not difficult—it just requires a little time every few months. If you are interested in helping with this task, please contact the alumni association at the above address. It's a great way to stay in touch with your classmates and get the news before it appears in the magazine.

**Dewey Chase** wrote after attending last spring's reunion: "The Brewers 5-1 were at our 40th Reunion. 'Duck' **McBeth**, **Phil Morse**, **Roger Ireland**, and **Dewey Chase**

were joined by fellow  $\Sigma X$  **Bill O'Connell**. Phil and Sue received the Black Bear Award for contributions to the university. As class agent, Dewey appreciates all who contributed to our class gift. Where is Norm Chabot '63, the missing Brewer? Start planning for our 50th in 2009. Great time had by all."

## 1965

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Was there ever a Maine Masque production during our college years in which **Anna Carparelli Shearing** didn't have some part? She was so gifted. I felt sad reading Anna's obituary in the *Bangor Daily News*. Anna, who had resided in Suffern, New York, and North Conway, New Hampshire, died in October after a courageous battle with metastatic lung cancer. After graduation, Anna had pursued a promising acting career, particularly in summer stock. She is survived by her husband Jim Shearing, whom she married in 1968; two adult sons, Geoff and Jim, and three stepchildren: Anne, Laura, and John. Anna was deeply involved with community church groups and worked tirelessly for the crisis pregnancy center philanthropy.

**Paul Kinsley** called me early in December. He was a sociology major, as I was, and after graduation spent two years in the Peace Corps in Turkey. After retiring from 18 years as an elementary school teacher in Milwaukee, he began working for Meals on Wheels. He also does shoe making. Paul married at 42 and "inherited" a daughter.

In her holiday letter, **Sally Day Brown** wrote that they have had a year of sorrow and joy. Her mother died last February. She and Roger became grandparents again, this time to a grandson. They continue to enjoy Florida and are active in the First Congregational UCC Church in Ocala, where Sally is associate pastor. Sally is having fun with her newest venture: a line dancing class.

**Gary Norton** wrote that he retired from the practice of law on December 5, 2004, after 30 years, due to medical disability. He had already retired in 2003 from the U.S.

Army as colonel (Inf.) after 37 1/2 years of service. Gary is the father of four sons and now is the grandfather of three granddaughters.

**Richard K. Burger** of Bangor was hired as an educational technician in the special education program at Bucksport High School for the school year. Since graduation, Richard has held a variety of educational positions in Old Town and has done substitute teaching in Hampden and Hermon.

Classmates continue to be involved in the political life of their communities. **Charles Harlow**, a retired teacher and a former city council member, won a three-way race for the open seat in Portland's House District 116. This was a recent redistricting and includes the Riverton and Barron Center neighborhoods. **Karl Turner** won reelection to the newly drawn Senate District 11 seat, representing Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Gray, North Yarmouth, and Long Island.

I read a very interesting news clipping from the *Brunswick Times Record* on **Louis Levesque**, who entered UMaine in 1961 with our class. Louis has had a lifelong passion for candlepin bowling. Back before there were machines to reset pins (remember those days? I do), he and his brother Roland were the "pin-setters" at the Bowling Bowl on Dunlap Street in Brunswick. While a student at Brunswick High, Louis began a successful high school bowling league and he started a candlepin league with his classmates at UMaine. He joined the U.S. Air Force and had a very successful career before retiring in 1985. Louis then fulfilled a dream when he returned to Brunswick to manage the Bowling Bowl. He eventually supervised a major alley renovation and started many new programs, including the local televising of the alley championships. In November, Louis was honored when his name was placed at the end of alley #2. The Louis Levesque Lane will stand as a reminder of how much Louis contributed to the success of the Bowling Bowl, the bowlers in Brunswick, and to the continuation of a great sport.

I have been told that our 40th Reunion is being planned for September. I hope to hear from many of you before then.

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## 1966

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As of this writing, it's all over. Christmas ornaments and decorations are back in their boxes, thank-you notes have been posted, returns and exchanges made. Now, wishing that I could hibernate, it's on to January—

A surprise party ushered me into my sixties in December—a number I can't quite wrap my head around. It sounds so mature and, well, over that proverbial hill. At the same time, I'm grateful for the turning of the years and my many blessings. That list includes you and my Maine memories. May we continue to forge ahead, cherishing the past while seeking new paths and adventures.

**Ursula Pickart Nemes** and **Minerva Monsulick Whitten** remain wonderful constants in my life, both working hard, taking care of their families, and fitting in a bit of travel every once in a while. I also heard from **Janet Rogers** who says that she's loving retirement, knitting up a storm, and spending time with her three-year-old grand-nieces. **Barb Bristol Paiton** writes that she recently moved to a maintenance-free home, and I wish her well. A similar move several years ago made all the difference for me. Meanwhile, **Sarge Means** is thriving—still flying around for the military, enjoying family, traveling about, and promising to make it to our next reunion—our 40th! Ever feel like you're dreaming? Word also comes from **Henry Goodstein** who accepted a new position as senior director—talent management at Gene Logic Corporation. He'd love to hear from you and can be reached via e-mail at: Hgoodstein@genelogic.com.

Making news is **Bob Brewer**, who was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. He won more than 300 basketball games at Cheverus and produced playoff teams in 22 of his 26 coaching sessions. Kudos! Meanwhile, **Anne Bragdon Bridge** was named interim superintendent of S.A.D. 31, and we wish her every success. She last served as an interim superintendent in York in 1999-2000 and prior to that served as a full-time superintendent for



# Steps

*to the child at the store in Enfield (from an elder remembering at the University of Maine dedicating the restored entrance of Fogler, June 4, 2004)*



Patricia Smith Ranzoni '62, '76G reading "Steps" at the Fogler Library Terrace dedication on June 4, 2004.

*"With everlasting gratitude to the University of Maine and classmates Tom and Linda Patrick (1962) for the extraordinary generosity honoring my work, inviting and inspiring this poem."*

Class of 1962 members Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick were generous contributors to the all important renovation of the entrance to the Raymond H. Fogler Library. They made those contributions in honor of their close friend and fellow classmate, poet Patricia Smith Ranzoni. Fittingly, they also asked Patricia to compose a poem for the dedication of the library entrance during Reunion 2004. We wanted to share the poem with all UMaine alumni who could not attend the event.

Patricia, who lives in Buckport, worked her way through three education degrees at the university. She was president of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and a member of All Maine Women. She has two collections of poems, *Claiming* and *Settling*.

Late-frost season in Maine, and upriver, truckers climb in and out of their cabs creating currents of petals along their routes through surging green. Their drives, these days, close to holy. This lucky work! This buzzy blossomy work! Tricking blackflies and mosquitoes they tuck in their poles, keeping an eye for the right high brook to break, and mottled moose dripping from the bogs.

At their stop at the store in Enfield, they step back in time to get ahead. It is this library I wish to enter. This collection of history and future where a girl, eight or nine, waits on us in shoes inches longer than where her heels end. Her young mother back and forth, back and forth, covering the cash register on top of cooking and serving across the room. Her father maybe laid off from the mill, laid up from an accident in the woods or gone to war? I've been there. With her. *From here. From the Dodlin. You do? And do I see by your face you are mixed heart, too?* Canadian-Scot and Irish-English moving with the French out to old Montague after living with the Indians over to Cold Stream, needing a whole life to learn what this would mean.

A tip for you, dear, wishing it could be more. Wishing you to know I know what a step this is, working like this claiming shoes too big for your britches. You'll grow into them, you'll see. Be able to choose what fits and what big dreams you'll still need to try on and wear around or swap for ones you love, if you can believe what you are.

Just keep working, girl, and reading, the way you read us the way you read every box and label in this tiny store. And (after the tables have been cleaned and floor), every paper from the rack even *Uncle Henry's*, devour knowledge and voice from every face come through that door. And out that door the wild greens writing from the dirt. Become expert at what you see at the hatchery leaping to the bay the way that section in your young town hall for one of our littlest libraries connects to our largest in Orono like the chain of lakes and on and on to the oceans of every thing known and not yet conceived, ancient and recent, printed and sung. So study the stones you skip over to get there and the memorial roster in the yard for our boys went off to that world's war. That's my father that Smith there, leaving for boots that fit and a chance to step up.

Long gone, that two-room tar-papered home he built in the woods on your road *it wasn't a shack*. Where I learned to pull myself up and hang on too, memorizing the dangerous fire, and well, and my young mother's native know-how.

Back here, now, wish you could see this. Wish your path could follow the footprints of the first to climb this riverbank through cedars and rare sedges, sensing and telling all the way to this high spot that's always been a source. Place for figuring. For locating star-texts their own ways, their own truths, ages before the next arrive with theirs. *Because this is yours*. Because here all the sounds of searching and tracking by all manner of soles from all directions circle back to how humans treat each other, shown creations and evolutions ago from treachery's shame, failing to do better. Not a single question on this subject there aren't stacks on, burning and lighting the way. *Because this is ours*.

So it is, we've been shown, how wondering without ceasing can find us remembering at a great crossroads store, facing steps and slopes built and kept by our kind, steep and lofty as Katahdin. Our findings, story by story, in the universal mind. And where silksewn wildflowers, drawn from workshaped fingers born in a cold boarding house for children in Lincoln, will be saved in collections called *Special* on a dress designed from what grows where we have, folded away near the smart cap and gown of the 35th President of the second *Amerrique* who also walked these grounds. And where what lingers of the spirits of all found here that would never otherwise meet will mingle as long as these stones endure, whispering *what a chance* this life has been *this door* where the artfully rich and the richly poor labor their ways side by side in grateful exchange for what, without, we could never have borrowed from, nor loaned, the world and deep, high, Maine.



Arundel and then S.A.D. 68. Also in the news is **Martha Griffith New-man** who was unanimously reelected chairwoman of the Bangor School Committee; congratulations are extended to her, as well. And I end with news that **Marvin Glazier**, Esquire, was appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to serve on the board of overseers of the bar and be its chairperson. As always, so impressive. Marv has been a partner in the Bangor law firm of Vafiades, Brontas, and Kominsky, LLP for more than 20 years.

And that's all I know this time around, as I hunker down against the cold, peruse my *Burpee* catalog, struggle with spring fever, and hope that you won't forget about me. I'll be waiting to hear from you all, so please keep the letters, phone calls, and e-mails coming. Until next time, I keep you in my heart and wish you the very best in 2005.

## 1967

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**Susan Chadbourne** informed me last fall of the passing of our friend **Artie Hayden**. She was devastated and on the heels of our loss of **Judy Jones Blake**, I didn't handle the notification all that well myself. They will both be missed by sooo many. I feel diminished by the loss.

**James Kenney** retired from Hamilton Standard after 36 years and is back in Unity after 44 years! He and wife, Josephine, are building a new farmhouse on the farm where he grew up and spending time with the four grandchildren.

Dr. **Judith Whitman** describes her move back to Maine as "exhilarating." She's involved in the innovative Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel. As principal, she's learning about the school, district, and community. Also operating out of Bethel is **Leon Favreau**. He took over his father's business, Bethel Furniture Stock, in the late 1970s. He has been an avid proponent for good forest practices, improving the technology, and increasing the product line. His latest subsidiary started three years ago, the Maine Chair Kit Company mail-order business.

**Janet Anderson's** coaching career was recognized when she

## Bill Buckley '65 earning recognition with Coffee News

For people waiting in a fast-food line or sitting alone at a table with their food or coffee, the free two-page publication, *Coffee News*, is providing relief from boredom with humor, trivia questions, and information.

The person who has the rights to all United States *Coffee News* franchises is UMaine alumnus, Bill Buckley '65, '84G of Bangor. Bill became interested in the publication back in 1995, when he purchased several local franchises from the founder of *Coffee News*, Jean Daum. He realized the financial potential of owning the rights to all the franchises in the U.S. He now sells franchises throughout the country as well as in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. He provides education, franchise support, and publications content to the local franchises.

*Coffee News* recently earned two national rankings from *Entrepreneur* magazine.

Before starting Coffee News USA, Bill worked as a banker for 25 years. He is also a retired lieutenant colonel in the Maine Air National Guard including six months active duty during Desert Storm in 1991. In addition, he's very involved in the community, having founded the Challenger Learning Center of Maine. He's also a past chair of the board of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce, a past board member of the Bangor Symphony, and a United Way volunteer.

Bill lives in Bangor with his wife, Sue-Ann Black Buckley.



was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in the fall. She coached volleyball for a time but it was the 21 years as head women's softball coach that racked up two Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles ('85 and '87). In addition, the team won the North American Conference championship in 1994 and a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Anderson earned NAG Coach of the Year in '93 and America East Coach of the Year in '98. She has also been inducted into the Converse New Agenda Northeast Women's Hall of Fame. Field hockey official **Pat Rodgers Skaling** was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame for 2004. She began officiating at age 17! In Maine she served as U.S. Field Hockey Association umpiring chairperson and statistician

for the Maine Principals' Association at the first field hockey championship in '77. She has also officiated throughout New England and in Idaho.

**Meriby Sweet** was featured in state news recently for promoting women's ideas and inventions in her capacity with the Maine Technology Institute in Gardiner.

**Bruce Farnsworth** took part in the unveiling of a monument with an engraved likeness of his dad, Pat Farnsworth (1909-2003) during Orono Festival Day last fall. Pizza wasn't Pat's only successful venture. He excelled at growing his favorite flower, gladiolus. Bruce plans to plant some in his memory in the small park near the memorial.

## Go Blue!

## 1968

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Dear fellow classmates;  
Thanks to the wonders of e-mail, I am starting to hear from lots of you. It is such a pleasure to hear from you and pass on news to you all.

**Jeffrey "Herb" Hengsbach** writes from Wisconsin. As a '68 M.S. recipient in forestry, he now lives in Wisconsin between Lake Geneva and Milwaukee on Lake Beulah. He runs a printing company in Milwaukee and provides materials for the classroom like book covers and workbooks. He is anxious to hear from Phi Kaps.

**Michael Roberge** writes that he has been back to the University of Maine over 20 times to either go to hockey games or to see some of his old instructors concerning math or computer science. He and his wife live in Old Orchard Beach.

My good friend **Carli Burke** and her husband, Peter Perius, have left the Los Angeles area and moved to a ranch in Palmdale, California. For those not familiar with southern California, that is high desert about an hour from Burbank, Pasadena, and Los Angeles. Along with their worldly possessions, they moved 11 llamas, three horses, four goats, two pigs, and numerous turkeys and chickens to their 15-acre spread. If you're going to be in the L.A. area, please let them know.

**Bob Lackey** is a senior fisheries biologist with the Environmental Protection Agency's research laboratory in Corvallis, Oregon. He is also courtesy professor of fisheries and adjunct professor of political science at Oregon State University.

**Bill Sawyer** writes that he is doing well and living in Palermo, Maine. He retired in 1995 as an assistant division engineer for the Maine Department of Transportation. He is serving as the district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons. He helps out with the Palermo school in algebra and gets to Orono several times a year for sports. GO BEARS!

**Betty Loew White** writes that she is teaching English as a second language in Michigan for the Forest Hills public schools, grades seven and eight. Her youngest daughter attends Northern Michigan University.



ty and her other daughter, Tamara, lives in Whitehall along Lake Michigan. Her daughter works as a horticulturist and their son Ken works as a graphic designer in Zeeland, Michigan. She and her husband, Bill, built a home in Ludlow, Maine, near Houlton. She spends her summer vacations there and will eventually retire there. She looks forward to being in Maine this summer and wants to reconnect with fellow classmates. She also writes that her sister-in-law, **Charlotte Glidden Loew**, also graduated from Orono in 1968. She is married to Betty's brother Jim and they reside in New Hampshire where Charlotte is a medical doctor.

**Eric Brennan** writes: "With the exception of my good friend **Mark Anderson** of Surry, Maine, I have not been in touch with anyone from the Class of 1968 except those who I saw at the 35th Reunion in 2003. My wife, Betty, and I live in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and are frequently at our second home, We-Uns' Farm in Orrington, Maine, where I grew up. Betty (formerly Betty J. Bell of Brewer, Maine), is a nurse and is president and CEO of Beacon Hospice, headquartered in Boston and providing services to the terminally ill in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. I'm presently senior director of quality and regulatory systems for Pacific Pulmonary Services of Novato, California. Betty and I met in high school and were married in the winter of my senior year at UMO where I majored in biochemistry. Betty and I have three children—Kristine Brennan-Reilly who teaches at a private high school in Greenwich, Connecticut; Thomas who is an architect living and working in Washington, D.C.; and Meghan who is a nurse practitioner specializing in breast cancer and directing research for the Susan Love, M.D. Foundation in Los Angeles, California. We have one grandchild, Aidan Eric Reilly, who's nearly two and a-half years old and the apple of our eye.

"After I finished graduate school (also at UMO), the family moved to southern California where we lived and worked for 17 years. In 1994, and after all three of our children had completed their college educations at eastern schools (Holy Cross for Kris, Catholic University for Thom, and Georgetown University for Meg) Betty and I returned to New England which had always been "home" where we continued our careers in healthcare. When not working, she and I spend about half

of our leisure time at our farm in Orrington, and the other half traveling to visit our children and grandson.

"I will never forget my days at the university in Orono, nor the folks that had such a great influence on my life and education, nor the friends I made. After receiving my M.S. in biochemistry, I started work on a Ph.D., but left it incomplete to take up a career opportunity that moved all of us across the country and provided me the chance to travel all over the world. While still living in California, I became active on the university's President's Development Council under then-president Fred Hutchinson '53. I'm no longer active with the university, but remain a contributing member of the alumni association and visit the Orono campus from time to time. My old haunt at Hitchner Hall, where I spent many a day and long night, has changed dramatically—as has much of the campus and all to the better.

"Please keep me abreast of any activities and get-togethers that may be planned with some of my classmates. Remember me to **Carol Utterback Guerrin, Suzanne Hart, Dick Hanson, Pam Blethen, Peter Perkins '69, Laura Stong Schmidt, Linda Griscovich Matula, and Al Bushway** should you see or hear from them. Carol, Suzanne, Dick, Pam, Peter, and I went to high school and to the university together. Al, who is on faculty at UMO and was recognized as a distinguished alum at the Reunion, was a classmate in biochemistry (as were Laura and Linda), and a groomsman at our wedding in 1968."

**Dick Boardman** writes: "**Sally Bolduc Boardman** and I have been married since 1968. We departed Maine for Washington, D.C. area in '68 to go out and find our future. I was working with Navy contractors while Sally was a teacher in Montgomery Country Schools in Maryland. Sally stopped teaching after our first son was born in 1971. Then, three more children later, we figured out what caused it and fixed the problem.

"For the past 30 years I have been working for the same company which has changed ownership several times through acquisitions and mergers. The current company is Wärtsilä Lips which is a global organization providing marine propulsion equipment for Navy and commercial new construction programs. My current position is director of defense new business devel-

opment.

"In 1989, we decided to put a rope around my job and drag it back to Maine. We built a house in Scarborough about two to three miles from Ferry Beach and Scarborough Beach area. Sally is an ESL (English as a second language) teacher in Scarborough schools and really loves her job, currently working at Wentworth Intermediate School. Along the way, I got an MBA and Sally got a master's in literacy to keep our brains from going soft.

"As you said, the kids are all grown up and have left the nest...but they keep coming back! Our oldest son, Tim, lives in the Scarborough area and has provided us with two grandchildren. Davin, son two, works in the Boston area in pharmaceuticals. Jeremy, son three, is a captain in the Army and has just served one year in Iraq and is now planning for his next assignment in Afghanistan starting early next year. Bethany, our baby, has just started a new job as a graphic designer in New York for *Scholastic* magazine.

"We play tennis on a regular basis, a little bridge, and some golf and kayaking together. Sally's women's team traveled to nationals in Tucson two years ago.

"I can see about 24 months more of traveling the globe before I throw in the towel and retire. Sally will continue to support me for a few years until we can get SS to kick in."

**Susan Adamski Silvester Samoriski** writes: "In June I retired after 34 years as the library administrator for seven schools in the Mohawk School District. Then in July I sold the farmhouse in Heath and moved to the historic Mary Lyon House which was purchased the previous year. Then on August 1 we (Hank and I) were married in a quiet ceremony at the Mary Lyon Church near our new home. And here we are, living happily ever after! We now have six children, eight grandchildren, and assorted cats and dogs. What a terrific family!

"In August just after we were married Hank had the honor of walking his cousin Phyllis down the aisle at a beautiful golf-theme wedding in Joliet, Illinois, where we enjoyed seeing family and friends. In late August our honeymoon was a very special trip to the Baltic region where we visited all the Scandinavian countries as well as St. Petersburg and Tallinn, Estonia. We hope to travel to Arizona, Scotland/Ireland, and maybe China after we get more settled!"

**John Moore** was reelected city councilor for the town of Ellsworth.

Moore is a retired teacher after teaching 30 years in Ellsworth schools.

**David Palmer** writes that after a career in the Air Force, he is retired as a colonel and moved back to Maine. He brings with him his wife of 33 years, Linda. David is a dentist, a 1978 graduate of Tufts Dental School. He has specialized in prosthodontics and has opened an office in South Portland.

I also heard from **Fred Quivey** who is at Lafayette College. He and his wife, Beth Hobbs Quivey '69, have a second home in Wiscasset.

Also heard from **Don Barter** but awaiting a news update.

**Bion Foster** continues to set the world on fire. He writes: "After 30 years as the treasurer of my church, the Hampden Congregational Church, I have stepped down.

"I have recently been elected to the board of directors of Affiliated Healthcare Systems, the for-profit arm of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems. I am also currently serving as a member of the UMaine presidential search committee as the chairman of the board of directors of the UMaine Alumni Association.

"As chair of the UMAA, as chair of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, and as vice chairman of the Bangor Region Development Alliance, we are working on a cooperative program with the governor's office and the Maine Department of Economic Development to attract UMaine alumni back to Maine with our 'Come Home to Maine' initiative. If Maine is a great place to visit, it's a great place to work also. We are also extending this economic development initiative into the Canadian provinces, and specifically with a 'sister-city' relationship with Saint John, New Brunswick. The winter issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine* introduced this initiative with a letter from fellow alumnus, Governor John Baldacci '86. We look forward to cooperatively working with the University of Maine, the UMaine Alumni Association, the Bangor Region Development Alliance, and the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce in these efforts."

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# 1969

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Here in New England we have just experienced our first blizzard of 2005, but when you read this column, spring will have arrived. What is happening to you?

Here is some more information that we received on class reunion forms and from the alumni office which is located in beautiful Buchanan House. Be sure to visit the alumni center when you are in Orono. **Pamela Smyth Baker** is a retired teacher who had taught in Boston and on Cape Cod. She remembers UMaine as a very friendly place to spend four years. In 2000 Pam retired from teaching and was married. Since then, she and her husband have been spending winters on their boat in the Bahamas and summers in their house on Cape Cod. **Darlene Theriault Dulude** lives in Milford, Massachusetts. In 1986 she and her husband opened a fish market/restaurant and now their son Jud runs the business which gives Darlene and John some leisure time. **Doris Belisle-Bonneau** of Lewiston, consultant for educational institutions and educators, was named to the Bangor Savings Bank board of corporators. **Susan Swett Lowe** of Vassalboro received the Hawthorn Press Distance Learning Award for her efforts to familiarize University of Maine System students with library materials while they take classes on-line or through interactive television. Susan has worked for the system's University College for 15 years. She is an assistant dean for off-campus library services and works on the University of Maine at Augusta campus.

**Maureen Doyle Hodge**, a certified college counselor, has founded CPS101-College Placement to serve parents and students in the college application process by providing a personalized and individualized approach. **Bruce Stafford** of Winslow has owned and operated the 107 Convenience Store with post office for almost 20 years. He has also served on the Winslow town council and numerous town committees. For eight years he was a board member of the Associated Grocers of Maine. You might remember that Bruce lettered

in both baseball and football while we were in Orono. His wife, **Maryjane Christie Stafford**, teaches at Winslow Middle School.

The Vermont Alliance for Arts Education honored **Eleanor Langford Donovan** for her years of service helping with grades five to eight music in the St. Johnsbury School District. Currently, Ellie is a special education teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy. If you are a fan of mystery novels, look for **David Daniel's** mysteries which are set in Lowell, Massachusetts, and feature a private investigator, Alex Rasmussen. David has written a total of seven novels which include some mysteries and has taught part-time at UMass Lowell's continuing education program. In 2004 he was the UMass Lowell's Jack Kerouac writer-in-residence. Army National Guard Commander **Jeffery Peterson** was recognized by the Brewer City Council for receiving his second Bronze Star. He received his first Bronze Star while serving as a helicopter pilot during Vietnam and received his second Bronze Star for service in Afghanistan. **Leon Beal**, former principal of Ellsworth High School, is retired and has been reelected to the Ellsworth town council. **Benjamin Mitchell** of Winterport has been promoted to the position of area specialist by the USDA Rural Development Agency. He will oversee the administration of the Direct Housing Program at the Bangor area office.

**Paul Dailey** is the Castine Golf Club pro. **Bette Beal Pierson**, vice president of mortgages with Union Trust, is a board member of Hospice of Hancock County. Bette has also served on the board of Ark Animal Shelter, the Black House, and as treasurer of Friends of Union River. She has served for several years as cochair of the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital's Poinsettia Ball.

**Barbara Perry** of Charlestown, Massachusetts, joined an Earthwatch research team in July 2004 for a 10-day trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to study orchids and cacti of the Yucatan. Barbara was sponsored for the research team through a generous grant given by the Gund Endowment and Earthwatch Institute. She is a career educator with the Boston public schools and has also taught in Mexico City; Seoul, Korea; and Beijing, China. Barbara holds an M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts, and is an alum of the Harvard Extension School with a certificate in museum studies.

**Donna Manganelli Sawyer** left her position as principal of Saint Peter's School in 1998 to become principal of an elementary school in Windsor. Now she has returned as principal at Saint Peter's and Sacred Heart School in Auburn. **Mayra Colon Donnell** is a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Sedgwick Elementary School. She has had previous careers as a chef, journalist, and private business owner. Mayra has served on the Sedgwick Comprehensive Planning Committee, the Sedgwick-Brooklin Historical Society, the Blue Hill Fair Association, and Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District.

According to *Forbes* magazine, U.S. Senator **Olympia Snowe** is one of the 100 most powerful women in the world. Senator Snowe has served the people of Maine by representing them in the U.S. Congress for 25 years. **Herb and Janet Kontio** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in 2004 with a trip to Quebec City, Quebec. Janet is retired and Herb is a fiduciary program analyst for the Department of Veteran Affairs. We were saddened to hear that **Linda Frosch** died of cancer in September 2004. Former residents of Androscoggin Hall will remember Linda, who lived in Andro for four years and served on several dorm committees.

# 1970

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I had a nice chat with **Martha McFarland Williams** and she told me about retiring from her 32-year career teaching English at Scarborough High School. Now she is tutoring English as a Second Language (ESL) at Southern Maine Community College. Her daughter, Katherine Maney Williams '02, was married October 16, 2004, to Jasper Blake Hotchkiss '04 and they are living at the Chi Omega house. (My fellow classmates would know this as the ATO house!) Katherine is a third generation UMaine grad as her grandmother is Alice Maney McFarland '45.

**Edith Lauber Abreu** says in a recent note that she is the business manager for a large international

program at Columbia University. She has traveled for business and pleasure extensively in Asia. She is currently a student at Columbia's language program with a focus on French and Spanish. Her current passion is salsa dancing! **Robert "R.D." Treadwell** dropped the association a postcard from Germany where he was spending five weeks. He was especially interested in the city of Dresden and the rebuilding that has occurred since World War II. **Cynthia Putnam Sexton** has opened a store in Augusta called Beads on the Kennebec. She offers beading classes and also enjoys helping customers with knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching. She's making good use of her teaching skills that she perfected during 33 years of teaching.

**Barbara Hamblin** was selected to fill a new position of program coordinator at the Winthrop United Methodist Church. She comes to this position after almost 30 years of employment with the Maine Department of Human Services. Her most recent position was as a director in the division of policy and programs of the Bureau of Family Independence. She has two grown children, Jeff Smith and Becky Schmelzer, and four grandchildren.

If you noticed that there was a contestant from Maine in the "Survivor: Vanuatu—Islands of Fire," you will be interested in knowing that there is a UMaine connection. Julie Berry is the daughter of our classmates **Lester Berry** and **Judith Glazier Berry**, who live in Gorham Maine. Judith is a lawyer who specializes in adoption and Lester is an engineer. They also have a son, Chris, who lives in North Carolina.

**Sherry Dresser Dec** is teaching seventh grade literacy classes at the Great Salt Bay Community School in Damariscotta, Maine. In her spare time, she is in the process of publishing a novel for adolescents. Last fall, **John Linnehan** was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat in the Maine State Senate. However, he says he will not be dissuaded from running again or possibly seeking the governorship.

**Daniel Anthony Placzek** lost his fight with pancreatic cancer in the late summer of 2004. Although he was born in Massachusetts, he found a home when he came to Orono to attend UMaine. He became an integral part of the lives of his many friends in the area and he was always willing to help others. One example of his willingness to help others occurred during the ice



storm in 1998 when he was instrumental in keeping WVOM on the air by climbing the tower and breaking off the ice that was endangering it.

## 1971

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**James Julia**, who owns James D. Julia, received the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce 2003 Business Person of the Year Award. Julia's firm is based in Fairfield, Maine, and he buys antiques such as firearms and fine art and then sells them by auction.

Whether the rest of you are buying antiques, fine art, or just groceries, drop me a line—the Class of '71 wants to hear your news!

## 1972

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Greetings, classmates. Those of you in the Northeast, I hope you enjoyed our ever so wintry winter! I may be in the minority, but I admit to loving the snow and the brittle cold days.

**James Mullen** has his work cut out for him. He is chairman of the search committee charged with finding a new president for the University of Maine. Good luck to you and your committee, Jim.

**Erifred Sherburne** was elected to a three-year term on the town council in Dexter, Maine.

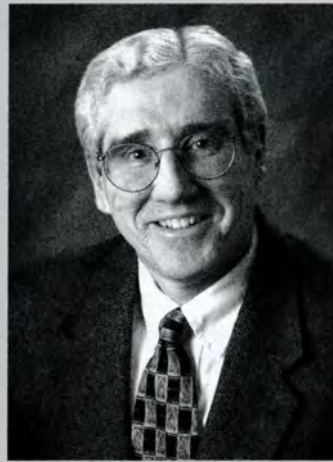
**Barry J. Tibbetts** of Whitefield, Maine, was elected to be one of five supervisors on the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District. When Barry retired from teaching in 1981, he took over the family dairy farm. He and his wife, Elaine, and their four children Jenny, Mary, Adam, and Joe care for 100-plus head of registered and grade Holstein at the Sheepscot Valley Farm.

**Douglas Endicott** is on the newly formed Downeast Business Development Board of Union Trust Company. The board assists the bank's management in determining financial needs within the communi-

## James Good '71 selected as one of the best lawyers in America

James Good '71, an attorney at Pierce Atwood LLP in Portland, was selected for inclusion in the 11th edition of the *Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. The book features lawyers from all 50 states, representing 30 specialties. James is recognized for his work in tax law.

Pierce Atwood LLP is the largest law firm in Northern New England and has 115 attorneys that serve regional, national, and international clients from offices in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.



ties it serves (in Hancock and Washington counties) and provides solutions to meet those needs. Douglas, a real estate and insurance agent, has owned the Douglas W. Endicott Real Estate Agency in Castine, Maine, since 1980. He holds trustee positions with many area organizations and has worked closely with the town of Castine, chairing its budget and waterfront committees.

**Thomas P. Guter** works for the town of Scarborough, Maine. His duties include being the town's human resources director, welfare director, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance officer. He is also the staff liaison to the Scarborough Housing Alliance which makes recommendations to the council on how to encourage affordable senior housing and affordable workforce housing in Scarborough. Tom loves "working with people, because every person brings different things with him or her and their personalities. I like the satisfaction that working with people brings." Tom lives with his wife in North Yarmouth, Maine.

Last fall, the Maine National Guard presented the Patriotic Employer Award to **Bruce W. Albiston**, chief executive officer of Maine Oxy-Acetylene Supply in Auburn, Maine. These awards are made upon nomination by reservists and are given to recognize "exceptionally supportive employers that have gone above and beyond the requirements of the law, and have even encouraged and accommodated employees to participate in the Guard and Reserve,

making it easier for reservists to balance their employment and military obligations." Four of Maine Oxy's employees are serving in Iraq. Bruce sees to it that care packages are sent to them on a monthly basis. Maine Oxy has also provided support to the soldiers' families with assistance on home heating issues, insurance concerns, and aid in lifting heavy items around the house.

The Millinocket IGA, owned by **Alan Pangburn**, was awarded the company's prestigious Five Star rating, putting the store in the top 10 percent of 1,600 IGA supermarkets nationwide. The rating is part of an initiative by IGA to ensure independently owned and operated supermarkets are consistent in their level of operational excellence. To receive a Five Star rating, a store must meet or exceed at least 92 percent of some 1,200 areas of operations that are checked. Congratulations, Alan. It starts at the top, I always say. And to make the point, there was another clipping about Alan. For about 10 years, he and some of his employees have helped to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving dinner to people unable to make or afford a meal due to illness, age, or poverty. Alan was quoted: "It's one of the ways I can give back to the community for what the community has given me. It gives me a good warm feeling to do it."

I have to say that it gives me a good warm feeling to read about classmates who contribute to their communities in such unselfish ways. Enjoy the warmer weather.

## 1973

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**Barry Hobbins** won a three-way race for the Senate District 5 seat. Barry previously served in the house and the senate. **Larry LaPlante** is the new director of finance for Northern Maine Community College, Presque Isle.

**Trish Riley**, director of the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, was one of three honored by the Maine Children's Alliance with a Giraffe Award, given to people who "stick out their necks for Maine children." **Tom Bradbury** has been appointed vice chairman of the board of directors of the Associated Grocers of New England.

**Jim Walsh** took his retirement in May and is now dean of students at Auburn Middle School. His wife, Jane Brochu Walsh '92, is an assistant professor of dental hygiene at the University of New England and practices law. **Pat MacFarland MacHugh** is pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Williamstown, Massachusetts. **Richard Lagarde** is the guidance director of Standish. Congratulations to **Barbara Poepelmeier Eretzian** for winning both the Administrator of the Year from the Maine School Counselor Association and Superintendent of the Year from the Maine School Superintendents Association. Barb has been superintendent of the Auburn schools since 1993.

**Craig Shinn** wrote me that he is currently at Portland State (Oregon) University as the chairman of the public administration division, associate director of the executive leadership institute, and coordinator of the environmental and natural resource policy and administration specialty. He can be reached through the school's web site: pdu.edu.

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# 1974

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Happy spring! As I'm writing this column, my city of Jacksonville is gearing up for Super Bowl 39 and our beloved New England Patriots are coming to town. I'm going out on a limb here, but I'm predicting the Pats to win over the Eagles by two touchdowns. At publication time, Jacksonville should be back to normal and the Pats will have their third Super Bowl ring—wicked good.

The Bath School Board's newest member is **Maggie Allen**. She won with 60 percent of the vote for a three-year term. Maggie is a former teacher and beat the incumbent.

**Wanda Butler Avery** is assistant principal at Marshwood Junior High School in Eliot, Maine. Wanda taught in the Kittery schools since 1974 and was a 2002 regional finalist for the Maine Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to **Peter Baldacci** for being elected as a Penobscot County Commissioner for a fifth term. He ran unopposed.

**Candice Verrill Devlin** is principal of Carmel Elementary School. For the past five years she headed up curriculum development in the Carmel area. She's been in the Carmel schools since 1975 and has seen two generations come through her classroom.

In Dorset, Vermont, **James Gedney** joined the English department at Long Trail School.

A very belated word of condolence to **Jeff Ingalls** on the untimely death of his wife, Karen Hayes Achorn Ingalls '88, in February of 2004.

South Portland named **Jeff Temple** as its director of emergency management. He comes to the job with 22 years of experience in emergency preparedness, security, and government affairs.

**Jym St. Pierre** is the Maine director for RESTORE: The North Woods, a Hallowell-based forest protection group. He recently testified before Congress on issues related to removing protections from roadless areas in national forests.

**Dana Wardwell** is the new public works director in Bangor. Dana, who lives in Orrington, has worked for the department for 17 years. Best

## David Sommers '75 to lead research site at Monsanto

David A. Sommers '75 recently left the academic world to join Monsanto Company as Agracetus biotechnology research lead in Middleton, Wisconsin.

David previously served as professor in the department of agronomy and plant genetics at the University of Minnesota. His 20-plus years of research have focused on the molecular genetics of the soybean. He has also investigated disease resistance and the modifications of seed quality and agronomic traits in soybean and oats.

After graduating from UMaine, David went on to earn his M.S. and Ph.D. from Washington State University. Following that he became a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Nottingham. In 1999 David was inducted as a fellow of the Crop Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy.



wishes.

That's it for now. Enjoy the spring, the beautiful lilacs, and Black Bear baseball.

# 1975

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Happy spring, Class of '75. Your news is not as plentiful as the sprouting leaves and blossoms. Without news of you this remains an underutilized column. Please send in your news—even if it doesn't seem like news to you—we want to know where you're living and what you're doing for work and fun!

Have a great summer—and please send me a postcard from any vacations spots, near or far!

**You can't have a great university without a strong alumni association.**

**Thanks for being a member!**

# 1976

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Hello '76ers! This has been a winter to remember! We've hardly had any snow as of mid-February. I have not received any notes or e-mails from any '76ers for quite some time. Please take a moment and drop me a note to include in our column.

**Norm Labbe** was featured in an article in the *Kennebunk Post* last November. Norm is the superintendent of the water district for Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells. **Robert Merrill** has been selected to serve on the Union Trust Company's Downeast Business Development Board. Bob lives in Ellsworth. **Deborah Smith Crowley** has joined the Gorham School System at the multi-school teaching elementary music. **Tim Babcock** has been hired as principal at the Glenburn School.

**Jill Goodwin** of Belfast has joined the mid-coast business development board for the Union Trust Company. She is currently operations manager for the construction company Monroe and Goodwin in Camden. **Ed Flaherty**, baseball

coach at the University of Southern Maine, has been elected into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ed has been coaching at USM since 1984, compiling a 569-241-3 overall record for his 19 seasons. He has also been named three times as New England Coach of the Year.

# 1977

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Hi again, everyone. In my ever-harried, disorganized state, I'm late again submitting our column to the good and understanding folks at the alumni office. So, without any further delay, here's the news.

**Dale Clukey** is chief deputy of the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department. In last November's election, incumbent **Darlene Jackson Curley** of Scarborough won the House District 127 seat. Air Force Colonel **John Mooney III** is commanding the 917th Operation Group at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. In 1991 John flew on the first bombing mission in Iraq. He served in the first Gulf War, the second Gulf War, and in Afghanistan. He has received several decorations for service including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He and his wife, Nina, have one son.

**Paul Violette**, executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, and his mother, Marcella Belanger Violette, were honored at the opening ceremonies of the second Maine-New Brunswick Summit Conference. Previously, Paul served as a state senator from Van Buren and was instrumental in organizing the first such conference, the purpose of which was to build upon the commonalities between the St. John Valley and New Brunswick while making the area a better place to live.

I was pleased to receive a note from **Curt Carleen**. He recently married Cheryl Lilienthal in Wickford, Rhode Island, 30 years to the day that they met at a party he and his roommates had at 209 Hannibal



Hamlin Hall where they were introduced by her sister, **Tracey Lilienthal Thompson**. How's that for a love story! Curt and Cheryl reside in Saunderstown, Rhode Island. Congratulations to you both.

And that's it, folks. Please drop me a line when you get a chance. Just a quick e-mail is all it takes. Have a great summer

## 1978

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Happy spring, everyone. Although I know I am writing this for the spring issue of the alumni magazine, it is hard to imagine birds and flowers with three feet of snow on the ground and another storm predicted for this weekend. Alas, I will keep the faith that I will eventually see green grass again.

There have been quite a number of '78 classmates in the news over the past few months. In trying to maintain some semblance of order in the telling of everyone's news items, let's start with authors.

Dr. **Lynn Mikel Brown** of Colby College is the author of a new book entitled *Girlfighting: Betrayal and Rejection Among Girls*. She was a visiting scholar at the university when she conducted the research on girls' friendships that led to the book. She is also the author of two other books, *Meeting at the Crossroads* and *Raising Their Voices*, and was the keynote speaker at the American Association of University Women state convention last year.

Speaking of authors, **Brenda Nasberg-Jepson's** book, *Murder in Maine's Swedish Colony*, has been getting a lot of publicity lately. Brenda lives outside of New Sweden and acts as the spokesperson for Maine's Swedish Colony, which is the site of the church social arsenic poisonings in 2003. Brenda also teaches filmmaking to high school students in Caribou, and I turned on the television in January just in time to catch an interview with Brenda and several of her students. They were being asked to discuss a new documentary they had recently completed called *Don't Fence Me In* regarding the housing of World War II German prisoners of war in Houlton. The documentary was shown as

## Meris Bickford '75 to head Maine State Bar Association

Meris Bickford '75 was recently elected president of the Maine State Bar Association (MSBA). Meris currently works as vice president of Merrill Bank in Bangor. Before joining the bank, she worked for 20 years in the child welfare field including service as the chief administrative hearing officer for the Maine Department of Human Services and as director of the Bureau of Child and Family Services.

In heading the MSBA, she said she will help create an identity and provide a voice for a broad constituency of lawyers in the state. The MSBA has 3,200 members, ranging from criminal defense attorneys, to prosecutors, to corporate lawyers.

Meris earned her law degree from the University of Maine School of Law.



part of the MassBay Film Festival on April 30th in Worcester, followed by a panel discussion with Brenda and her students.

Now on to sports news—

**Jack Hardy**, the athletic director at Greely High School in Cumberland, has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. The award is in recognition of his length of service, special accomplishments, and contributions to athletic administration at the local, state, and national levels. Hardy was one of only 10 administrators honored with this award last year.

**Eugene Keene** was recently named the new director of student services at Maranacook High School in Readfield. He will oversee both athletic and non-athletic co-curricular activities for the high school and middle school. Gene moves to Maranacook after 10 years at Edward Little High School in Auburn, where he served as varsity softball coach for 10 years and head coach of the varsity football team for six years.

Amid all the press about collegiate athletes not being held to the same academic standards as non-

athletes, **Jack Cosgrove** weighed in on the issue in an interview with the *Penobscot Times* last year. Jack says that he places high value on the transcripts of potential football players, and carefully watches his players' academic achievement once they are enrolled at the university. He expects his players to be academically successful as "it is education which will make them a success down the road." He feels that having competed successfully both as an athlete and a student makes a football player more attractive to future employers, independent of the business or industry chosen.

The following are the business notes I have received regarding some of our classmates:

**John Witherspoon**, the president of Kingfield Bank, is the new chief executive officer of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). Nominated by Governor Baldacci '86, John will head the agency, which provides business financing programs and administers Maine's higher education finance programs.

**Pam Collins Kenniston** has been promoted to vice president market manager for the Rockland market of Camden National Bank.

As market manager, Pam will oversee the bank's Rockland, Thomaston, and Vinalhaven branches. She has been with Camden National since 1990.

**John Coale** has joined the Portland Coldwell Banker residential brokerage office. John has lived in Cumberland for the past 10 years and spends much of his spare time coaching athletic teams in the local school district.

**James D. Griffin**, the town manager of Hodgdon, has been elected president of the Health Services Foundation of Houlton. Congratulations, Jim.

**Brian E. Parkman** has taken a job as a counselor for New Directions in Waterville. Brian does outpatient substance abuse evaluations, assessments, treatment, and evaluations and treatment of drivers convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Brian's previous work experience includes 16 years on the psychiatric unit at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and nine years as an alcohol and drug counselor at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft.

**Barbara Dewitt Olson**, the vice president of the Growth Council of Oxford Hills in South Paris, has completed national training and certification on rural community building. Barbara was a participant in the E2 Energizing Entrepreneurship Training in Nebraska City, which recognizes that entrepreneurs are the engine driving the new economy.

**H. Barry Shuman** has retired as a Penobscot County sheriff's deputy assigned to court security. Prior to his court duty, Barry oversaw the detective division of the Maine State Police from 1986 to 1997, where he oversaw the first Maine case that solidified the use of DNA evidence in criminal proceedings. He was also a Maine state trooper in Washington County and a member of the Brewer Police Department at other points in his career. We all hope that Barry enjoys his new life of leisure with his wife, Linda, in Florida.

**Ralph F. Turner** and his wife, Lisa, the owners of Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, have both left careers as engineers to become full-time farmers. Lisa is the president of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association.

Now for information on our classmates in the political arena:

Cumberland County's judge of probate, **William Childs**, has recently resigned his position. He cited a growing workload and low



pay in his decision to leave the job, which was supposed to be a part-time job, taking up no more than one day a week. William found himself putting in more than two days a week, and the position was interfering with his law practice.

**Carl Pease** of Hampden has been elected to an open seat on the town council. Congratulations, Carl.

The following are notes I received regarding classmates in the field of education.

**Joanna Currier Thorpe** is a now teaching sixth grade at the Lubec Consolidated School. She has worked as a ranger at Baxter State Park for the past ten years; prior to that she taught elementary school and physical education in Millinocket.

**Colleen Cavell Grover** is now the dean of students at John Baptist Memorial High School in Bangor. Prior to this, she was the director of counseling services at Foxcroft Academy.

**Richard Glueck**, a science and social studies teacher at Orono Middle School, is working with the Waterville City Council to help them come up with a preservation plan for the steam engine known as Old 470, which is parked off College Avenue. Richard has had a long fascination with trains, as his father worked for the Long Island Railroad, and Richard watched his father save two steam locomotives. Richard has proposed three different plans which would help shelter and restore Old 470, which was retired from active service 50 years ago.

In the area of personal notes, Reverend **Bill Gordon** and his life partner, Reverend Richard Rossiter, were married last year in Toronto. Both Bill and Richard were ministers in the United Methodist church, where gay clergy violates church rules. Bill is now the pastor at the Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church in Augusta, and Richard is the executive director of an HIV services organization in Lewiston. They were married at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, which helped pave the way for a political and legal challenge that resulted in the legal recognition of gay marriages in Ontario. I wish to extend my best wishes to them.

**Ruth Ludwig Lind** e-mailed me with updated news about her life. While her paying job is that of a self-employed writer and real estate developer, her real love is flying hot air and gas balloons. She serves on the board of directors of the Balloon Federation of America, and for 12

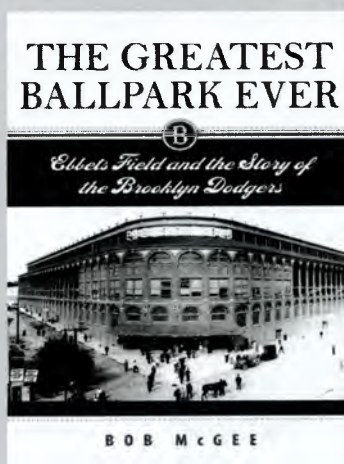
## Bob McGee '79G receiving praise for his book on Ebbets Field

Generations after its demise and its occupants' migration to the West Coast, Ebbets Field remains one of the most colorful and enduring images of a baseball park, with a treasured niche in the game's legacy and the American imagination.

Bob McGee '79G is too young to have ever seen Ebbets Field. But in his new book, *The Greatest Ballpark Ever*, he writes with passion and humor about the raucous ballpark with its quirky angles and its bent right field wall and the characters and events that are now part of the nation's folklore.

"I've been in and around baseball for 70 years now and this undoubtedly is one of the finest books I've ever read. For a moment I thought I was sitting in Ebbets Field and was ready to order a hot dog," noted Arthur Richman, senior advisor for the New York Yankees.

Bob McGee is also the coauthor of *Bridges of Central Park*. He has worked in public and media relations for more than 25 years. In addition, his sports articles have appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Oakland Tribune* among other publications. Bob currently lives in Westchester County, just north of New York City.



years was the editor of *Ballooning* magazine. She and her husband have a commuter marriage, but plan to settle full-time in Maine when her husband retires in 2006.

I have heard from **Kathie Smith Purdy** that her daughter, Kelly Smith Gunn, was selected UMaine Homecoming Queen this past fall. Kathie writes that her daughter is an enthusiastic and outgoing young woman, a studio art major, and spirit chair for her sorority, Delta Zeta. Obviously, Kathie has every right to be a proud parent.

**Kathy Bourgoin** recently e-mailed me as well. She has been a faculty physician at the Eastern Maine Medical Center family practice residency program for 10 years, where she helps train new doctors in family medicine. Her husband, Dave LaBrecque '79, is a research associate in the UMaine Chemistry Department, where he is an instrumentation engineer. Kathy and Dave live in Orono with their two daughters, Holly, 7, and Julianne, 12. The

family enjoys a variety of outdoor activities as well as spending summer weekends at their camp on Sebec Lake.

That is the end of my news for this issue. My six-year-old son is literally hanging off my shoulders, trying to get his turn on the computer, so I will sign off for now, but not without issuing a plea for news from all of you. I would love to hear from you, and more importantly, your classmates would love to know where you are and what you are doing.

Hope to hear from many of you soon!

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## 1979

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Happy spring! Hope you survived the winter, and are looking forward to summer activities. For our family, that's more work on the new camp at Schoodic!

Just a few items to report this time around. **Joni Weed Wardwell** is teaching fourth grade at the Miles Lane School in Bucksport. She also received her master's degree from Orono in '89 and she lives in Orland. **Sheila Bennett** was a featured speaker at the 2004 conference of the National Science Teachers Association. A professor of natural science at the University of Maine at Augusta, she has authored a natural history guide to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

**David A. Hyde** is founder of Two Roads (tworoadsmaine.org) which provides nature-oriented trips for those dealing with major transitions, particularly those with or connected to someone with cancer. The idea came during his own struggles with prostate cancer, the treatment, and the recovery during which he says he turned to the serenity and solace of "nature's company." His group runs 10 trips a year, primarily in Maine, to provide time for contemplation and exploration. David also works with the American Cancer Society's Man to Man resource program.

**C. Shawn Yardley** has been a busy man! He resigned as head of Old Town's River Coalition (a non-profit group aimed at supporting and strengthening the five area river communities) in order to head the city of Bangor's Health and Welfare Department. He received a volunteer recognition award from United Way of Eastern Maine. And he and his wife, Rita Hill Yardley '81, traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive an Angels in Adoption Award. In addition to their four biological children, the couple has recently adopted three sisters who had been in foster care. Shawn and Rita have been active in adoptions and foster care issues and organizations for many years.

Shawn also has several decades of experience as a child protective caseworker and an administrator in the state's health and human services department.



# 1980

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Hi, classmates! Thank you for your cards and e-mails.

**Peter Barricelli** is a gifted and talented specialist for the South Portland school district.

Dr. **John Yates** received the 2004 Bierman Medal for his achievements and contributions to protein sequence analysis by tandem mass spectrometry. John and his family reside in DelMar, California. He is a professor of cell biology at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California.

**Mark Green** is the city manager for Sanford. **Joe Salvetti** is a senior associate at the Norfolk Ram environmental engineering firm in Plymouth and Holliston.

That's our update for now!  
Please contact me and let me know how you are doing. I want to hear from you!

# 1981

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I always struggle to come up with a creative opening for my columns. Perhaps I feel that you won't read on if you don't like the first few lines! That's probably not the case, but I still wrack my brain to come up with something different. I decided to do a little math this time and discovered that I have a right to be stumped, since I've now written somewhere in the neighborhood of 80 or 90 columns since we graduated. Now let me ask you—how many times have you or your close college pals appeared in my column? With about 1,700 in our graduating class, you'd think I'd never be lacking for news. If you send it I'll include it! But ya gotta send it! And it's easier than ever in this day and age with e-mail! I'm waiting to hear from you!

The top spot in this issue goes to **Valerie Haynes Morton** of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, who has added me (and consequently all

## Dan Warren '79 recognized as outstanding citizen and lawyer

Dan Warren '79 recently earned some recognition for both his professional and his community work.

In January, Dan was named the Scarborough Leader's annual "Great Person of the Year." The honor is given to a citizen who is making a difference in the community. According to the paper, Dan was nominated "for his tireless energy in his work with young kids and the Scarborough Youth Sports Forum, an organization he started."

As a lawyer and partner in the firm of Jones and Warren, Dan was recently selected for admission into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. The Forum has 2,500 members who are recognized as the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in America. Among the qualifications for membership is serving as principal counsel in at least one case where the client received a verdict or settlement of \$1 million or more. Dan has had numerous jury verdicts reported in publications in his 22-year legal career. A graduate of the University of Maine School of Law, Dan has been active in both the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Maine State Bar Association.



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of you!) to her Christmas card list. Val is as active as ever with her quilting, 4-H, and her daughters. Husband, Rob '80, is a partner in a CPA firm. Their oldest daughter attends Kansas State University and their younger daughter is a junior in high school. They enjoyed working a college fair as alumni ambassadors for UMaine and hope they may convince daughter #2 to head to Orono!

Congratulations to **Larry Shaw** on being recognized by the Maine Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society with the 2004 Lee Allen Award for Excellence. This award is given annually to a leader in the Maine insurance industry. Larry is president and CEO of Maine Mutual Group in Presque Isle. Congratulations also go to **Rita Hill Yardley** and her husband, Shawn '79, who were recipients of an Angels in Adoption award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption in Washington this past November. In the last issue, I told you about their adoption of three young sisters

who had been in foster care.

**Clayton Holmes** became principal of the Alton Elementary School, where he has served for several years as director of elementary education. **Jeff Olsen** has been named senior vice president of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, office of Fred. C. Church Insurance. Jeff has been with the company for 10 years as a commercial lines account executive. And the last item clipped from the newspaper is a story of an East Coast adventure by bicycle. Classmate **Dick Young** and Jason Baack '95 rode from Calais to Key West, Florida, using their vacations over a two-year period to make various legs of the journey. As employees at UMaine's health center, they decided it was time to practice what they were preaching! Now, carrying less weight and with lower blood pressure, they're talking about a coast-to-coast trek. Stay tuned! That's all for this issue. Now, put the magazine down, walk to your computer, and send me an e-mail! After 24 years, it's time you let all of us know where you are, what's up with

your career, how many kids you have, etc.!

# 1982

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As this is being written there are snow banks all around and the forecast is for more storms. Everyone told me that this season would be so much easier when I left Aroostook County. Winter is winter wherever we are in this great state! Hopefully, when this is being read we'll all be looking back on this time with fond (?) memories. Here's some news of our classmates:

**Gregory Callnan** (electrical engineering technology) has begun a new job as draft designer for Vortech of Scarborough, the leading provider of stormwater treatment systems. Prior to this, Greg was associated with Northeast Test Consultants of Westbrook and Prime Tanning Company of Rochester, New Hampshire.

Reverend Dr. **Kenneth Dale** (child development) has been called to serve as the pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle. For the past 20 years he has served as the pastor of the Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church.

**Steve Kenney** (accounting) is currently living in Bishkek, a city in the Kyrgyz Republic in Central Asia. He is working as a senior advisor for a project through the Pragma Corporation and directs a network in Central Asia that allows Russian-speaking people the opportunity to take the equivalent to the CPA exam. With him are his wife, Paula, and their two children, Darren and Monica. Politics is still a major part of Steve's life. In 2001 he began a campaign for governor of the state of Maine as an independent candidate, but withdrew in 2002. He intends to run again.

**Joan Parent Nason** (speech communications) has been named the 2004 Special Education Administrator of the Year by the state of Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. Joan has served as director of special services for the Freeport schools for the past 10 years.

**Jamie Russell** (education) was named the 2004 State of Maine's Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Maine



Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He has been the physical education teacher for Central High School in Corinth for the past 17 years. He and his wife, Dawn, a physical education teacher in Milo, Brownville, and LaGrange, make their home in LaGrange.

**Alden Turner** (agriculture resource economics) has been named assistant to the state director of U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In his new role, Alden will develop procedures, instructions, and guides to enhance and strengthen internal program operations and functions. He has served with the USDA for 24 years in Vermont and Maine.

## 1983

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Hello, Class of 1983! Your classmates would love to hear from you! Do you have a child about to go off to college? Or about to go off to first grade (as I do)? Any new job promotions or fun vacations to report? Please write to me at the address above so I can include all your news. Thanks!

## 1984

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Hello, class!  
It probably seems like years since you last read about your classmates. Due to budget constraints at the alumni association, we are publishing only three issues of the alumni magazine this year. We plan to go back to a quarterly schedule next year. In the meantime, please continue to send me your news. I will get it into print in a future issue.

Hope the winter went well for all of you. I spent many cold winter evenings planning my garden for this year and am looking forward to digging in the dirt. Let's hope the spring weather cooperates and that I



Former UMaine basketball coach Skip Chappelle '62 (left) hooked up with his former player and assistant coach Paul Cook '84 (right) before Paul's son, Jordan (center), helped Hampden Academy win the Class A state championship against Deering High School. That game marked the last Class A tournament game to be held at the Bangor Auditorium. Forty-eight years earlier, in 1957, Skip played in the very first state championship game at the auditorium. (Bangor Daily News photo.)

am out in the garden soon.

I received an old newspaper clipping that, even though it is from a year ago, deserves mention. Paul Tukey '83 hosts and produces a nationally televised gardening program called "People, Places & Plants." Last summer, the show did a feature on Fieldstone Gardens, a perennial plant business owned by **Steve Jones**. The episode was broadcast last July in a segment titled "Field of Dreams." Steve started Fieldstone Gardens in 1983 on family land located in Vassalboro. Paul noted, "We travel all across the country and see some of the most beautiful gardens, and we sincerely feel that Fieldstone Gardens rivals many of the best." High praise, indeed!

**Cindy Mitchell** was elected to the S.A.D. 22 board of directors, which represents Hampden, Newburgh, and Winterport. Cindy lives in Hampden.

**Hal Stewart** has been appointed to the board of directors of Katahdin Bankshares Corporation and its subsidiary, Katahdin Trust Company. After graduating from UMaine, Hal graduated cum laude with a JD from Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. He joined Stewart law office in 1988 as a self-employed attorney in general practice and focuses his practice on insur-

ance defense litigation, real estate, and mediation services. He serves as a director of the Quoggy Jo Ski Club and the Presque Isle Industrial Council. He lives in Presque Isle with his wife, Melanie, and their three children, Trey, Meredith, and Grant.

**Gary Wigan** has been named a principal of Ouellette, LaBonte, Roberge & Allen, P.A., a CPA firm in Lewiston. Gary joined the firm in 1987 and has been an audit manager for the past several years. His areas of practice include auditing and the preparation of tax returns. He lives in Lewiston with his wife, Diane, and their two sons, Benjamin and Brian.

**Cynthia Renaud Alexander** has been named curriculum coordinator for the two school districts serving Carmel, Levant, Etna, and Dixmont. She was previously a reading recovery teacher in S.A.D. 38 (Etna and Dixmont). She has taught school since 1993, beginning as a teacher assistant in Hampden, then teaching at the Etna-Dixmont Elementary School from 1995 to 2004.

**Jan Smith** left WVII-TV in Bangor last summer to become assistant news director at WTO-TV 11 in Savannah, Georgia. She joined WVII-TV in 2001 as anchorwoman and news director of the station's evening broadcast. In September,

she moved to Savannah with her husband, Michael Finnegan, and six-year-old son, Jack.

That is all the news I have this time. Your classmates would love to know what you are up to. Please send me a postcard on your summer vacation or send me an e-mail. Enjoy the spring and summer!

## 1985

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Twenty years! Can you believe it! Plan now to be on campus for Homecoming weekend where you can renew friendships and start your kids dreaming about attending UMaine.

**Deborah Pluck**, University of Maine at Farmington assistant director of admissions, has been named Counselor of the Year by the New England Association for College Admission Counseling. She was one of six chosen from New England, nominated by her professional colleagues based on her honesty, thoroughness, patience, sensitivity, and leadership. Congratulations!

**Jim Tortorella** was inducted into the Concord-Carlisle (Massachusetts) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim is currently the Colby College (Waterville, Maine) ice hockey coach and is the school's all-time leader in wins. His coaching career began at Brunswick (Maine) High and included time at Cony High in Augusta, Maine, and the University of New Hampshire. You may remember Jim as a standout goalie for our UMaine hockey team.

**Lisa Leclair Turner** owns and operates Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, Maine, with her husband, Ralph '78. She is also the president of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. The number of women who are the principal operators of their farms in Maine has grown 35 percent over the past seven years, to more than 1,500. Lisa departed from her career as a civil engineer to stay at home and raise their three children. She began with winter farming in half of a greenhouse. They now farm 11 acres, including six greenhouses and open fields.



**Lee Cranmer** is an archeologist with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. This past year he worked to unearth Civil War artifacts at Augusta's Capital Park. During the Civil War the park was used as a camp site and parade ground.

That's all the news I have for this time. Please expand the length of our column by dropping me an e-mail. You know that this is the first place you turn to for your news about former classmates. We really want to know what you've been doing for the past 20 years!

## 1986

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Dear classmates,

As I write this, winter is in full swing. A storm is raging with the promise of dropping about a foot of snow. Oh well, if so, it will be the biggest storm so far this winter. It just makes spring and opening day of fishing that much more welcome!

The republican senators here in Maine re-elected Senator **Paul Davis** of Sangerville as their leader for the 122nd Legislature.

**Chris Casey** has joined Formed Fiber Technologies as human resources and benefits manager for the automotive interiors manufacturer. Chris manages all aspects of the company's comprehensive benefit programs and is responsible for providing overall human resource support for the Auburn manufacturing facility. Chris has more than 15 years in benefits management and human resource generalist experience between working at Mercy Hospital and CMP. He resides in Brunswick with his wife, Michelle, and their children, Adam and Julia.

**William Scott** has been appointed to serve the Construction Institute in Reston, Virginia, as a member of the claims avoidance and resolutions committee. Bill is the estimating manager for Cianbro Corporation's mid-Atlantic region. Bill is a 14-year Cianbro veteran with 18 years in the construction industry. He lives in Millersville, Maryland, with his wife, daughter, and son.

Representative **Nancy Smith** was re-elected by her district here in



**Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau '86** is now the regional manager of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community's Presque Isle branch. In that position she will oversee the planning, coordination, and delivery of training programs, and individual and group support services, to displaced homemakers, single parents, nontraditional students, and other workers in transition throughout Aroostook County.

Maine. She has already served a two-year term.

**Charles Barnard** has been appointed to teach grades six and seven in Falmouth Middle School. He has previously taught at Auburn Middle School for the last eight years. He has a B.A. from the University of Maine and a master's from the University of Southern Maine.

**Nancy Lane** is a sixth grade teacher at Greely Middle School and has one year of experience in education.

**Willard "Cub" Hanington, Jr.** and his wife, Karleen, live in Wytopitlock, Maine. Cub works with his father at the family logging business, Willard S. Hanington and Son. He received an associate's degree in forestry from the University of Maine. The business owns 1,300 acres of forest land and employs 27 to 30 people as well as six to 10 owner-operators.

Well, that is the news for this time. Remember that we love to get class mail! In fact we are offering another prize, courtesy of our kind and generous alumni association, to classmates who write us with news within three weeks after the column is printed. We have a university polo shirt (only in medium). Make sure you put in the subject line something like "Class of '86" or "university notes." With all the Spam these days it is easy to delete unknown addresses if I don't recognize the name.

All who write will be put in a

drawing. E-mails to:  
 donnymac@webtv.net included!  
 Have a great spring!

## 1987

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As I write this brief spring article I sit enjoying a hearty Winter Ale during the holiday season. Another year has rapidly passed and I am looking forward to another great year. During this past year I built a new house, took on a new position at work, and continued my education. I'm not sure if I can top that this year!

Many of our classmates have run for public office at various levels in 2004. **Pamela Cragin** ran as the Green Independent candidate in the Portland House District 120 race. She came in second with 1,503 votes, the Democratic winner received 2,129 and the Republican received 585. **Daniel Cabral** won a seat on the Saco school board with 33 percent of the vote, beating the incumbent who received 23 percent. Congratulations to both of you.

Patco Construction won the Governor's Award for Business Excellence. Patco is owned by **Greg Patterson** and his brothers Mark '82

and Michael '91. Over the past 10 years Patco has built over 300 commercial and municipal buildings as well as 400 homes. Patco prides itself for quality construction and taking care of its employees and this award recognizes them for these achievements.

**Nancy Flickinger Sczurko** is a part-time Title 1 teacher at Crooked River Elementary School in Bridgton (S.A.D. 61). Nancy has been with the district for 11 years teaching first, third, and fourth grades. **Sally Thibeau Leighton** is the principal at Mount Desert Island High School. Previously she had been principal at Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan.

An old friend from Bangor High School, **Dan Tremble**, announced his engagement this summer to Molly Marston. Molly is a property manager in Portland and as you may recall, Dan owns a business and is on the city council in Bangor.

That's about it. If you have any news please send it in. You can also send me an e-mail with your news.

## 1988

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**Scott C. Dunning, Ph.D., P.E.**, is the executive director of the Advanced Manufacturing Center at the University of Maine in Orono. Scott graduated with his BSEE in 1988 and then returned to UMaine in 1990 to earn his MSEE. He accepted a faculty position with the electrical engineering technology program in 1991 and then earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering in 1999. He was promoted to full professor following his position of department coordinator for electrical engineering technology. He stepped down in January 2005 to devote more time to his role as executive director of the Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC). The AMC is the latest new building on campus. Tom Christensen '71 and Scott cofounded this program three years ago. This new facility was completed in December 2004 and now houses three full-time students, three faculty, and 14 part-time students. On a personal note, Scott lives with his wife, Holly Flewelling Dunning '87, in Hampden with their three children. Holly



earned her pharmacy degree from UConn in 1990 and works as a pharmacist for Walmart.

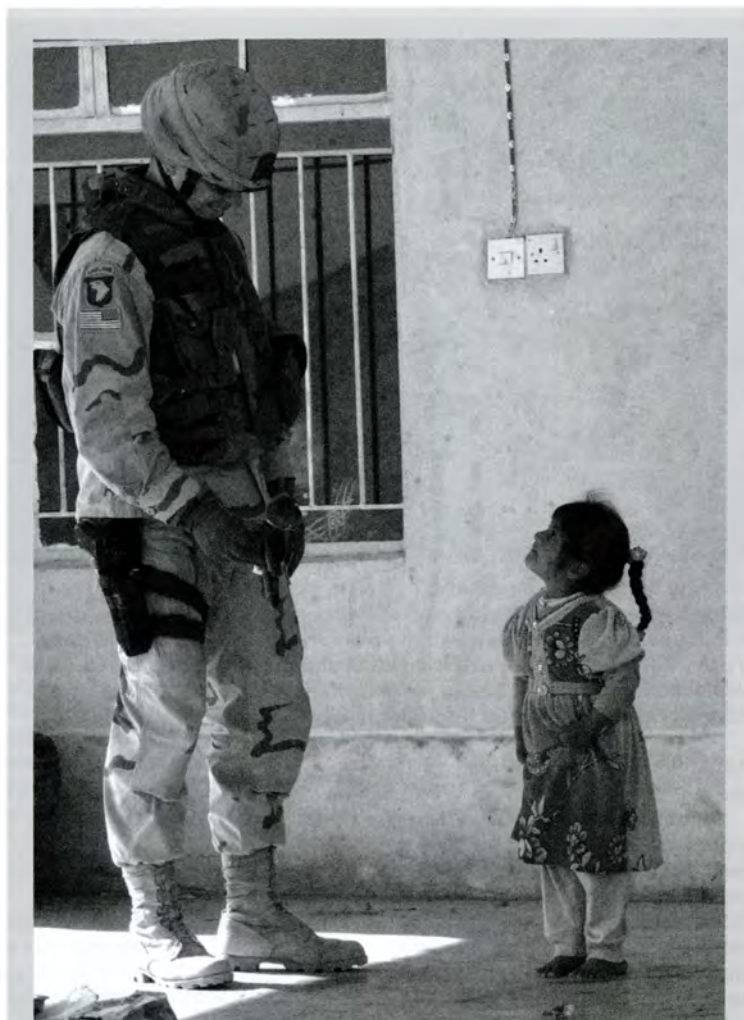
**Chris Kienzle** was named senior director of investor relations for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation last November. Chris will focus on initiating and building relationships with fixed-income investors and analysts, and enhancing the content and ensuring the accuracy of financial and operating statistics included in company presentations and reports. Kienzle joined GP with the Fort James acquisition in 2000. He has held numerous financial positions in the company, including his most recent as finance director of operations support in the North American consumer products business. Prior to GP, he worked in financial roles for the S.D. Warren Division of Scott Paper Company (now part of Sappi), Gaylord Container, and Champion International. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Maine. He is married to JoAnne Phillips Kienzle '86.

**Bethany Lawrence** opened her business of providing services and products to keep adults 50+ active and independent in Portland. She specializes in geriatric care management, handyman/minor home repairs, homemaker/companion services, personal care services, and an active living outlet/catalog. The success of her business has allowed her to expand and can now be found in Brunswick, Saco, and Bangor. Bethany is a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Management, the National Council on the Aging, and the Maine Senior Games. Our deepest gratitude to Bethany for taking such wonderful care of a very important generation. We wish you the best and continued success and expansion.

## 1989

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Spring is here—a time of new life. How about adding some new life to this column by sending in your news? We need your news to make a column for the great Class of '89.



### Friend Building in Iraq

Lieutenant Colonel Rick White '89 sent in this photo of him handing a small Iraqi girl a donated Beanie Baby in Kirkuk. Rick's tour in Iraq was extended because of that country's historic elections in January. He was redeployed to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in late February after more than a year in Iraq.

Rick was in charge of the Commanders Emergency Response Program. In that role, he worked closely with the Iraqi government and advised the Iraqi Projects Reconstruction Committee. In all, his unit's program spent over \$24 million on Iraqi projects.

Whether your news is getting the lawnmower ready for another season, training a new puppy, or carpooling the kids to Little League, we want to hear from you! Please write or e-mail.

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## 1990

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Kevin '91 and I are busy with work and our two growing children. Michael turned one in February and Kayla turned three in April. Southern

Maine had a lot of beautiful snow this winter but we are looking forward to the summer and spending some time at the beach.

New positions! **Zane Clement** is the director of adult education at S.A.D. 61. He earned a master's degree from UMaine in 2004 and holds an Administrative Professional Certificate. He had been the adult education director and/or the principal for S.A.D. 74 in Anson. **David Apgar** is the K-12 principal at S.A.D. 14. He had been the high school science teacher at East Grand. **Steve Roy** is the 5/6 multiage classroom teacher at Great Salt Bay Community School. He is pursuing his master's degree from the University of Southern Maine. **Bill Reynolds** coached the Hermon Hawks golf team this past year.

**Les Pettit** is the pastor of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Sanford and the Berwick United Methodist Church. He earned a master's degree in divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary.

News! In August, McCain Foods recognized **Brent Grass** as one of their top 10 potato growers for Aroostook County at the annual McCain Growers Barbecue at the Forum in Presque Isle. Fellow Republicans in the Maine House of Representatives elected **Josh Tardy** assistant minority leader. **Claire Kiedrowski** is the co-owner and vice president of Kappa Mapping ([www.kappamap.com](http://www.kappamap.com)) offers aerial mapping services and maps from aerial images. Engineers, surveyors, town planners, and others use the highly accurate maps that are made by Kappa Mapping.

## 1991

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Another winter has passed and the glories of summer will soon be upon us. How are you planning to spend your summer vacation? Drop us a note and share your news or funny story. Here is what's happening with our classmates.

**Kathleen Reddy Montejo** of Bowdoinham was recently elected to the board of directors of the Informed Notaries of Maine. Kathleen



has been Lewiston's city clerk since January 1999 and also serves on the Maine Secretary of State's Elections Advisory Committee.

**Michael Patterson** is co-owner, with his brothers Mark '82 and Greg '87, of Patco Construction in Sanford. In 2004, his company won the Governor's Award for Business Excellence. The award recognizes businesses for their commitment to a dual bottom line—for customer service excellence and for their dedication to their employees and the community. Over the past 10 years, Patco has constructed over 300 commercial and municipal buildings and nearly 400 residential homes throughout New England and has donated time and skills to community projects.

**Michelle Amero** has been named an assistant vice president in the mortgage department at Peoples Heritage Bank in Portland. A mortgage loan officer, she will continue to be responsible for originating mortgage loans throughout southern Maine. A Portland resident, Michelle serves on the board of Greater Portland Landmarks and volunteers with the Portland Mentoring Alliance.

**Marcey McHatten** has joined the firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil, and Parker (BDMP) in Portland, as a consultant in the firm's management and information technology consulting group. Prior to joining BDMP, Marcey was a business analyst/project manager with Wright Express in Portland.

After many years of productive service, **Arnold Poland** has left his position as the music director at Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft.

**Heather Killion Labbe** celebrated her 10th year as the Scarborough High School girls' varsity soccer coach by earning her 100th victory in September last year. Heather is also a gym teacher at Scarborough Middle School. On top of teaching and coaching, her three children keep her busy. Heather has two sons, ages 12 and 4, and a daughter who is nearly three. She still manages to find time for hobbies, including painting murals on people's houses.

**Jeffrey Wheelden** is the new director of business operations at the Old Town-Orono YMCA. Jeff held this position from 1997 to 2002, when he left for the opportunity to work at the Children's Discovery Museum in Bangor. He still maintains ties to the museum and sits on its finance committee, but is glad to return to the YMCA. This position brings him closer to home which is



**D'Arcy Main-Boyington '90** is now the deputy director of Brewer Economic Development and managing director of South Brewer Development. She previously worked as a business development specialist for the state's Department of Economic and Community Development. (Bangor Daily News photo by Gabor Degre.)

particularly important for him and his wife, Amanda, who welcomed their first child, Liam Peter, to their Milford home in July 2004.

**Claude Pettaway** has been inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Claude was the starting strong safety for the football team from 1987-1990. He won numerous awards including being named Maine Rookie of the Year in 1987 and was also named to the All New England freshman team. As a junior, he was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Back, First



**Jon Prescott '89** was recently elected chairman of the Maine Bankers Association. Jon currently serves as president and CEO of Katahdin Trust Company. He lives in Island Falls with his wife, Patricia, and their four children.

Team All-ECAC, and First Team All Yankee Conference. In his outstanding senior season, he led the nation with a school record 11 interceptions. In addition to several Maine honors as a senior, Claude was named to five First Team All American squads, a First Team All New England Football Writer's Association, First Team All-ECAC, and First Team All Yankee Conference.

**Jennifer Crotty Davis** has completed a project begun almost eight years ago, with the publication of *Daughter of Adena, Margaret Worthington's Personal Papers—Chillicothe, Ohio, 1836-1839*, a thoroughly researched and annotated historical memoir of life in nineteenth-century Ohio, edited by Charlotte W. Wells. Jen began as the project's archivist in 1997, organizing a closet full of letters, diaries, and other primary sources, then arranging for donation of the original documents to historical societies. She went on to transcribe and format documents, helped prepare the preface, bibliography, appendices, and index and finally, proofread the completed manuscript. For more information or to order *Daughter of Adena*, visit the web site: [www.sitterrific.com/Adena/](http://www.sitterrific.com/Adena/).

**Scott Stuart** was recently awarded the Naval Hospital Charleston's 2004 Clinical Excellence Award for his contribution to increasing pediatric patient access and enhancing workload productivity by 30%. Scott is currently a staff pediatrician and head of pediatrics at the naval hospital. In July 2005, he will begin a Navy-sponsored developmental behavioral pediatric

fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina. Scott and his wife, Melanie, live in Goose Creek, South Carolina, with their two children, Nathan and Amanda.

**Jeff Mason** and his wife, Kristin Smith Mason, were thrilled to welcome their first child, Katherine Conrad Mason, into their West Bath home on February 9. Katherine is a prompt little girl, arriving exactly on her due date. She weighed nine pounds, four ounces and measured 22 inches long. Kristin reports that dad Jeff is very enamored with his little girl.

**Charles "Chad" Crabtree** wrote in to say that he has spent the last 10 years living and practicing law in Florida. Chad will now be returning to his New England roots after recently accepting a position as director, real estate counsel with Brooks/Eckerd Corporation, which is located in Warwick, Rhode Island. Chad will be responsible for handling all legal/real estate matters for the 1,900-store drug store chain. His new address is: Avalon at Center Place, 50 Park Row West #416 in Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

So, the big question is, can the Red Sox do it again? I heard from a number of alumni in New England who were still riding high from the glory of the World Series. Let's hope for more magic again this year. May all your summer days be filled with happy memories.

## 1992

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There is only one news item to report this time around.

**Robert Cross** has been promoted to area specialist at the Bangor area office of the USDA. His duties will include responsibility for the Guaranteed Housing Program in six counties, and continued responsibility for the 502 Direct Housing Program. Rob has been with the USDA for four years.

Surely, there must be some news you could share with your former classmates? Please send along any news about new jobs, marriages, babies, or whatever is important to you!

We would all love to hear. Have a great summer!



# 1993

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**Pamela Lord** is a Title I teacher at Stevens Brook Elementary School in Bridgton, Maine. Previously she worked as a grade 4 and Kindergarten teacher at Eddington Elementary School in Eddington.

HELP! I'm struggling to write our column at the moment. I know you are all very busy with jobs, families, and all the stuff that goes with them, but please send me an e-mail to: jcspeicher@yahoo.com. Let me know what you are up to, and where you've been the last 10+ years. Use this column to find friends that you haven't seen in years and would like to get back in touch with.

Enjoy spring!  
Judy

# 1994

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Greetings, members of the Class of 1994. We hope you've all thawed out from the incredibly cold and snowy winter (although we suspect there's still snow on the ground somewhere in Maine). Believe it or not, we actually received a lot (for us) of news from classmates! We're confident that this signals a flood of exciting news from all of you. We were hoping to gather some column fodder when we headed north to attend Homecoming in October, but we couldn't find any of you. Where were you? Hiding from us? We suspected as much. Likely holding our lost youth captive, since it was nowhere to be found, despite our best efforts to locate it. It was great to be back in Orono after many years away. Beth flew into Boston and we made the trek north, stopping for chowder and lobster along the way, and of course we stopped at L.L. Bean twice (on the way up

and on the way back). Once on campus, we made a beeline for the new and improved bookstore and gathered up enough UMaine gear to get us through to our 20th Reunion. Luckily, among our purchases were sweatshirts, because we're wimps with thinned blood from living down south for so long!

Back in September, we received an e-mail alerting us that **Derrick Begin** was starring as the title character in "Bert Prentice, CEO" which follows "a day in the life of a corporate brown-noser." (We're just quoting the news release, folks!) The film was screened at the Boston Film Festival.

We also heard from **Cary Weston**, who let us know that his company, CM Weston, is now producing the television show "The Black Bear Insider" for the University of Maine Athletic Department. It's a biweekly look at the names, faces, and places that make up UMaine athletics. So far, they've produced seven shows, all 30 minutes in length. You can see the shows in full at: [www.goblackbears.com/](http://www.goblackbears.com/) under Black Bear Insider.

**Angela Bennett Cushman** sent us a postcard. She had this to report: "My husband, daughter Taylor, and I just welcomed our second baby on May 18, 2004, Ashton Cole. We are currently living in Conyers, Georgia." We also had a postcard from **Colleen Ryan Castellano** who wrote: "Chris '97 and I had a baby boy, Connor James. We're all doing well." Congratulations to Angela and Colleen and their families and many thanks for writing!

**Craig T. Ladd** is a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a member of the 94th Military Police Company, which was deployed to Iraq in April 2003. Craig returned from his tour in July 2004. While in Iraq, Craig and his company worked to design and run the new Iraqi police academy in Ramadi. **William Walcott** was elected to a second term in the Maine state legislature representing House District 72. **Rick Angell** is a physical education teacher and coach at Lyndon Institute in Vermont. Rick also instructs at nearby Lyndon State College, teaching classes in allied health sciences, design and management of health and fitness facilities, and legal aspects and ethical issues of sports. **Sandy Brown** participated in Teach for America. Sandy, who is a social studies teacher in Texas, hosted Congressman Lloyd Doggett as a guest teacher as part of Teach for America Week. **Lorrie J. Gage**

was hired as a literacy specialist by the South Portland school department. **Richard Hogan** was hired to teach grade 8 math in Falmouth. **Richard Hogan** started teaching grade eight math at Falmouth Middle School. He has seven years experience at S.A.D. 51 and Brewer schools. **Ron Sepp** is working as a counselor for New Directions in Waterville.

**Kim Albert Cannon** wrote, "Since graduation...I lived in Boston for seven years and worked for Boston Capital Corporation as an underwriter for the real estate acquisitions department. In 2001 I decided to make the leap into law school. I graduated in 2004 from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. I got married in October 2004 to Rob Cannon from Charlotte, North Carolina. We spent two fabulous weeks in Napa, California, and on Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii for our honeymoon. We now live in Fairfax, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. We chose to settle down in the mid-Atlantic as opposed to New England because we both have had enough of the cold winters. We still have all four seasons but our temperatures are a bit more moderate...for example, it is January 11th and it will be nearly 65 degrees here tomorrow.

"I am currently studying for the Virginia Bar and hope to be gainfully employed as an attorney this year. My e-mail address is: [kj\\_cannon@hotmail.com](mailto:kj_cannon@hotmail.com). All my best!"

# 1995

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Hi, everyone! I hope spring has arrived in your part of the world and that you are enjoying all it has to offer. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my son Thomas outside and maybe planting some flowers. You may have noticed my new mailing address—my husband, Mark, and I moved back to Maine in January and I've started a new job as regulatory affairs associate with FHC in Bowdoin. It's great to be back in Maine, and so nice to finally own a home!

Let me first send out a hello to **Jennifer Schlenker** and her hus-

band, Mark Koza '96, of Exeter, New Hampshire. Jennifer sent us an e-mail back in October to announce the birth of their son, Edward John Schlenker Koza, on September 28th weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces. My apologies, Jennifer, that the announcement didn't get in the winter issue; our deadlines for class columns are usually months before they are printed so I didn't get a chance to include it. As always, we love to hear from everyone, so please keep us informed of your happenings!

In August **Christopher Belanger** will wed Joy Eastman. Joy will finish her studies at the University of Maine at Augusta this spring and Chris is employed by Sitelines in Brunswick.

**Dean Morin** has been in his new position at Falmouth High School as a French teacher. Dean previously taught at Old Orchard Beach, Camden-Rockport, SAD 46, and S.A.D. 27 schools. The Bucksport school system also has a new teacher in **Charlotte Carrier** of Orland. Charlotte will teach fifth grade at the middle school and is currently working on her master's degree for certification as a literacy specialist at UMaine. She previously taught in Otis and was an educational technician at the Jewett School in Bucksport.

Also in education around Maine, M.S.A.D. 71 in Kennebunk has hired **Patrick Manuel** as its new curriculum director. Patrick was previously principal at Phippsburg Elementary School and assistant principal at Wiscasset High School. In his spare time, he is working on his doctorate of educational leadership at UMaine. Patrick calls Topsham home where he lives with his wife, Jill, daughter, Hannah, and son, Caleb. **Heath Cowan** has left his job as girls' basketball coach at Gardiner Area High School for the same job with Skowhegan Area High School. His new position will put him closer to his home in Madison and will allow him to spend more time with his wife and two young children. Heath is also employed by the Maine Department of Transportation in Augusta.

**Shelley Bartlett** was president of the Castine Women's Golf Association's fifth annual charity golf tournament committee. The committee hosted an 18-hole, four-person, coed scramble on September 11th to benefit Hospice of Hancock County. Honeywell International has promoted **Benjamin Lampron** to the position of northeast regional sales manager for their process



solutions division. Benjamin has been with Honeywell for nine years, and will be responsible for leading the sales team that services the company's industrial control business from Maine, west to Michigan, and south through Virginia. He and his wife, Amber, and two children relocated to Auburn this past summer. Welcome back, Benjamin!

One of our classmates has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for contributions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain **Terry Stewart**, originally of Mexico, Maine, served with his company from January 2003 to February 2004 to help the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) liberate three major cities and clear South Baghdad, Mosul, and Hidata. Terry is currently stationed at Fort Bragg with his wife, Jung Ja, and his two sons, Dylan and Justin. Congratulations, Terry!

And last summer, **Jason Baack** completed a two-year bicycle adventure that had him traverse the east coast from Calais to Key West, Florida. Jason did the trip during vacations with his co-worker at UMaine's Cutler Health Center, Richard Young. Overall, the pair logged 3,067 miles on their bicycles, riding on the Greenway Trail, known as the urban Appalachian Trail.

Homecoming is October 21-23. How about marking your calendars and making plans to go? Can you believe it's been 10 years already?! Hope to see you there.

That's about it for news from your classmates for this column. Please don't hesitate to let us know how you are doing—we love to hear from you!

## 1996

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Hey, everyone, what's up? We'd love to hear from you!

Kudos to **Michael Missbrenner** who wrote in with his news:

"I have been teaching special education and coaching at Bangor High School, Bangor, Maine, since graduation. I earned a master's degree in special education in 2004 from the university. My wife, Robyn Boody Missbrenner '97, and I reside in Bangor and have two children."



Enjoying the March alumni reception at the San Diego home of Karen Boudreau '80 and Tom Jensen are, (left to right): Erin Kivlehan '99, Sara Stitham '97, and Beth Cain '04.

## 1997

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Hello, Class of 1997.

The Class of '97 news is looking a little thin—if you have anything you'd like to share please e-mail me at Yolanda\_sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni association.

**Erin Flynn** recently joined the staff of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Maine as a guidance counselor, reports the *Advertiser Democrat*. Erin holds a B.A. in psychology and child development and a master's of human development from UMaine. She has served as a guidance counselor at Sabattus Elementary School and interned at the Sacopee Valley High School and elementary schools in South Hiram.

**Robin Long** was awarded the Maine Leadership Award for Breast Health for her commitment and leadership role in advocating for the breast cancer needs of Maine women, reports *The Weekly*. Maine's First Lady Karen Weston Baldacci '83 presented the award as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The award is a collaborative effort of the American Cancer Society, the Maine Breast and Cervical Health

Program, the Maine Cancer Foundation, Maine Affiliate, and the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition. Robin is currently the assistant director of the Women's Health Initiatives Department of the YWCA of Bangor-Brewer, which manages Caring Connections. Caring Connections is an affiliate program of Eastern Maine Medical Center that provides educational services, no-cost screening to underinsured women, and support services for women with breast cancer.

**Michael Mowles, Jr.** lost his bid for a seat in the Maine House with 44 percent of the vote, reports the *Portland Press Herald*. Michael is a town councilor and vice president of a mortgage company in Cape Elizabeth. **Kent Nelson** has graduated from the Maine Forest Service's 13-week forest ranger program, reports the *Bangor Daily News*. Kent is stationed in Norridgewock, where he is participating in the six month on-the-job training portion of the program.

## 1998

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Hearty Maine Hello! Hopefully ev-

everyone survived another winter and is ready for some warmer weather. There is a lot to report about our classmates this spring:

Congratulations to two of our classmates who are engaged to be married! **Lisa Ann Fleury** is engaged to Christopher Leavitt. She is employed as a registered nurse in dialysis at the Veterans Affairs Hospital at Togus. Christopher is a beverage administration manager at Pine State Beverage Company. They are planning an August wedding. **Carol Ann Livingstone** is engaged to Andrew Hamm '01. Carol is a piano teacher and painter in Winthrop. Andrew is a graphic design director with JPMA in Farmingdale. They are planning a Labor Day wedding.

Also congratulations to **Kevin Rousseau** and his wife, Christy, on the birth of their son, Jacob. Jacob was born on October 20. That day will always be special to Kevin as it is also the day the Red Sox defeated the Yankees and won the American League title!

Many of our classmates who are educators started new positions this fall. **Michael Connolly** now teaches grade eight social studies at the Gorham Middle School. He previously taught fourth grade at St. Joseph's School and since 2000 has been teaching third grade at Holy Cross School. **Gabe Lowery** became the gifted and talented teacher/coordinator at Lubec Consolidated School. He has been at Lubec for five years and also holds the positions of adult education director and Gear Up advisor. Also at Falmouth Middle School, **Diane Reid** started a position in speech and language pathology. She taught in Cape Elizabeth schools for six years and S.A.D. 15 schools for five years. **Jason Tarr** stepped down from his job as principal of Caravel Middle School in Carmel, Maine, to work closer to his home in Sidney.

Congratulations to **Scott Gordon** for being recognized as the Regular Educator of the Year by the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) last June. Scott is a health and physical education teacher working with students with disabilities at the Old Town Regional Program and also serves as the program's assessment and curriculum coordinator. He has spent his entire educational career as an advocate for students with special needs. In addition to his career in education, Scott also works as a part-time family specialist at the Community Health and



Counseling Center.

We hope that **Christine Edgecomb-Mudgett** and her son, Ethan, have recovered from a vehicle accident in October. They both were hospitalized, but thankfully neither of their injuries were believed life-threatening. They live in Sidney and she is an art teacher at Monmouth Middle School.

Last July, Dr. **Craig R.**

**McLaughlin** assumed the position of director of the wildlife division of Vermont's Fish & Wildlife department. His division has 19 staff that manage the state's wildlife and assess and monitor wildlife habitat. Craig previously was serving as the mammals coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources since May 2002. Previous to that he worked for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as their black bear specialist and on projects with lynx, furbearers, and whitetailed deer.

Two of our classmates continued their post-graduate studies at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM). Last June, **Aimee Glidden** received her doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine from UNECOM. She also received her master's degree in public health from Tufts University in Boston. Aimee will begin her four years of residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Texas Tech University Medical Center at El Paso, Texas. **Chelsea Swandel** is a first year student at UNECOM. This past October she participated in the college's annual White Coat ceremony to formally recognize the transition students make from laypersons to those assuming the responsibilities of physicians.

**Christina Hudgins Knickerbocker** sent in an update! She married fellow classmate **David Knickerbocker** on January 17, 2004. They are proud parents of their daughter, Aurora, who Christina proudly describes as a "little cutie." They all reside in Nashua, New Hampshire. Christina has taken her anthropology degree and used it to become successful as a realtor working for Keller Williams (603-883-8400). David is a senior software engineer with IST (Impact Science Technology). As a resident of New Hampshire, and a graduate of the University of Maine, Christina would like to stay connected to her alma mater and other alumni by creating an alumni chapter in New Hampshire. If you would like to get in touch with her, you can contact her at:

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UMaine's Electrical Engineering Technology (EET) faculty page lists **Edward "Spider" Williams** as the program coordinator for the EET program. He joined the EET teaching team in the 2003 fall semester. He currently motivates students in introductory circuit analysis and supervises the senior design sequence. Spider's industrial experience includes over 20 years in Maine industry. Spider is also a registered professional engineer in Maine.

**Steven Pane** kept busy this year in Farmington. He transformed the UMF Community Chorus into The Western Maine Choral Society and added four new choirs as well as an expanded schedule with more frequent concerts! Steven came to UMF 11 years ago after serving as director of the Boys Choir of Harlem and conductor of the Turtle Bay Chamber Choir and East Side Chamber Choir in New York City. He has also served as a piano soloist, chamber musician, and conductor in several major cities.

Class officers—the alumni association is interested in contacting the class officers for the Class of '98. If you are one of them or remember who they are and possibly how to contact them, please e-mail Chris Corro with UMAA at: Christine\_Corro@umit.maine.edu.

As you get ready for your spring and summer activities, take a minute to let us all know what you are doing these days. If I missed you it's because I didn't hear from you. Don't get left out; send an e-mail or a quick note and we'll be sure to get you included in the next issue! Have a great summer!

## 1999

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Can you believe that we're already knocking on the door of summer again?! I hope that 2005 has been healthy and productive for you so far. It certainly has been a busy winter for some of our classmates, including myself. I'll fill you in on that later; first let's get to the news!

**Ethan Foyt** is planning to wed Julie Murray this year. He is employed by the Lewiston School

District. **Stefanie A. Parady** married Andrew J. Davis last fall. She is a teacher in the Portland area. **Nicole Hayes** recently married LTJG Price Balderson. Nicole is pursuing a master's degree in education at the University of Hawaii. The couple lives in Kailua, Hawaii. A September wedding is being planned by **Jonathan Thomas** and Kimberly Francis. Jonathan is a CPA at Price Waterhouse Coopers in New York City. Good luck to all of our newlyweds. We'd love to see pictures!

**Jonathan R. Earle** now works for Wright-Pierce, a civil and environmental engineering firm, as a project engineer in its Topsham office. He lives in Scarborough. **Jonathan Charles** of Peabody, Massachusetts, is working on his master's degree in computer science at Suffolk University. He is pursuing a career in financial planning. **Marjorie Queen** was chosen as the top physical education teacher in Maine's elementary schools in 2004. She teaches at the Longfellow, Adams, and West schools in Portland.

The alumni association received an update from **Kimberly Kerns** of Davenport, Florida, through its website: [www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com). Kim is a zoo keeper at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge. After graduation, she started as a veterinary assistant with Disney and has moved up the ladder to be a zoo keeper. Thanks, Kim, for taking the time to send us an update!

Late last summer, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife recognized **Kevin Sousa** of Grand Lake Stream for his volunteer efforts. In addition to being a full-time fish culturist for the Department at the Grand Lake Stream Fish Hatchery, he volunteered over 250 hours of his personal time classifying fish scales and helping with creel surveys, data entry, and bass sampling. He was given the "Commissioner's Print" to signify that his service has gone above and beyond normal duty. The print is a watercolor work of three brook trout by Thomas K. Merriam.

**Joni Kinney** teaches at Perry Elementary School and just experienced her first season as head coach of the Shead High School girls' basketball team. Shead is a small public high school located in Eastport. As I write this update in February, the Tigerettes' current record is 11-8. Congratulations on a successful first season, Joni!

I received a Christmas card from **Tara Eisner** who recently relocated

to Newton, Massachusetts. Tara works as a tour consultant in the travel department of EF Education in Cambridge. I also received a note from **Lauren Hudacik**. She recently completed course work at Johns Hopkins University and will be awarded an M.S. in environmental science and policy in May. Congratulations, Lauren!

My husband Ray '97 and I are in the process of moving to Henderson, Nevada. We will be in "Sin City" for the next three years while Ray is employed by the MIT Lincoln Laboratory field office in Las Vegas. We had a busy winter finding a new home, packing, and saying good-bye to family and friends. In February, we had a going-away bash at our old home in Massachusetts and many alums attended, including **Cass Magoon Byrd**, **Lynnette Whitney**, Robbin Lanpher '97, my sister Lisa Downs '93, and my cousin Wendy Saba Dunbar '94. We also got together with another alum, Melissa Willette Mohr '97 and her family for lunch one weekend. Her husband and their two handsome sons live in Plantsville, Connecticut. It was difficult saying good-bye to everyone and to New England, but we're looking forward to exploring the Southwest with our daughters, Avarie, age 11, and Acadia, who will turn two this fall. In September, I'll mourn the passing of my 30th birthday—hopefully with a night of gambling!

As I write this column, I'm surrounded by moving boxes and there's snow outside. Hopefully there will be neither when you next hear from me. Please send me a note at my new address or e-mail me an update. Pictures are always welcome!

## 2000

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UMaine Class of 2000, can you believe it has already been five years since we all sat in the folding chairs in the middle of the Black Bear football field and walked across the stage to receive our degrees and graduate from UMaine? Time has really gone by fast.

As for our class news, many of



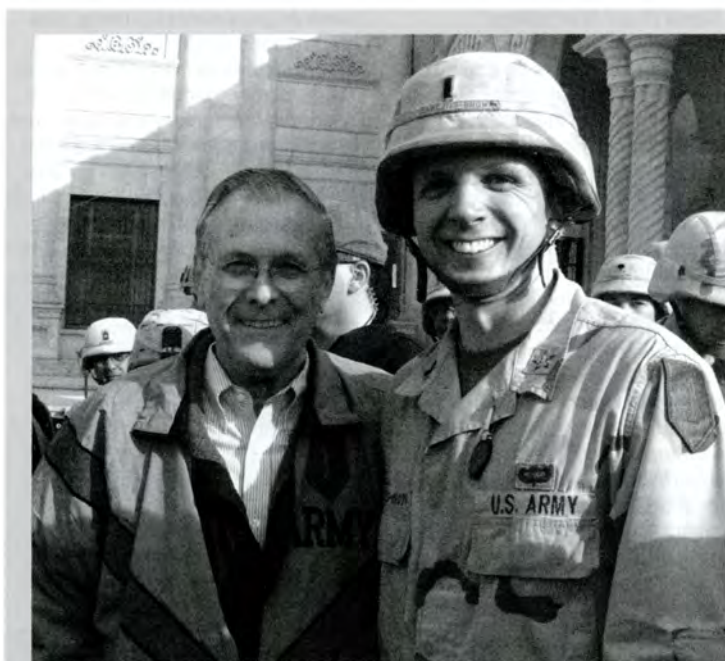
our classmates have started or made a career change since the last update. **Scott Kenney** of Bangor, Maine, an investment officer at Bangor Savings Bank, has been promoted to assistant vice president. He is also a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society and the Maine Security Analysis Society. Classmate Dr. **Ryan M. Hogan**, an optometrist, has recently joined the offices of Dr. Kenneth F. Nuzzo at the Hallowell and Winthrop offices. He recently graduated from Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon. **Stacy Ruchala** recently became a Massachusetts-certified horticulturist after successfully completing a comprehensive examination. She is part of the staff at Shrewsbury Nurseries in Massachusetts.

Classmate **Jennifer Hill** of Belfast, Maine, was hired by the Coastal Community Action Program in Rockland as the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program coordinator. She is also the founder and first executive director for New Year's by the Bay and is owner of the public relations firm Rooted Communications. **Jeremiah Walsh** has returned to his hometown of Falmouth, Massachusetts, as he was hired as the assistant animal control officer.

**Farrah Emerson** is now a math teacher at Greely High School in S.A.D. 51 in Maine. Farrah has been teaching for four years. Classmate **Patricia Armstrong Metta** has been hired as the new principal at Woodland Jr./Sr. High School in Woodland, Maine. **Jason Crepeau** has been appointed head baseball coach at Biddeford High School in Biddeford, Maine. Jason teaches physical education at Kennebunk Middle School. Classmate **Jason Brown**, who had been serving as a music instructor in the Guilford school system, is now the Foxcroft Academy's band director and will oversee the Pep and Jazz Band. Jason also offers private music lessons on a fee basis.

Former Black Bear hockey standout, **Brendan Walsh** is playing his second season with the American Hockey League's Providence Bruins.

Wedding bells are ringing for some of our classmates. **Kara A. Lauze** of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and **Chad C. Plummer** of Brunswick, Maine, were engaged April 2, 2004, during a trip to Aruba. They have planned a fall wedding on September 24, 2005. Chad currently works as an electrical engineer for Bath Iron Works in



## Meeting the Big Boss

First Lieutenant Matthew Zamejtis-Brown '02 got to meet Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld during the cabinet member's surprise trip to Iraq last December. Matt spent March 2004 to March 2005 serving with the 1st Infantry Division in the Tikrit region. He's now stationed in Germany. Matt's wife, Katie Millard Zamejtis-Brown '00, is also a UMaine graduate.

Bath, Maine. Kara is a critical care nurse practitioner at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Classmate **Heather M. Higgins** of Bangor, Maine, was married September 4, 2004, to John "JJ" Fidler also of Bangor. Heather is employed by Acadia Hospital. **Racquel H. Heath** announced plans to marry Joshua T. Tibbetts on May 7, 2005. Racquel is a CPA and is employed by Key Bank in Bangor, Maine.

Please keep me posted on any exciting news to share with your classmates of the UMaine Class of 2000. Drop me a line via e-mail: hdommy1@comcast.net or by mail: Heidi Dombrock, 2519 Cool Spring Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21015. Have a great spring and see you all with more news in the fall.

**Thanks for your  
alumni association  
membership!**

## 2001

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It's spring again and congratulations on surviving the holiday season and another winter! Some of us are still living in Maine and others have found homes in other parts of the country. Regardless of where we live, keeping in touch is important. Many members of the Class of 2001 have let us know about their new degrees and careers, engagements, and many other life events. Read on to find out what your classmates are up to!

Greenville, Maine, has hired **Steve Seebach** as its new fisheries biologist. Steve will be working on Moosehead Lake and its surrounding streams and rivers, ensuring the future of the trout and salmon populations.

Congratulations are in order for

**Christopher Bell** who just received his chiropractic degree from Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa.

**Meagan Malloy** also recently received her graduate degree. Meagan earned her master of science degree in criminal justice from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

**Rhonda Sperrey** recently made the transition from principal of Carmel Elementary School to the principal of Caravel Middle School. **Jaime L'heureux** recently joined the staff at Stevens Brook Elementary School. Jaime will be originating a new kindergarten teacher position.

**Amy Hamlin**, an Old Town native, is using her love of fitness and fun to breathe new life into the Fitness and Wellness director position at the Old Town/Orono YMCA. Amy hopes to bring new classes and fresh ideas to the YMCA. Also focusing on fitness, **Ann Redman** has assumed the position of varsity field hockey coach for Hermon High School.

Wedding bells are in the air for **Jennie Jill Dunn** and her new husband William Joseph Ellis. The couple wed in September 2004 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Jenifer Provencher** and Alfred Blais will marry on September of 2005. Jenifer works at Citadel Broadcasting and Alfred at Tundra Semiconductor. The Christmas season was merry for **Erika Kristen Ireland** and Patrick Davis Griffin, who tied the knot on December 18, 2004. Patrick is a second mate for U.S. Shipping and Erika is a first grade teacher at The Holden School. **David James Lewis** and Amy Catherine will marry in a June 10, 2005, ceremony to be held in Silverton, Oregon. David is currently working on his Ph.D. in natural resource and environmental economics at the Oregon State University.

**Alyssa Caldwell** was married to **Richard Mewer** in Spring Hill in South Berwick on the 4th of July last summer. Many UMaine alums were present at the wedding. Alyssa and

## 2002

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Spring is a time that all Mainers look



forward to; it means that the temperature is back on the positive side and we all begin to thaw out from the winter. In the meantime our classmates have been busy educating young minds. **Emily Poppish** joined the math department at Thornton Academy. She previously taught math at Traip Academy. **Elizabeth Bartlett** is the foreign language teacher at South Portland High School. **Andrew Dumont** is the French teacher at Lakes Region High School. He recently received his master's degree in French from UMaine. **Rob Mocarsky** was awarded the 2004 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. He currently teaches at the Forest Hills Consolidated School in Jackman. The Milken Award is a huge accomplishment. **Rebecca Turner** was the new seventh and eighth grade teacher at the Brooklin School. **Melissia Richards** was appointed as the education technician in Buckport. She has previous experience working in Hermon assisting those with disabilities. **Kevin Mania** works at Woodland High School as the new band director. He has taught music in the Blue Hill School System for two years.

Some of our classmates have gone to do various other things. **Stacy White** joined the professional staff rehabilitation services at Penobscot Valley Hospital as a speech therapist. She recently graduated from UMaine with her master's. **John Curtis** recently graduated from the Air Force basic training camp in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. **Karen Merritt** was recently honored with a fellowship from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support her research. She won the amount of \$105,000 over three years. Karen works with Aria Amirbahman on a new method for analyzing mercury in sediments. Her goals are to determine the best way to absorb and hold mercury-bearing compounds and to separate them by varying degrees of biological availability. **Andrea Duquette** and **Marcia Diamond** are working with each other at Intellectual Threads in the Bangor office, developing and creating Electoral College gear for the past 2004 election year. **Jim Leonard** joined *VillageSoup* as a sports writer. While Jim was at UMaine, he covered football, basketball, hockey, and baseball as a freelance journalist for the *Portland Press Herald*, *Associate Press*, *Boston Globe*, *U.S. College Hockey Online*, and the *St. Cloud Times*.

Some of our finer college memories come from going to various sporting events on campus. Some of those star athletes have gone on to develop their talents. **Chad Hayes**, former UMaine football player, was released from the Bengals in August. He was signed as a free agent by Kansas City after graduating from UMaine. **Lauren Steblen** returned to UMaine as the full-time assistant women's ice hockey coach. She works with current head coach, Guy Perron. The past two seasons she spent her time as the assistant coach at Bemidji State in Minnesota. **Amanda Cronin** was invited to try out for the U.S. National Women's Ice Hockey team in October 2004. She is still a member of the Toronto-based Telus Lighting. All the hard work has paid off for this goalie.

With spring comes summer and then the chimes of wedding bells. **Katie Milligan** and Joseph Warren are planning a wedding for June 18, 2005. Katie is currently employed at Drummond & Drummond LLP in Portland as a legal assistant. **Nate Briggs** and Molly Tardiff are planning a September 2005 wedding. Nate is employed by Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. They currently reside in Brewer. **Michelle Rodrigue** and Shaun Bunker are planning a January 2006 wedding. Michelle is employed as a technical research assistant at Brigham and Women's Research Facility at Harvard Medical School in Boston. **Sarah Rexrode** and Brent Dickinson got married on October 16, 2004. Sarah is employed by Acadia Hospital in Bangor. **Whitney King-Buker** and Charles Buker got married on August 14, 2004 in Minot, Maine. They currently live in Auburn. **Erica Morse** and James Caron are planning an August 27, 2005, wedding. She is currently a student in the nursing program at the University of Maine.

As always, I would love to hear your news that you want to share. Pictures are also welcome! I hope that everyone has a great spring and a very wonderful summer.

## 2003

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It is finally spring, and with spring

come engagements for many who graduated in 2003! **Kimberly Moores** plans to marry Joel French '04. Kimberly graduated with a degree in elementary education and is employed by the Gorham school district. The wedding is set for July 30, 2005. **Heidi Godin** is also recently engaged. She will be marrying Dane Pomerleau in September. She is currently working as a registered nurse at Mid Coast Hospital. Congratulations to **Rebecca Williams**. She is recently engaged to Jacob Jentzer '04. Rebecca graduated with a degree in psychology and is planning a wedding in May of 2005. Also, **Amanda Swett** is planning a June 2005 wedding to Michael Oxley. Amanda received her degree in nutrition and is currently attending the University of New England to become a physician's assistant.

Many graduates are starting their teaching careers. **Jason Stone** will be teaching sixth grade at the Willard School in Sanford. **Jolene Maynard** will be the fifth grade teacher in East Grand. **Kelly-Anne Rush** will be teaching social studies at Lake Region High School. **Michael Loveless** will be teaching physical education in S.A.D. 17, and **Sara Haney** will be directing the academic support center at George Stevens Academy. Finally, **Molly Winchenbach** will be teaching music in Wiscasset this year.

Lastly, **Matthew Stein** was named the first recipient of the Lewis V. Vafiades Scholarship. He is currently attending the Maine School of Law in Portland.

## 2004

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Hearty Maine Hello! This is the debut column for the Class of 2004 class notes, so I'll get right into the updates about our classmates.

The wedding bells are set to be ringing for **Jessika Davis**, who received her degree in elementary education, who is planning a July 2005 wedding to Daniel Frye. She is currently employed at the Winnie the Pooh Preschool in Bangor. **Sean Yoder** and his wife, Laura, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Seamus Gregory-Kyle

Yoder. The family is doing very well.

**Christopher Flood** is putting his newly minted communications degree to work at Mainely Newspapers in Saco, and is heading up the sports coverage for three local newspapers. **Corey Walmer** is now working as a clinician for New Directions, a mental health services provider. While at work, she specializes in helping children. She and her family reside in Farmington.

**Samantha Perkins** is now working with Portland-based engineering consulting firm URS. **Christopher Fournier** is continuing his studies at the University of Maine, where he is a research assistant currently pursuing his graduate degree in structural engineering.

**Adam Burgoyne**, who graduated with highest honors from the Honors College, is continuing his studies at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He plans to direct his research in the field of cancer biology. **Melissa Hendrickson**, who graduated with a degree in chemical engineering, is headed abroad to Bulgaria for the next two years. Melissa has joined the Peace Corps and will work with private and public agencies on natural resource management.

Major **Michael Henderson** is putting his master's degree in public administration to work as the newly appointed manager for all of Piscataquis County. Despite the challenges of his new job, he will continue his work as a Reservist for the United States Marine Corps. Also locally, **Kelly Crowell** has been named as the new head coach of the cross-country team at Hermon High School. She is currently employed as an educational technician at Hermon Middle School.

**Glenn Kapiloff** has recently been activated by the United States Army, and is on the ground in Iraq teaching Iraqi troops. A career educator, Glenn has taught for 18 years at Mount Blue Middle School. He also has been a career educator for the United States Army, and his unit's specialty is training Army officers in command and control practices.

This is the first update for the Class of 2004, and I'd like to hear from all of you soon! If you have any exciting news you would like in our classnotes, please drop me an e-mail at the address listed above. Thanks!

## Go Blue!



# Weddings

**1949**

**Leon E. Gray** to Olive I. Emery on January 29, 2005, in Kittery, Maine. They live in North Carolina and Liberty, Maine.

**1974**

**Stephanie Anderson** to Bruce Abramson on September 4, 2004, in South Portland. They took a wedding trip to Quebec City and live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

**1977**

**Curt Vieth Carleen** to Cheryl Ann Lilienthal on February 7, 2005 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. They plan a wedding trip to Dania Beach, Florida, and Freeport, Bahamas. They reside in Saunderstown, Rhode Island.

**1982**

**Michael Peters** to Anna Lissa Aviles. They live in Illinois.

**1983**

**Bethanie Gleason** to Robert Berube on June 26, 2004, at the Balsam's Resort in Colebrook, New Hampshire. They reside in Manchester, Maine.

**1984**

**Brent E. Hammond** to Andrea Ellen Garrison on June 26, 2004, in Bridgewater, Maine. They honeymooned in Pennsylvania and reside in Turner, Maine.  
**Steven Guthrie** to Jennifer Brodbeck on October 9, 2004, in Melrose, Massachusetts. Following a wedding trip to Greece, they reside in Melrose.

**1985**

**David Irvin Collinsworth** to Penelope Lydia Marquez on September 25, 2004, in Portland, Maine. They honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nevada, and live in Scarborough, Maine.

**1988**

**John Breedlove** to Jacquelyn Bragdon on November 12, 2004, in Stowe, Vermont. They live in Bangor.

**1990**

**Jonathan Rand** to Cynthia



**Alyssa Caldwell '01** was married to **Richard Mewer '01** on July 4, 2004, in South Berwick, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and now live in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

McHugh on September 25, 2004, in Lovell, Maine. They took a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, and reside in Gray, Maine.

**Cristiana Asselin** to Marc Russell Petrin on September 19, 2004, in Litchfield, New Hampshire. They took a wedding trip to Italy and live in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

## Williams/Hotchkiss

Katherine Maney Williams '02 was married to Jasper Blake Hotchkiss '04 on October 16, 2004. Kate is currently attending graduate school at UMaine and also working at The Acadia Hospital. Blake is employed by Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Among the Maine alumni in the wedding party were: William P. Hotchkiss '04, Arthur Lidral '04, Matthew Allard '04, and Jeff Burt '05.



**1991**

**Jonathan G. Cash** to K. Brooke Whiting on August 21, 2004, in Byfield, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in Costa Rica and live in Somerville, Massachusetts.

**1992**

**Mary K. Beeaker** to **Ethan K. Strimling** on September 22, 2004, in Positano, Italy. They spent their honeymoon in Italy and reside in Portland.

**Jason Heckman** to Christine Gettmann on April 4, 2004, on the floor of the Grand Canyon, Arizona. They reside in Ellsworth, Maine.

**Melissa Harris** to Ted Rioux on October 2, 2004, in Orono, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in San

Francisco and reside in Portland, Maine.

**1993**

**Lynn McCarthy** to Keith Andelman. They took a Mediterranean cruise and live in Andover, Massachusetts.

**Paul Andre Dumoulin** to Melissa Jeanne Barbeau on October 16,

2004, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Orlando and Daytona, Florida, and live in Manchester, Maine.

**Aimee Eisenberg** to David Stidsen on September 26, 2004, in York Harbor, Maine. After a wedding trip to Martha's Vineyard, they settled in Boston.

**Carla Jane Mowatt** to Dale Adam Kilmer on November 12, 2004, in Jamaica. They took a wedding trip to The Royal Plantation, Jamaica, and live in Augusta, Maine.

**Andrew Hall McNeally** to Kasey Melissa Grieco on September 18, 2004, in South Portland, Maine. They live in Westmanland, Maine.

**Leo Hill** to Brandy Hartwell on October 2, 2004, in Bingham, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Dunn's River, Jamaica, and live in Bingham, Maine.

**1995**

**Timothy R. Bruce** to Heidi Moor Ulbrich on August 28, 2004, at Camp Hammond, Yarmouth, Maine. They reside in Portland, Maine.

**Stephanie Ann Hicks** to Duaine Joseph Homon on September 25, 2004, in North Conway, New Hampshire. They took a honeymoon trip to Southern California and reside in Casco, Maine.

**Erica Lynn Croce** to Mark Christopher Fernald on August 21, 2004, in Oakland, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Alexandria, Virginia.

**1996**

**Daniel J. Sovetsky** to Victoria A. Waller on August 15, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They stayed at the Lucerne Inn and reside in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

**Lisa Jean Metivier** to Paul Anthony Carpenito on July 11, 2004, in Cutchogue, New York. They honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Holbrook, New York.

**Colin Amundsen** to Ellen Sirkka Nora on August 14, 2004, in Vadsø, Norway. They live in Tromsø, Norway.



# Weddings

**Scott Guertin** to Ann McLaughlin on September 24, 2004, in Biddeford, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Italy and Greece and reside in Newton, Massachusetts.

## 1997

**Jon H. Whitten, Jr.** to Melody Nicole Montanese on November 12, 2004, in Clinton, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Orlando, Florida, and live in Westbrook, Maine.

**Norman James Parker III** to Melanie Leigh Gould on October 8, 2004, in Gray, Maine. Following a short vacation in Maine, they live in Ridgeland, South Carolina.

**Molly Rebecca Jilek** to Michael John Griffin on October 9, 2004, in Wells, Maine. Following a trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple resides in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

**Lorin Martin** to Karen Lacey on August 20, 2004, in Moncton, New

Brunswick. They took an Alaskan cruise.

**Brian W. Hood** to Dana M. Person on August 7, 2004, in Walla Walla, Washington. They took an Alaskan cruise and reside in Walla Walla.

**Joshua Stephen Cobb** to Bonnie Jean Stewart on August 21, 2004, in Presque Isle, Maine. They honeymooned in Playa del Pariso, Mexico.

## 1998

**Bronwyn Meredith** to **Nicholas Umphrey '00** on August 14, 2004, in Orland, Maine. They reside in Ellsworth, Maine.

**Jason O'Meara** to Heather Garnett on December 18, 2004, in Jackson Village, New Hampshire. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Portland, Maine.

**Nicole Suzanne Bourget** to Thomas John Daigle in Rangeley, Maine. They took a cruise to the

Eastern Caribbean and reside in Turner, Maine.

**Abigail M. Deitz** to Joshua K. Manahan on September 18, 2004, in Jefferson, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Boston and reside in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

**Bettina "Tina" Richardson** to Shawn Teal on September 11, 2004, in Amesbury, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Amesbury.

**Kim Roux** to Justin Robash on June 19, 2004, in Auburn, Maine. They live in Lewiston, Maine.

## 1999

**Spencer Brian Bean** to Erin Edith Chick on October 16, 2004, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They took a wedding trip to North Conway, New Hampshire, and live in Portland.

**Timothy Adams** to **Kate Custy '01** on July 10, 2004, in Middletown, Connecticut. After a

honeymoon to St. Lucia they reside in Acworth, Georgia.

**Jeffrey Dana Beale** to Dawn Marie Humason on November 6, 2004, in Auburn, Maine. They took a Caribbean cruise and reside in Lewiston.

**Jason Libby** to **Betsy Hatch '01** on June 26, 2004, in Castine. They live in Canton, New York.

## 2000

**Trevor D. Black** to **Amanda Danis '02** on August 14, 2004, in Kennebunk, Maine. They took a trip to Aruba and live in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

**Dawn Melissa Berry** to Brian William Keyes on June 5, 2004, in Moultonboro, New Hampshire. Following a trip to the Mexican Riviera, they live in Ossipee, New Hampshire.

**Jennifer Barschdorf** to **Brian Purdy '01** on June 26, 2004, in Falmouth, Maine. They took a



Over 60 University of Maine alumni were present at the wedding of Betsy Hatch '01 and Jason Libby '99 in Castine on June 26, 2004. The alumni represented UMaine classes from 1955 to 2003. Betsy is the interim assistant director of admissions at the State University of New York at Canton. Jason is an associate dean of students at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. They currently live in Canton.



cruise to Alaska and reside in Buxton, Maine.

**Jason Lamontagne** to Sheila-Ann Longo on November 13, 2004, in Camillus, New York. They honeymooned in Disney World and reside in Bath, Maine.

**Caleb Hall** to Angela Curtis on September 25, 2004, in Orrington, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Quebec City and live in Tenants Harbor, Maine.

#### 2001

**Kimberly Rae Lane** to Andrew Nadeau on June 19, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Glenburn, Maine.

**Alyssa Caldwell** to **Richard Mewer** on July 4, 2004, in South Berwick, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and live in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

**James P. Meserve** to **Katey L. Bisson '02** on October 2, 2004, in Newry, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Killington, Vermont, and Foxwoods in Connecticut. They reside in Bangor, Maine.

**Amanda Swartz** to Garner Miller on September 19, 2004, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They took a wedding trip to London and reside in Clifton Park, New York.

**Ricia Whittier** to Jason Cain on July 24, 2004, in Waterville, Maine. They took a wedding cruise of the Hawaiian islands, and live in Orono.

#### 2002

**Katherine Elizabeth Maney Williams** to **Jasper Blake Hotchkiss '04** on October 16th, 2004. They spent their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, and reside in Orono, Maine.

**Troy Chase** to Keri Rushing on November 27, 2004. They reside in Bangor, Maine.

**Mary Kathleen Rose Kiah "Casey" Johnson** to Samuel David Bromberg on August 14, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Augusta.

**Lindsay Seward** to Kevin Champney on June 19, 2004, in

### Timothy Adams/Kate Custy

Timothy Adams '99 and Kate Custy '01 were married on July 10, 2004, at the Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate in Middletown, Connecticut. They traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon. Tim is now the disability underwriting manager for MetLife Insurance in Alpharetta, Georgia. Kate is a commercial auto underwriter for the Insurance House in Atlanta. They now live in Acworth, Georgia.

A large group of UMaine alumni attended the wedding. In the photo below are, left to right (back row): Greg Aubin '00, Corey Benner '00, Bonnie Richards Dewkett '01, Matt Dewkett '01, Tim Stiles '99, Dan Desilets '99, Tim Adams '99, Jon Hoy '02, unidentified person, and Drew Watson. Middle row: Kate Parkhurst Carpenter '02, Valerie Forestal '00, Laura Dalton Benner '00, Laurie Preston Stiles '00, Nicole Burtt Wilson '00, Kate Adams '01, Meagan Malloy '01, and Liz Lacey '02. Front row: Mark Carpenter '02, Jarred Barnes '03, Tatia Munday '01, "Kat" Petersen Van Overbeke '01, and Aaron Wilson '99.



Bar Harbor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Maine.

#### 2003

**Caileen Kateri Margaret Nutter** to Lieutenant Dustin David Gamache on September 18, 2004, in South Berwick, Maine. They honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and live in Colorado Springs.

**Mary-Ann Barry** to Michael Williams on July 24, 2004, in Bangor, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and live in Bucksport, Maine.

#### 2004

**Erin Garland** to Jason Furbush on August 28, 2004, in Skowhegan, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and live in Madison, Maine.

Let your old UMaine friends know about your big day!

Send your wedding information and a photo to:

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or e-mail it to:

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# Deaths

## 1924

**Kenneth Hayden Tolman**, September 13, 1990, from South Portland, Maine, at 89.

## 1927

**Irene "Jerry" Marion Wentworth Engel**, November 24, 2004, from Westford, Massachusetts, at 101.

## 1929

**Ralph Linwood Phillips**, March 27, 2004, from Redding, California, at 96.

**Howard Holmes Stuart**, October 9, 2004, from Charlotte, North Carolina, at 97.

## 1931

**Bernice "Bunny" Augusta Hopkins Robbins**, November 20, 2004, from Hope, Maine, at 96.

## 1932

**Arthur "Art" Raymond Lufkin, Jr.**, December 20, 2004, from Needham, Massachusetts, at 97.

**Smith Charles McIntire**, January 20, 2005, from Perham, Maine, at 96.

**Edward John Stevens, Jr.**, November 24, 2004, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 94.

**Lawrence Richardson Sweetser**, November 25, 2004, from Ipswich, Massachusetts, at 93.

## 1933

**Beatrice "Bunny" Luella Folsom Albaugh**, January 20, 2005, from Newport, Maine, at 93.

**Mary Braley Sewall Alden**, December 22, 2004, from New Harbor, Maine, at 91.

**Eleanor Sargent Cushing Wasgatt**, October 17, 2004, from Rockland, Maine, at 95.

## 1934

**Ruth Esther Lord Goodman**, September 16, 2003, from Red Bank, New Jersey, at 89.

**Neil Ardell Hamilton**, January 28, 2005, from St. Petersburg, Florida, at 93.

**Gordon Dorland Ness**, October 27, 2004, from Lewiston, at 91.

**Barbara "Barb" Edes Dennison Wentworth**, December 16, 2004, from Pensacola, Florida, at 92.

**Paul Hartley "Winchy" Winchenbaugh**, February 15, 2005, from Sanford, at 92.

## 1936

**Charles Crockett**, December 11, 2004, from Framingham, Massachusetts, at 91.

**Emory Edward Harris**, November 6, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 91.

## Smith C. McIntire Class of 1932

One of UMaine's most loyal graduates, Smith McIntire '32, died on January 20 in Presque Isle. He was 96.

In addition to being a potato farmer, Smith worked for 11 years for the Maine Extension Service. During World War II, he supervised the Emergency Farm Labor Supplies in Maine. In addition, he organized and managed the Aroostook Farm Labor Association, served as president of the National Council of Agricultural Employers, and as director of Eastern Maine Farmers Exchange, the Maine Farm Bureau, and Agway.

Smith was an avid outdoorsman who canoed the Allagash River 10 times. Smith and his wife, Charlene '32H, maintained an active interest in UMaine and were instrumental in getting support for the McIntire Maine Event Room at Buchanan Alumni House. The room is dedicated to Smith's twin brother, Clifford '30, who served in the United States Congress from Maine's second district.



**Harland "Sandy" Franklin McPherson**, August 28, 2003, from Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, at 91.

**George Henry Northup**, January 10, 2005, from Alpharetta, Georgia, at 90.

**Margaret Grazebrook Sewall Page**, March 1, 2005, from Caribou, at 90.

## 1937

**Melvin Walter Chamberlain**, January 21, 2005, from West Baldwin, Maine, at 90.

**Josie "Jo" Victoria Naylor Woods**, November 5, 2004, from Gorham, at 89.

## 1938

**Marjorie Mason Thompson Hart**, March 9, 2005, from Brewer, at 88.

**Randolph "Randy" Hartwell West**, November 15, 2004, from Biddeford, at 91.

## 1939

**Tedford Madison Blaisdell**, February 22, 2005, from West Gouldsboro, Maine, at 87.

**Harold "Bud" Edward Farrington, Jr.**, December 11, 2004, from Scarborough, at 86.

**Elizabeth "Betty" West Homans Hancock**, October 30, 2004, from Casco, at 87.

**Maxine Frances Sheedy Landry**,

January 20, 2005, from Lincoln, Maine, at 88.

**Eunice Josephine Nelson-Baumann**, October 27, 2004, from Penobscot Reservation, Maine, at 88.

**Frederic "Fred" Hastings Stetson**, January 13, 2005, from Brewer, at 88.

## 1940

**Wendell Gordon Eaton**, March 3, 2005, from Yarmouth, Maine, at 86.

**Harold "Doc" Aldrich Gerrish**, September 24, 2004, from Ketchum, Idaho, and Palo Alto, California, at 85.

**Elnora Louise Savage Grant**, February 14, 2005, from Rutland, Vermont, at 86.

**Mary Sylvia Jackman Hanscom**, November 18, 2004, from Greene, Maine, at 87.

**Eugene Lincoln Moore**, February 7, 2005, from Houlton, Maine, at 86.

**Donald Thomas Wark**, January 25, 2005, from Portland, Maine, at 86.

## 1941

**Everett Lawrence Cormier**, January 13, 2005, from Cross Lake and Orono, at 89.

**George Benjamin Cotton**, October 17, 2004, from Peaks Island, Maine, and Marco Island, Florida, at 84.

**Edward Glidden Cox, Jr.**, September 29, 2004, from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, at 84.

**Claralyn Owen PrebleTrask**, February 28, 2005, from South Paris, Maine, at 85.

## 1942

**John Patrick Dimmer, Jr.**, January 25, 2005, from Brunswick, at 85.

**James Henry Nye**, December 20, 2004, from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, at 84.

**Theodore Miles Stone**, October 18, 2004, from South Gardiner, Maine, at 85.

## 1943

**Arthur Fletcher Carlson**, August 4, 2004, from Nokomis, Florida, at 82.

**Frances "Fran" Marie Donovan**, December 13, 2004, from Greenwich, Connecticut, at 83.

**Robert Charles Lycette**, March 18, 2004, from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, at 83.

**Claire Marian Tebbets Mirakentz**, September 21, 2004, from Malibu, California, at 83.

**Arthur Palmer Rafford**, November 14, 2004, from Ashland, Maine, at 83.

**Lawrence "Larry" Hollis Rollins**, October 28, 2004, from Orange, Connecticut, at 83.

**Harris Brooks Southard**, December 10, 2004, from Bangor and Bass Harbor, Maine, at 85.

**Hazel Marie Van Tassell Weymouth**, March 2, 2005, from Milo, Maine, at 83.

## 1944

**Ruth Virginia Duran Beverage**, February 14, 2005, from Marlton, New Jersey, at 82.

**Norma Lloyd Babson Ricker**, November 11, 2004, from Blue Hill, Maine, at 82.

**John Lewis Savage**, December 10, 2004, from Etowah, North Carolina, at 83.

**Edward Wesley Sims**, September 25, 2003, from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at 80.

**Robert "Angus" Augur Smith**, December 28, 2004, from Branford, Connecticut, at 83.

**Philip Davis Spiller**, March 6, 2005, from Westbrook, Maine, at 82.

**Thomas Rufus Tillson**, February 10, 2005, from Dexter, Maine, at 82.

## 1945

**Bruce Sinclair Billings**, February 13, 2005, from Limestone, at 81.

**Donald "Don" Erwin Crossland**, December 8, 2004, from Littleton,



Colorado, at 81.

#### 1946

**Robert Dale Ham**, February 2, 2005, from Naples, Florida, at 81.

**Thomas "Tom" Martin Libby**, January 8, 2005, from Brunswick, Maine, at 80.

**Joan Potter Robart**, October 21, 2004, from Centerville, Massachusetts, at 79.

#### 1947

**Andrea Marie Bailey Vose**, January 16, 2005, from Bangor and Calais, at 79.

#### 1948

**Edmund Albert Cyr**, December 9, 2004, from Old Town, Maine, and Zephyrhills, Florida, at 82.

**Gloria Patricia Castner Evans**, January 13, 2005, from Little Rock, Arkansas, at 78.

**Carlton "Mac" Dow McGary**, December 29, 2004, from Augusta, at 77.

**John William Worcester**, February 19, 2005, from Machias, at 83.

#### 1949

**John Arthur Briggs**, January 23, 2005, from Dexter, Maine, at 80.

**William Emery Brock**, November 21, 2004, from Scarborough, at 83.

**Malcolm "Mac" Vail Buchanan**, February 7, 2005, from Brownville Junction, Maine, at 82.

**Wallace Frederick Bugbee**, January 26, 2005, from Dexter, Maine, at 82.

**Alice Marie Raymond Coughlin**, January 13, 2005, from Norwood, Massachusetts, at 77.

**Joan Frances Murphy Kenworthy**, February 3, 2005, from Westborough, Massachusetts, at 76.

**John Robert Mooers**, January 24, 2005, from Houlton, at 80.

**Sumner Harold Shafmaster**, November 14, 2004, from Miami, Florida, at 81.

**Mildred Natalie Thayer**, January 6, 2005, from Hampden and Brewer, at 92.

**William "Bill" Albert Wells**, August 8, 2004, from Moon Township, Pennsylvania, at 80.

**Carlton Parsons Wing**, February 8, 2005, from Falmouth, Maine, at 79.

#### 1950

**Philip Eugene Babb**, November 19, 2004, from Vass, North Carolina, at 78.

**Joseph Percy Beaulieu**, November 16, 2004, from Portland, at 84.

**Edward Francis Bowden**, November 11, 2004, from Orland, Maine, at 81.

### Marjorie Thompson Hart, Class of 1938

Loyal UMaine alumna Marjorie Thompson Hart '38 died on March 9, 2005, in Bangor. Marjorie and her husband, the late Gerald Hart '38, were very active in the alumni association, particularly in Senior Alumni activities. Marjorie was also an avid Black Bear sports fan, rarely missing a hockey or basketball game until her health prevented her from doing so.

Marjorie's two daughters, Marilyn Hart Collins '76, '78G and Suzanne Hart '68 (an alumni association board member) are UMaine graduates as is her son-in-law, Thomas Collins '78G.



Marjorie Hart with her husband Gerald at a Black Bear Award ceremony.

**Keith "Joe" Farnsworth Bridgman**, December 16, 2004, from Brewer and Jonesboro, Maine, at 78.

**Romain Brilliant**, December 16, 2004, from Topsham, Maine, at 80.

**Charles James Chandler**, December 30, 2004, from Newport, Maine, at 79.

**Sherman "Sherm" Lorenzo Cole**, March 8, 2005, from Sebago, at 76.

**Reverend Elton Merwin Crossland**, January 7, 2005, from Baltimore, Maryland, at 76.

**Carl Herbert Estes**, October 17, 2004, from Buxton, Maine, at 79.

**William Page Hatch**, July 27, 2001, from Elkins, West Virginia, at 76.

**Charles Fossett Howe**, December 25, 2004, from Macon, Georgia, at 79.

**Willard "Dick" Richard Kelly**, February 4, 2005, from Danvers, Massachusetts, at 80.

**Allegra "Lee" Mercedes Anderson McLean**, February 16, 2005, from Rumford, Maine, at 76.

**Beverly "Bev" Lydia Pearson**, December 1, 2004, from Newington, Connecticut, at 75.

**Oliver Merrill Randall**, January 28, 2005, from Lewiston, at 80.

**Patricia Jean Clement Reynolds**, November 2, 2004, from Eustis, Florida, at 76.

**Eugene Rowe**, 84, December 13,

2004, from Auburn, Maine, at 84.  
**James Robert Taylor**, August 24, 2004, from Plymouth, Michigan, at 78.



### Eunice Nelson-Baumann Class of 1939

Eunice Nelson-Baumann '39, the first Native American to graduate from UMaine, died on October 27, 2004. A respected author, activist, and educator, she was also the first Penobscot Indian to earn a doctorate. She also received an honorary doctorate degree from UMaine in 1977.

#### 1951

**Marvin Bert Dow**, February 11, 1998, from Newport News, Virginia, at 67.

**Jean Nettie Marriner Eaton**, November 23, 2004, from Camden, Maine, at 76.

**Lester Eugene Harris**, January 26, 2005, from Andover, Massachusetts, at 75.

**Everett "Hoop" Ernest Hooper**, December 21, 2004, from Sanford, Maine, at 79.

**Thomas Albert Longfellow, Jr.**, January 2, 2005, from Farmingdale, Maine, at 76.

**Russell Bernard Mundi**, January 18, 2005, from North Windham and Sebago Lake, at 75.

**Gordon "Smitty" William Smith**, December 21, 2004, from East Hampton, Connecticut, at 77.

**Orville Kenneth Tripp**, February 19, 2005, from Ashland, Maine, at 78.

**Thomas Raymond York, Jr.**, February 6, 2005, from Mars Hill, Maine, at 77.

#### 1952

**Cecil "Cy" Delwood Bickford**, September 15, 2004, from Spofford, New Hampshire, at 76.

**Thomas Henry Burgess**, February 4, 2005, from Portland and Rumford, Maine, at 76.

**Steven Avery Burnard**, October 13, 2004, from Wells, Maine, at 73.

**Allen "Al" Baker Goff**, November 29, 2004, from Bingham, Maine, at 75.

**Donald Edward Hodgkins**, November 11, 2004, from Rangeley, Maine, at 75.

**Dwight Ronald Holmes**, January 13, 2005, from San Diego, California, at 74.

**James Lumsden II**, January 31, 2005, from Freeport, Maine, at 78.

**Montague Gordon Miller**, October 27, 2004, from Noank, Connecticut, at 79.

**Kenneth Earl Naugler**, December 13, 2004, from Ramsey, New Jersey, and Newton, Massachusetts, at 74.

**Reginald "Reggie" Kent Nye**, January 4, 2005, from Fort Myers, Florida, and Falmouth, Maine, at 77.

#### 1953

**David Warren Anderson**, October 8, 2004, from Jacksonville, Florida, at 72.

**Richard Patrick Breen**, December 9, 2004, from Ocala, Florida, at 74.

**Stephen "Steve" Hall Emmons**, January 28, 2005, from



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Kennebunkport, at 75.

**Charles "Chuck" Sumner Neil, Jr.**, November 25, 2004, from Harwich, Massachusetts, at 76.

**Robert Wesley Stevens**, December 19, 2004, from South Heidelberg Township, Pennsylvania, at 73.

## 1954

**Robert Frederick Adams**, December 4, 2004, from Malden, Massachusetts, at 72.

**Robert Eugene Brimecombe**, October 29, 2004, from West Simsbury, Connecticut, at 76.

**Ralph Sherwood Grant**, January 24, 2005, from Ft. Myers, Florida, at 82.

**Joseph Stanley Melching**, January 5, 2005, from Liberty, Maine, at 81.

**Hugh Corydon Pierson**, January 16, 2005, from Caribou, at 72.

**Margaret Ellen Hoyt Poulin**, October 29, 2004, from Watertown, Connecticut, at 72.

## 1955

**Richard "Dick" Lauren Crommett**, December 4, 2004, from Augusta, at 70.

**Eugene Griffing Frederick**, October 24, 2004, from Kennebunk, at 70.

**Albert Kearney Leighton**, March 4, 2005, from Waterville, at 71.

**Blair Dwayne Trask**, October 29, 2004, from Farmington, at 71.

## 1956

**Stacy Bradburn Billings**, November 6, 2004, from North Berwick, Maine, at 72.

**Gerald Richard Humphrey, Jr.**, November 25, 2004, from Wareham, Massachusetts, at 70.

**Nelson Thomas Mahoney**, November 8, 2004, from Waterville, at 70.

**Matthias "Matt" Marquardt, Jr.**, November 1, 2004, from Strafford, New Hampshire, at 71.

## 1957

**Helen Doble Carey**, February 12, 2004, from Milo, Maine, at 74.

**Greta Murray Connors**, December 8, 2004, from Brownville Junction, Maine, at 92.

**Bradley "Brad" Wingate Nuite**, November 2, 2004, from Sangerville, Maine, at 69.

## 1958

**C. Nancy Wallentine Bard**, February 5, 2005, from Lisbon Falls, Maine, at 67.

**Mollie Goodwin Beam**, February 22, 2005, from Cutler, Maine, at 93.

**Richard Joseph Law**, February 1, 2005, from Brewer, Maine, and

Louisville, Kentucky, at 68.

**Kenneth Everett Marks**, June 1, 2004, from Farmington, at 76.

**Mary "Hully" Elizabeth Maher McCarthy**, December 17, 2004, from Augusta, at 68.

**John Petrie Morrill**, December 26, 2004, from Brewer and Augusta, at 72.

**Raymond Charles Morrison**, December 20, 2004, from Scituate, Massachusetts, at 68.

## 1959

**Marion McCarty Bagley**, October 23, 2004, from Virginia Beach, at 91.

**Ashley "Bill" Lyndon Bickmore**, February 4, 2005, from Kenduskeag, Maine, at 73.

**Kenneth "Skip" Harry Kinney**, October 18, 2004, from Eastport and Bucksport, at 68.

**Harold Allen Miller**, January 31, 2005, from Alton, Maine, at 68.

**Mary "Minnie" Ellen Minnehan Saltis**, January 22, 2005, from Lewiston, at 67.

**James Franklin Simms**, September 30, 2004, from San Jose, at 67.

**Charles August Waters**, February 5, 2005, from Bangor, at 70.

## 1960

**Jean Ethel Rhodenizer Fountaine**, December 9, 2004, from Winthrop, Maine, at 80.

**Helen Young Gillespie**, February 20, 2005, from Bangor, at 82.

**Lincoln Verneil Johnson**, October



**Frances Marie Donovan**  
Class of 1943

Frances Marie Donovan '43 died on December 13, 2004, in Greenwich, Connecticut. She served in the Red Cross in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Later she became a highly successful real estate agent in Ohio. She was also an accomplished golfer. Always a loyal alumna, Frances received the Black Bear Award in 2003.

29, 2004, from Concord, New Hampshire, at 85.

**Reverend Wilmot David Kierstead**, October 24, 2004, from Presque Isle, at 74.

**Dorothy Jordan Sweatt**, February 21, 2005, from Lewiston, at 91.

## Harold A. "Doc" Gerrish, Class of 1940



Harold "Doc" Gerrish '40 died on September 24, 2004, at Carmel Valley Manor, California.

Doc didn't play sports in high school, but became a star in football and baseball at the University of Maine. He was also president of his class and a member of Senior Skulls. After graduation he served in World War II. After the war he went to work for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, where he worked until his retirement in 1980. Doc was married to Martha Chase Gerrish until her death from cancer in 1968.



Doc as a UMaine football player.

## 1961

**Hazel Vesta Gurney Flagg**, November 16, 2004, from Naples, Maine, at 88.

**Alice Jewett Gregoire**, October 26, 2004, from Head Tide, Maine, at 97.

**Diana "Di" Ruth Quinnam Judkins**, December 22, 2004, from Merrimack, New Hampshire, at 65.

**Harriet Jones Wolary**, October 26, 2002, from Cocoa, Florida, at 96.

## 1962

**Lawrence Erwin Alley**, October 16, 2004, from Steuben, Maine, at 66.

**Robert Philip Cote**, December 22, 2004, from Manchester, New Hampshire, at 69.

**John Patrick Flaherty**, October 20, 2004, from Augusta, Maine, at 67.

**Glenn Loring Harmon**, November 24, 2004, from Milford, Connecticut, at 70.

**Esther Gass Hoos**, February 25, 2004, from Stratford, Connecticut.

**Margery McKenney**, February 19, 2005, from Scarborough, at 91.

**Joseph "Joe" Perry White**, March 6, 2005, from Ellsworth, at 67.

## 1963

**Rosalie Algranti Chantiny**, November 18, 2003, from Eastbound, Washington, at 81.

**Paul Gerald Chretien**, February 17, 2005, from Brewer and Bangor, at 67.

**Anna Russell Greenlaw**, January 17, 2005, from Island Falls and Orono, at 90.

**Samuel William Ireland**, December 22, 2004, from Plaistow, New Hampshire, at 63.

**Robert "Pagey" Franklin Page**, November 5, 2004, from Concord, New Hampshire, at 63.

## 1965

**Christopher Gordon Erskine**, November 6, 2004, from Wellesley, Massachusetts, at 66.

**Nancy Lee Jewell Jamerson**, November 18, 2004, from South Hiram, Maine, at 61.

**Anna Yvonne Carparelli Shearing**, October 6, 2004, from North Conway, New Hampshire, and Sufferin, New York, at 62.

## 1966

**Eldon Curtis Giles**, February 20, 2005, from Caribou, at 74.

**Grace Hagerman Hufstader**, November 28, 2004, from Penacook, New Hampshire, at 93.

**Thomas Russell Poole**, September 9, 2004, from Ikoma, Japan, at 58.

## 1967

**Dexter Everett Breault**, November



26, 2004, from Portland, at 64.

**Arden McCauley Hayden, D.M.D.**, November 13, 2004, from Sudbury, Vermont, at 59.

**Lillian DeWolfe Ingraham**, January 15, 2005, from Kennebunk, at 74.

**William Henry Rolfs, Jr.**, July 18, 1998, from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, at 82.

## 1968

**Ervin Henry Churchill**, October 8, 2004, from Caribou, at 75.

**Margaret Crozier Jowdry**, January 26, 2005, from Old Town and Brownville, Maine, at 92.

**Verna Lillian McLellan**, October 31, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 84.

**Carlita Maris Smith**, January 24, 2005, from Kennebunk, at 68.

**Elizabeth Ann Ifill West**, February 6, 2005, from Brewer, at 59.

## 1969

**Larry Richard Gill**, October 14, 2004, from Natick, Massachusetts, at 57.

**Hayward Robert Harnum**, February 9, 2005, from Brewer, at 57.

**Martha Boynton Pawle**, January 6, 2005, from Portland, at 76.

**Olive Margaret Conary Rice**, December 4, 2004, from Deer Isle, Maine, at 86.

**Tora Carlson Topping**, December 31, 2004, from Auburn, Maine, at 97.

**John Wentworth True, Jr.**, November 21, 2004, from Moultonborough, New Hampshire, at 58.

**Dorothy Newell Wagner**, February 6, 2005, from Cumberland, at 87.

**Martin John Walsh**, January 14, 2005, from Waterville, at 69.

## 1970

**Sharon Manchester Fitzmaurice**, October 21, 2004, from Liberty, Maine, at 56.

**Blanche Tompkins MacKay**, February 23, 2005, from Augusta and Danforth, Maine, at 82.

**Marjorie Ellen Wright**, November 23, 2004, from Bowdoinham, at 56.

## 1971

**Stephen Carver Dyer**, December 15, 2004, from Town Hill, Maine, at 57.

**Ann Barker Jones Gilmore**, February 11, 2005, from Scarborough, Maine, at 84.

**Clare Arrene Nickerson**, March 1, 2005, from Hampden, Maine, at 87.

**Harriet Rollins Irish Sherrard**, October 25, 2004, from Bangor, at 90.



**Sherman L. Cole**  
Class of 1950

Sherman Cole '50 died on March 8, 2005, in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He was a mechanical engineer for Ingersoll-Rand for 43 years. Sherm was also a loyal alumnus who served as chair of the University of Maine Foundation Board. He is survived by his wife, Edith Snow Cole, of the Class of '53.

## 1972

**Helene Marie Annis Knight**, October 28, 2004, from Rockland, Maine, at 85.

**Tristram Dale Manchester**, January 23, 2005, from Parkman, Maine, at 59.

## 1973

**Dorothy Mae Miller Bodwell**, January 16, 2005, from Dexter, Maine, at 73.

**Carol Ann Daigle**, October 23, 2004, from Hampden, Maine, at 52.

**Lilla Bernice Bragg Eaton**, January 10, 2005, from Corinna, Maine, at 88.

**Dolores Jean Finley Starbird**, January 26, 2005, from Sangerville, Maine, at 70.

## 1975

**Florence "Polly" Perry Eaton**, January 19, 2005, from Brooksville, Maine, at 84.

**Clarence L. Higgins**, January 29, 2005, from Holden, Maine, at 50.

## 1977

**Peter Lawrence Sparta**, November 11, 2004, from Portland, Maine, at 49.

## 1978

**Adrian Kaye Putnam Boyle**, November 30, 2004, from South Portland, Maine, at 49.

**Sylvia Kingsford McEldowney**, December 20, 2004, from Ellsworth, at 78.

## 1979

**Christopher J.H. Crinion III**, November 6, 2004, from Brunswick, Maine, at 54.

## 1982

**John Harper Babcock**, January 5, 2005, from Bangor, at 44.

**Robert Dana Robinson**, January 2, 2005, from Bangor, at 70.

## 1984

**Anne Schnee Johnson**, December 14, 2004, from Orono, at 76.

## 1987

**Julie Lynn McGlothlin Barker**, December 10, 2004, from Frazee, Minnesota, at 39.

## 1988

**Jason Abbott Barker**, November 5, 2002, from Frazee, Minnesota, at 37.

**Sandra Jean Cummings Porter**, November 21, 2004, from Brewer, at 58.

## 1989

**Edith Marion Jaques Bryant**, November 14, 2004, from Mashpee, Massachusetts, at 66.

**Theresa "Teri" Ann Cerabona**, January 21, 2005, from Eliot, at 37.

## 1990

**Marta Anne Auchmuty Harrington**, January 28, 2005, from Deer Isle, Maine, at 58.

**Michael Paul Levesque**, August 22, 2000, from Lewiston, at 35.

## 1991

**Dale Amos Gauthier**, January 8, 2005, from Old Town, at 63.

## 1994

**Katherine Lucile Major**, December 1, 2004, from Bangor, at 50.

## 1995

**Marie Anne Tompkins Cuoco**, November 22, 2004, from Seabrook, New Hampshire, at 36.

## 1997

**Lynne Marie Gray Kelleter**, November 20, 2004, from Orono, at 39.

## 2003

**Karen Jones Jay**, December 13, 2004, from Milo, Maine, at 59.



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When Fred Hutchinson '53 was nearing the end of his term as University of Maine president in 1997, former MBNA chairman Charles Cawley contacted him and asked if the university would consider having a presence in the midcoast region. Hutchinson and Cawley had already established a close relationship. The credit card company had supported several major UMaine projects while Hutchinson was president, and the university's business college was offering a program at MBNA offices in Belfast.

Cawley was aware that the university's resources were pretty well strapped in the late 1990s, so his proposal called for MBNA to pay for the construction of a center in Belfast and provide an operating subsidy until the center could sustain itself. He further proposed that the center be named in

honor of Fred Hutchinson.

In return, MBNA would have college courses and professional training available for its employees in close proximity to the center of its operations in Maine.

It appeared to everyone to be a win/win situation. And indeed as the Hutchinson Center celebrates its fifth anniversary, its success has exceeded just about everyone's expectations. In fact, this year the center will not even request the MBNA subsidy. Originally it was projected that the subsidy would be needed for nine years.

"I often cite this as a great example of a private corporation/public university partnership," says Bob White, dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning. "Without the support of MBNA, this would never have happened."

According to the center's director, Jim Patterson '84G, there are approximately

1,100 students now taking classes at the center.

And, while the center remains an important educational opportunity for MBNA employees, the biggest surprise has been the tremendous response from the entire midcoast community.

"I originally thought we would be 75 percent MBNA people," Patterson says. "We've consistently had a very good number of MBNA people taking courses, but overall it's now just 15 to 20 percent of our enrollment. From the moment we opened our doors, the entire community demonstrated that it wanted and needed what was available here."

And what is offered is pretty impressive. Undergraduates can do a full program in psychology, business, or general university studies right from Belfast. For any other major offered at the UMaine campus, students can complete their first



two years at the Hutchinson Center. There are also distance-learning opportunities for students who are working on degrees from other University of Maine System campuses. In fact all distance-learning programs from the UMaine campus are available at the center.

At the graduate level, twenty-five percent of the Hutchinson Center's students are enrolled in one of three master's programs: in business administration (MBA), special education (M.Ed.), and social work (MSW).

In fact, the enrollment for the master's in social work now exceeds that on the Orono campus.

The reason for that, and much of the success of the center's other programs, is that the center's programs are delivered in a format designed for working people—primarily evenings and weekends.

For example, the MSW program is offered on weekends. Students generally take a three-hour session on Friday night and then another on Saturday.

"It allows someone to work all week, but still make steady progress toward a degree," Patterson explains. "And the format draws people from pretty far away. The majority of our students come from a 75-mile radius of Belfast, but it's not unusual to get students from as far away as Portland or Farmington. They'll drive up Friday night, take a class, stay overnight, and take another class on Saturday."

A student working on this plan throughout the year can earn an MSW in three years.

And students at the Hutchinson Center don't sacrifice in terms of quality instruction or personal contact with teachers. They are learning from the same top-notch professors as students on the UMaine campus.

"We offer a combination of live and

online courses," White explains. "We also offer many simulcast interactive TV courses that connect the Orono campus and the Hutchinson Center. Professors teach from the UMaine campus one week and from Belfast the next. So students from both locations get to interact with faculty face to face."

Patterson emphasizes that 75 percent of the teaching faculty at the Hutchinson Center are full-time University of Maine professors.

"The other 25 percent come from a very large talent pool in this area," he says. "They



are former professors or professionals who have retired to the midcoast region."

In addition to the undergraduate and graduate courses, the center is used regularly for weekday conferences, seminars, and training workshops. Another big draw is the center's Senior College.

According to Belfast town manager Terry St. Peter '69, '93G, the multifaceted, year-round use of Hutchinson Center is having a big impact on the region.

"First, of course, is the accessibility to a college education for a number of young working people who can't go full-time to a conventional campus," St. Peter says. "And also for people with careers who are looking to continue their education on a part-time basis. The center is also contributing to the quality of life in this area by offering different academic and cultural programs. For example, Senior College is a phenomenal success, attracting hundreds of adults to the

Hutchinson Center over the age of 50."

And economically, St. Peter says the center has been a big boost to the Belfast community. "Not only by the economic activity it generates directly, but by increasing the attractiveness of the midcoast area by filling a void with the addition of a university presence."

The only problem with the great success of the Hutchinson Center is that it's running out of space. One thing it badly needs is laboratory facilities. To ameliorate the situation, the center is working on a plan with the Belfast Board of Education to upgrade the laboratories at the high school to a university-quality level.

"Jim (Patterson) is working on funding for that," White says. "We have an agreement with the board of education where we would have access to the labs after 2 p.m., which is when we would need them. It's a win/win situation."

But even with such creative solutions, the Hutchinson Center will need to expand its facility in the not-too-distant future.

A more immediate need, however, is to build an endowment for Hutchinson Center scholarships.

The center currently offers the Fred and Dione Hutchinson Scholarships and the Ron and Shirley Jarvella Scholarships, but they are not enough to fill the need of the growing enrollment.

It would seem that the challenges the Hutchinson Center faces are all a result of its tremendous success. And for both Bob White and Jim Patterson, overseeing that success has been one of the most rewarding experiences of their academic careers.

"I just had a student, who was able to finish his MSW here, ask me to attend his hooding ceremony at the Orono campus," Patterson says. "That means a lot to me. Although we are growing, we are still small enough for that kind of relationship with students to happen. It's just a great feeling to be able to help students get back to college and finish their degrees."





# Rising Star of Style

**After earning acclaim  
for his work with  
fashion icon Carolina  
Herrera, Bill Hamilton  
'84 now has his own  
line of clothing at  
Saks Fifth Avenue.  
But don't expect to see  
his designs on any of  
the store's racks.**

Remember the elegant dresses of Nancy Reagan when she accompanied President Reagan to official state functions or social events? Or the stylish simplicity of Jackie Onassis's clothing in her later years? Well, there's a strong Maine connection to those fashionable former first ladies. Many of their clothes were designed by Waterville native and UMaine alumnus Bill Hamilton '84.

When he designed for Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Onassis, Hamilton worked for Venezuelan fashion icon Carolina Herrera. He had the very good fortune of hooking up with Herrera shortly after she launched her business in the mid-1980s.

"I actually saw an ad in the paper for designers. I went in for the interview and she hired me that day," Hamilton remembers. "I ended up staying with her for 17 years. Since we were both new in the business, we really learned together. She took a lot of risks, and they paid off."

Three years ago, Hamilton struck out on his own (with Herrera's support and encouragement) and now has his own line of clothing, which is sold exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue stores.

But don't expect to walk into the famous New York store and see his clothes on a rack. No, Hamilton is part of a world of shopping that the vast majority of us never see. His clients are the shopping elite, or as Hamilton says, "the upwardly mobile." In other words, rich—very rich.

Hamilton's clothing is shown at Saks's exclusive salon called the Fifth Avenue Club.

"It's a place where personal shoppers take care of all your needs, so clients don't have to shop the floor," he explains. "You're served lunch and drinks. People remember your

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sizes and your likes and dislikes. They'll even take care of your shopping list for family, friends, or employees."

For the women in the Fifth Avenue Club, money is not an issue. And that's important, because Hamilton's personally made fashions run anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000. What is an issue, of course, is style. Clients come to Bill Hamilton as they do to Carolina Herrera for fashions that are elegant and exclusive.

"Carolina's approach to fashion is very simple and elegant," Hamilton says. "That is where I come from too. The woman that I'm designing for has all her own expensive jewelry. What she doesn't want or need is for your design to compete with that jewelry. She might be looking for a jacket to wear with her half-million dollar pin. So you give her a canvas to show off her wares. My clothing is very tailored—everything must be beautifully cut. And I use great fabric. I shop all over the world for the best fabric, and also fabric that is new and interesting."

Hamilton emphasizes that his clients can afford to shop anywhere and get whatever they want.

"So my job is to provide an elegance that she can't get anywhere else," he says. "You can't go into any store and get this. The woman that I design for likes knowing that if she shows up for an important social event in Los Angeles, nobody else will be wearing her dress or jacket. That's a big factor."

Hamilton's entire goal is to make every client look good—to "make her feel good in the clothing, and of course to have her want to come back." And he prides himself on the fact that he accomplishes that regardless of a woman's size or age.

Because his clothes are all custom made, he can make his designs to fit any size.

"I can cut as big as needed," he says. "And it's very good for my business, because women who are size 20 often have difficulty finding stylish clothes. But these women are very stylish, they just happen to be big."

As part of his arrangement with Saks, Hamilton travels to the store's various lo-



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cations around the country to meet with clients at the salons.

"Yes it involves a lot of travel," he notes. "I'm in Naples, Florida, for two days and then Los Angeles for two days. I travel all over. Saks has appointments set up for me every half hour. We show my collection, and clients place their orders. Then I have six to eight weeks to ship them out."

Hamilton's refined sense of style is something that he attributes to his close association with a number of amazing women including Carolina Herrera and Jackie Onassis.

But it really began much earlier, as a young man growing up in Waterville and thoroughly absorbed in horseback riding. He was so serious about riding that he even dreamed of competing in the Olympics.

His interest in horses eventually led Hamilton to Greenwich, Connecticut, on weekends and vacations to train with another woman, Migi Serrell, who had a big impact on his life—an impact that went beyond horseback riding.

"She was really my biggest influence in terms of style," he says. "Migi is the daughter of the man who founded Life Saver candy. She is independent, well educated, and she lives and breathes style. Everything in her life—her garden, her house, her clothes—has an elegant touch."

In spite of this strong early impression, Hamilton was not thinking of a career in design when he first entered the University of Maine in the late 1970s. His love of horses led him to enroll as an animal sci-



Bill Hamilton with his former employer, mentor, and close friend, Carolina Herrera.

**"Bill is an artist, a gentleman, and above all a loyal friend."**

*Carolina Herrera*



ence major, with ambitions of becoming a veterinarian.

But he quickly ran into academic trouble. While he had a great love of animals, he quickly found that he wasn't quite so enthralled with science.

"My passion for horses was a big part of my trouble during my first try at the university," he explains. "I had horses with me at UMaine, and I'm afraid I rode more than I studied."

Hamilton's grades reflected his priorities, and the university recommended that he take a year off.

"I went back home and my father said, 'Well what do you want to do?' I told him that I thought I wanted to be a fashion designer. He said that was fine, but that he wanted me to get a proper degree at a four-year college."

Hamilton reapplied to UMaine—this time with the intention of studying art.

"My second time at the university, my experience was entirely different," he says. "This time I wanted to be there. And I met older students, a broader array of students—students who were serious about what they were doing."

He also encountered a group of professors who inspired him and let him get a glimpse into the world of an artist.

"I got to see how they worked on their art and also how they lived their lives," he says. "And when you're young it's important to see that."

Among the teachers who had an impact on Hamilton as a student were Deborah de Moulpied, Barbara Cushing, Michael



Lewis, Susan Groce, and above all Vincent Hartgen. During his years at Orono, he became very close to Vincent and his wife, Frances. When he speaks of the late artist and teacher it is with reverence and respect.

Throughout his time at UMaine, Hamilton never lost his goal of becoming a fashion designer. He took courses in weaving from which he developed a deep appreciation of textiles. And supporting his interests, the university art teachers let him incorporate fashion into many of his projects.

Hamilton notes that it's not that common for fashion designers to come from art backgrounds, but he acknowledges that it has served him well.

And although he's never regretted abandoning his dream of working in animal science, his love of animals remains as strong as ever.

When he left Herrera, he wanted to do something entirely different for a while. His partner, a veterinarian, got Hamilton involved in hydrotherapy for dogs.

"I worked with dogs who had arthritis or other mobility problems," Hamilton explains. "It was great for me. It was just so different, and it was good to take a break from the fashion world."

But before long, Herrera and the vice president of Saks approached him about getting back into fashion.

"They told me I was crazy to be doing this, when there was such a void in the fashion market for beautiful dresses," he says.

The Saks executive invited Hamilton to put together a collection and sell exclusively at his stores.

After three years, the arrangement seems to be working well. Hamilton has a loyal clientele—but he is still a ways off from reaping much profit from his hard work.

"Right now, I'm really a mom and pop operation," he says. "I do almost everything myself, even the shipping and billing. I'm working seven days a week. I'm at the point where I need to have someone do some of that for me. It's been three years, and they say if you go three years



Nancy Reagan wearing a Bill Hamilton dress. He designed for Mrs. Reagan when she was first lady and recently reconnected with her after his mother died of Alzheimer's. (Photo by Patrick McMullen.)

**"My clients can pretty much have any clothes they want, from anywhere in the world, and they want to get them from me—a kid from Maine—that makes me feel very good."**

you're probably going to make it. After five years you will see profits."

It's not that Hamilton doesn't have a good number of clients. He still designs for the women he designed for under Herrera, plus she regularly sends him new ones. It's just that between the travel, making the clothing himself, and all the busi-

ness aspects, he is not able to grow his operation.

"I designed all those years for Carolina, but it was behind her name. My name is still not out there yet. Plus, so much of my time now goes into work that other people did when I was part of her enterprise. When I was with Carolina, 80 percent of my time was on creative work. Now it's more like 10 percent."

And while Hamilton enjoys the personal "salon" approach to selling his clothing line, he hopes to someday have his own retail stores.

"It could be a Saks store, with my own shop inside," he explains. "My goal is to be part of a bigger store that has a lot of panache, like Saks does. You can expand your product line that way."

And when the long days start to pay off and the profits start coming in, Hamilton would like to fulfill another goal, one that stems back to his childhood in Maine.

"Within ten years, I'd like to own a horse farm and be raising horses," he says.

And following his mother's recent death from Alzheimer's disease, Hamilton has developed another goal in life—to start a foundation with his inheritance to help the Maine Alzheimer's Association.

"That association was a tremendous help to my mother," he notes. "Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know that help is available. You just have to ask."

The mutual experience with Alzheimer's has also given Hamilton the opportunity to reconnect with his famous former client Nancy Reagan.

But the world of fashion is what consumes the majority of Hamilton's time and energy. And when he reflects on designing for Mrs. Reagan and so many other women of distinction, he feels a strong sense of pride in what he's accomplished.

"My clients can pretty much have any clothes they want, from anywhere in the world, and they want to get them from me—a kid from Maine—that makes me feel very good."

All sketches by designer Bill Hamilton '84.



# Fine Wine Without Grapes

Joan '80 and Michael Anderson of Winterport Winery are changing people's minds about fruit wine.

**T**he association is pretty strong. When you think wine, you think grapes, right? Sure, you may have heard about other fruits being used to make wine, but assuming they might be sweet and juice-like, you never gave them a try.

Well there's a couple in Winterport that would like to change your perception about fruit wine. Joan '80 and Michael Anderson, owners of Winterport Winery, are producing fruit wines that are winning national awards and making true believers out of local wine lovers.

In spite of the growing number of people buying Winterport wines, the Andersons say the misconception of fruit wine is still their biggest marketing hurdle.

"I always hate to drag this reference out," Michael says, "but so many people around my age have a bad memory of Boone's Farm wine. Our wines are nothing like that."

Indeed Joan loves to watch folks come in to try their wines and see the surprised and pleased looks on their faces.

"It's just great to see that," she says. "Once people try it, it wins them over. It also helps a great deal that we've won four medals from the American Wine Society."

Those medals included three bronze for the blueberry, raspberry, and dry pear and a gold in 2003 for the winery's Flying Dutchman, a port-style wine made from

blackberries and brandy.

"That gives us some standing," Michael notes. "The thing that impresses people is that we were competing against mostly grape wineries."

It's not that the Andersons have anything against grapes. Not at all. It's just when they decided to make the leap from making wine for a hobby (which Michael had done for 30 years) to a business, they knew they wanted to use what was available regionally.

"This isn't a grape region," Joan says. "It's blueberry country, cranberry country, strawberry country, apple country."

So those are the fruits the Andersons use for their wines. And they try their best to get as much of their raw material as possible from Maine. All the blueberries come from Jasper Wyman and Son, and the apples come from Maine-ly Apples in Dixmont. The cranberries are shipped in from Massachusetts, but are actually Maine grown.

The Andersons are also proud of the fact that they distribute to stores and restaurants who want to utilize Maine products.

"We are really looking for stores and restaurants that are interested in regional products," Joan says. "We don't distribute to the big supermarkets. We really like the hands-on ownership of small businesses, because that's what we are. Wine is our pleasure. For us it's about service and relationships, and that's why we like the small wine



shops."

Currently 70 stores around the state, from Kennebunk to Presque Isle, carry the Andersons' wines. Additionally, six or seven restaurants now include Winterport Winery products on the menu.

And keeping with the hands-on, family nature of the business, Joan still makes most of the deliveries.

A significant part of the Andersons' sales come right out of their own Winterport storefront. The building, which Michael and the company's production manager Jody Connor (who graduated with a master's degree in entomology from UMaine in 1978) reno-





Photo by Bill Drake

vated, houses the winery in the basement, and a lovely, inviting tasting room upstairs. The tasting room, which is open 11 to 5 Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 to 7 Friday and Saturday, has an oak bar, cork floors, and handmade wood wine racks lining the walls. In addition to all of the wines, the room is filled with a wide variety of wine-related items and other Maine-made products.

"We wanted it to be simple, comfortable—a little upscale, but not intimidating," Michael says. "We wanted people to come in and say, 'Wow, this is in Winterport.' And that has happened."

"This is our living room," Joan adds.

"We want to welcome people in—make it friendly and inviting. And when you hand someone a wine to taste, you always get a smile."

While Joan can often be found around the tasting room, another UMaine graduate, Becky Potter '04G, is responsible for greeting and serving customers. Anyone of age is welcome to come in, relax, and sample the winery's products. All the wines can be purchased at the winery either by the bottle or by the case (at a 10 percent discount). There's even a small art gallery displaying the paintings of the Anderson's daughter-in-law, Rachael.

One of Joan and Michael's goals for the

winery is to promote the idea of wine as a food. They are pleased that the United States seems to be adopting a more European view of wine—that it is meant to be enjoyed slowly with good food and good company.

"Joan has worked really hard to match our wines with certain foods," Michael says. "And Becky has a degree in food science, so she is very helpful. Lots of people just want to learn more about wine and how it relates to different food. We really try to help people who come in and are looking for a wine to go with a certain dish."

He likes to tell of the time a fellow walked into the winery, put a \$50 bill on the bar and just said, "My wife is having a dinner party—help me out."

Eventually, the Andersons would like to incorporate more food into the business. Many wineries around the country have wine-maker dinners, but such events aren't allowed in Maine, because wineries here can't sell wine by the glass.

They did hook up with Thistle's Restaurant in Bangor for a special Greek dinner served with Winteport wines, and they hope to collaborate with other area gourmet restaurants in the future.

Another goal is to see their original dream of building a true family business become a reality. Although Joan works long hours at the winery, she hasn't been able to give up her position as a nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She received her nursing degree in the late 1960s and served as a Navy nurse from 1969 to 1972. (It was in the Navy that Joan and Michael met.) But working exclusively at the winery is something she is looking forward to in the not-too-distant future.

The Andersons also hope that their children will eventually become more involved in the business. Their daughter now lives out West, but she has worked several summers in the tasting room. Their son, Kurt, currently maintains the winery's web site ([winterportwinery.com](http://winterportwinery.com)). And in addition to displaying her artwork in the gallery, Kurt's wife Rachael designed all the labels for the Winterport wines.





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